

Chicago's Changes Next Year Depend on Cicotte

If Eddie has Another Good Season, White Sox Look Like Repeaters, But They Will Have a Hard Time Doing it if He Slumps—Competition May not be so Keen

Before tucking baseball into its coat for the long winter's sleep, let us take one final whirl at the dope and see what chance the White Sox appear to have of retaining the title they won the other days, says the Detroit Free Press.

Rowland's club is the best one in the league; the records of 1917 show that beyond argument. Although it has not a star in every position it is not actually weak in any and its team-work is above reproach. It is game and well-handled besides. Two things that cannot be determined at this time will have a big bearing on its chances in 1918, however. One is Eddie Cicotte's condition and the other is the number of players that will be called into the military service.

Cicotte was the largest single factor in the Chicago club's success this year. He pitched the best ball of his career and the best that any American League hurler was able to deliver. If he can come through with another such season and the Sox do not get too badly crippled by the drafting or volunteering of their stars, it looks like at least one more season of success for the Hose. Cicotte, however, is getting along toward the time when he is due to fade. In fact he has gone past the usual lifetime of a major league star and he may not be so good in 1918.

Not Enough Pitchers.
Should Eddie have only an ordinary year, it would be very hard for Rowland's club to come through again because of the numerical weakness of its hurling staff. Aside from Eddie, Rowland has only two pitchers that may be worked often and counted upon as steady winners. Faber is a great pitcher and Claud Williams a very good one, possibly destined to achieve greatness with another year's experience. Russell is capable of pitching wonderful ball on occasion, but his arm is in bad shape and unless he gets the kinks out of it, he can't be worked often. Danforth, though a

great finisher, doesn't seem to be so good when asked to go the full route. Wolzang doesn't appear to have enough stuff to baffle big league batters, though he has puzzled the Tigers now and again. Benz has lost much of his cunning and was worked little this season. So it is easy to see that unless some youngster comes through or Cicotte can win at least 20 games the Sox are going to have their work cut out for them in 1918.

Rowland's club is one that does not need the air-tight pitching that made Boston the pennant winner in 1915 and 1916 because it is a stronger hitting and better base-running outfit than Barry's. But it hasn't the power in attack that the Tigers show either and their recent career proves the absolute necessity of at least fair work on the mound.

Probably the competition will not be so keen next year as it was this because almost all the clubs will lose some of their strength through the draft. The Cleveland Indians, for instance, are likely to be shy half a dozen of their regulars when the campaign opens in the spring and the Red Sox have five players in the navy and may be obliged to get along without them next year unless some arrangement can be made to have them granted leaves of absence.

Detroit, the other first-division team of 1917, has fared very well in the draft so far, but some of its regulars may be taken before the flowers bloom again. Even Cobb is eligible for military service and it is unlikely that his plea for exemption on the ground that he has dependent will be recognized as it is generally known that he has a bank roll that would keep his family from want for a year or two. The Georgian has lately completed a deal for the agency of a popular temperance drink in the south and this alone would assure him of \$10,000 a year without his even being on hand to take any active part in the business.

To The Editor of The Courier

THANKS TO TWO BRANTFORD LADIES.

To the Editor of The Brantford Courier:
Dear Sir,—You will greatly oblige me if you will kindly insert the enclosed letter from one of my adopted prisoners of war, it may chance to meet the eye of the two ladies referred to in his letter. Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,
Charlotte Unsworth.
P.S.: I may add that I do not know who the above mentioned ladies are or I would have been pleased to write to them.
89 Charlton Avenue West,
Hamilton, Ont.

The enclosed letter is as follows:
"Dear Miss,—I write these few lines hoping that you are in the best of health, as it leaves me at present. I know you are having the very best of weather, as it is very warm here. I hope you do not think that I have forgotten you, for I have been receiving your cigarettes all right, and the mail has been very dull from all over, for I have not had any letter or card from you for a long time. I am very thankful to you for your kindness towards me, and I do hope you are enjoying the best of health, for I do not know what some of us prisoners would have done but for some of God's good people. And I hope Canada is having a good harvest, and the same with the fruit, and I hope to hear from you, if it is not asking too much, I wish you to tell those two ladies from Brantford that I am hoping they are in the very best of health, and I thank them for the kindness they have shown towards me, and I am hoping to be able to call and thank you all before long, when I am travelling up to Vancouver, so no more at present. Yours sincerely,
"CORP. A. WILSON."

Sergt.-Major Middlemiss Blinded.

Sergt.-Major Robert Middlemiss of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, through whose blind eyes thousands of Americans caught their first glimpse of the awful realities of war, when he circled the States on a lecture tour in the early spring, has been taking a course in poultry raising at St. Dunstan's school for the blind, where the blinded heroes of all the Empire's forces are re-educated for civil life, and will soon be on a little farm of his own. The majority of the 31 Canadians who have been blinded in the war, the only class of disabled soldier not cared for in Canada by the Military Hospitals Commission are there with him taking various courses determined by their abilities and interests, and in a letter which he typed himself he tells of their progress. They are all doing well, he declares, and those who have been trained and are now settled at work in various occupations: they were taught in the school are very successful.

Mr. Harry Turner, a Canadian newspaper man who was blinded in the war and retrained at St. Dunstan's, is now working on a Saskatchewan paper, others are massagers, lawyers, stenographers, dictaphone operators, and insurance men.

WAR LOAN PASSED
By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Oct. 27.—The Senate last night passed the war loan bill unanimously as it was sent from the Chamber of Deputies. After the vote, the minister of finance signed with the governor of the Bank of France a decree



SENATOR D. G. ROBERTSON who has been sworn in as a member without portfolio of the Union Government.

convention renewing the bank's privileges for another twenty-five years. The convention will be submitted to parliament for ratification as soon as the necessary bill is drafted. The bill will set forth the conditions laid down in the interests of commerce, agriculture, the treasury and public credit.

OLD FOLKS NEED "CASCARETS" FOR LIVER, BOWELS

Salts, Calomel, Pills Act on Bowels Like Pepper Acts in Nostrils

Enjoy Life! Don't Stay Bilious, Sick, Headachy and Constipated

Most old people must give to the bowels some regular help, else they suffer from constipation. The condition is perfectly natural. It is just as natural as it is for old people to walk slowly. For age is never so active as youth. The muscles are less elastic. And the bowels are muscles. So all old people need Cascarets. One might as well refuse to aid weak eyes with glasses as to neglect this gentle aid to the bowels. The bowels must be kept active. This is important at all ages, but never so much as at fifty.

Age is not a time for harsh physics. Youth may occasionally whip the bowels into activity. But a lash can't be used every day. What the bowels of the old need is a gentle and natural tonic. One that can be constantly used without harm. The only such tonic is Cascarets and they cost only 10 cents per box at any drug store. They work while you sleep.

Canada Needs More Money to Carry on the War

HERE, in a sentence, is the reason why the Dominion Government will ask you in November to buy Canada's Victory Bonds. But why does Canada need more money to carry on the war?

WATERLOO is remembered as one of the great battles of the world's history, but Canada has already sent overseas to the plains of France and Flanders more than twice as many men as were engaged on both sides of that great battle.

THIS army of Canada's splendid sons who, by their heroism are helping to protect us—every man, woman and child of us—from sharing the horrible fate of the Belgians, must be fed, clothed, equipped and maintained with every weapon needed in the fight.

For this purpose alone Canada requires over One Million Dollars a Day

And this expenditure is constantly increasing.

This is one reason—a reason that will convince you, and every other patriotic citizen, that if Canada needs this money, she must have it.

Moreover, Great Britain has been expending in Canada, hundreds of millions of dollars for foodstuffs and the various munitions of war.

This has resulted in keeping our farmers, miners, lumbermen, fishermen and the workers in every branch of manufacturing industry fully employed.

Should this condition now be disturbed, every man, woman and child in the Dominion would undoubtedly be adversely affected.

Great Britain is anxious to continue buying supplies in Canada. But Britain is bearing so tremendous a financial

burden on production at home, and in assisting our Allies, that she can now buy only on credit on this side of the Atlantic.

Therefore Canada proposes to extend to Great Britain the credit she must have by borrowing money from the people of Canada through the sale of Canada's Victory Bonds.

Thus Great Britain will be enabled to continue buying her supplies in Canada and to pay cash for them to the Canadian producers. This, in turn, will result in a continuance of that business activity so essential to the well-being of all the Canadian people.

So every man and woman in Canada should prepare to buy Canada's Victory Bonds to the very limit of his or her ability, when they are offered in November.

Help Your Country to Help You! Get Ready to Buy Canada's Victory Bonds

Issued by Canada's Victory Loan Committee in co-operation with the Minister of Finance of the Dominion of Canada.