

THE STAGE WAS ALL SET FOR SHIBE PARK OPENING, BUT THE STAGE GOT ALL WET

SPLIT WITH BARROW RESULTS WHEN RUTH STICKS TO OUTFIELD

Red Sox Manager Insists Upon Eccentric Star Taking Turn on Mound, but Babe Balks, Wants to Play Daily and Suspension Follows

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MANAGER ED BARROW, of the Boston Red Sox, and Babe Ruth, his heavy-hitting star performer, have declared war after one month of peace and tranquillity.

This indefinite suspension meant that Babe remained on the sidelines until the next game was played. Yesterday when the Red Sox opened with New York in Boston Ruth was on the job, apologized to Barrow, accepted a fine of approximately \$60 and resumed his place in the outfield—temporarily.

Barrow and Babe have not been able to agree on certain questions, the most important being the position the big boy was to play this year.

Down in Tampa Barrow made plans to use Ruth in the box, but after signing that \$10,000 contract Babe appointed himself the regular left fielder.

"I want to be in every game," Ruth told me one day in Tampa. "I am getting big money and I want to earn it. I believe I can be of more value to the Red Sox as a gate attraction, and my hitting will drive in more runs if I play in the outfield as a regular. I don't think I will pitch."

HIS decision weakened the batting staff, for Babe is a very good man in the box. It also affected the morale of the club, for the other players knew Manager Barrow was being overruled and the star was having his own way.

Washington a Hoodoo for Ruth

BABE is not a trouble-maker, but is more like a mischievous kid. He loves to sit in the center of a crowd of admirers, smoke a big black cigar and express his ideas regarding the great national pastime.

It seems that Washington is Ruth's hoodoo. Last year, it will be remembered, Babe had a run-in with his manager and decided to leave the team and play with Chester.

Strange as it may seem, the row was over the same old thing—Barrow wanting him to pitch instead of playing left field.

Babe is quite a character. He works hard while on the field, but in his off hours he has a training system all his own.

One of his best stunts, however, is pulled every night about midnight when he gets home early. He sends out for several sandwiches and a quart of chocolate ice cream.

WITH Ruth back as a pitcher, the Red Sox will have, in addition, Bush, Mays and Jones for the first string and Pennock, Dumont and Caldwell for reserves.

Ready for Delayed Grand Opening

CONNIE MACK'S grand opening at Shibe Park was washed away by a rain storm yesterday, but the same program will be followed today.

Although the American Leaguers have lost three and won two this season, Manager Mack is perfectly satisfied with the showing of the men.

"We will lose many games on our own mistakes the first month," he said yesterday, "but after that every battle will be decided on its merits.

"Shannon and Dugan are playing good ball and soon will be a strong combination in the center of the infield. Whitey Witt is doing well in center field and Thomas is exceptionally good at third.

"Walker's ankle is not yet strong enough for daily work and he probably will be laid up for two more weeks.

"Kinney again is in shape and will pitch regularly from now on. I intended to start him against Washington, but don't know what I will do now.

CLARK GRIFFITH has been forced to bench his second baseman and shortstop for a time and will start the series with Leonard at short and Shanks at short.

Jimmie Fryer a Fighting Comeback

PHILADELPHIA boys in the Eighty-second Division over in France are making names for themselves in various branches of sports while waiting for orders to sail for home.

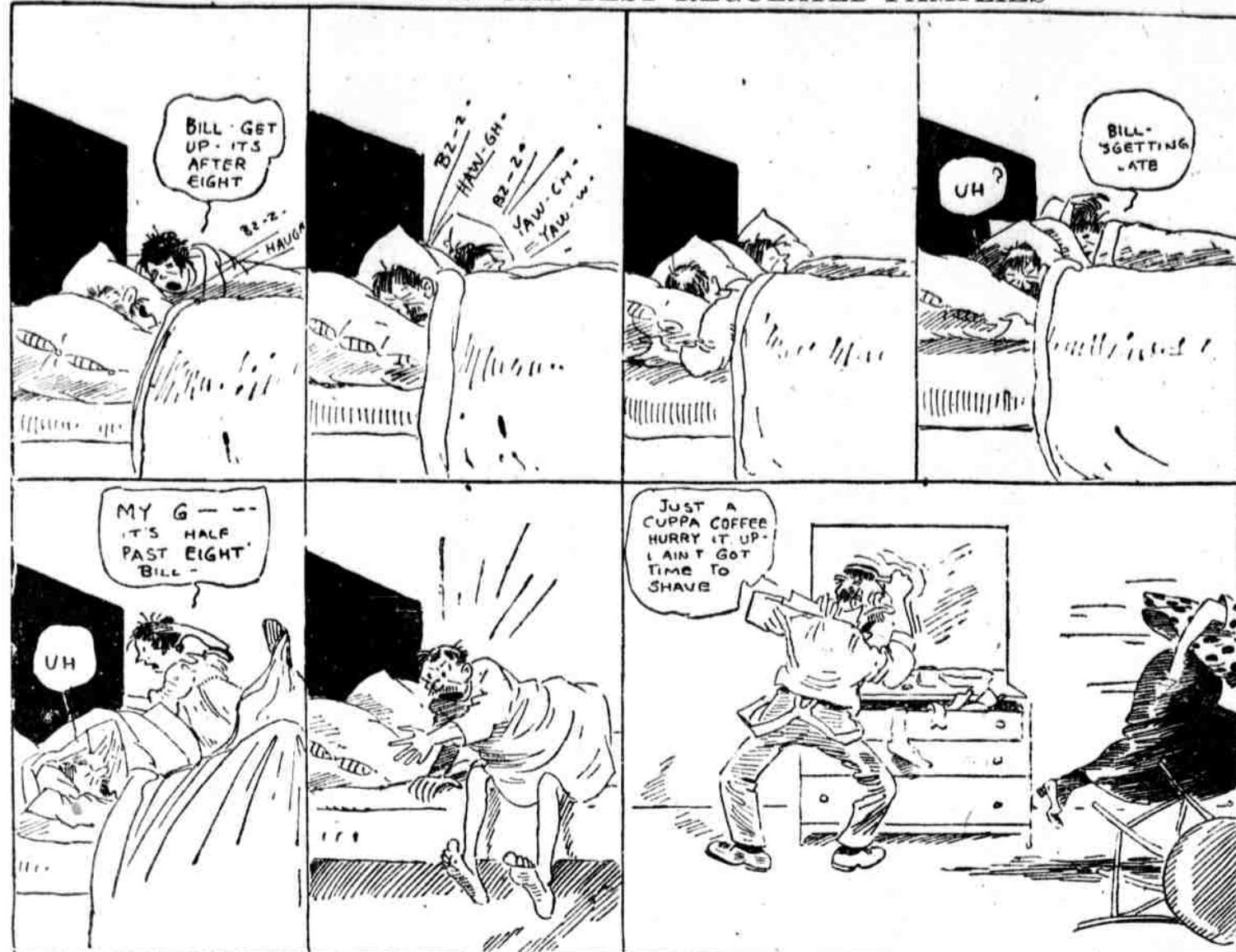
"Little or nothing has been mentioned in the Philadelphia papers about the Eighty-second Division, which boasts more than 7000 Philadelphians.

"Stalling Jimmie has appeared in Paris on five occasions and mixed it up with some of the best boys of France or the A. E. F.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Suburban League last evening the schedule for tomorrow was discussed.

THE boys of Philly are very anxious for all their folks and friends to know they are coming home soon, and while waiting to sail are enjoying all kinds of sports.

IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



PENN'S FIRST DUAL MEET AGAINST NAVY

Robby Leads Track Stars to Annapolis Tomorrow—Lafayette Opposes Stevens

YALE STAGES HANDICAP

World's Greatest Middle Distance Runner The dual meets of the season will start tomorrow, with Penn meeting Annapolis as the star event of the day.

The quarter-milers that did the heavy work in the relays last week, with the exception of Elmer Smith, are running different distances this week.

These men, with McHale in the mile and Price in the two-mile, make a good first-string bunch for Robertson to build around.

Lafayette vs. Stevens Lafayette and Stevens will clash in a dual meet also. The Eastern crowd seem to have the best of it on paper.

Up at New Haven the annual handicap meet will be run off for the Yale men to tune up themselves for the two dual meets that they have later with Harvard and Princeton.

WILKIE DISCOVERED Val Wilkie first came to light in this meet when he ran a quarter in forty-eight flat.

The schoolboys will have plenty of chance to have their fling this week with interscholastic meets at the different colleges.

STATE FRESH DATES Yearlings to Play Four Football Games Next Fall

State College, Pa., May 2.—With the return to the one-year residence rule next fall Penn State will again have a freshman football team, and Graduate Manager Fleming has just announced a four-game schedule.

The two big games are with the Cornell freshmen and Pittsburgh freshmen, the former being played at Ithaca on the same day that the two varsity teams meet.

There's something about them you'll like. Tareyton. Twenty to the package.

MORE CROOKED WORK BY FIGHT MANAGERS

Akron Fans "Stung" When an Alleged Walter Mohr, Said to Be Danny Ferguson, Was Stopped

HALF-DOZEN RINGERS

THOSE versatile fight managers are still at work. Those clever booking agents, who care nothing for reputations or the future of the game, continue to dispatch fighters, bearing the names of topnotchers, to all sections where the ring game is thriving.

The latest was perpetrated in Akron, Ohio, last Monday night where Johnny Griffith, a name box, was reported to have stopped Walter Mohr, the New Haven welterweight.

When Mohr read that he had been beaten he immediately wired a denial to Akron.

Was It Ferguson? Along "Scandal Row," where all the inside stuff in boxing is let out, it was rumored yesterday that Danny Ferguson, the veteran Manayunk fighter, lost to Griffith.

The Cleveland Story The story of the knockout of the pseudo Walter Mohr by Griffith, written by James Lacy, sporting editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, follows:

Cleveland, O., May 2.—Another one of those disgusting affairs which have given the boxing game so many wallops this season promises to develop from the bout staged at the armory at Akron last Monday night.

Fans will remember when Tommy Robson knocked out a fellow called Walter Laurette at the U. A. C. in January. And he wasn't Walter Laurette.

Tommy Walsh, matchmaker for the Akron Eagles, who put on the Monday fight, said he had matched Griffith originally with K. O. Loughlin, Pennsylvania welterweight, managed by Al Lippe, of Philadelphia.

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TILDEN MAY TRY TENNIS MARATHON

Local Star May Play Four Matches at Three Clubs Tomorrow Afternoon

DEPENDS ON KUMAGAE

What Managers Have Done to Injure Boxing Game It has been just one crooked boxing job after another. A few of the unscrupulous jobs follow:

WALSH said he never had seen Mohr and would not have recognized him. Reports from Akron say some men at the ringside said the fellow was not Mohr.

When the exhibition matches were first planned by C. N. Beard, of Cynwyd, and Tilden, Vincent Richards, Wallace Johnson, Craig Biddle, Clifton Herd and Leliza Kumagae were invited to Cynwyd.

But even the best of plans go wrong and yesterday word was received that Herd would be unable to play and Kumagae couldn't state definitely whether he could play or not.

EDDIE MULLIN will be in the wind-up at the Cambria A. C. tonight with Tim Doney, the Lancaster lightweight, as his opponent.

Must Play at Cynwyd The matches at Cynwyd must be played, so it looks as though it is up to Tilden, as one of the committee, to see that they are played.

Steve Lazo will make a hurried trip to Hazleton to battle Johnny Tilden at the Hazleton Monday night.

Bastline Leonard and Max Williamson will meet in the wind-up at the Empire A. C. next Thursday night.

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FOUND AMONG TENNIS MARVELS OF WORLD IS NORMAN BROOKES

A Member of Championship Team Fifteen Years Ago, This Veteran Still Good Enough to Captain Australasian Team This Season

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE (Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved)

THE gay and giddy phenomenon of ten years ago who makes a dash for the peak in sport always gives out an interesting interlude.

Such men as Hans Wagner in baseball, Fissimmons in the ring, John Ball and Walter J. Travis in golf, Bill Larned and Norman E. Brookes in lawn tennis.

Considering the high esteem in which all America holds Australia and her fighting forces, the case of Norman Brookes is worth a few recollections.

AND that same season he fell before Brookes in the Davis cup challenge round.

BROOKES won from McLoughlin again in 1911. But in 1914, just after war had been declared, McLoughlin finally obtained his revenge in the greatest lawn tennis match ever played in the championship circle.

THAT match and his meeting the next day with Wilding helped to burn McLoughlin out, for he never has reached the top since.

IN THE way of surpassing stamina Brookes and Bill Larned were much alike. Larned stepped in among the first ten in 1892. Nineteen years later, in 1911, he was still on top.

Brookes stepped down and out after 1911. That ended his nineteenth year among the elite, and he considered that long enough.

BROOKES'S play this summer will be closely watched. And if any one cared to arrange the greatest drawing card in the tennis calendar today it would be to bring Brookes and McLoughlin together again.

REVIEWING the Davis cup semifinals of 1914 brings on an advance hunch that might have been played. In that affair we note where Brookes and Wilding, of Australia, mopped the eternal award up with O. Kreuzer and O. Frotzheim, of Germany, both in singles and doubles.

IF WAS shortly after this match that the two German entries were transferred from a ship at sea to the lawn tennis plateau on top of Gibraltar, where they still may be for all we know.

SIR—I'd like to make two predictions in regard to the Willard-Dempsey match. I have seen both fight many times and have studied their styles, speed, stamina and boxing ability.

IF THE pennant season had opened April 13 or 14, as before, it would have drawn unkempt weather in widespread quantities.

ALL of which did not prevent the other entry from removing the champion's crown all along the line.

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