



BIG LEAGUES GET INTO ACTION TODAY

New York, April 11.—Major league baseball will make its 1922 debut in four eastern cities tomorrow afternoon, provided the weather has been properly placated in advance.

In the National League, the New York Giants will entertain the Brooklyn Dodgers at the Polo Grounds in this city, and Boston will appear against the Philadelphia team at the latter's field.

American League combinations which will assist in the opening are the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox, who meet in Boston, and the New York Yankees and Washington Senators, who meet in the Capital city.

In all four cities elaborate ceremonies have been planned to mark the beginning of another long pennant chase, and while these in their thousands of spectators from the traditional flag-bedecked stands, band concerts, parades of rival teams and the official throwing out of balls, the fans have shown undoubted desire to witness in person these preliminaries and the subsequent diamond battles.

From all the centers of tomorrow's baseball activity come similar tales of unusual and urgent demand for tickets, and it is likely that given fair weather, the opening games of the season will set new attendance records. The case of the New York Giants is an example of the interest being shown in these initial contests. For several days past it has been impossible to purchase a reserved seat or even in the huge baseball amphitheater at the Polo Grounds, notwithstanding its seating capacity of more than 55,000 spectators. Hundreds of prospective coupon buyers have been turned away empty handed within the past 24 hours and it is certain that there will be a rush for unreserved seats as soon as the gates of the park are flung back early tomorrow morning.

President John A. Heydler, from the National League headquarters in this city, has been planning for the beginning of another baseball season for some weeks, and the assignment of umpires and other arrangements have been completed. Umpires O'Day and Hart will officiate at the New York-Brooklyn game; Ripley and McCormack at Philadelphia; Quigley and Moran at St. Louis; and Kirt and Rantz at Cincinnati. Umpires Emmit and Pirtman will be held as reserve officials, one in the east and the other in the west.

As far as the eastern opening games are concerned, the teams appear fairly

well matched in the National League. Brooklyn had the edge over the Giants in last year's series, winning 16 out of 22 games played. Against the Yankees in the spring exhibition contests the Superbas won 8 out of 14 played in the south and on the home diamond. Boston had decidedly the better of the Phillies during the 1921 season but Manager Wilhelm has injected new material into the Quakerston combination and should offer stronger opposition than was the case last year.

While the New York Americans will be without the services of Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel they should have a slight edge over Washington, especially as Walter Johnson is not likely to be on the mound in the initial contest. The Yankees took about two-thirds of the 1921 games from Washington.

Boston and Philadelphia had a nip-and-tuck series last season and while the Red Sox appear stronger than the Athletics, Connie Mack's combination may jump into a lead at the expense of the Bostonians in the initial clash.

BABE RUTH EXPECTS TO REACH 200 MARK SOON

Though Judge Landis's severe penalty will prevent Babe Ruth from bettering his 1921 home run record of fifty-nine, the big New York slugger should reach his two hundred home run mark during the coming season. No other major league player ever has come anywhere near the double century mark in home runs.

If Ruth should get thirty-eight home runs this season he will reach the two class. As the Babe will be out for five or six weeks he should just about hit thirty-eight home runs at the rate he travelled in 1920 and 1921.

Ruth, however, will have one great disadvantage. By May 20 he will be 33 years old, and he will be a year older when he travels in 1922 and 1923. He will have no experience hitting against experienced pitching. The only practice he can obtain will be by hitting during the morning practice. Ruth's home run crop at present stands as follows:

Year	Runs	AV.
1916	29	.315
1917	33	.372
1918	27	.325
1919	11	.200
1920	29	.322
1921	59	.376
1922	57	.378
Total	162	.354

SUSPENSION OF "BABE" RUTH TO BE ENFORCED

New York, April 11.—(By the A. P.)—Tomorrow George Herman Ruth will become what some one described as a "sadder but wiser man."

Ruth goes into the cooler then for 30 days because he defied Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball.

While hundreds of thousands of fans were cheering the American league cities are marking the occasion. Tomorrow, the misbehaving Babe, primed by long grueling training in the south, will be seated in the grand stands of the park at Washington looking on, listening to the blare of the opening day.

For thirty-eight 24-hour days Ruth will moon while the public impatiently stamps its wearied feet and Colonel's Huston and Ruppert, owners of the New York Yankees, pay the home run king his regular stipend, reliably reported to be \$75,000 a year.

He will be the only ball player in the history of training including baseball practice, country hotels and slot trains, with his team mates, came to New York with their families and he would when they "open" in the Capital. Outside of being "on hand" he has done little good.

Repeating his tears, Miller Huggins, the midge manager of the Yankees who piloted them to a championship last year, dolefully said today that Ruth and Bob Meusel the player who was suspended with him, will make the trip with the team and if the regulars have the opportunity for morning practice, the two "prisoners" will be out chasing fungoes and batting a bit. But there'll be no fans on hand to see—Ruth will be in total eclipse.

"Suspension" means among other things, according to Huggins, who certainly has examined him into it that Ruth must remain off the playing field during league games and the playing field includes the players' bench. The Babe will have his choice of the grand stand, the bleachers or a house-top. He has chosen the first.

Ruth will don a Yankee uniform on May 20, at his Polo Ground home, and be permitted to stay on the playing field to his heart's content, and if he is in condition Huggins will stick him into the batting order for his 1922 debut. It may be that Ruth will not be in condition.

"That's what is worrying me," Manager Huggins said today. "Unless the team practices every morning, Ruth and Meusel will get no practice, because they can't practice by themselves."

When Ruth returns to the game he will have 13 appearances with only one break in New York city and that for a three day stop in Washington. On June 4 the team will open a long road trip in Chicago, remaining away from the Polo Grounds until July 2. Ruth is universally acknowledged to be the greatest figure in baseball today. He is paid the highest salary of any athlete in the history of competition.

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TODAY'S SPORTS.
RACING.
Spring meeting of Southern Maryland Agricultural association at Bowie.

BASEBALL.
Opening of the season of the National League.
Opening of the season of the American League.
Opening of the season of the Southern League.
Opening of the season of the Western League.

HORSE SHOW.
Annual show of Southern California Horse Show association at Los Angeles.

GOLF.
Annual mid-April tournament at Pinehurst, N. C.

SHOOTING.
South Carolina state trapshooting tournament closed at Camden.

BOWLING.
Northwest international championship tournament at Spokane.

BOXING.
Bob Roper vs. Carl Morris, 12 rounds, at Tulsa.

AUSTRALIAN DAVIS CUP TEAM HAS BEEN SELECTED

Sydney, N. W., April 11.—(By the A. P.)—The Australian Davis cup team consisting of Gerald L. Patterson, J. O. Anderson, O'Hara Wood and J. B. Hawkes was selected today.

ENGLISH LACROSSE TEAM AGAIN DEFEATED

Baltimore, Md., April 11.—The Oxford Cambridge lacrosse team today met defeat for the second time in four days when the team of the Mount Washington club beat them 7 to 2.

SPORT WORLD BRIEFS

As the west branch of the Houstonian river is high, it will be some time before Walcott park is clear of water. That means the exhibition games of the Pittsfield team will have to be staged on the Common, but Wahonah park should be ready for the opening game and the season at Pittsfield, April 28, with Springfield furnishing the opposition.

Al Perotti, leading pitcher of the Eastern League, is expected to be formed by Billy Gilbert Saturday that he would report Wednesday morning. Perotti seemed pleased with the thought of playing in Washington and said he would do all in his power to help Gilbert place the Brasscos in a first division berth.

The deaths of Henry A. Fuller at Providence, R. I., of W. P. Janna at Terre Haute, Ind., and of John D. Creighton at Omaha, Neb., mark the passing of three pioneers of trotting affairs in their respective sections. The late Mr. Fuller was the trainer of Rhode Island horses and for years had been active in racing and in the conduct of racing meetings.

W. P. Janna, who was managing partner of the American Trotting association, will have 13 appearances with only one break in New York city and that for a three day stop in Washington. On June 4 the team will open a long road trip in Chicago, remaining away from the Polo Grounds until July 2. Ruth is universally acknowledged to be the greatest figure in baseball today. He is paid the highest salary of any athlete in the history of competition.

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What is Going On Tonight

Shuffle Along at Davis Theatre.
Burkington Council, No. 14, Jr. O. U. A. M. meets in Burkington Hall.
Norwich Lodge, No. 172, P. O. H. meets in Oyster Hall.
Masonic Lodge, No. 11, A. O. U. W. meets in Oyster Hall.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

Centenary of the birth of Donald G. Mitchell (Ik Marvel), famous American author.

North Carolina keeps a holiday today in commemoration of the passage of the Halifax resolutions.

The celebration of the Hebrew Feast of Pesach, or the Passover, begins at sunset this evening.

The Prince of Wales is scheduled to arrive at Yokohama today to spend a month as a guest of Japan.

North Carolina republicans meet in state convention at Winston-Salem today to prepare for the coming campaign.

The case of Frank Conroy, former warden of the Montana state penitentiary, accused of falsifying evidence to keep the value of \$200,000, is set for trial at Helena today.

Lady Astor, famous as the first woman member of the British house of commons, sails for the United States today to attend the convention of the League of Women Voters at Baltimore.

Secretary Hoover has called a conference of representatives of the largest trade associations for Washington today to consider a plan whereby trade associations would co-operate with the department of commerce in the gathering and publication of trade statistics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strand—Thursday, Friday, Saturday

There are five exceptionally fine B. F. Keith's acts scheduled for the Strand for the last half of this week. The Strand is really the only reliable house in town now and has been giving an intense interest in giving the best that can be obtained in a variety of plots.

The feature attraction is the Hennessey troupe, in this they appear four times, novelty entertainers. There is yet to be seen a Jap act at the Strand that did not give 100 per cent. entertainment.

Red Eagle is the main attraction. Before a picturesque drop-lid plays upon a violin, using the native music that at one time was played on the tom toms and also using a great many of the white man's melodies.

Wash & Edwards appear in "A Symposium of Today's Taste." They have certainly made good in their new venture, having formerly with Max Dresden's musical comedy company. They are heard in songs, dances and talk of the brightest kind and in the brightest kind of way.

Little "Miss Cupid" is a musical incident with three people. They offer a full stage variety act with some songs and dances that are so good that it is sure to be a hit with all.

Fern Redmond & Co. offer an excellent comedy act that will keep all in hysterics of laughter. They are offering a new act in the new variety show.

When the Strand theatre begins to show the Good-Bye Wife, adapted from The Wild Parrot of Barbados, by Tom Taylor, recently appearing in Murray's Magazine, its next feature photoplay, it will probably have every eye in town turned until they know there is no more to see. It is a merely good screen entertainment and a purely lovely character that proves in the end that she is better than she is, and in fact not so bad at all.

Vegetable Growers to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the vegetable growers will be held as usual in the office of the New London County Farm Bureau on Wednesday evening, April 12th. Professor A. E. Wilkinson will be the chief speaker of the evening and will discuss lettuce and call particular attention to the varieties, fertilizers, soil conditions and will also take up some of the diseases which trouble the growers of commercial lettuce. Everyone interested is invited to be present at that time.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

MARKET REMAINS ACTIVE.

New York, April 11.—Quoted values in the stock market registered additional substantial gains today on another day's turnover, sales amounting to 400,000 shares. The irregular tone of the list in the first and final hours was ascribed to profit-taking based on the news items relative to the automobile.

The same groups of securities which have given greatest momentum to the more or less steady advance of the past few weeks—automobiles and their specialties, oils and utilities—again were conspicuous in the day's operations at extreme gains of one to five points.

New high records for the year or a considerably longer period, reported by Studebaker and several affiliated issues, as well as Mexican Petroleum and many unclassified specialties, copper, tobacco and textiles.

United States Steel failed to equal its maximum of the previous day but was in fact, probably as a result of the very favorable March dividend reports published yesterday, and buying of metals was stimulated by further large exports of copper.

A group rally was sluggish, but exceptions were made by Rock Island. Presumably in connection with that road's good showing in the preliminary report for last year's Chicago Great Western preferred also displayed unusual strength, but coolers eased on the heavy tone of trading.

Fractional losses in Bethlehem, Crucible and Gulf States Steel and Baldwin Locomotive at the close were neutralized by net gains of one to five points in Studebaker, Petroleum, Royal Dutch, Pacific Oil, Utah, American Smelting, Computing Tabulating and Stenograph Corporation.

Heavy inflow of funds from interior banks accounted for relaxed money rates, call loans easing from 3-1/2 to 4 per cent in the last half of the session. Time money rates were unaltered, but in more liberal supply for short dates.

Brokers reported only a moderate amount of trading in foreign exchange. British and the leading continental rates were mainly lower, but Dutch and German bills displayed pronounced strength and the Great rate was not unfavorably influenced by reports which confirmed recent advice of disturbing economic conditions in that country.

STOCKS.

The following is a summary of the transactions on the New York Stock Exchange to 3 P. M.:

High	Low	Close	
Allied Chemical	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Allis Chalmers	48 1/2	47 1/2	48 1/2
Am. Gas	47 1/2	46 1/2	47 1/2
Am. Ice	11 1/2	11	11 1/2
Am. Lumber	49	48 1/2	49
Am. Oil	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2
Am. Soda	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
Am. Sugar	140	139	140
Am. T. & T.	27	26 1/2	27
Am. Cotton Oil	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
Am. Hides & Leather	16 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2
Am. H. & L.	70 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2
Am. T. & T.	120 1/2	119 1/2	120 1/2
Am. Tobacco	138 1/2	137 1/2	138 1/2
Am. Woolen	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2
Knockout Cop.	82 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2
Knockout Oil	31 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Knockout S. & P.	34 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2
Knockout T. & S. P.	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2

LIBERTY BONDS.

High	Low	Close	
U. S. Lib 2 1/2%	99.48	99.22	99.20
U. S. Lib 3%	99.26	99.20	99.20
U. S. Lib 3 1/2%	99.48	99.48	99.22
U. S. Lib 4%	99.58	99.29	99.29
U. S. Lib 4 1/2%	99.58	99.50	99.50
U. S. Lib 4 3/4%	99.58	99.50	99.52
U. S. Lib 5%	100.88	100.88	100.88
U. S. Lib 5 1/2%	100.88	100.88	100.88

Foreign Exchange.

With the exception of sterling, all quotations are in cents per unit of foreign currency:

Year	Yesterday	Today
Demand	44 1/4	43 1/4
Cables	44 1/4	43 1/4
France	2.21	2.10
Belgium	37.50	34.50
Italy	9.50	9.50
Spain	16.50	16.50
Portugal	20.50	20.50
Sweden	26.10	23.70
Denmark	21.50	18.15
Norway	18.45	16.15
Argentina	80.50	80.50
Greece	4.42 1/2	4.42 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, April 11.—Wheat declined in price today largely as a result of downward tendency of Liverpool quotations and a report of foreign exchange. The close was unsettled at 2 1/2 to 3 cents lower with May 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 and June 1 1/2 to 1 3/4. Corn finished unchanged at 1 1/2 down and provisions unchanged to a setback of 20 cents.

It had been expected by many wheat traders that in view of yesterday's advance in value on the part of the Atlantic, the Liverpool market this morning would show an upturn. Disappointment in this respect was emphasized particularly by a decline in the price of wheat of various disturbed financial conditions in Greece. Besides export demand was slow and the view was pressed that all known bullish factors had been fully discounted for the present.

Better milling demand at St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha helped somewhat at one stage to rally the wheat market here, but toward the end of the day a renewal of weakness became evident owing more or less to gossip that two western railroads were offering to sell in Chicago hard winter wheat which had been purchased in the southwest. Selling of 100,000 bushels here to go to stock was the chief depressing factor, especially as to the May delivery.

Favorable crop reports from parts of Kansas were virtually ignored.

Personal wheat rally weather made the market for corn and had been relatively steady. Business, however, lacked volume.

Provisions as a rule, were lower in line with lower corn on account of increasing stocks of lard.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

St. Louis at Chicago.
Detroit at Cleveland.
New York at Washington.
Philadelphia at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston at Philadelphia.
Brooklyn at New York.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cincinnati.

Cricket Wins in Third Round.

Paris, April 11.—Eugene Criqui, the French featherweight champion, tonight knocked out Ben Callcott in the third round of what was to have been a 20-round bout.

Challenge.

Moffitt and Walsh of Plainfield would like to hear from McKenzie and Sallinger of Mooresville relative to a bowling match, ten strings to be rolled in Plainfield and ten in Mooresville.

Exhibition Baseball.

At New York—0 0 3 0 3 1 0 0—7
N. Y. Nationals 4 0 0 1 1 0 0 2—8
Thomas and Stinson, Ryan, Jonnard, Shea and Snyder, Gaston.

College Baseball.

At Washington—Holy Cross 7, Catholic University 2.
At Baltimore—Cornell 14, Johns Hopkins 6.

Game Postponed.

Philadelphia, April 11.—The Vermont University of Pennsylvania baseball game was postponed today on account of rain after one inning had been played. Neither side had been able to score.

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