



RUTH AND GEHRIG SWINGING IN VAIN

Home Run Stars Swing Lustily In Practice But Accomplish Little

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New York, March 20.—For one reason or another, probably both, the headline act of Ruth and Gehrig is not going over with our southern public these days. The latter, in fact, were beginning to wonder rather audibly, as I was gracing the scene, just what it was all about as I watched the mighty pair swing lustily but to slight effect. There probably are few visions less inspiring than that of a home run hitter hitting terrific drives too deep for the catcher to handle.

That, is what I left George Herman Ruth and Henry Louis Gehrig doing and subsequent advice from the south have neglected to make note of any worthy change in the program. The boys apparently are continuing to hit them well out of the catcher's reach.

The source of Herman's ineptitude is not far to seek, as the pork butcher said to Mrs. Meahaffey. Herman simply tried to do too much with too little time at his disposal. He happens to be physically sub-normal at the moment. Gehrig's case, they say, is the usual one with young men who come into overnight acclaim.

"Temperament," is the verdict on Louis and, really, you can't deny that this is one of the nicest words we have for something else.

In either case and both, the difficulty may be regarded as a temporary one, Herman being subject to fits of physical despondency and Louis being young enough to recover in due time. But at that, the central idea among American League men is that both of them can't and won't repeat their lumatic hitting of the 1927 season.

Rickard Expected To Name Tunney's Opponent Soon

Miami Beach, Fla., Mar. 20.—(U.P.)—Tex Rickard, before he concludes his vacation here, is expected to name Gene Tunney's next opponent.

Just how soon announcement of challenger's name can be expected, neither Rickard or Tunney would say. It appeared the heavyweight champion felt he knew as little about it as the man on the beach.

Tunney went ahead today with his simple training routine—to prepare him for the more strenuous grind ahead. Tunney accepted good naturedly Rickard's information that but one bout was on his schedule for the champion this year, and that in July.

Stivers High Of Dayton Wins Ohio Caging Title

Columbus, Ohio., March 20.—(INS)—Dayton Stivers today holds the Ohio high school basketball championship after chalking up a 25 to 20 victory over Canton McKinley in the finals of the state class A tournament here Saturday night.

In the Class B tourney Hillsboro Marshall won the title by defeating Manchester in the final contest, 20-17.

The Dayton champions may not be permitted to represent Ohio in the forthcoming National tournament at Chicago, since the faculty of the school as a rule does not permit the absence of any particular group of students during the school year, it was learned today. A decision in the matter is to be reached later.

Oklahoma Youth Takes Lead In "Bunion Derby"

Winslow, Ariz., Mar. 20.—(U.P.)—Youthful Andrew Payne, of Claremore, Okla., led C. C. Pyle's "Bunion Derby" as the cross-continent contestants started today's 32-mile lap to Holbrook.

Payne assumed the lead in the Los Angeles-New York derby yesterday when Arthur Newton, veteran Rhodesian runner, who for nearly a week had led the field by six hours, dropped out of the race with a sprained ankle and a strained leg.

Nestor Erickson, Port Chester, N. Y., was the first to reach here from Two Gun yesterday. He completed the 24.1-mile lap in 3 hours.

Payne, with a total elapsed time of 99:16:57, leads his nearest rival, Arne Souminen, by one hour and three minutes.

Galesburg, Ill.—Representatives of six clubs met here to complete organization of the Central baseball association, A class D circuit, which will include Moberly and Hannibal, Mo.; Keokuk, Ia.; and Jacksonville, Keokuk and Galesburg, Ill.

Babe Ruth "Dopes" 1928 Pennant Races

St. Petersburg, Fla., Mar. 20.—(INS)—Babe Ruth, who has enjoyed unusual success in picking pennant winners in past years, handicaps the 1928 big league races as follows:

National — Cardinals, Pirates, Giants, Cubs, Reds, Braves, Robins, Phillies.

American — Yankees, Athletics, Senators, Tigers, Indians, White Sox, Red Sox, Browns.

Mass Destruction Of Animals Charged

St. Louis, —(U.P.)—Mass destruction of big game was deplored by Heinrich Hagenbeck, Hamburg, Germany, zoo builder, while a visitor at the St. Louis Zoo. Animals are being killed at an alarming rate, he said, and are continually being driven further back into the bush.

"It is not necessary to kill animals to collect them," the noted collector declared. "Museums are gathering hides skulls and horns by the truck load. Hunters go out with six or eight automobiles and a huge retinue of native helpers simply to kill all they can. I had no quarrel with the former way of hunting big game, but I see no sport in mass destruction."

MINSTREL SHOW DELIGHTS MANY

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dressed as Spanish toreadors. They were Ray McDougal, Bud Magley, Chick Cole, Bud White, A. Schneider, Don Farr, Bob Helm, Felix Maier, George Cramer, Dee Fryback, R. E. Atter, Harry Sheets, Frank Geary, D. Stump, Paul Sauers and Herbert Fuhrman. Of this group, Bud White and Paul Sauers sang solos, and Don Farr and Chick Cole sang a duet. Mr. Conter also sang a solo. The singing by the entire group was exceptionally good, also. The songs used were the most popular and up-to-date songs. The opening number was "Is She My Girl Friend," while "Side by Side" was used for the finale. The minstrel part of the production lasted for slightly more than an hour.

Sketches Given

The next number on the stage was a short sketch staged by Miss Marcella Hower and France Conter, depicting a scene on Broadway at midnight. This succeeded in evoking much laughter and applause.

Next was a musical number entitled, "Hi-Lee, Hi-Low," given by Miss Isabel Cloud, assisted by "Chinese Girls." The Chinese girls were Iris Acker, Agnes Johnson, Katherine Aurand, Margaret Mills, Luetta Refey, Mary Engle, Pauline Andrews, Dora Shosenberg, Lucille Gay and Cyora Baker. All were dressed in attractive Chinese costumes.

"On the Saw Mill River Road," was the title of another musical number, given by Miss Dessolee Chester and Don Farr, assisted by the gingham girls and fisher boys. The members of the chorus were: Mary Macy, Miriam Meyers, Cecelia Appleman, Erna Lankenau, Mabel Staley, Sadie Fisher, Helen Gerber, Glennys Elzey, Mildred Akey, Etola Gattshall, Lela Refey, Marcella Hower, Bernice Engle and Mrs. William Simpson. The participants of this number were dressed in gingham dresses and overalls.

The closing number was an entertaining sketch entitled, "Tut, Tut, Tuttle," in which the scene was laid at the north pole. The principal characters in this sketch were Bud White, Mrs. Bryce Thomas, Ross Stoakes, Herman Myers, Don Farr, and Felix Maier. They were assisted by Eskimo maids and detectives. The detectives were Charlotte Butler, Evelyn Kohls, Kathryn Hower, Ruth Elzey, Elleen Burk, Mary Kathryn Tyndall, Violet Burd and Madeline Spahr. The Eskimo maids were Agnes Johnson, Iris Acker, Cleora Baker, Mary Engle, Dora Shosenberg, Katherine Aurand, Aurand, Lucille Gay, Luetta Refey, Margaret Mills and Pauline Andrews.

Beautiful and appropriate scenery was furnished for each act by the Rogers Producing company and added much to the production. Mrs. France Conter served as piano accompanist for the entire production and Mr. Brown, the director, accompanied on a violin. The production is of high class and was well staged.

Specialties given between acts included a trombone solo, by Donald Stump; music by the Bixler Brothers stringed instrument trio, of Berne; accordion music and music by the G. E. band.

New York.—Plans were under way today for a welterweight title bout between Joe Dundee of Baltimore, the titleholder, and Ace Hudkins of Nebraska, in Madison Square Garden, May 4. Dundee an this manager, Max Waxman, were reinstated yesterday by the New York athletic commission.

SPRING SPORTS START AT D. H. S.

Baseball And Track Prac- tice Start This Afternoon In Gymnasium

Baseball and track practice started at Decatur high school today. The uniforms were given out to a large list of candidates in each sport yesterday evening.

For the present, both squads will hold workouts in the gymnasium each day, but as soon as the weather improves, outside practice will be held.

Several veterans are out for positions on both teams this spring. The baseball team lacks a first class pitcher, but Coach Curtis is hopeful of developing an underclassman into a good hurler.

Schedules are being arranged for the two teams. The baseball team probably will play eight or ten games. Two games have been booked with each of the following schools: Fort Wayne Central, Fort Wayne South Side and Bluffton, while Huntington will be met once. The track team will have two or three dual meets, in all probability, in addition to the sectional meet at Fort Wayne, and possibly an invitational meet, sponsored by one of the schools in this part of the state.

Attorney Charles Dailey, of Bluffton, was a business visitor here.

BUILDERS OF DAM TESTIFY

Coroner Opens Formal In- quest Into Breaking Of St. Francis Dam

Los Angeles, March 20.—(U.P.)—Separate investigations by the government, state, city and county were underway today as Coroner Frank Nance opened the formal inquest into the breaking of St. Francis dam.

The entire personnel of the bureau of power and light involved in the building and maintenance of the dam, was called to testify. Findings of engineers and geologists appointed by District Attorney Asa Keyes will be made public at the inquest tomorrow, Coroner Nance said.

The state board of inquiry began its investigation yesterday. The board first met in secret session here and then went to the dam site.

Adams Asks Question Of Other Candidates

Kokomo, Ind., Mar. 20.—(INS)—"Should Governor Ed Jackson resign?"

Thomas H. Adams, candidate for the republican nomination for governor, speaking here last night, challenged speaker of the house of representatives Harry G. Leslie, also a gubernatorial aspirant, to take a stand on that question and indicated that he would make the same query to other candidates.

"I challenge Speaker Leslie to state his position on the question, 'should Governor Ed Jackson resign?'" Adams said. "I ask him to state now whether he still believes, in view of the overwhelming evidence and exposures, that there is nothing to the charge of corruption."

Get the Habit—Trade at Home, it Pays

SPORTSMATTER

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A new candidate for heavy weight honors has been discovered in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, according to a letter from our old friend and occasional correspondent, Joe Carupa, who writes as follows:

Harrisburg, Pa.

Sir: I have seen some of my letters to you in the Harrisburg paper and I think they ought to do a lot of good in clearing up this sport situation. So am sorry I have had to give you the run around and not write you recently but it is because I have had a big idea which I will now write you about.

You may have gathered that I do not think much of Bozo Tunney. He is a palooka. So are all the rest except a boy I saw fighting up around the coal mines recently which is my big idea. My idea is that we should take this boy and make him a world's champion. He is the goods.

He is a sort of combination of Dempsey and Corbett except that with us behind him he would beat them both in the same ring if we could get them all together in 1892 and 1919. That is not exactly what I mean but you will get the idea.

You sports editors who are always setting up dummies for champions and then knocking their stuffing out so you can fill up your columns with it could ballyhoo Poison Joe Sapporo which is this boy's name. The Poison part is not his own name but was given to him because he is poison to anybody who meets him. In the ring, that is.

He is a good boy and I will bet 2 to 1 he will never lecture anyone on Shakespeare even if he finds out who Shakespeare is, which I will try to see he don't, for if anybody has to listen to him broadcast I will do same myself. But this other boy's name is

his real one. I think I will call him Sullivan because it would not be so hot from the interests of better sport to have you guys writing your headlines about "Sap" plastering somebody all over the ring.

I have got this boy parked out in the country now getting over a black eye which he got in his last bout when he stumbled and his eye fell against a post when the other guy couldn't have hit him with the water bucket otherwise. But we don't mind a little thing like that and we will take all that's coming to us which will be the world's championship and after that all the contenders as we are not going to be like these other guys but will be ready to meet all comers when we have the championship which will be as soon as we meet the stuffed shirts they got in the heavyweight class now.

Hoping you will print this for it is the goods.

Respectfully yours,
JOE CARUPA.

Tennis Stars Warming Up At Augusta, Georgia

Augusta, Ga., Mar. 20.—(U.P.)—William T. Tilden, and other high ranking tennis stars will continue informal singles and doubles play today—warming up for the Davis cup elimination matches beginning Thursday.

George Lott, No. 3 in official rankings was on the courts. Others here include John Hennessey, Indianapolis, Bud Chandler, Frank Shields, Junior champion, John Doe, young California player; Arnold Jones, Providence and Wray Brown, St. Louis.

Milton Miller, of Geneva, was a visitor here yesterday.

NEGRO MURDERS WOMAN FOR \$

Kills Her To Get Money To Get Suit Of Clothes Out Of Pawn

New York, Mar. 20.—(INS)—For paltry \$2, which she refused to give him so that he could get a suit, clothes out of pawn, Martin L. Miller, a young negro, shot and killed Helen C. Kimball, attractive 25-year-old school teacher, in her home yesterday morning. He confessed to the police today, after undergoing hours of grilling.

"She said she was sorry she didn't have the money," Miller said. "I pulled out my gun. She screamed and shot, and I let her have it twice."

Legion Sponsoring Two Bills In Congress

Washington, D. C. March 20.—The national legislative committee of the American Legion reported in a bulletin issued March 10 the following progress of two measures in Congress the Legionnaires are particularly interested in:

The Tyson bill, S. 777, was on the threshold of passing the Senate for the third time. The only danger confronting the measure is that the enemies of the bill may combine with the Legion's friends who are primarily interested in flood control, and displace the Tyson bill so that the important flood control measure may have the right of way. The Tyson bill is for the retirement of our disabled emergency army officers.

The hospital construction bill was still in the Luce Hospital Subcommittee of the World War Veterans Committee of the House. It was hoped to obtain a meeting of the subcommittee within a few days.

If you smoke for pleasure



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idea. Enjoyment in
smoking is the thing
that counts and you
get it full measure in

Camels

"I'd walk a mile for a Camel"