Bulldog Battle Ground Hums With Feverish Preparations for Annual Tiger Hunt Saturday

Powerful Reserve Strength of Yale Should Prove Big Asset

Tad Jones Plans to Start Neidlinger at Quarter, Scott and Wight at Halves and Jordan at Fullback; Mallory and O'Hearn, Reservists

By Grantland Rice

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 14.—Around the battle ground of the Bulldog just now war preparations for the Tiger hunt are as feverish and as active as if Kemil Pasha had just sighted a platoon of Greek infantry at the gates of Constantinople. For the Tiger this year undoubtedly has the Bulldog puzzled. The tawny King of Nassau's jungle doesn't seem to be so deadly on copy paper, but so far no one has been able to lick him on the field, and it is one the field alone that final scores are allowed to stand.

Knowing Princeton's brilliant record of actual achievement, the Blue is taking nothing for granted in its contest with the team of destinty that goes to battle under the banner of Orange and Black. If football machines were made up of thirty men in place of eleven Yale to-day would be two or three touchdowns stronger than any university in the world.

We have never seen as much reserve strength upon any football field—reserve strength all along the line so close to first string quality that in many cases only the toss of a coin could name the stronger man for each job in sight. Yale to-day has two centers, four guards, four tackles, six ends and eight backs of more than average strength and speed, but, unfortunately for Tad Jones and the Eli cause, rules permit only eleven of these at one time to walk upon the chosen turf.

It reminds us the day that Yost and his little band of Wolverines sat in the Harvard stadium waiting for Harvard to take the field. Suddenly a Crimson platoon started through the gate, and unending line of big shanked, brawny talent. It seemed for a while as if the Crimson platoon would never reach an end, as forty, fifty, sixty and more raced upon the field.

Tremendous Surplus Power

"Is this an army or a football team we've got to play?" remarked a startled Michigan player.

"Never mind about that stuff," answered Yost with his accustomed philosophy. "If you've read the rules lately you'll find they can only play eleven of these birds at one time."

Yale's wonderful surplus power is bound to help before the end of the Harvard game, but there will be many a Yale star and a player of high merit who will hardly get to handle the ball. Yale's strongest line, the one picked to face Princeton, will find Lovejoy at center, Cross and Cruikshank at guard, Miller and Diller at tackle with Eddy and Deaver at end. This leaves in reserve Landis at center, last year's regular, Herr and Pillsbury at guard, Joss and Greene at tackles and Luman and Hulman at ends, with Blair and Cutler in second reserve. And if these reserves were sent against the regulars the war would be so evenly waged that few could tell where the greater power rested.

Yale proved her line strength against the Army's formidable, hard charging forwards, and against the strong Tiger wall we look to see an even battle with Yale stronger around the center of the line and Princeton stouter at the tackles, where Baker and Treat can match any pair in the land.

It is in backfield strength that Yale steps forward beyond anything either Princeton or Harvard has shown. Star backs here as are thickly clustered as quails in a covey and almost as numerous. Against the Tigers Saturday Tad Jones is planning to start Neidlinger at quarter, with Scott and Wight at halves and Jordan at full. Mallory and O'Hearn, two of the main stars of the team, who have been buffeted a bit, can be used whenever needed, but neither is likely to start down under the first kick-off.

Backfield Particularly Strong

Outside of these two held in reserve, Jones still has Neale, a great running back; Beckett, a first class quarterback, and Bench, of more than passing merit, all tugging at the justly celebrated leash. So here are nine backfield men who can be rated almost at par, with only two of the lot still a bit below top form through injuries or jolts.

A brave man will be needed to tell Bill Mallory, the brilliant defensive back, that he can't start, for Mallory happens to belong to the school that would rather play football than pick up a million dollars in the street. Scott, his substitute, who will probably start, is a fine defensive back, strong, fast and willing—but he isn't a Mallory. And you can gamble that if Princeton's running game gets to making any surplus headway you will find Mallory in there. He had a shoal of carbuncles when he faced the Army, but that didn't stop him from breaking up and dispersing almost every type of Army attack.

Newell Neidlinger at quarter, a great running back, has been improving through every start at his new position, so O'Hearn, if he doesn't get in, won't be so badly missed. He has acquired the knack of his new role with astonishing quickness and may easily be one of the day's sensations before late November dusk slides down upon Nassau's Jersey turf. It is almost a certainty that Widdie Neale, the elusive running back, will be in the thick of the pastime shortly after it opens and when he arrives the combination of Neale and Neidlinger will be hard to stop, since both are as quick and as shifty upon their feet as two leopards in jungle action.

Wight and O'Hearn to-day put in a long spell at punting and both were thumping the ball down the field from fifty to sixty yards at a clip. Wight will do most of the punting on Saturday and he should hold his own without being forced to kick a shoe off.

Yale Backs Faster Than Tigers

The material is undoubtedly there and, what is more to the point, it is being hard driven in the open game. To-day's battle with the scrubs was largely along these lines, where the passing was keen and accurate and quite complicated enough to keep any defense on the alert. If Yale can have any luck with her passing game on Saturday, and a passing game frequently needs its share of luck, the power and speed of her runing attacks should leave her an offense of high quality, well beyond anything that either old rival has shown all year. Yale backs have no greater power than Princeton backs, but they are faster afoot and more elusive in the open, quicker as a rule to start.

And no one has to speak to a Yale about this matter of holding on to the ball in facing Princeton. Yale has had her full share of lessons in this respect and Yale saw what happened to Harvard a few days ago. So the Bulldog has been extremely well drilled in this important art of fundamental, and as a rule has been handling the ball well all year.

After the few past lean years the desire here beneath Yale aims to beat both Princeton and Harvard is naturally keener than it ever was for the simple reason that Yale seems to have the greatest chance to land heavily upon both old opponents than she had since the days of Coy and Philbin. And once again it all gets down to the quality of her open play. If this holds up against strong pressure the Blue should duplicate the campaign of 1916, when for the last time up-to-date it danced in the winds above Princeton and Harvard flags.

But with all the winning stuff available here there is no feeling of overconfidence against a team that has romped by Colgate, Chicago and Harvard unbeaten, a team that has great defensive strength, fine spirit, and that goes to battle as one of the best coached elevens in the game. Yale knows she has one of the hardest contests of her career at hand and that only her best football can win.

Tiger Center Warned Not to Wear Horns

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 14.—In Center Rush W. M. Lovejoy, the strongest man on the Yale squad, the Blue has a forward who would be equally at home in Madison Square Garden at the Rodeo Carnival. Lovejoy visited Mr. E. G. Stoddard's ranch in New Mexico last summer when some one suggested one day that if he cared to he could help a bit in rounding up a few Mexican steers. Much to the astonishment of the cowboys, ranchmen and all concerned, Lovejoy tackled the first steer in sight and, by the horn-twisting method that so many have lately seen, pinned the startled animal to earth in less than ten seconds.

Lovejoy is six feet in height, weighs 190 pounds and is one of the most powerful men that ever walked on a gridiron. His play at center has been improving rapidly and he is now listed as one of the best centers Yale has had in many years. Considering this true Mexican incident, Center Alvord, of Princeton, on Saturday doesn't want to make the mistake of wearing horns.

Tigers Specializing On Attack Against Old Eli Embroglio

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 14.—The Princeton football squad started in deadly earnest this afternoon on the program of practice which will prepare the eleven for the Yale game in Palmer Stadium Saturday.

Coach Bill Roper did not call on his varsity men for scrimmage to-day, deciding to take no chances with injuries to his prize charges, many of whom were battered considerably in the fierce game with Harvard last week. None of the men, however, were injured to such an extent that they will be unable to take part in the final classic of the season.

Interest in the clash with the Elis Saturday is running at high pitch, and while the undergraduates are hoping for the best the Tiger squad is being sent through a series of stiff workouts, which will bring them to the very peak of their form just before the whistle blows Saturday. It is not expected that the practice this week will include more than one or two scrimmages. Most emphasis will be laid upon an attack which will be capable of penetrating the strong defense of the New Haven warriors. The repertoire of Orange and Black plays is about complete, and most of the time will be spent in smoothing them out and strengthening the weak spots which cropped out in the Harvard and Chicago contests.

The scene of this afternoon's activities shifted to Palmer Stadium, after the two varsity teams had warmed up on University Field. Joe Scheerer, a member of the 1919 team and one of the greatest of Tiger punters, came down from East Orange and drilled the backs in punting. He also sent some long boots down the field, which were received by Gorman, Dinsmore and Van Gerbig and followed by Gray, Drews, Smith and Tyson. Bergen, Caldwell and Emery were coached in forming interference, while Jack Cleaves punted to Wingate, Newby and Barry. Later the entire first line was sent down under kicks and given a drill in falling on loose balls, a thing which is being emphasized more than ever by the coaches.

Much to the surprise of all, the first varsity lined up for signals with Dinsmore instead of Gorman at quarter and Howard in Snively's place at guard. This line-up was: Gray and Stout, ends; Treat and Baker, tackles; Dickenson and Howard, guards; Alford, center; Dinsmore, quarter; Crum and Caldwell, halfbacks, and Cleaves, fullback.

It seems probable now that this combination will start the game Saturday. The second team was made up as follows: Tillson and Drews, ends; Hills and Troop, tackles; Buckner and Thomson, guards; McMillan, center; Wingate, quarter; Euwer and Bergen, halfbacks, and Newby, fullback. The remainder of the squad was substituted in before darkness halted the workout.

Heisman Makes Several Shifts in Penn Line

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 14.—Coach Heisman to-day made several shifts in his Penn line that may stand for the Penn State game on Saturday. Bill Kelly was shifted from left guard to center, and Ed Graf was sent to Kelly's place. Papworth, right guard, was replaced by Frank Dewhirst. Papworth's injured knee and Dern's injury caused the shake-up.

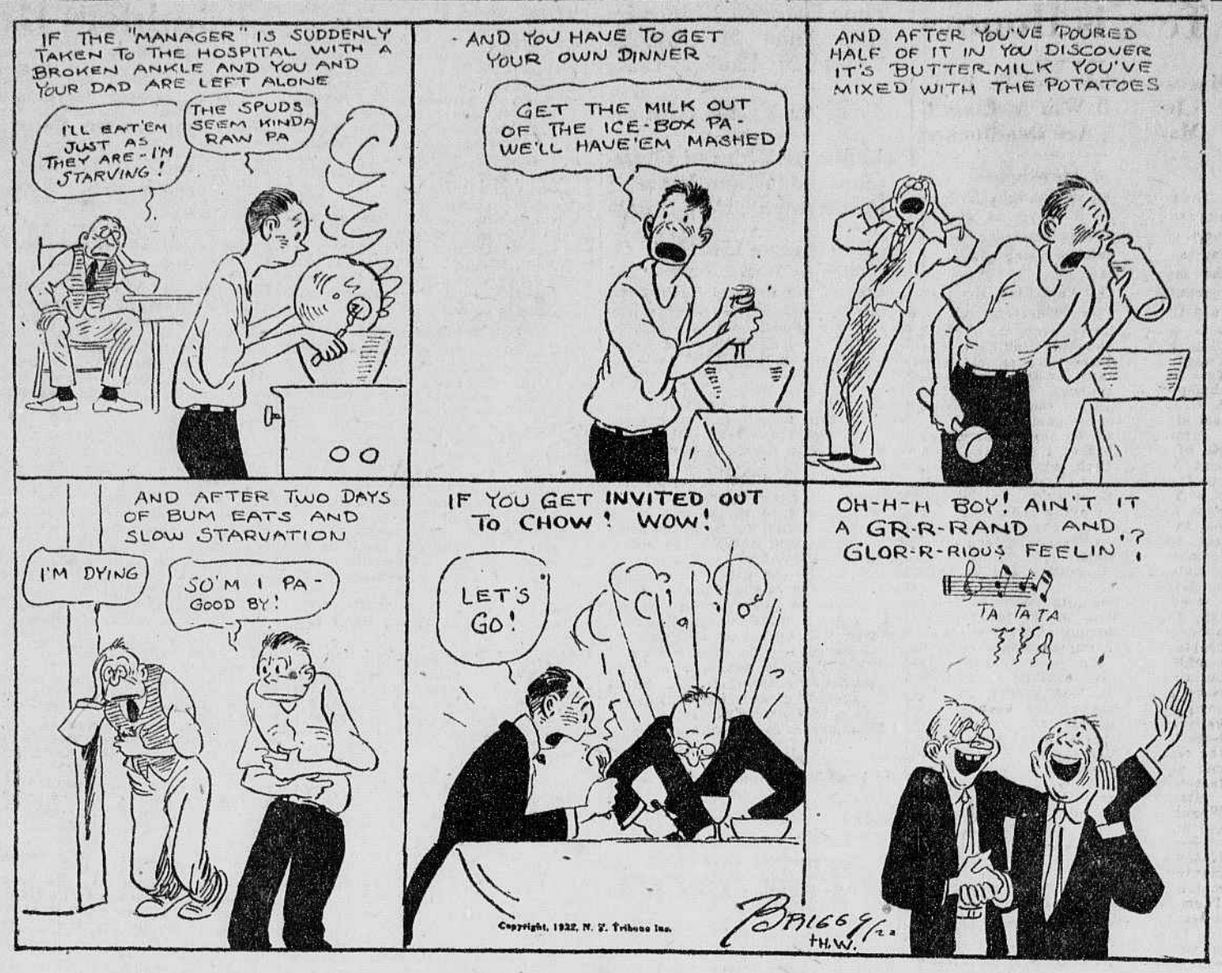
Coach Keogh and the entire freshman team left to-night for Binghamton to attend the funeral of Andrew Lang, who died following injuries received in a game with Mercersburg recently.

The varsity backfield, consisting of Clark Craig, Captain Miller, Wittmer and Hamer, tore big holes in the junior varsity line and gained at will. Sullivan, McGraw and Langdon went into the varsity backfield later and also did good work.

Cross-Country Race Called Off

EASTON, Pa., Nov. 14.—Because of the general lack of interest shown by the members of the organization, the annual cross-country championship of the Middle States Intercollegiate Athletic Association scheduled for next Saturday over the Lafayette College course, has been called off. Only four of the institutions in the association, Rutgers, Lehigh, Bucknell and Lafayette, entered teams.

Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin'? : : : : : By BRIGGS



Brown So Worries Crimson Latter May Use Regular Line-Up

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 14.—With the specter of two more defeats staring them in the face, the Harvard coaching staff is considering very seriously a radical rearrangement in the line-up for the Brown game. For some time the Bruins have been brought to Cambridge to be an opponent of the second varsity while the Crimson regulars scouted Yale. This season, despite the one-sided victory scored by Yale over Brown, the Harvard coaches, with one game already lost, are now considering sending the entire first string rush line against the Rhode Islanders.

The team was given a hard work-out this afternoon, although no regular scrimmages were held. With the exception of Gehrke, who had a class, and Post, who is out for the rest of the season, all of the squad reported. Captain Buell was at the field on his crutches watching practice. Spaulding, Owen and Chapin dressed, but were not used in dummy scrimmage.

All of the men who were in the Princeton game Saturday and got shaken up should be in good form by the end of this week, with the exception of Buell, who will be ready for the Elis. The latter will start the Yale game, but it is a question of just how long he will last.

Team A lined up to-day with Jenkins and Holder at end, Dunker and Eastman tackles, Grew and Hubbard guards, Clark center, Lee quarter, Fitts, Coburn and Hammond backs. Hartley and Crosby went in at the end positions later, when Kernan replaced Clark, and Braden and Pinkham took the places of Hammond and Fitts. Dunker showed no signs of the injury which kept him in the infirmary over the week end.

Hartley started with Team B, but was replaced by McGillen, when he went to Team A. Gordon was on the other end of the line. Hobson had recovered sufficiently to take his place at tackle with Greenough. Miller and Kunhardt were at guard, Bradford center, Pfaffman quarter and Churchill, Rouillard and Fullbright backs.

The last half hour of practice was devoted mostly to kicking by Churchill, Fitts and Hammond. Wallie Trumbull, Percy Haughton and Don Watson were on the field and assisted the regular coaching staff. They will be here for the remainder of the season in an effort to brace the team up.

City College Preparing For Hard Game Saturday

The City College varsity football squad settled down into earnest practice yesterday in preparation for Saturday's encounter with Catholic University of Washington. This will be the last game of the season for the locals, and they are anxious to wind up with a victory. The team came out of the N. Y. U. tussle in good shape, but Coach Neville is allowing several of the regulars, especially the backs, to rest up.

Rosenwasser, at halfback, and Harry Tannenbaum, at fullback, were not in the line-up in the scrimmage between the varsity and the freshmen. Schtierman, center, was also missing. In their places Coach Neville used Tannenbaum for Harry at fullback and substituting Greenberg at quarter instead of Moftey; had the latter at back, together with Garvey. Friedman took Schtierman's place at center. As was expected, Ross was at right end and will probably hold this berth down for the short remainder of the season, because of his fine showing.

Many N. Y. U. Regulars Still on Side Lines

Coach Tom Thorp held a long practice session for the Violet football squad yesterday afternoon at Ohio Field. Seven of Thorp's regulars were allowed another day of rest by the trainer, because of injuries.

Captain Walter Taylor, the regular pivot man, has developed a charley-horse and Harvey Mayer, regular half back, is a fellow sufferer. More serious injuries were sustained by Rosenberg, a guard, who has a weak ankle, and Doyle, substitute center, who has a wrenched knee. Washington, star half back, is suffering from a badly bruised shoulder. Berkwit, right tackle, is again out with a bad shoulder, and O'Toole, right guard, has again been placed on the casualty list due to a bad knee.

Coach Thorp began the session with signal drill, followed by a long period at the tackling dummy. The practice session was completed with a grueling period of dummy scrimmage.

The SPORTLIGHT by Grantland Rice

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The Great Exception

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Nations and markets rise and fall,
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Challenging Time to be its test:
"Lo, I have wrought a Cosmic Jest."

—Punch.

No man?—a sweeping statement that;
Ay, one to rise and marvel at,
And with it I go to the mat.

Humor may wabble as she will
And shift with many a sudden spill,
But one Jest stays eternal still.

One laugh producer in the throng,
Who sweeps the loud guffaw along,
And will, until the final gong—

I mean, amid the maudlin din,
The bloke who slams with backward spin
A foul against the umpire's shin.

Four years from to-day Princeton and Yale and Yale and Harvard can celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their football competitions. And what astonishes some of the faithful, the Yale-Princeton affair is the continuity record holder of the lot. Yale and Princeton, Yale and Harvard, first met in 1876, which happens to be just forty-six years ago. But while the Yale-Princeton series has been interrupted only through the two war years, Harvard and Yale failed to meet in 1895 and 1896, when friendly relations were interrupted for two years. So far Yale and Princeton have taken part in forty-three battles in forty-five years, with Yale well out in front through early superiority, but with Princeton leading since the war.

Yale Power and Experience

In the coming contest Yale has too much power and experience for Princeton to carry more than an outside chance.

No football case is hopeless under the modern game, where a few successful forward flips can stand a rival team upon its ear.

But experience is a big football factor, and the Yale machine has a big jump in this respect.

"Tad" Jones also has at least seven fine backfield stars at his command and, while Princeton can play herself out against Yale, with Yale thinking of Harvard, the thumping and pounding a team gets in the Harvard game is usually no great aid for the next affair.

Football Brothers

"Who are the greatest of the football brothers of modern play?" asks S. K. M. The Neidlingers, of Yale and Dartmouth, are the star fraternal combination of the season, but in the last few years there have been some notable entries—notably the Steins, of Pittsburgh and W. J.; the Robertsons, of Dartmouth and Syracuse, and the Callahans, of Princeton and Yale.

The two Steins, in their day, were both All-Americans, one a great center and the other a great tackle—so they probably head the list.

Experience Again

"To be absolutely fair about it," writes R. L. H., "in discussing team strength, don't you think institutions like Lafayette and W. and J., which can play men with four or five years' experience, have a decided advantage over universities and colleges that stick strictly to the three-year rule?"

They do, without any question. Erickson, as we recall it, was on the Great Lakes team of 1916 and this is his fourth year at W. and J.

Brunner has played at least four, and we are inclined to think five, years of intercollegiate football.

Neither would be eligible on nine-tenths of the Eastern, Southern and Western teams.

Where eligibility conditions are so wide apart it is impossible to rank teams playing four or five year men upon an equal basis with those who restrict the play to three years.

The South has the best where play is limited to three years and where no one can represent more than one institution during his collegiate career.

It might be advanced that the smaller universities should be given this extra assistance. But football isn't a handicap game, and when a smaller university wins the publicity carries very little about the lighter eligibility rules in vogue. Centre College is now playing "Red" Roberts for his fourth year, but Centre has also adopted the three-year rule for all future engagements.

That extra year of experience means more to a football player than one might imagine. And undoubtedly the time is coming when those with the four-year rule will have to play among themselves and take their ranking in a different group. No other system can be called quite fair.

Koppisch Stars in Columbia Varsity's Scrimmage Drill

Captain Koppisch was the shining light during Columbia's scrimmage practice at Baker Field yesterday afternoon, making three touchdowns, while Burtt accounted for the varsity's other score, for a total of four. The Blue and White leader was responsible for long gains time and again and directly accounted for two of the tallies.

The outstanding run was a sensational dash of sixty yards through a broken field for six points. In addition to that bit of track work, Koppisch made another long dash, one of thirty-five yards, for another tally. The other touchdown credited to the fleet halfback was made on a line buck, Burtt shot off tackle for the final counter.

The varsity outfit will desert its Baker Field quarters to-day for South Field, where a practice game will be played with the freshmen.

The only important change in the make-up of the eleven yesterday was the shifting of Lou Gehrig from guard to tackle, in place of Streich, but later in the scrimmage the latter relieved Gehrig. Gehrig's place at guard was occupied by Bill Miller, who has done some creditable work for the last couple of weeks.

In the absence of Roderick, who had a late class, O'Neill used Van Brocklin at full, with Donaldson also getting a chance at that position. The rest of the backfield consisted of Burtt at quarter, and Koppisch and Canapary at the halves. On the line, Blaine was over the ball, with Brodil and Miller at his left and right. Gehrig and Fischer were used at tackle when the scrimmage started with Streich relieving Gehrig later. Johnson and Reilly held down the wing jobs with Russell, who stood out so brilliantly as a sub during the battle with Middlebury, relieving the latter for a while.

Dartmouth Team Will Practice Here Friday

Dartmouth's football team, which will meet Columbia on Saturday at the Polo Grounds, will leave to-morrow night and practice beneath Coogan's Bluff on Friday, according to advices from Hanover yesterday. On Friday night a delegattion of several hundred students will take train for New York and the Dartmouth headquarters will be established at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

The ticket sale at Columbia and the New York Giants offices was reported to be unusually brisk yesterday. The Columbia authorities exhausted their quota of box seats and had to apply at the Giants offices. Graduate Manager R. W. Watt said yesterday that the sale was the biggest in recent years.

The first of two "pep" meetings on the Morningside Campus will be held this afternoon on South Field, where Coach O'Neill's varsity will tackle the freshman team in a practice game. Students will sit in the stand and rehearse their cheers for the battle Saturday. On Friday evening in the gymnasium there will be a final rally and the coaches, Captain Walter Koppisch and other football leaders will tell what the Morningside Lion expects to do to Dartmouth. To-day's get-together on South Field will begin at 3:30.

Pitcher Is Reinstated After Term of Penance

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—J. Thompson Prothro, a pitcher, to-day was reinstated in organized baseball by Baseball Commissioner Landis. He now goes on the eligible list of the Washington Americans.

Prothro was placed on the ineligible list when he became a member of the Dyersburg, Tenn., baseball club. He applied for reinstatement a year ago, but was told that he would have to cease playing with Dyersburg for a year. He followed instructions and was reinstated to-day.

Tommy Kerrigan Breaks Siwanoy Course Record

Tommy Kerrigan, star Siwanoy professional golfer, broke a course record yesterday. Tommy, while playing with Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomson over his home links, went around in 66 strokes. That score is five under par. He and John Farrell jointly held the previous record of 67.

His score and par of the course follow:

Out:											
Par	4	4	3	5	5	3	4	4	4	—	36
Kerrigan	4	5	2	4	4	3	4	3	3	—	32
In:											
Par	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	—	35	— 71
Kerrigan	4	3	5	3	4	3	4	4	—	34	— 66

Lured by Old Homestead, Ruth Bids Broadway Lights Adieu

G. Herman, Plus Blue Limousine, Chauffeur, Wife and Daughter, Starts Back to Farm Movement "I Am Going to Work All Winter," Says Babe

By John Kieran

At an early hour yesterday morning a big blue limousine went speeding northward along the Boston Post Road. The passenger list of the car was something like this: One chauffeur, complete, with livery and gloves; one infant girl, Dorothy; one Sultan of Swat, alias G. Herman Ruth, and one wife to same, traveling light, with vanity case, handbag, and six trunks following by express. The "back to the farm" movement is on.

At a dinner Monday night at which he was host the Bambino raised his right hand, cleared his throat and waited for silence. In true military fashion Colonel Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston stilled the tumult and the shouting and uttered the sharp command to his famous hired man "Sound off!" Right in the presence of fifty more or less reputable representatives of the press G. Herman Ruth unburdened himself of the following oration:

"Listen, boys. I know I didn't knock as many home runs as people expected last season nor as many as I expected myself. Maybe it was my own fault. I'm not going to fight with any one who looks at it that way. I'm only going to say this: I'm leaving for the farm early in the morning. I'm going to try to keep my head up and my stomach down, and I'm not kiddin' anybody when I say it, either. I'm going to work hard all winter. I'll be back next spring in the best shape I can and I'm going to swing at that old ball from the heels up every time it comes within reach. If I hit them you can do the counting. If I don't it won't be for lack of trying."

Bambino Makes a Hit

It was the biggest and longest hit the Babe had made in some time. All things considered, it was a unique dinner that he gave. G. Herman Ruth is nothing if not original. In spite of the fact that he knocked more home runs per game played than any other major league player of the year, the big boy of baseball felt that he had enjoyed a dismal season. Perhaps the raucous razzberries that unthinking fans handed him on several inauspicious occasions helped him to this opinion. In any case, on the eve of his departure to the Sudbury farm he gathered about him half a hundred of the baseball intelligentsia and sought the remedy for his trouble.

Babe invited the gentlemen present to speak right out in meetin' and tell him anything they thought he ought to know. Pulling the chin whiskers off a full grown lion is childish sport compared to the death-defying stunt of a ballplayer asking sports writers what was the matter with his hitting. Ruth sat still and heard by actual count 728 separate and distinct reasons for his failure to knock a million home runs. He was raked fore and aft by one speaker, subjected to a broadside by another and "surplos versenkt" by the verbal torpedoes of a third. Seeing the bombs bursting in air, Senator James J. Walker asked was it a private fight or could he join in on the strength of his Irish parentage.

The Democratic floor leader of the state Senate plunged into the subject like George Owen, of Harvard, shooting off tackle. He told the Babe a few things about the high price of being prominent that astonished the temporarily deposed Caliph of Crash. The astonishing thing was that the Babe listened attentively to all the verbal criticisms of his batting stance and his social standing, his swing, his eye, his waistline and his temper, and actually seemed to like it.

Will Right All Wrongs

"That's what's going to help me," said Ruth. "You just tell me what you think is wrong and I'm going to try to fix it." It certainly took courage of an unusual sort to invite a barrage of that kind, to go through it with a smiling countenance, to thank the "friendly enemies," and to go out to try to put it into execution. But that's the Babe all over. You never can tell what he's going to do next. He hasn't promised to knock sixty home runs next year, and that's what makes the sixty mark look like a fairly good bet. He just says he'll be in there swinging and trying. It wouldn't hurt him a bit either if the fans would pour a little of the milk of human kindness over the "razzberries" when he strikes out, as he will, in his endeavor to sock the soaring circuit clout into the neighboring county.

That bomb that Ban Johnson promises to throw at the big league meetings next month is still a topic in baseball circles. Next to the Great Gland Mystery, it's the best guessing contest staged here since the czar of wrestling refused to state who had been elected champion for the coming year. A favorite report now is that Johnson is going to advocate breaking off diplomatic and financial relations with the draft-exempt minor leagues unless these worthies give up the sacred papers signed two years ago and permit their agile athletes to be drafted for big league service.

It is said that Johnson has five American league clubs lined up with him, that he will make a final attempt to get the International League, the Coast League, the American Association, Class AA organizations, and the Western and Three-I leagues, also exempt, into a draft agreement. A fair draft price will be offered. If it is refused, so the story goes, Ban will pull a "Von Bulow," declare the famous agreement a "scrap of paper" and stalk out of the conference with his henchmen at his back, prepared to do all their drafting from the public parks diamonds in the future.

The betting on this solution as the answer to the mystery is 3 to 1, even and out.

"Molly" Maguire, the Holy Cross youngster who is attending the Graw school of applied baseball science, will probably continue his studies at the same institution in 1923. John McGraw said yesterday that he thought Maguire had great possibilities and would certainly be kept if there was room for him to sit on the bench. "It all depends on how he can hit," said the Giant leader. "If he once got hitting, there's no telling what a wonderful ballplayer he would be."

Columbia Eleven Has Bespectacled Tackle

BESPECTACLED pitchers in baseball are not unknown, but Bill Fischer, tackle on the Columbia football team, lays claim to being the only gridiron athlete in the country who wears eye glasses while he is playing. Fischer's vision is so poor that he can hardly see across a room, and although he played on the freshman team last year, and was the star of the aggregation, his eyesight became worse this season, and Coach Buck O'Neill was afraid that he would have to part with his star tackle.

At this point the university optician, Dr. Kantro, was called to the rescue, and with the aid of a sporting goods house, he devised a special headgear of stiff leather, in which especially prescribed lenses of unbreakable glass were placed. With this queer looking contrivance strapped on his forehead, Fischer will play in the game with Dartmouth at the Polo Grounds next Saturday.

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