

College and High School Football, Gossip of the Ring, Amateurs and Other Sports

RUTH DEFIES AUTHORITY OF JUDGE LANDIS

Upheaval Threatened in Baseball as Result of Babe's Own Idea of Rules.

CONFERENCE ON TODAY

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The baseball future of "Babe" Ruth, the mighty home run master of the New York Yanks, was to be settled here today, it was expected, with the arrival of Judge K. M. Landis from New York. Banishment of Ruth from organized baseball was a possibility.

Ruth at Buffalo yesterday defied an edict of Judge Landis, the baseball commissioner, forbidding exhibition games. Judge Landis had ruled that none of the members of the pennant winning teams in major leagues would be allowed to engage in "showing" tours.

It is understood, claims he had agreed to play in Buffalo before Landis promulgated his order and that he could not violate his contract with Buffalo promoters.

It was pointed out here today that the rule which prohibits barnstorming by members of pennant winning clubs was not made by Judge Landis. It was adopted at a meeting of the advisory committee before the last championship series started.

Section 8. (b)—Both teams that contest in the world's series are required to disband immediately after its close, and the teams, therefore, are forbidden to participate in exhibition games during the year in which the world's championship was decided.

It was pointed out also that the old baseball rule had a regular regulation, but it never was enforced.

"Baseball law must be enforced," Judge Landis thundered today when he arrived to see in Chicago.

Arrived at his office, Judge Landis took under advisement the alleged violation of baseball law by Ruth, Meusel and Piercy of the New York Yankees.

"Ruth on the strength of his record has violated provisions of the baseball law that I had no hand in making," said Landis. "I inherited the rules of the game when I became head of baseball and I am going to see that the rules are enforced."

"On the face of things, Ruth has violated that section of the world's series agreements which forbids participants in the series to play after the series is over."

"I want to give this message to law-abiding baseball players and to the public. Meusel and Piercy are to be condemned."

The judge said he would give the case and all the evidence involved his closest consideration before announcing his decision.

Landis, in his high position, can suspend Ruth and the others for a period of time and "throw them over" from organized baseball.

Landis, in his last six months, will be made to Ruth by William Niesen, prominent Chicago semi-pro club owner, in the event Ruth is barred from organized baseball. Niesen announced today: "If Ruth gets suspended, on this issue, he can hang up his sweater in our ball park," Niesen said.

RUTH CONTINUES POST-SEASON TRIP

BUFFALO, Oct. 17.—Defying Judge Landis, the high commissioner of baseball, Babe Ruth today left for Elmira on his barnstorming trip.

Judge Landis ruled that no member of the Yankees or Giants—the world's series teams—could participate in post-season games.

Directly challenging Landis' authority, Ruth, Bill Piercy and Bob Meusel, all of the Yankees, took part in a game against the Polish Nationals here yesterday.

"I have done my duty to the American League," Ruth said. "If it is against organized baseball law that I can't play in the 'seas' I think it is unfair, unjust and un-American. We will continue our work."

He is working with full knowledge of what it may mean and am not worrying about the consequences. I believe right and that is the time to move if this kind of trouble for the ball players. The interests of organized baseball are served when a man gives them full effort and carries out every phase of his work to the best of his ability. When the bell rings after the world's series, why should I, or any other player, be kept from earning money? In no other business or sport is there a workman's such an unfair, one-sided rule and I claim such arbitrary rules and restrictions do not belong to baseball."

"I have done my full duty to the New York Ball Club and Owners Huston and Ruppert. I have done my full duty by the American League for the season of '21. Meusel and Piercy have been fighting our heads off to beat Cleveland and I was playing the outfield and giving all I had when I should have been in bed. But we wanted to win the pennant for ourselves, for Manager Huggins and for Ruppert, Huston and Burrow.

"We did win the pennant and then we did it again with a few injuries of my own included, and a couple of bad breaks and the Giants beat us. What I did my duty to beat the Yankees. As a result, I had consented to play a number of exhibition games, and then it was announced Judge Landis declares it is against baseball law."

"The baseball big guys have no right to keep me from earning what money I can. The organized baseball season is over, my duty to organized baseball is done, but I can still earn money for the Yankees and the game is won."

"The two teams will meet in the third and final game of the series next Sunday at Washington Park.

GOOD, MEDIUM AND BAD FOOTBALL ON CARD SATURDAY

If there is any truth in that old saying, "to err is human, to forgive divine," for the Notre Dame football team, it is that the Notre Dame against Notre Dame that can not be forgiven until the Boiler masters step out and win a football game in a clean-cut and decisive manner. But, in the last two football games, Notre Dame has learned the 1921 Notre Dame-Purdue contest which resulted in a 33 to 0 Notre Dame victory.

The fact, however, that Purdue made numerous and inexcusable errors does not take away the brilliance of the Notre Dame team. The Irish were masters of the situation at all times, the fleet Martz and the buckled center, running rampant through the Purdue defense at will. Although the Catholics found it easier to play the kicking game, their defense held. Purdue's helpless running quarters, the game was decided by the simple fact that they converted practically every Purdue misplay into an advantage for the sterters of the Cadets. The final score does not begin to tell of the battle put up by the Hoosier eleven in the quarter that the game was a scoreless draw. The Army was beaten in the third quarter. In this quarter Wabash weakened and the Army seized its opportunity to put forth a supreme effort and shot the ball down the Wabash line. An analysis of the game shows that both eleven gained about the same amount of ground. The Wabash line was a revelation to the Raiders, few gains being made through it.

FDRE BRACES IN LAST PERIOD

It is in the last half, and particularly in the last quarter, that the game resembles a big college football contest. Purdue managed to hold onto the ball, and the ball was being held, contested and even struggle. Purdue marched the ball down to the Notre Dame twenty-five-yard line and Harris had two place kicks blocked in the closing minutes of play.

Butler rolled up the highest score known to Hoosier football in recent years when it trampled over Wabash in the fourth quarter to the tune of 41 to 2. The Paus Saturday took another step toward erasing the bad impression made on the Notre Dame masses when the Old Gold warriors smacked Wabash 41 to 0.

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