

"IT IS BETTER FOR A MAN TO TALK SHEER NONSENSE THAN TO HARP ON HIS TROUBLES," SAYS THE GROUCH OF GLEN ECHO

Babe Ruth Wants \$15,000 For Playing With World Champions

The Times' Complete Sport Page

Boston Southpaw Slugger Says He's Worth All Coin He Asks

To Make a Long Story Short

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By TAD



BABE RUTH, OFFERED \$5,000, WANTS \$15,000 TO PLAY WITH BOSTONIANS

By NICK FLATLEY.

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Battering Babe Ruth, most sensational individual in the world of baseball, will not play for the Boston champions this year unless his salary demands are met. He states this without qualification. And his demands are far from being agreeable to the Red Sox officials.

Battering Babe thinks he's worth \$15,000 a year. He has been tendered a contract for \$5,000. So, thus far, there remains the slight difference of \$10,000 between what the big hitter-pitcher-outfielder-first baseman wants and what the club is willing to pay him. It will take yards of argument before that difference is ironed out.

The club president has declared that he will have nothing whatever to do with the holdouts, and that they will have to come to him to talk business. Young Mister Ruth states with equal force he isn't going to do any worrying about another contract. The club knows what he asks, he says. If he gets a document for that much money he'll sign. If not, he states he'll go in the movies, or the fight game, or something like that.

Right here it might be appropriate to state that the greatest of home-run clouters has one bona fide offer from the movies, and has half a dozen chances to hop into the fight game. His presence alone at a fight club attracts more attention than that of the star boxers.

Has Plenty of Arguments. Battering Babe brings forth an army of arguments to back up his stand. First and foremost, he declares, he stepped into the breach last season, pitched, played left field and first base, when regulars were hurt, or the team needed his hitting. Then, he states, as every fan knows is true, he was considerable of a drawing card last year. As for that argument, it's his own opinion that after Babe got hitting then last season, and playing various positions, he was worth at least \$5,000 per week at the gate to the club. The papers in the towns which the Sox visited were plastered with pictures and notices of Ruth, Ruth, Ruth.

Is Great Drawing Card. Battering Babe is undoubtedly as great a drawing card as baseball has ever known; also as valuable an asset in the playing line. He can pitch, hit and field, as can none but the real stars. He is the greatest combination of all three qualifications ever known to the game. Economy is, of course, the watchword in baseball just now. But it's hard to see how it will affect the slugging youngster, any more than it will Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker or Grover Cleveland Alexander.

The customary baseball holdout is like the back season—comes with each spring. But young Mister Ruth is different. He's such a popular and picturesque individual his every move is watched in all corners of the land. So his own views on the coming sea-

TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Harry Vail's Baltimore City College crew was slated to appear in the American Henley. The Baltimore youngsters are being pointed to land the interscholastic title, race.

Tad Jones, who was to have been Yale's head coach in baseball, resigned and went into business at Exello, Ohio. No plans were announced for the Yale team.

Bob Burman, in a Buick car, broke the world's record on a circular track for 100 miles at New Orleans as a feature of the Mardi Gras by going the distance in 1:42:39.2.

The Elks defeated the Fat Men here at billiards. Gus Wade, representing the Elks, defeated George Campbell, of the Fats, by 800 to 596. It was a desperate struggle.

son are interesting, to say the least. They follow: "I'm worth more money than I've been offered, and I'm going to get it or I won't be in there. That's good. I'm not stuck on myself, but I know what I did last year, and I have something coming to me. I have watched a lot of other fellows getting theirs, while I was just breezing along, and I've made up my mind to collect. That's all there's to it. I am young in the game yet, and I only want to earn what I think I'm worth." "And I don't think what I've asked is a bit too much. I know that the contract I got was a joke. I went out there last year, pitched in my turn, and played left field and first base the rest of the time. Playing that bag I nearly had my legs cut off a few times, but I never quit the job. I sure, I love to play, but I've got to have something for the days when the old arm slows up, and I cannot see those fast ones coming. I've realized I haven't been much of a business man heretofore, and decided to change. I want to play in Boston, of course, though I sure will miss old Heinie Wagner, who sure was a whole lot of the brains of the team, but until I get a contract fixed, I'm a business man, not a ball player.

SECOND NIGHTERS FAIL AT RECORDS

Emery Ellett and Jack Williams are today winners of the big two-man team competition which opened up the Recreation Academy during the past two nights. Ellett and Williams got high marks in all of their games, with the result that they landed twenty-nine pins ahead of their nearest competitors.

Tuesday night Ellett and Williams topped over 722 pins in three games. Ellett got scores of 117, 127, and 134, while Williams got scores of 119, 119, and 112.

Last night more than fifty teams got on the alleys in contemplation of breaking through the lead set on Tuesday night. Weidman and Mark gained second place with a total of 693, just nowing out Welsh and Harville, who were one pin behind.

Sam Bismenthal gained high set with a total of 383, while E. W. Kraus got high game honors with 168.

Here's the way the winners finished:

Ten Winning Teams.	
Emery Ellett and Jack Williams	722
C. A. Weidman and Geo. Mark	693
John Welsh and John Harville	682
W. G. Corbett and J. Bismenthal	684
A. Avignon and E. W. Kraus	686
A. L. Mayhew and E. W. Landry	682
Levan and S. Ross	682
V. M. Fooks and H. W. Hamford	675
Ray Chappin and E. Howser	674
J. McElrath and M. Neal	674
J. H. Urban and H. Burner	668

ADAMS' NAME IS FIRST ON HONOR FLAG TODAY

The name of John C. Adams is first on the Betty Lehman flag in today's parade. Adams lost his life in France last summer. He was a captain in the infantry. Western High School students remember Jack Adams as one of the greatest athletes ever turned out from the school. He was a pitcher on the baseball team, center on the basketball team, tackle on the football team and a mile runner. Adams won four letters at Western, and was one of the most popular members of the school. Every member of the 1915 team, which Adams was a member, has seen war service. Three have lost their lives. Fifteen of seventeen received commissions.

FAT HARGROVE SIGNS TO GET TRIAL WITH GLEASON

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Members of the White Sox ball club continue to sign contracts so rapidly that Secretary Harry Grabner has a new one almost every day now. Today's offering was Pat Hargrove, a shortstop.

Last spring the youngster made quite an impression on Manager Rowland. He came from Charles City, being recommended by the reliable Frank Isbell. Shortly after the training trip ended he was drafted and has served in the army ever since.

HOPKINS BROADENS OUT IN THREE NEW SPORTS

Johns Hopkins University has broadened out in three new branches of sport. The Baltimore collegians will recognize basketball, gymnasium and tennis in future. Basketball has been played independently for the past four years.

It is expected that the Hopkins basketball team will get in the going for the South Atlantic Basketball League next winter.

PENN GAINS ONE. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—The University of Pennsylvania gained another game in the Intercollegiate Basketball League at the expense of Columbia University in winning a 22 to 20 victory. Cornell was defeated Saturday and Princeton Tuesday a week ago.

DEMPESEY WILL BATTLE. Jack Dempsey will take on three heavyweights for a round each at Walter Reed Hospital Saturday night. The heavyweight title challenger is taking part in a boxing exhibition for the soldiers.

TWO AND THREE WITH "BUGS" BAER

Telegraphed reports of scuffles with the taped knuckles are about as dependable as a wrist watch. But even if we dilute the account of the Leonard-Ritchie riot down to Bevo strength there is enough kick left to indicate that Ben was more thumped against than thumping.

The East has created a lot of rough-eared chinbusters West, who were champs f. o. b. New York. But when they park their dogs in California their roughness disappears like rent going into a landlord's inside vest pocket. Leonard was supposed to have an epitaph in each mitt, but Willie acted as if he never read the newspapers. He hung a shanty on Ben's eyepiece and didn't charge him for the lumber.

There must be something in the wonderful California climate that takes the crease out of an Eastern guy's trousers. Leonard isn't the only cuckoo who has wheeled 2,000 miles to the coast and arrived in San Francisco just in time to discover that he was at the wrong end of the trip.

Ted Lewis battled Jack Britton more times than President Wilson's fourteen points. Finally, Ted jerked Britton away from the title and forced out to California, steamed up to a million. He invited Battling Oregon into the ring to listen to a few sandman stories and the Bat hung him over the hip and sent him to the wash. When the referee labeled it a draw Jimmy Johnston huddled the ropes and kissed that nice, kind referee right on his benevolent chin. Ever since that date Jimmy has been telling the kids that there is a Santy Claus.

Seems that the Kaiser ain't the only bird who tried to take in too much territory.

A sump who is champion of the world in the branch office as he is in the home factory. But it seems that every sugar bowl we send to our California friends has returned all but six cups and a half. It's both met irritable birds who had gotten out of bed that morning left foot first.

A flock of other New Yorkers have gone out to the coast and returned all punched up like a Yonkers combination ticket. Black eyes grow bigger than sunflowers in that wonderful fat kissed climate. They're so glad to see an Eastern champ that they slap him on the back as hard as they can. That's why you get 'em mad. You said it.

Of course, those San Francisco affairs are only four-pound bizzards but four stanzas with a mountain lion is slightly more precarious than five rounds with "Big Boy" Cantello. The Kaiser would still have his navy if Uncle Sam had launched charlotte russas instead of battleships. Those Californians take their skirmishes in tabloid form. Tough birds. When they want their fingernails polished they don't go to a manicurist. They go to a marble yard.

There ain't any chance of blaming it on a native son decision. A lot of slickers can juggle an adding machine so that the dope comes out in Babylonian hieroglyphics, but a punch in the nose is a wallop on the beat in any language.

Why softshoe it through twenty or thirty rounds of tapping when one good sock on the jumped cinn will save freight on a carload of jobs?

Admitting that a lunge-like martinet hasn't got a chance with a fat sprinter in a four-round tabloid vivand, at the same time we would like to get hep to one California rebub.

What is there in the Golden State climate that takes all the curl out of an Eastern champ's tongue?

PREPS CLAIM TITLE. Georgetown Junior Preps by virtue of seven straight wins claim the junior basketball title of the District.

THEY'RE CHALLENGE. LONDON, Feb. 27.—Great Britain has issued an official challenge for the Davis Cup.

LEW TENDLER NOW CHASING CHAMPION

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 27.—Lew Tandler, of Philadelphia, today is looked upon by boxing fans here as Benny Leonard's next opponent in a battle for the lightweight crown. Tandler shaded Joe Welling, of Chicago, in a fast eight-round tilt at the Newark Sportmen Club here last night, according to a majority of opinion.

Tandler's best work was in the fourth, fifth, and seventh rounds. Welling's followers almost lost hope in the fifth, when Tandler punched him till he was groggy. The bell interfered and saved Joe. However, it was evident that Welling had been unwise in training down to the lightweight limit.

He started off well, and spectators thought it was a cinch for the former job. But Tandler bowled into Joe in the fourth round in a way to discourage the merry tar. From this on Tandler never lost the lead. He fought like a hungry tiger, punching hard, straight, and often. Welling's efforts to evade Lew's thudding fists were unavailing. Though Tandler won, he was badly cut up at the end of the bout.

HEINIE SCHREIBER SIGNS WITH STALLINGS' BRAVES

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Heinie Schreiber, retired sensation of the title of New England in 1917, has signed with the Braves. Manager Stallings had him for a few minutes in the windup of the 17 game. Schreiber entered in the big show early and rose to a top sergeant. Heinie recently got his discharge papers, so will make the training trip.

Mike and Tom To Box For Ireland.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 27.—Mike and Tom Gibbons, St. Paul boxers, today announced through their manager, Eddie Kane, that they are ready to fight to help free Ireland. The Gibbons boys have offered their services to the Irish committee recently appointed in Philadelphia, and will box anywhere without pay to help free the Emerald Isle.

DASHER DOES WELL IN CITY CONTEST

Dasher, Central's crack forward, again proved the ace for the St. Pleasant lads and the same terror he has been this season to Baltimore teams. Jimmy single-handed Dasher defeated the Baltimore Poly outfit in the season. He handed the City College five a defeat in Baltimore recently when he garnered practically all of his team's points.

In yesterday's game with Baltimore Poly, the last of the local games for the Central players, Dasher came to the front with seven baskets from the floor. Central won by 25 to 22. The half ended at 20 to 16 in favor of Central. In the second half the visitors got but two points.

TENNIS MEN HERE FAVOR DAYLIGHT

Washington Tennis Association members are in favor of continuing the daylight saving plan and have come on record as endorsing the bill. At a meeting of the association last night the Washington men favored the lead taken by the United States Lawn Tennis Association in New York recently.

G. Gould Lincoln, of the Dumbarton Tennis Club, is today the newly elected president of the association, succeeding A. Y. Leach, Jr., of Columbia Country Club. The Dumbarton clubman has been identified with tennis for a number of years as a player and tactician in tennis circles here.

Capt. J. Upsher Moorehead, of the Chevy Chase Club, was elected vice president. Lincoln and Moorehead are Yale men. Louis I. Doyle, well known to every tennis player in the District, was elected to the secretaryship, while A. Y. Leach, Jr., the retiring president, was elected as treasurer.

Plans for the coming tennis season embrace the holding of the usual Washington Tennis Association matches between Columbia, Dumbarton, and Chevy Chase. The schedule will open on April 25, with Chevy Chase playing Columbia. Each club will play the others three times during the summer.

A. Y. Leach, Jr., announced that the Middle Atlantic singles and doubles championships had been awarded Columbia by the United States Lawn Tennis Association, and that the tournament would be staged as usual, beginning May 30.

The Washington Tennis Association decided to apply for the District Junior and boys' tennis championships, and that the events would be held at the Dumbarton Tennis Club, with Louis I. Doyle in charge.

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