DEMPSEY MAY NOT BE THE MOST INTELLIGENT PERSON IN THE WORLD, BUT HE'S WELL "POSTED"

TY COBB IS LOSING **CROWN TO RUTH IN** POPULARITY LEAGUE

Famous Georgian, Whose Name Has Been Magnet, Is Being Crowded From Spotlight by \$125,000 Babe. Dempsey's Light Also Fading

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THE popular here has become an institution in the United States. Somebody must be worshiped by the mob; some person, whatever be the nature of his prowess, must cause the congregated thousands to gulp in the throat. which is the prelude to enthusiastic tears, and then give vent to their feelings by yelling their heads off with reckless abandon. Carlyle tells us that here worship is a fundamental instinct of the human mind, which proves the famous essayist and philosopher was not talking out of turn. The multitude always has somebody to adore; for nothing pulls one out of one's selfconscious shell more than an opportunity to worship some big person who does something much better than the same thing could be done by queself or by anybody else

The almost tragic need for heroes these days makes it possible for baseball, football, boxing, golf, tennis, billiards and all other forms of sport to enjoy wonderful popularity. Some one always is pulled out of the ranks and placed on a pedestal, whether it be for two minutes or two years. But hero worshipers are fickle; they are ready to pay homage at a new shrine at the slightest opportunity. Their memories are short-they obliterate the past and bask only in the sunlight of the present.

Some of the old boys still linger in the memories of the fans for a time. but they pass out of the picture, one by one and into the darkness. How many of the younger generation remember Cy Young? Cy basn't been out of baseball very long, but so many modern heroes have appeared since then that he has been pushed out of the procession. And the same goes for hundreds of others. They never ask, "DID you have it," but "HAVE you GOT it?"

Just as soon as a hero starts on the downgrade, a frantic search is made for a successor. Somebody has to take his place and it doesn't take long to find one. As a modern example, take Tyrus Raymond Cobb, for years the outstanding star in baseball. He has thrilled hundreds of thousands with his terrific clouting, his during baserunning and sensational fielding. His name has been a magnet which drew thousands of dollars to the ball purks and he made a record on the diamond which probably never will be equaled. He remained in the spotlight many years, and although he still retains his batting eye and his speed, the fans figure he has seen his day and are engerly awaiting the

THEY are flocking to the colors of Babe Ruth, the \$125,000 slugger who busted his way into popularity with his war club and a record of twenty-nine home runs for one season. They are ready to cheer the lusty wallops which send the ball out of the ball park instead of the scientific batting which made Cobb the greatest hitter of all

No Less of Cobb, but More of Ruth

IT surely looks as if Cobb will play second fiddle this coming season. The man who for fourteen years has not hit under .320 will make way for a youngster who has taken the public's fancy. Still, it will be a hard job to fill the shoes vacated by Tyrus. He still is a wonderful drawing card and every time be appears, you feel you have received full value for your money. He always is doing something and his work attracts so much attention that even a stranger who never has heard of him will pick him out as an unusual

He has personality, which sticks out all over him. He waves to the bleachers, talks back to them, makes sensational catches, follows with wonderful throws, making all chances look easy. When he hits the ball, his speed makes it possible for him to convert an ordinary infield out into a hit and after he gets on base, he steals everything but the uniforms of the opposing players. A single usually sends him from first to third and sometimes he pulls the unexpected by scoring. The opponents are nervous every time he gets on base, and the spectators enjoy pleasant thrills when he goes on a rampage, Ty is in a class by himself, but the fans fear he has seen his best days. He is the oldest player in the American League at point of service, having been playing constantly since the season of 1905. This year will make his sixteenth in the league.

And now along comes Ruth. He has been featured so much in the newspapers in the last two years and commanded such a big purchase price, that fans cannot help but believe he is good. The Babe is a natural slugger-a player who depends upon the bludgeon instead of the rapier. His long bits bave aroused the populace of eight American League cities and he gradually has worked his way to the pinnacle of public exteem. He will be popular with the masses if he continues in his winning stride, and receives the publicity a \$20,000 contract calls for.

HOWEVER. Thrus Cobb will not relinquish the crown without a struggle. He will be back again this season, draw down that salary which is said to be \$22,500 and continue to hand out thrills to the customers. Coub and Ruth will make things interesting in the

Dempsey's Popularity Fading

A NOTHER hero to fall is Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world. After his short but decisive victory over Jess Willard, Dempsey was popular everywhere, but of late he seems to have lost some of that popularity. His war record has been attacked and because he left everything in the hands of his manager, the weak explanations by that person only made

We hold no brief for Dempsey. He left himself open for these attacks and must suffer the consequences. Still, those who know the champion inti mately cannot help but pity him. Jack is an easy-going, generous, wholeouled boy, always ready to help a friend, and is so unsuspecting that he scrietimes blindly follows advice. It is said his affairs during the war were handled by Jack Kearns and Kearns certainly messed things up. This is no cafense for Dempsey. He is in a rather shaky position now, but he can look es. 's and blame most of it on his manager.

Kearns is the business head of the firm. He writes all letters, makes all matches, sees all visitors and outlines the policy to be followed. When Dempsey was here, all of his mail passed through Kearns's hunds, and after It had been read, was passed to the champion. Dempsey placed himself in the hands of his manager and that loose method of doing business has knocked him out of a nice soft here's job.

Few know how closely Kearns watches his man. Once Dempsey went to National to attend a boxing show and received a severe calldown for doing Kearns contended that the public should pay to see the champion and chipgs like that would bring no money into the treasury. Another time he went on a boat trip with Jimmy Dougherty and another argument resulted.

AFTER winning the championship, Dempny wanted to fight all comers; but his manager preferred the stage. After that came the movies and at present he is working in a picture in Los Angeles. Judging from public opinion, that picture will not amount to much.

Tucker Died From Spinal Meningitis

DT Gordon Hardwick, the former Penn basketball player, yesterday, and he set us right concerning the details of the death of Lieutenant Sykes Tucker, the Red and Blue football star and war hero, who succumbed about weeks ago. It was reported that Tucker died from appendicitis, but fordwick says the ailment was spinal meningitis.

"I knew Sykes only slightly when he was in college." said Mardwick, who has just recently been discharged from the navy in which he served as a unior lieutenant, "but for some time I was stationed at Mobile, Ala., his me town, and there I got to know him very well, that is, after he came back from service overseas. He was a splendid boy, a great athlete and a fear-

HE was gassed in action and was decorated with the Craix de Guerre. He wouldn't talk about his heroic deeds over there, but I learned that he was decorated for carrying wounded men back to safety during a gas and shell offensive."

WILLIE LEWIS, the boxer who was shot Sunday in New York, was re-sponsible in a large measure for the success of Georges Carpentier in prize ring. Willie was a welterweight and was meeting all comers in France when he became interested in Carpentier. The Frenchman seemed to be so eager to learn the finer points of the game that Lewis took him under wing and spent lots of time with him. Georges learned quickly and his work from then on showed a great improvement. Lewis also trained Frank Moran for his bouts with Willard and Fred Fulton.

banquet committee of the Sporting Writers' Association wishes to anounce that the tickets for the annual banquet to be held at the Bingham on palay. February 5, are limited to 300 and can be secured at the Bingham m apy sports editor.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



ADEE OPPOSES TENNIS CHANGES

International Sports Alliance Should Be Preserved, Says National Ass'n President

Opposition to changes in the play-ing rules proposed for action at the an-uual meeting of the United States Naneal meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, is expressed by George T. Adee, the association's president. While he doubts the wisdom of some of the changes themselves, his principal objection is based upon his belief that such changes should be made only after consultation with the other tennis playing countries of the world.

So far as the rules are concerned, the principal objections relate to the new foot-fault rule, scoring system and method of conducting handicap events. The views of Mr. Adec are set forth in a letter to Paul B. Williams, field secretary of the national association. Mr. Adec's letter follows:

"I regret that due to my absence in the west, I was unable to be present at the last meeting of the executive committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A. and I regret that I did not know betries of the world.
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changes adopted.

"The game has always been played under the present system of scoring, which is known and understood the world over. In the present system there is a distinct difference between there is a distinct difference between the point score of each game and the score of the games of each set, so there is no possible chance of a misunders is no possible chance of a misun

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is necessary.

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Hoffner explained that his stance for the cleek was almost the same as for sible to tell who is ahead until the match is over. A pencil and paper would probably be needed to keep track of the points made by each player in each game, and the winner would not be decided until the total number of points made by each contestant is figured out and the handicaps added. If the total points of each contestant are the same after the handicaps are added it is a tie.

"I cannot see what we are to gain by making our policy of years' standing, by making our rules different from the uniform playing rules of the rest of the world."

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CLEEK IS HARDEST IN GOLF BAG TO HANDLE

So Says Charlie Hoffner, Pennsylvania Open Champion, Who Has Won National Fame—Takes Shorter Grip With Ball Close

By SANDY McNIBLICK



ERE is the hardest equally distributed, the feet very firm club in the bag to play." Charlie right leg is on the inside of the foot. Hoffner, Pennsylvania open golf champion, pulled the property of his shipy the control of the Hoffner said that the reason the cleek one of his shiny clubs out of his kit the other day at Philmont, where he is the pro.

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ABILITY TO COUNT AT PENN

New Baseball Coach Says "Reps'

in the rules should not be although the right hand does most of the litting and gets the clubbend through while the left arm pulls the present system of scoring.

Skating Championship Starts Saranne Lake, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Sante com all parts of the United States as anala are here for participation in the

PLAYERS ASK PLACE

Believe Governing Body Should Be Changed-Huggins on Mysterious Errand

New York, Jan. 27 .- When the Naional Commission is reorganized at the joint meeting of the major leagues in Chicago on February 11, an effort will probably be made by the ball players to gain recognition and a place on to gain recognition and a place on baseball's highest body. From the time the National Commission was first formed, the player has had no voice in the government of the game. The plan now on foot is to have a commission made up of five members, a nentral chairman, the presidents of the two major leagues, a baseball player and a representative of the minor leagues. This radical plan is a revival of the scheme which the Players' Fraternity wanted to introduce several years ago. At that time, the plan was frowned on by the major leagues and

frowned on by the major leagues and it is expected that the suggestion will the players meet with opposition if Chicago.

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"This suggestion to give the baseball player representation on the National Commission," said a veteran basebal! New Baseball Coach Says "Reps"

or "Pull" Won't Go

"Baseball is in the rut at Penn, but we are going to try and pull it out; said Walter L. Cariss, newly appointed baseball coach at the University of Pennsylvania, in a heart-to-heart talk to 100 diamond candidates in the training house.

Fraternities, prep school prestige and reputation will not count in his choice of players. Coach Cariss said. He added he would adopt a "show me" attitude.

Oppose a Boxing Arena

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New Pacific International League Tacoma. Wash., Jan. 27.—A new Pacific reternational baseball league was organized last night. Vancouver, B. C. Scattle, Tacoma and Spokane were formally granted franchises, and Astoria, Ore., was given two weeks to accept or reject a franchise.

Golfer George Simpson Dead Chicago, Jan. 27.—George Simpson, forine, mateur golf champion of Scotland, and hore recently prominent as a professional and American national open championships sead here. In 1911 he tied for first in the mational open with Michael Brady, of Bosen, and J. J. McDermott, of Philadelphia.

FRANK BRUGGY TOPS EASTERN SCORERS

Germantown Guard Leads in Field Goals and Total Points; Holman Makes Most Assists

PLAY BEARS TONIGHT

FRANK BRUGGY, the star guard of FRANK BRUGGY, the star guard of the Germantown five, has a clear lead for scoring honors in the Eastern Basketball League. The big fellow has played in four games and dropped in seventeen baskets from the field for an average of 4.25 per game, which if continued would establish a record. As a foul tosser he is also among the leaders, and all told has compiled 47 points.

His nearest rival is Johnny Beckman, but Johnny has been in one game less. Then come three players in a row, Campbell, Reich and Leonard. They have been in three, four and five games respectively. Leonard has played more contests in the second half than any other team or player.

Chris stands No. 1 in tossing the one-pointers, with 17 to his credit. Nat Holman, Frank Bruggy's running mate, is first in line with total number of assists. The wizard of the league has eight passes to his credit.

of assists. The wizard of the league has eight passes to his credit. Both the Eastern and American Leagues have important games tonight. The league leading Germantown five faces Reading at Auditorium Hall, Chelten avenue and Chew street, and the Bears will have their most formid-able line-up on hand.

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Jimmy Brown, who has always been successful in the cage at the suburbs, will make his first appearance in a uniform of Reading and, with Ernic Reich and Boyle, make up a fast trio of forwards. Ray Cross is another player who goes well at Germantown, and the locals will have their work cut out for them.

The big battle of the evening is Haggerty vs. Mechan. This pair of centers have had numerous clashes in the State

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Three games are on the schedule in the American League tonight. Hancock plays Criterion and St. Columba plays Mt. Carmel and are the first in the second half opening contests and the third decides the winner of the first half pennant. This is between Dobson and Xavier. Both clubs fel confident of winning, but Xavier bases it hope on the fact that they were the only club to defeat Dobson. Nevertheless Dobson is a slight favorite.

The players eligible are: Dobson—Moorehead, Kindon, Kilpatrick, Livingston, McCracken, Fox, West Rath, Wallace, Xavier—W. Jamison, McBride, McMahan, MacNamee, Brooks, Rauser, Albaugh, H. Hartzell,

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INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS' RECORDS

New York, Jan. 27.—Colonels Ruppert and Husten, owners of the New York Yankes, came out openly yesterday in support of Judge K. M. Landle, of Chicago, to succeed Garry Herrmann as chairman of the national cemmission. Likewise a stand was taken against the candidacy of Henry J. Killies on the grounds of his friendliness with Han Johnson, president of the American League.

Point-Scoring Records of Eastern League Team

POINTS MADE BY CLUBS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK
Tonight—Reading at Germantown.
Wednesday—Germantown at Camden.
Priday—Bridgeport at Trenton.
Saturday—Trenton at De Neri. Camden at

eading. Bundar-De Neri at Bridgeport

Purple and Gold Guard Sets Pace With Total of 31 Points in League Race

FIRST TEAMS SECOND TEAMS

By PAUL PREP Although West Philadelphia Catholic High School knocked the dope skyward when its representative five defeated

Jimmy Mullen, a star of West Phila-delphia Catholic High's freshman team

last year, is runner-up in the league Individual points scored follows

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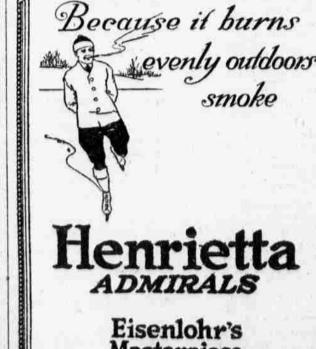
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