Baseball's Hardest Hitter and Home Run King Is Purchased by Yankees for $125,000, Record Price

RUTH BRINGS JOY TO YANKEE FANDOM

Famous Slugger May Bring New York Its First American League Pennant.

TO PLAY IN RIGHT FIELD

Manager Huggins Also Will Use "Home Run" King as Emergency Pitcher.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

Babe Ruth, baldom's premier mauler and greatest individual card, is a Yankee! And don't be afraid to pinch yourself either, Mr. New York Fan, because it's gospel truth.

Sweet dreams of an American League championship coming to the Greater City were greatly accelerated yesterday when Col. Jacob Ruppert, president of the Yankees announced that Boston's great player had been added to the Yankee entourage. The price overshadows anything ever known in baseball—$125,000—

"We believe that Ruth will give us a team of which New York may be proud," said Col. Jacob Ruppert, president of the Yankees, in announcing the purchase. "There already are several fine players with the Yankees, and with a man like Ruth to drive in runs, we believe the team will take its place among the best in baseball. We hope that Ruth's hitting will win us the championship. And New York has been waiting for its first American League pennant for a long time.

"Why, I don't see any reason why that fellow can't knock out fifty home runs playing on the Polo Grounds. He surely rapped enough balls into that stand while playing against us. I might say further that the purchase of Ruth is our answer to persons who would like to put the present owners of the Yankees out of the league.

"This deal also means that Frazee will stay in the league, and spoils the plans of some persons who would have been glad to put him out.

"No, we haven't advised Ban Johnson of the deal as yet. We shall let him know about it to-morrow. However, what Ban Johnson thinks of this deal doesn't particularly interest us. Baseball fans already know he is one bogey man we're no longer afraid of. Whether Mr. Johnson approves or disapproves of our deal, Ruth will be in our opening day lineup. I can promise that much to our fans."

Deal On for Several Weeks.

The deal by which the Yankees acquired Babe Ruth has been on for several weeks. This is the big business which brought Col. T. L. Huston, the other half owner of the Yankees, back to New York last Christmas Day. The deal was almost closed on the day after Christmas, but several complications came up which delayed its completion until yesterday.

While Ruppert admits that the price for Ruth came high, he thinks it was a splendid piece of business and that the big fellow will easily pay for himself. Ruth will be 26 years old next month, hence he still has the best part of his career ahead of him.

"The Yankees drew splendidly last year, both at home and abroad," continued Ruppert. "The club had a big attraction for a time in Baker, but we always needed some great outstanding star like Ruth to give our team its proper prestige on the road."

Will Play in Right Field.

Ruppert says that Huggins intends to place Ruth in right field. It is unlikely that the big fellow will do any pitching here except in emergencies. Huggins has a splendid pitching staff now, and Ruth will be retained in the outfield.

The Yankee president says that Huggins has some further deals under contemplation, one of which may bring the club another outfielder.

"We are hoping that both Lewis and Baker play with us next season," said Ruppert. "While Huggins is on the coast he will stop and see Lewis, and also Meusel, our highly touted new infielder. As soon as Huggins returns he will visit Baker at his home down in Maryland, and I think he will bring Frank's contract back with him.

"I think he hardly will be able to resist the temptation of coming back for a season to play on the team with Ruth. The Yanks ought to be some team with the old and new home run champions in its lineup."

Bob Shawkey, Yankee pitcher, who was in Ruppert's office when the deal was announced, expressed his joy over the acquisition of the Battling Babe.

"That will be great news to the boys," said Bob. "I certainly would rather have Babe batting with me than against me. He has lifted a lot of my floaters into that right field stand. He ought to put quite a new club in old Murderer's Row. It will be mighty hard to stop the Yankees next season with Ruth in the outfield."

The first question that New York fans asked last night was "How many homers will Ruth hit into that right field stand."

For years the right field stand on the Polo Grounds has been Ruth's favorite home run range. Even before he went to the outfield and attracted such attention as a home run hitter Ruth usually sent a crashing drive into the right field stand on every trip to New York.

Baseball's Hardest Hitter.

Ruth is generally admitted to be the hardest hitter that baseball ever has known. In the old days in which Seybold, Freeman and Williamson made the home run records, which Ruth smashed last season, the ball parks were small. Frequently the old wooden right field fence was just behind second base. But Ruth has made his home runs on the big modern fields, and in most American League parks Ruth holds the record for the longest hit.

He and Joe Jackson are the only hitters who have driven home runs outside of the Polo Grounds. Ruth sent one over the Stadium roof last fall for his twenty-eighth homer, a drive which broke Ed Williamson's old record of twenty-seven. In addition to Ruth's twenty-nine home runs last season he hit two others out of Fenway Park, but they broke up games in the ninth inning and Babe got credit only for doubles.

In addition to Ruth's uncanny ability as a batter he also was a splendid defensive player last season. He made only two errors in the outfield and was second among the outfielders in assists was twenty-six.

FALL HAS RUN HIS LAST RACE.

Eddie Fall, the great middle distance runner of the Chicago A. A., has run his last race. This information was brought here yesterday by a representative of the Guaranty Trust Company, who called on him and his trainer, Martin A. Delaney, last week in Chicago. Fall was married recently and has decided to devote all of his time to business.

Fall looked like a sure point winner in the Olympic Games at Antwerp next summer.

LIFE'S DARKEST MOMENT.

POOR RIDE DEFEATS DAMASK IN STAKE

Ambrose Disobeys Instructions and Tosses Away Race in Final Stride.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—Wintry winds materially reduced the attendance and caused the withdrawal of numerous entrants from the programme at the Fair Grounds to-day.

The Sir Barton Purse, the feature, resulted in a fiasco, in which Ambrose, Harry Payne Whitney's jockey, played the role of clown, while guiding his stable's candidate, Damask. Damask was much the best horse, but Ambrose succeeded in having him beaten without criminal intent.

From a good start General Glenn and Simpleton raced to the lead and provided the pace. Ambrose permitted his mount to go wide rounding the first turn and kept him under stout restraint to the final turn, where he moved up on the outside to overtake the tiring Simpleton and join the issue with General Glenn. In the final eighth Ambrose confidently kept a tight hold on the Whitney colt and was apparently an easy winner, for General Glenn on the rail, a tired horse, was doing his best. Suddenly Damask swerved toward the rail and Mooney, on the contender, reached out and pushed him off. This caused Damask to falter in the final strides and lose the verdict to the General in the last nod. Two lengths back finished Simpleton, tired, but game enough to hold Bone Dry safe.

Ambrose was called before the stewards. He explained that when Damask attempted to swerve he desisted in his effort to urge him and charged that Mooney's conduct was the responsible factor in his mount's defeat. The result was allowed to stand. Later Albert Simons, trainer for Mr. Whitney, informed the stewards that Ambrose had violated instructions in that he did not take the early lead, as he was capable of doing and that he had been reprimanded severely.

Ultra Gold, running in the interest of the Sunnyland Stable, the new nom de course for the R. A. Smith horses, scored the easiest and most popular victory of the chilly day when he carried off the third, a claiming race, in easy fashion.

The baby race, which opened the programme, went to Mackelnaine, a fleet footed son of Harrigan.

DANFORTH LEADS GOLFERS.

Wins Class A Prize in Tin Whistles Tourney.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 5.—Frank S. Danforth of North Fork, runner up in the midwinter tournament last week, won the Class A prize in the Tin Whistles January battle against bogey at Pinehurst to-day. Danforth led the low handicap field at 4 up and was low gross with a round in 43, 39—82 on the difficult No. 3 course. W. T. Barr of Garden City was the only other Class A man to finish ahead of the Colonel. Jock Bowker of Woodland came in all even.

The Class B prize was won by B. V. Covert of Lockport. Forty-three players took part in the fray. The leaders follow:

Class A—F. S. Danforth, 5, North Fork, 4 up; W. T. Barr, 10, Garden City, 1 up; J. R. Bowker, 10, Woodland, even; Donald Parson, 4, Youngstown, 1 down; G. W. Mead, 9, Glen Ridge, 1 down; C. F. Lancaster, 9, Bras Burn, 2 down; C. F. Watson, Jr., 5, National, 2 down.

Class B—B. V. Covert, 14, Lockport, 2 up; H. G. Waring, 14, Moore County, 1 up; G. T. Dunlap, 12, Canoe Brook, 2 down; P. B. O'Brien, 12, Detroit, 3 down; H. P. Hotchkiss, 17, New Haven, 3 down.

PETERSON EASY FOR HOPPE.

Cue Wizard Runs Wild in Exhibition Contests.

Willie Hoppe, the balkline billiard champion, defeated Charles Peterson of St. Louis, the fancy shot king, yesterday in both games of their four game 18.2 exhibition match. The contests were played in the Rational Recreation, Brooklyn, where the two games to-day will be played.

In the afternoon contest Hoppe disposed of the Mound City contestant, 300 to 105, and won the evening game, 300 to 72. Hoppe went out in six innings in the first game, but required nine frames in the evening contest. In the third inning of the evening game Hoppe ran off 125 points. His best run in the other game was 103, which came in the fourth inning. Peterson's best runs were 41 in the afternoon game and 48 in the evening contest. The scores:

AFTERNOON GAME.

Willie Hoppe—56, 43, 42, 103, 2, 48. Total, 300. High run, 103. Average, 50.
Charles Peterson—5, 2, 0, 39, 41, 20. Total, 105. High run, 41. Average, 17 3-6.

EVENING GAME.

Willie Hoppe—3, 28, 125, 3, 0, 21, 58, 49, 14. Total, 300. High run, 125. Average, 33 3-9.
Charles Peterson—1, 2, 12, 0, 0, 1, 48, 8. Total, 72. High run, 48. Average, 9.

FOUR NEW TEAMS ON TIGER SCHEDULE

Princeton Eleven Will Play Navy in Palmer Stadium on October 23.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 5.—The 1920 Princeton football schedule as announced to-day by the athletic authorities contains four new teams—Washington and Lee, Swarthmore, MMaryland State and the Navy—which were not on the 1919 card, and drops Colgate, Rochester, Lafayette and Trinity. The schedule is considered one of the most attractive Princeton ever has had.

Four Southern teams will be played, and the Navy game in Princeton will more than take the place of the Dartmouth or Colgate game. West Virginia again will be played on the Saturday before the Harvard game, which will be played next fall in Cambridge. Maryland State appeared on the 1917 card, which had to be cancelled, due to the outbreak of the war. The schedule follows:

October 2, Swarthmore at Princeton.
October 9, Maryland State at Princeton.
October 16, Washington and Lee at Princeton.
October 23, Navy at Princeton.
October 30, West Virginia at Princeton.
November 6, Harvard at Cambridge.
November 13, Yale at Princeton.

HARVARD TEAM HOME TO-DAY.

Football Game on Coast a Good Thing for Sport, Says Moore.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Harvard University football team, which defeated Oregon at Pasadena, Cal., on New Year's Day, 7 to 6, passed through Chicago to-day on its homeward journey. The team will reach Boston to-morrow.

"The game was a great thing for intercollegiate athletics," said Manager Fred W. Moore. "Although were were severely criticised for making the trip at the start I think we have cemented an athletic friendship between the seaboard institutions that will last for a long time."

ANOTHER TITLE FOR ROSS.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Sunday, Jan. 4.—Norman Ross, the American swimmer, won the 220 yard championship sprint in an athletic meet held here to-day. Spencer and Ostertieter, Americans, were winners of the six day bicycle race, carrying off the prize of £300 sterling. Fourteen teams competed.

BRUSSEL'S DEFEAT SURPRISES CUEISTS

Loses to Langdon in Final Round of National Class C Balkline.

After a two weeks' recess because of the Christmas holidays play was resumed in the national amateur championship Class C 18.2 balkline billiard tournament yesterday in Lawler Brothers' room in Brooklyn. Three games were played in the opening of the final round. Sydney M. Brussel, the Metropolitan title holder; Joseph Neustadt, the defending champion; J. R. Johann, James Langdon, Charles Steinbugler, Louis A. Servatius and Frank W. Boyd are the players who survived the preliminary round and who will meet in a round robin for the title.

Langdon won two of the three games played, while Neustadt was the victor in the other. Langdon in his first contest, defeated Brussel by 150 to 127 in forty innings, and in the evening triumphed over Charles Steinbugler, 150 to 145, in fifty-four innings. Langdon's victory over Brussel came as a surprise. It was Brussel's first defeat since the tourney got under way six weeks ago.

Neustadt scored at the expense of Johann in thirty innings by 150 to 133. The scores:

AFTERNOON GAME.

James Langdon—0, 1, 0, 4, 5, 4, 6, 21, 5, 11, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 9, 5, 0, 4, 5, 4, 7, 6, 0, 5, 12, 1, 2, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 9, 0, 0, 4. Total, 150. High runs, 21, 12 and 11. Average, 3 30-40.
Sydney M. Brussel—0, 11, 16, 10, 0, 7, 0, 1, 5, 0, 4, 14, 0, 6, 1, 0, 0, 5, 3, 1, 5, 5, 0, 6, 1, 0, 0, 2, 5, 1, 1, 4, 2, 4, 3, 0, 7, 0, 4. Total, 137. High runs, 16, 14 and 11. Average, 3 20-39.

EVENING GAMES.

Joseph Neustadt—0, 16, 0, 3, 16, 4, 2, 6, 10, 5, 4, 3, 9, 0, 10, 0, 23, 6, 2, 0, 19, 1, 0, 3, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 4. Total, 150. High runs, 23, 19 and 16. Average, 5.
J. R. Johann—3, 3, 0, 10, 0, 0, 3, 9, 4, 12, 14, 2, 2, 0, 7, 1, 1, 25, 1, 0, 2, 1, 2, 15, 1, 1, 5, 0, 3. Total, 133. High runs, 25, 15 and 14. Average, 4 17-29.
James Langdon—0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3, 2, 6, 0, 3, 0, 0, 8, 2, 1, 8, 0, 1, 0, 20, 7, 4, 2, 3, 0, 1, 0, 7, 1, 0, 0, 10, 3, 1, 0, 10, 0, 0, 2, 10, 0, 1, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 0, 4, 2, 1, 6, 3, 5. Total, 150. High runs, 20, 10 and 10. Average, 2 46-54.
Charles Steinbugler—12, 1, 1, 3, 2, 7, 6, 0, 1, 6, 1, 0, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 8, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 4, 0, 1, 15, 1, 3, 1, 0, 4, 2, 13, 0, 7, 10, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0. Total, 145. High runs, 15, 13 and 12. Average, 2 39-53.

TENNIS MATCHES POSTPONED.

Contestants Not Ready to Play at Heights Casino.

The opening rounds of the championship tennis tournament of the Heights Casino, Brooklyn, which were to have been played yesterday, were postponed. Only a few of the contestants were present. They have a week in which to complete the first round. It is expected that one or two of the matches will be played to-day.

Seiichiro Kashio, Harold Taylor, Frederick B. Alexander, Charles M. Bull, Jr., Leonard Beekman, Dean Mathey, H. S. Parker, W. A. Campbell, Hugh Kelleher, Edmund W. Peaslee and C. A. L. Dionne are the contestants seeking the men's title.

In the women's singles Mrs. Franklin I. Mallory, the former Miss Molla Bjurstedt, and Miss Eleanor Goss, national doubles title holder, are among the entrants.

SYRACUSE BOOKS MARYLAND.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Graduate Manager of Athletics Walter S. Smith announced to-day that he had booked the Maryland State College eleven to play the Syracuse University eleven here on November 13. With the game arranged with the Maryland State College team there is only one more date on the chart to be filled. That date is October 30.

LONDOS VICTOR, THROWS DEMETRAL

Greeks Engage in Lively Wrestling Match in 71st Regiment Armory.

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD.

In the fastest and fiercest bout wrestling followers have seen since the palmy days of Harvey Parker, Jim Londos pinned the shoulders of William Demetral to the mat in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory last night. The fall was scored in one hour, forty-nine minutes and twenty seconds, with a double arm scissors.

Four thousand spectators were thrilled with a nip and tuck match, in which the advantage shifted from one wrestler to the other as hold after hold was taken and broken. At the end of the match George Bothner said that in all his years in wrestling he never had seen a faster or more keenly contested encounter. The winner will meet Joe Stecher in this city soon.

The Greeks were in fine physical condition, which enabled them to keep up their whirlwind pace. They started at it hammer and tongs and kept at each other like tigers. The youth of Londos told in the end, for as the bout progressed Demetral gradually weakened. The veteran died hard, however, and only shortly before Londos secured the winning hold Demetral had his younger opponent with a crotch and further arm hold.

Demetral forced the wrestling at the start, but after he had got Londos aroused foxily slowed up and made the younger man burn up a lot of energy. They frequently hurled and roughed each other through the ropes. Bothner constantly had to warn both men.

Several times Demetral secured nelsons, either by themselves or in combination with other locks, but each time Londos bridged and spun out. Early in the fray Londos used craft and strategy in breaking Demetral's holds, but as Demetral tired later in the match the younger man broke his opponent's grips by main strength.

Demetral, wily and experienced, stalled off the youngster and broke hold after hold. After an hour and a half's wrestling Londos secured a head hold which took Demetral four minutes to break. Ten minutes later Demetral, with a body scissors and half-nelson, had Londos in jeopardy. For two minutes and twenty seconds William tried to roll Jim over. Just when it looked as if Londos's shoulders were sinking to the mat he wrenched himself free.

Londos then took the aggressive, and leaping in secured a crotch and arm hold. He lifted his rival in the air and spinning around hurled him to the canvas with a whirling fall. Once on the mat Londos shifted to the body scissors with his legs and secured a wrist lock at the same time.

Twice Demetral broke the scissors, but each time Londos kept the wrist lock. Finally Londos vised his legs so that they wrapped both of Demetral's shoulders. Then exerting pressure he slowly forced Demetral to the canvas.

In two preliminary matches Vladek Zbyszko won over George Stamboul with a whirling fall and double wristlock in a little more than seven minutes. Ivan Linow downed Sulo Hevoopaa in 59:50 with a toe hold. The latter match was a burlesque.

STELLE FOILS WINNER.

Columbia Fencer Makes Sweep in Novice Contests at N. Y. A. C.

E. T. Stelle of the Columbia varsity fencing team won the Hammond Novice Foils prize at the New York Athletic Club last night in spirited duels against Joseph M. Goulden of the N. Y. A. C., Louis F. Bishop of Yale and Arthur R. Townsend of the N. Y. A. C. Owing to the small field the prize was decided on the round robin basis. Goulden and Bishop were tied for second, while Townsend was left behind in fourth place.

Townsend, however, was able to push the coming champion harder than either Bishop or Goulden did. The work of the Blue and White man was too much for his competitors, however, and all succumbed sooner or later. The dexterity with which this young fencer handled the foils last night entitles him to serious consideration in the collegiate championships which will be held early in March.

The individual scores follow: Stelle defeated Goulden, 5—3; Stelle defeated Bishop, 5—3; Stelle defeated Townsend, 5—4; Goulden defeated Townsend, 5—3; Bishop defeated Townsend, 5—2.

CRESCENTS BEAT DARTMOUTH.

Gain 13th Basketball Victory—Score Is 18 to 12.

The Crescent Athletic Club basketball team last night defeater the Dartmouth College quintet on the Brooklynites' court by 18 to 12. It was the Crescent's thirteenth consecutive victory.

The visiting team at the end of the first half had a one point advantage. The score at this stage was 7 to 6. The lineup:

Crescent A. C. (18).	Dartmouth (12).
Parmele..... Right forward	..... Yuill
Stannard..... Left forward	..... Kopf
McTigue..... Centre	..... Sample
Nicklas..... Right guard	..... Shulting
Stewart..... Left guard	..... Browne

Field goals—(Crescent A. C.) Parmele, Stannard, Butler, Stewart 2; (Dartmouth) Kopf 2, Sample, Browne 2. Goals from foul—(Crescent) Parmele 3, Kinney 6; (Dartmouth), Kopf 2. Substitutes—(Crescent) Stewart for Nicklas, Kinney for Parmele. Referee—Tom Thorp, Columbia. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

KILLILAY IS OPPOSED.

Huston and Comiskey Bar Johnson's Man for Herrmann's Place.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 5.—What had been sized up as a flanking movement by Ban Johnson of the American League to solidify his position in the high councils of baseball has been met by a straight frontal attack by Charles Comiskey and Col. T. L. Huston in a statement issued after the two had held a consultation of an hour to-day. The counter attack consists in a stand against the selection of Henry T. Killilay of Milwaukee as chairman of the National Commission.

Comiskey arrived in Jacksonville yesterday and proceeded to St. Augustine last night. To-day Col. Huston went to the oldest city and took up with the Chicago magnate the matter of a successor to Garry Herrmann.

BANK LEAGUE BASKETBALL.

In the Bank Basketball League series at Arcadia Hall in Brooklyn last night the Bank of Commerce defeated the Federal Reserve Bank by 54 to 24 and the Guaranty Trust defeated the Farmers Loan by 34 to 17.

QUAKERS BUY RAY SANDERS.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—The Philadelphia National League club announced to-night that it had purchased outright Pitcher Ray Sanders from the Pittsburg club.

HIGH LIGHTS AND SHADOWS IN ALL SPHERES OF SPORT

By DANIEL.

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SIX years ago Babe Ruth was an inmate of the St. Mary's Industrial Institute in Baltimore—a school for truants and incorrigibles. Yesterday Ruth's services were sold to the Yankees for $125,000 and he was assured of a contract calling for an annual salary of $20,000. Certainly baseball has been kind to the hardest hitter in the history of the game. Ruth went to St. Mary's not because he was a rowdy but because he needed a home. He was an orphan, without friend or relative, and the institute provided a welcome haven. The records tell us that Ruth attended Mount St. Joseph's College of Baltimore, but he never went to that or any other collegiate institution. He did not even complete his grammar school education, but that handicap does not show in his hitting. He appears to be able to address the ball with great skill and force even if his diction does lack polish and his literary efforts seem a bit brusque.

On the St. Mary's baseball team Ruth soon began to attract attention as a pitcher and before long he came under the eagle eye of Jack Dunn, manager and owner of the Baltimore club of the International League. Dunn was quick to recognize the diamond in the rough and he applied to the superintendent of the school to permit Ruth to join the Orioles. This permission was granted only after Dunn had signed papers whereby he became Ruth's guardian. As a pitcher with Baltimore Ruth was a big success. Soon came the cherished opportunity to play in the big leagues. Dunn, pressed for money, placed Ernie Shore, Ruth and Egan, a catcher, on the market and there was lively bidding for the trio. The Boston Americans purchased them for a sum reported to have been $15,000. Thus was Ruth's major league career started. For a short time Ruth went back to Providence, the Red Sox farm, but after eighteen days he was back again in a Boston uniform, making a reputation as a great pitcher and the hardest hitter among the flingers. Now we find Ruth a Yankee outfielder. The investment of the Boston club in 1914, made under the ownership of Joe Lannin, certainly has proved a paying one, for the Yankees gave something like $15,000 for Shore last year and now $125,000 for Ruth.

Ruth Deal Beats the Record by $70,000.

The deal which made Ruth a Yankee dwarfs all previous sales in the major leagues. The sum paid—$125,000—exceeds by $70,000 that involved in the transaction which made Tris Speaker a member of the Cleveland club in 1916, a sale which set the major league financial record for any one player, at $55,000. In return for Speaker the Red Sox received $50,000 in cash and Sam Jones, pitcher, and Fred Thomas, third baseman, whose combined value was placed at $5,000. Previous to the Speaker sale the greatest sum paid for any player was $50,000, which the Chicago club of the American League paid to the Athletics for Eddie Collins, the great second baseman, in 1914. At that time it was doubted whether that sum would be equalled in a deal for a ball player. The Yankees had been offered Collins for $45,000, but had declined to buy the infielder at even an approach to that figure. It was feared that Collins was going back.

Col. Ruppert and Col. Huston have figured in quite a number of big financial deals since they acquired the Yankees. Last summer they paid Boston $48,000 for Carl Mays, the pitcher who was destined to start a big rumpus in the league. New York gave $40,000 in cash and Allen Russell and Bob McGraw, pitchers. McGraw only recently returned to the Yankees by the waiver route. In 1916 Cols. Ruppert and Huston paid the Athletics $37,500 for Frank Baker, the third baseman, who was expected to make a winner of the Yankees. That same year the owners of the Yanks acquired Lee Magee, all around man, from Harry Sinclair of the Federal League for $22,500. That was $22,500 thrown into the street, for as a Yankee Magee was the biggest failure on record.

In December, 1917, the Red Sox completed a big financial transaction with the Athletics. Boston got McInnis, Bush and Schang and gave $60,000 and Vean Gregg, Chet Thomas and Merlin Kopp.

The fourth biggest individual sale in the history of the American League involved Joe Jackson, the outfielder, who was sent by Cleveland to Chicago in 1915. Charley Comiskey gave $32,000 in cash and Ed Klepfer, pitcher, and Bobby Roth, outfielder, for the Carolina slugger.

Alexander and Killefer Sale Holds National League Record.

In the National League the financial record is held by the deal whereby the Philadelphia club sold Grover Alexander, pitcher, and Bill Killefer, catcher, to the Chicago team at the league meeting here in December, 1917. The Chicago club gave a check for $50,000 and threw in Mike Prendergast, pitcher, and "Pickles" Dilhoefer, catcher, for another $5,000. The greatest sum paid by the Giants for any one player was $35,000, which Sinclair of the Federals got for Benny Kauff in 1916. That same year John McGraw took Charley Herzog back from Cincinnati by giving $25,000 and Christy Mathewson, Eddie Roush and Bill McKechnie—rather a stiff price for Herzog, as time proved. Last summer McGraw bought Art Nehf, pitcher, from the Braves for $30,000 in real money and $10,000 worth of players—Pitchers Oeschger, Jones and Causey, and Catcher O'Neill. Now we find McGraw ready to give $75,000 for Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis infielder. When Branch Rickey hears of the Ruth deal he is sure to raise the ante.

King Kelly and John Clarkson Brought $20,000 in 1887-1888.

Rather a far cry from 1920 and $125,000 for Ruth, to 1887 and $10,000 for the great King Kelly, by old timers regarded as the greatest catcher of all time. The sale of Kelly by Chicago to Boston created the biggest sensation developed in baseball up to that time. It was equalled the following year when Kelly, as manager of the Bostons, brought about the purchase of John Clarkson, the pitcher, from Chicago. Kelly and Clarkson composed the greatest battery of that day and the sum of $20,000 paid for them was regarded as highly extraordinary. Taking the Ruth sale as a criterion it would take about $300,000 to acquire a battery of similar position in baseball in 1920.

Tia Juana Proposition Does Not Stand Analysis.

The announcement from Los Angeles that Jack Dempsey had accepted Jim Coffroth's offer of a purse of $400,000 for a forty-five round bout with Georges Carpentier at Tia Juana, Mexico, was discussed thoroughly in local boxing circles yesterday. There was a disposition not to regard the Coffroth offer seriously. However, strange things are happening these days, and it may be that the heavyweight championship battle will be fought down there in Lower California under the auspices of Carranza or the local banditti.

Were Coffroth to land the fight under the terms named he would have to take in more than $500,000 before he could begin to take a few pennies for himself. Coffroth is not known as a philanthropist. It is a question how many persons would be attracted to Tia Juana, many, many miles from Broadway and the Middle West's big village on the shores of Lake Michigan. They could not get a $400,000 house at Toledo last July. What chance would bandit ridden Mexico have? It sounds fine all right, but analysis fails to give the Tia Juana proposition substantial standing. C. B. Cochran still holds the upper hand.

"INJUSTICE TO KEEP RUTH," SAYS FRAZEE

His Presence Made Red Sox a "One Man Team."

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—President Harry H. Frazee of the Boston Americans said tonight that he had sold Babe Ruth to the New York Americans because he thought it was an "injustice" to keep him with the Red Sox, who "were fast becoming a one man team." He did not make public the purchase price.

Ruth recently returned his three year contract, which called for a payment of $10,000 a year without his signature. He demanded a much larger salary. Mr. Frazee said that he would use the money obtained from the New York club for the purchase of other players, and would try to develop the Red Sox into a whining team.

KEEN RACES AT RED BANK.

Brownie and Daisy Divide Honors in Ice Yacht Contests.

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 5.—Andrew Whiten's Brownie and George W. Bray's Daisy divided honors in two pretty tennic races to-day on the North Shrewsbury here for points counting in the selection of defenders for the American championship races.

The Brownie, which is a fourth class boat and somewhat smaller than the four other third class starters, led all the way, with Henry Applegate's new boat, Whim, only a few seconds behind.

Throughout the course a brisk north wind often blew the white winged fliers upon a single runner. The Brownie led the Whim by only 5 seconds at the finish. The Daisy was third, 33 seconds behind the Whim, while Uncle Dan Asay's Zero, sailed by his grandson, Lester Pierce, was fourth, only 2 seconds behind, and Harry L. Ryder's Go To It fifth, 35 seconds behind the Zero.

The winner was piloted by the owner, with Bobbie Linton tending sheet. In the second event the Daisy, sailed by Oscar Brand, with Oliver Haviland, sheet tender, beat out the Whim by 15 seconds in a nip and tuck race. The Brownie ran into a lull of wind in Blanchard's Cove and was left far behind. It finished in third position. The Zero withdrew owing to a broken mainsheet rope. There will be racing to-morrow.

WILD, STAR GOLFER, MAY LOSE LEFT ARM

Baltusrol Player Badly Injured by Aerosled.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 5.—Edwin M. Wild of Cranford, N. J., champion of the Baltusrol Golf Club, runner up in the New Jersey State amateur championships and ranking twelfth among the American amateur champions, may lose his left arm as a result of an accident on the ice here yesterday, when he was struck by the revolving propeller of Pierce A. Proal's new aerosled. Mr. and Mrs. Wild and child were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Proal over the week-end and Mr. Wild was enjoying the thrilling sport of aerosledding on the North Shrewsbury ice at a speed of over a mile a minute.

Mr. Proal had started the fifty horsepower motor and Mr. Wild attempted to get into the locker seat when he slipped and the two blades of the propeller as they were revolving upward struck him on the left elbow. They cut through a sheepskin coat and four other garments. Arteries just above and below the elbow were severed and the elbow joint was splintered.

Mr. Wild was very weak from loss of blood and was taken in Mr. Proal's car to the Monmouth Memorial Hospital. There Dr. Field said it would be four or five days before he could operate, owing to severe wounds. If blood poisoning does not set in it is possible that his arm will be saved.

SHARKEY BEATS WALLACE.

New York Bantam Outpoints His Man in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Jack Sharkey, the New York bantamweight, defeated Patsy Wallace of Philadelphia in a six round bout here to-night. Sharkey led all the way.

Mickey Russell of Jersey City beat Johnny Maloney of Philadelphia, former amateur bantamweight champion, in six rounds.

INTERNATIONAL S. C. POSTPONES OPENING

Will Not Stage Inaugural Show Until Clubhouse Is Completed.

The International Sporting Club has decided not to stage any boxing bouts until the completion of its clubhouse. The announcement was made yesterday in connection with the official cancellation of Jimmy Wilde's contract to box on February 3 in the Lexington Opera House. It was declared unofficially several weeks ago that the club had decided not to have Wilde as one of its headliners for its inaugural show, but it was not until yesterday that the matter was definitely decided.

The cancellation of Wilde's contract was not made because of the club's decision not to hold any bouts until the completion of the clubhouse, but because of the poor showing of the little Englishman against Jack Sharkey. The exhibition Wilde gave in Milwaukee convinced the directors Jimmy was not the man to help launch the greatest boxing organization in the country on its active ring schedule.

In all probability it will not be until late in summer or in early autumn before the palatial home of the International Sporting Club is completed. Work is going ahead rapidly, but buildings such as the new club will occupy cannot be thrown together in a few months.

It seems as if every person who acted as third man in the ring had made application or is pulling the wires to be appointed referee at the new club. As the club plans to stage boxing bouts practically every day in the year a corps of official reffrees will be required. No appointments or decisions have been made as yet by Matchmaker Tex Rickard or the executive board. On good authority, however, it is learned that the most likely candidate for chief referee is William Kid McPartland.

The old lightweight's work as third man in previous ring contests here has been so satisfactory that he has hosts of supporters.

Benny Leonard, who has been hovering between 136 and 138 pounds for the last fortnight, jumped on the scales at his Lakewood training quarters yesterday and tipped the beam at 138 pounds. His weight is giving him no concern and he is confident of his ability to make 135 pounds at 3 P. M. on January 16, when he faces Dundee in their twenty round tilt for the championship in New Haven. The champion has ten days to take off the necessary three pounds.

That Benny will have no trouble getting down to 135 pounds is evinced by the fact that he weighed 138 pounds after practically a whole day of rest. On Sunday Leonard confined himself to the lightest kind of exercise. The rest did him good, for he showed plenty of pep and dash in his workout yesterday. Leonard felt so good that he had trouble holding himself in. Benny is more solicitous of his sparring partners than the average champion. As careful as he was he couldn't seem to avoid jarring them occasionally yesterday.

NO SHARE FOR ZIMMERMAN.

Giants Vote Against Paying Heinie World's Series Spoils.

Heinie Zimmerman, third baseman of the Giants, did not get a share of second place money last fall. Zimmerman recently told friends that he was left out of the settlement when the Giants split up the purse for finishing second, and a story was in circulation that McGraw prevented Zimmerman from obtaining this money. It may be recalled that McGraw suspended Zimmerman on the last Western trip of the Giants, and left the inference that Heinie was through as a Giant.

Judge McQuade, treasurer of the Giants, said yesterday that Zimmerman did not get any second place money. He said his share was withheld at the instance of the other Giant players, who voted against Zimmerman getting a share. He said McGraw had nothing to do with it.

CROSS GETS THE GATE.

SYRACUSE, Jan. 5.—For failing to show any fighting tactics Marty Cross was thrown out of the ring by Referee Jack Lewis in his bout with Young Fischer to-night. Cross was disqualified in the eighth round. Fischer had the better of the fighting.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES.

First Race—Purse $700; Mohawk Purse; two-year-olds; maidens; six furlongs: Airdrie, 114; Richard V., 114; Barry's Pet, 114; The Pirate, 114; Dinty Moore, 114; Sandy Mac, 114; Commodore, 114; Virginia d'Or, 109; Big Idea, 106; Anna Regina, 103; Barenka, 103; Mountain Girl, 109. Also eligible: Sevilton, 114; Arrow Head, 114; Jim Hastings, 114; Nasotah, 109.

Third Race—Purse $1,000; Mooso Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; six furlongs: War God, 117; Rapid Traveller, 102; Mahoney, 99; Marie Miller, 95.

Fourth Race—Purse $800; The Bayou St. John Purse; for two-year-olds and upward; one mile: Prospector, 111; Tacola, 111; Chief, 111; Bueno, 107; Sailor, 106; Ballet Dancer, 111, 99; Dubious Lace, 99; Jim Hellstrom, 104; Brother MacLean, 102; Tom Brooks, 97.

Fifth Race—Purse $800; the Peacock Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and seventy yards: Wood Trap, 119; Osmond, 109; Sans Peur II., 108; Warsaw, 106; Marshua II., 103; Grey Eagle, 101; Sweeping Glance, 102; Allaboy II., 101; St. Germain, 92.

Sixth Race—Purse $700; claiming; for three-year-olds and upward; fillies and mares; one mile and seventy yards: Bella Roberts, 107; *Celio, 98; Prism Maid, 99; *Diamond Girl, 84; Fulcry, 104; *Dettia Vandiver, 106; *Lorena Moss, 97; Swirl, 107; *Vesuvo, 98; *Medusa, 98.

Seventh Race—Purse $700; claiming; for four-year-olds and upward; one mile and a sixteenth: Handfull, 106; James, 109; Mark, 96; Alonia, 109; Dragon Rock, 103; Jack Kip, 109; Parrish, 110; Cracow, 112; Capital City, 112; *Miss Manage, 93; Aldebaran, 109; Cabello, 104; Meddling Miss, 101; *Charlestonian, 95. Also eligible: The Gallant, 108; Bogart, 110; Pit, 110; *Sarasota, 98.

*Apprentice allowance of five pounds claimed.

HAVANA ENTRIES.

First Race—One-quarter mile; two-year-olds; purse, $500: Dorothy, 106; Fleetion