

"RETRENCH," NEW BASEBALL SLOGAN

By JACK VELOCK. New York, June 20.—When the major leagues get ready to do their drafting this fall—after Uncle Samuel has finished his draft—it is more than likely that fewer players will be drafted than for the past five or six years.

Last fall the sixteen major league clubs drafted more than one hundred players. It was one of the biggest drafts in the history of baseball, and the mounds went through with it because they thought indications pointed to another period of success for the grand old game.

But at that time one knew that the United States would be involved in the world war. No one knew or thought that the sons of Uncle Samuel would be fighting in the trenches on the western battle front in France within a year's time, for with the baseball war at an end prospects were bright.

Now all this is changed. War has come to this fair land of ours and war has hit baseball a terrific wallop in its most vulnerable spot—the box office.

Some of the smaller minor leagues, such as the Blue Ridge league, have already closed their gates. Others are living in vain hope that something will happen to enable them to go through the season, and every minor league in the country has been forced to take up the matter of retrenchment in order to get by.

The big leagues, despite reports to the contrary, have suffered as a result of poor attendance, and it cannot all be blamed on the weather, bad as the weather has been throughout the East and the central Western states.

Ivory Hunters Out Early. The big league scouts are on duty, as usual this year. They are looking over the ivory fields for prospective major league talent, but they have been given instructions to recommend only the cream of the players they see in action, and only a few of them.

So the bush league players who remain behind to be caught in the baseball draft of 1917 will be few in numbers and fortunate to say the least. The minor league player who is not called to serve the colors may consider himself lucky if he is able to hold a job.

PELICANS WIN BY A SHUTOUT

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. Table with columns for team names (Chatt., N Orleans, Bacon and Pitter, etc.) and scores.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE. Table with columns for team names (Boston, New York, Leonard and Azimov, etc.) and scores.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. Table with columns for team names (St. Paul, Nothop, Williams, etc.) and scores.

NO REGISTRATION CARD. TWO NEGROES BEATEN. Kansas City, Mo., June 20. Uncle Samuel has a misguided but willing companion in William Mac-Clellan, 22, a structural steel worker.

PERHAPS THEY SLEEP BOTH DAY AND NIGHT. Salina, Kan., June 20.—Four townships in this county, according to the assessor's returns, have only one silver and one gold watch each.

ANOTHER BIG CONTRACT. Another big government contract for the Panama canal has just been secured by the J. G. Rainwater Lumber company of this city, consisting of a million feet of yellow pine car material, 225,000 feet of untreated yellow pine cross-ties and 1,200 pieces of creosoted piling.

Seaport of Sebastopol Scene of Famous Siege

Washington, June 20.—The National Geographic society, in a war geography bulletin, gives the following timely information concerning the Russian Black sea port of Sebastopol, where Admiral Kolehak is reported to have come in conflict with a group of workmen's and soldiers' delegates recently.

"Sebastopol, with a population of 77,000 before the outbreak of the European war, was one of the principal seaports of south Russia. It enjoys the advantage of an exceptionally fine harbor, the city being situated on a deep bay which cuts into the southwestern shore of the Crimea for a distance of four miles.

"With the exception of Petrograd and Moscow, the name of no other city in the Russian empire is so familiar to the average reader as Sebastopol, because of the great siege which it withstood in the Crimean war of 1854-55, when the French, English and Sardinian allies sacrificed 80,000 troops before the place fell after 339 days of heroic resistance.

"At the beginning of the struggle Sebastopol numbered more than 41,000 inhabitants; seven years after the war it had only succeeded in recovering to the extent of a population of 5,700.

"Everywhere the visitor turns in Sebastopol he finds memorials of the great struggle—museums, galleries and monuments erected to the defenders, most distinguished of whom was the great engineer, Tordjeben, who designed the earthwork defenses and who directed the Russian forces until severely wounded shortly before the city's fall.

"Across the bay to the north is a treeless plain in the midst of which is the Russian cemetery where 100,000 soldiers are buried.

"There are two famous battlefields in the vicinity of Sebastopol—Inkermann, four miles to the east, and Balaklava, eight miles to the southeast. It was on these fields, immortalized in English verse, that attempts were made by the Russians to raise the siege early in the conflict.

"Two miles southwest of Sebastopol are the remains of the famous Greek city of Chersonesus, founded by a Dorian colony in the sixth century, B. C., and the last survivor among the Greek city states. It was for many centuries the center of trade in the Euxine and only began to decline when the Genoese traders restricted its commerce.

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RUSSIA NEWEST PROBLEM FOR U. S.

Washington, June 20.—Russia has become the principal question at the state department with the approach of the Russian mission to Washington, the beginning of negotiations by the American commission to Russia in Petrograd and the repeated reiteration of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates for a statement of allied peace terms.

Recent reports indicate that the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates is not so dominating a factor as is generally assumed. It represents not over 5,000,000 people of Russia's 180,000,000.

The business men of Russia, also, it is pointed out, have recently voted practically unanimously through what correspondents in Russia to the American chamber of commerce for a vigorous prosecution of the war.

Nevertheless, the insistence by the soldiers' and workmen's delegates for a new declaration by the Allies shows a lack of confidence or a misunderstanding which, it is realized, must be swept away before Russia can present a united front.

Great hope is felt that the Red mission may find the way by its presence on the spot. Every effort has been made so far to keep from tying the mission's hands by premature or binding announcement and to leave it absolutely free to act as circumstances dictate.

PRINCESS MARY SERVES SOUP IN BIG FACTORY. London, June 20.—Princess Mary has been in the garb of a munitions worker and has rubbed shoulders with girls in the factory and served them soup.

COLLEGE GIRLS AID IN CONSERVATION PLAN

Portland, Ore., June 20.—Who students of the Oregon Agricultural college are spending their vacations helping to show the hoe folks how to economize in the production, use and preservation of food and in the use of partly worn clothing.

DEAD SNAKE IN WELL POISONS FARM HORSES

Gaul, Colo., June 20.—Poisoned water caused the death of several horses in this community. H. E. Bone, farmer, who has eighty acres of ground waiting to seed, lost his only team.

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