

BABE RUTH WILL START PANNING HARRY FRAZEE AS SOON AS HE FINDS OUT WHAT "EGO" MEANS

SALE OF RUTH SHOWS WAR AMONG MAGNATES IN A. L. IS ALL OFF

Yankees Wouldn't Cut Loose From Armful of Kale for Home-Run King Unless They Were at Peace With Ban Johnson

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IT NOW looks as if there would be a strong finish in the Hot Stove League. After a rather hectic, to say nothing of turbulent off-season, where baseball magnates insisted on telling each other some personal, intimate character observations and engaging in verbal battle-royals at every opportunity, the New York Yankees stepped out in front, smashed all records and unloaded a whole armload of kale for Babe Ruth, the modest slugger of the Boston Red Sox.

This sale proves conclusively that the Yankees will play ball this year, and the Colonels—meaning Houston and Ruppert—are doing other things besides trying to get Ban Johnson's animal. No ball club will let loose of \$125,000 if there is a chance of remaining idle all season because of a scrap with the president of the league. It ain't done these days, and that bundle of coin could be distributed elsewhere. Therefore, it is safe to grow optimistic over the future and look forward to an early settlement of the row, which was won several months ago by the Johnson supporters by the score of 5 to 3.

There is another side to be considered. Frazee yesterday handed out a statement which was like a brick message on the head. Harry said Ruth was a big, swell-headed bum, or words to that effect, and the Red Sox will be better off without him. He is making the trip in a hurry, and is not to be bothered with the team, was glad to get rid of him and recommended him like a home child. This is bound to make a hit with Ruth when he finds out what it's all about, and the slugger is likely to declare war on his boss and that dear old Bawston. Frazee never leaves anything undone. When he is through with a guy he's THROUGH. There can't be any comeback.

Therefore, Babe probably will be anxious and willing to sign a new contract with his bosses for an increased salary and prove to Frazee that he is a valuable asset in letting him go. By making a move to carry with that \$125,000 in his kick. Yes, he should WORRY.

Ruth a Good Buy, Says Mack

TO get right down to the dope, is any guy, whether he plays baseball or stars in the movies, worth all of that dough? Remember, this isn't a salary or anything like that. It merely is money spent for the privilege of paying out a big salary. It's doubtful if any country would cough up that much coin if waivers were asked on President Wilson.

Ruth is a slugging ball player. When he hits the ball he knocks it a mile, and last year hung up a new world's record with twenty-nine home runs. He is a big gate attraction and always gets a hand from the mob. The mob loves a slugger in baseball the same as in the prize ring. The Babe, however, is likely to have a bad year or might become inflated with an enlargement of the ego, as was hinted by Harry Frazee. It might do terribly when he realizes how much money was spent for him and the big salary he is drawing and becomes acquainted with his own importance. We hope nothing like that happens—but you never can tell.

There is one thing absolutely certain, however, and that is the Yankees have the biggest drawing card on Manhattan island and will give the Giants a close race for popularity among the natives. Ruth has it on everybody in Metcalf's stable at present, and by the time he is with the club a month he will be considered a bigger man than Christy Mathewson. He is bound to be a big financial help to the Yank owners and his trusty bat will win many ball games. But just the same, we can't see where he is worth \$125,000.

Connie Mack thinks the deal is a good one and both clubs will benefit. "Ruth is a great ball player and is bound to improve," he said. "He is the greatest slugger in the game ever seen, a natural hitter and near the end of the season I noticed he was batting more scientifically. He did not try to knock the ball out of the lot every time he stepped up, but seemed to be satisfied if he poled out a single. In other words, he was not looking for those long hits and did a little work for the team."

"I am glad to see New York get him, because the Yankees are in need of a high-class outfielder who can hit. It will strengthen the club considerably and in addition give the American League a good drawing card in Gotham. He is worth every cent paid for him."

"In regard to the Red Sox, I don't think that club will be weakened any. Barrow has a pretty fair bunch of players and they are about of equal ability. No one man now stands head and shoulders over the others and everybody will come in for his share of credit. I believe the Boston team will be a great improvement over that of last year."

OLD-TIMERS when they look at the figures connected with this recent sale probably are wondering how they get away with that \$125,000 in these modern times. They remember the big season of 1889 when Mike Kelly was sold to Boston by Chicago for the unheard-of sum of \$10,000. That's a only piker money now.

Liked Nickname of "Tarzan"

RUTH is quite a character in baseball. He always was known as a dangerous hitter, but never startled the world until the 1917 season, when he hit .325 in fifty-two games. He walloped only two home runs, however, which proved his slugging still was in its infancy. The next year, however, he soaked eleven circuit swats and last season connected with twenty-nine. It was in 1918 that Ruth was nicknamed "Tarzan." The big boy was proud of that name, imagining it was something like Samson or Hercules or some other strong-armed giant. However, when some friend tipped him off that he was bearing the nickname of a character in fiction who emulated the ape, Ruth was very much peeved and ordered all of the players to lay off the Tarzan stuff.

Last spring when the club was training at Tampa, Ruth was walking through the park with Scott, the shortstop. On each side of the walk were high royal palm trees, whose trunks are very slippery. Scott stopped, looked one over carefully and said to Ruth: "Pretty hard to climb those trees, isn't it?" Babe agreed with him, but that afternoon at practice he grabbed Scott around the neck and yelled: "Was there anything personal in that remark you made about the high trees?"

Scott broke away and as he was making his escape shouted: "Didn't mean a thing, Babe, but I wish you would quit your monkeying!"

THAT caused another marathon and Ruth chased the little shortstop all over the town. After that the boys never mentioned the name of Tarzan in his presence. That word meant fight.

How Babe Forgot to Retire as a Pitcher

NEWSPAPER men always found Ruth good for a story and occasionally would help them along with suggestions. The only trouble, however, was that the slugger used to forget the plot of his interview and kick over the dope the following day.

About four years ago Babe was playing in the outfield against Detroit. He was doing good work out there and was much pleased with his hitting. After the game a baseball writer saw him and said: "Babe, I'm up against it for a story tomorrow. Do you know anything that would be interesting?"

Ruth thought a moment and replied slowly: "No, I don't know anything, only I am not going to pitch any more." "Not going to pitch any more?" asked the baseball writer, excitedly. "What's the matter? Tell me, quick!" "I, I," drawled Ruth, "my arm is sore. The last time I was in the box I could hardly stand it because of the pain. Guess my arm is gone. I hurt it when I was up in the Canadian woods last winter, hustling lumber. I guess I'll have to play the outfield from now on, and you can announce my retirement as a pitcher."

That was a great piece of news and the next day the paper was smothered with photographs and a sob story on the passing of Babe Ruth, the great hurler. Everybody felt sorry for the big athlete and in the afternoon the fans tried to console him. It was a sad ending for such a promising pitcher.

A double-header was played and the first game Ruth was in left field. Between the games, however, the grief of the fans was turned into hilarity. This is what happened.

"How are you feeling, Babe?" asked Manager Bill Carrigan. "Arm all right?" "Never felt better," replied Ruth, who had forgotten all about the accident suffered up in Canada and his retirement.

"Can you pitch the next game?" queried Bill. "Sure," responded Babe.

THAT proved his arm had gone dead and the pain was so bad he hardly could stand it. Ruth pitched nine full innings and shut out Detroit with two scratch hits.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

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SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE LID OFF TOMORROW

Competition for the 1920 Championship to Start With All Six Teams on Floor

N. E. VS. CENTRAL By PAUL PREP NINETEEN TWENTY'S Intercollegiate Basketball League will open up in full blast tomorrow afternoon. Six schools are represented in this annual campaign, and each of the half dozen fives are scheduled to get under way for this year's championship.

Tomorrow's card follows: Northeast High vs. Central High, at Germantown High. South Philadelphia High vs. South Philadelphia High, at South Philadelphia High. Philadelphia High vs. Frankford High, at West Philadelphia High. Since the holidays all of the teams have been preparing earnestly in the last few days for the beginning of the titular series. While a number of scholastic basketball critics have been predicting West Philly to repeat for the championship, such a prediction just now is rather rash.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS JAFFE Jack Blackburn is in Philadelphia. The once black-haired fighter is planning to begin training for a return to the ring. Hughie Hutchinson and K. O. Joe O'Donoghue are in the Philadelphia area. They will meet at the National Club January 17. Tom Cowley may be selected as Fred Fulton's opponent in the South Philadelphia club game, after South Philadelphia's victory over the Philadelphia club.

Farmer Sullivan, sporting partner of Mike O'Donoghue, will box in the star bout at the Cambria Athletic Club. He is paired off with Frankie Marzuro, of Williamsport, Pa. Other bouts are: Otto Huchba vs. Dominick Kautsky; Young Sullivan vs. Charlie McKee; and Willie Mack vs. Indian Russell.

Beating Telaar, of Baltimore, is in Philadelphia. He is a 124-pounder, and Meyer Greenbaum says the victory is a terror for Telaar. He has boxed with the Philadelphia club and won a six-round bout with the Baltimore club.

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Hughie Hutchinson is a confident guy. He wants to meet Johnny Kibane and if such a bout cannot be arranged he would like to match with Harold Farnes.

Bobby McLeod, a 118-pounder, is the latest acquisition to Herman Hinders' Murray Club, of New York. The little Scotchman recently returned after being discharged from the Canadian army. Now Hindie has a boxer in every class from lightweight to heavyweight.

Jimmy White has been released from his troupe circuit by the International Sports Club, of New York, so that the Briton may box with whom and when he pleases.

Two out-of-town boxers, Cal Delaney, of Cleveland, and Benny Valera, of New York, will be opponents in the star scrap at the National Club, of Philadelphia. The two are set back in local competition in the semi-

MURRAY WINS OVER DORSEY IN HOT GO

Petit Jack Dempsey Staggers West Philly Lival, but Bout Goes Liminal at Auditorium

FLEMING BOXES A DRAW

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

Auditorium A. A.—Batting Murray defeated Lora Hansen, Joe Nelson, Willie Young, Leonard, and Smith, shaded Barney Dumas, Lew Hunter, and Johnny King. Peter Hartley won from Young Frank, Frank McShore, and Billy Curry, and Jimmy Austin vs. Pine Grove.

Reading, Pa.—Brooklyn Bert Spencer defeated Lora Hansen, Joe Nelson, Willie Young, Leonard, and Smith, shaded Barney Dumas, Lew Hunter, and Johnny King. Peter Hartley won from Young Frank, Frank McShore, and Billy Curry, and Jimmy Austin vs. Pine Grove.

Yorkland, Me.—Al Shubert and Dick Leonard drew. Yorkland, Me.—Willie Curry and Harold Farnes drew.

A regular big league bantam brawl was staged for the benefit of a big crowd at the Auditorium A. A., last night. The most popular sport was indoor golf. This was made to differ slightly from the forth usually enjoyed on outdoor links, as the little pill used was square, and had black dots as contrasted to the red or blue dots generally seen on other golf balls. On one face there would be six dots, on another four and so on.

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Jersey Now Favors Ten Rounds Trenton, N. J., Jan. 7.—If New York state enact legislation for ten or twelve round boxing bouts, New Jersey will probably do likewise. A committee representing the Promoters' Association of Jersey City waited upon the New Jersey athletic commission yesterday and requested that such legislation be urged in this state. The commission favors ten rounds, but the state is limited to eight rounds.

MEADE COUNTRY CLUB TO HOLD A REUNION

200 Ex-Shavetail Members Expected to Gather 'Round at Rittenhouse Hotel Saturday—Was Only Country Club of War

By SANDY McNICLICK LARGE times stare the members of the Camp Meade Golf and Country Club Saturday night.

This club which, so far as the statistics show, was the only country club in the army, will gather, now that the war is over, to celebrate its first annual reunion with a banquet at the Rittenhouse Hotel. Its membership, which was originally composed of 200 "shavetail" army for second lieutenants, is expected to be fairly represented, as most of the said members are Philadelphians.

There will be speeches and things, it is feared. The clubhouse and grounds at Camp Meade were long since abandoned. None of the members know what has become of the former home of the club, because all of them have given Camp Meade a wide berth since that time.

The name of the clubhouse used to be "B-27." The fact that it housed 200 members who slept there and ate there, sometimes, need not necessarily be taken as a criterion of the size of the clubhouse, which was not so large, as the members were all properly tiered and ticketed.

There was a large grill on the first floor, the locker house and showers being in another building. The most popular sport was indoor golf. This was made to differ slightly from the forth usually enjoyed on outdoor links, as the little pill used was square, and had black dots as contrasted to the red or blue dots generally seen on other golf balls. On one face there would be six dots, on another four and so on.

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Condition of Highways Reported Fair to Good

Condition of highways this morning as reported by the United States Weather Bureau co-operating with State Highway Department: Lincoln highway (Trenton to Chambersburg), fair near Trenton; other sections good. William Penn highway (Easton to Chambersburg), poor near Bethlehem; fair near Norristown with spots of ice on the roadway; elsewhere good. Philadelphia and Reading pike, fair to good. Lancaster and Harrisburg pike, mostly good.

Forecast for Tomorrow Rains this afternoon and tonight will be followed by a change to fair and colder weather. On the improved roads it is probable that the water will run off and the surface become fairly well dried before freezing sets in late Thursday afternoon. Unimproved roads will get in a bad condition.

PENN TO TRY NEW COURSE

Temporary Boathouse Started on Lower Schuylkill Penn will try out the lower Schuylkill as a rowing course in the spring, and yesterday the start was made in the erection of a temporary boathouse below the South street bridge.

The change will be a big boost to rowing at the University for long has the crew tower been handicapped by lack of good housing facilities. Penn uses the old College Boat House, situated along boathouse row. The location very inconvenient and candidates for the crew were sentenced to cold dinners and chances on pneumonia at other meets on the long drive back to the campus.

The Penn crew still are working on the machines in Weightman Hall and Coach Joe Wright will continue to keep his men indoors until the new temporary house is finished.

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