

NEWS of the SPORT WORLD

BABE RUTH PLANS ON BUYING INTEREST IN SOX ON RETIREMENT

Washington, D. C., May 31—Babe Ruth said yesterday that he had discussed with friends the possibility of his becoming interested in the Boston Red Sox, but that nothing had been done about the matter and that he expected to remain a player for at least two more years before taking any other interest in baseball.

"Some time ago," the Babe said, commenting on published reports that he might become manager and part owner of the Red Sox, "a couple of my friends in Boston asked me whether I would like to manage the Red Sox. They sort of gave me the idea they were trying to buy the club and would like me to become part owner. I told them that I always thought the Boston franchise was a good one and could be made to pay if a lot of new material was bought. But I also reminded them that I still am the property of the Yankees and told them that I want to play for Colonel Ruppert in 1933 and the year after that, if he wants me to."

SULU ISLANDS, TYPHOON TARGET, MAINTAIN 120,000—THE VEGETATION IS LUXURIOUS

Washington, — "Sulu archipelago, date-line of a recent typhoon, consists of some 300 islands sprinkled through the waters between the south-western tip of the Philippines and the north-east coast of Borneo," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic Society.

Palace Destroyed

"There are approximately 120,000 people of the islands. The most thickly populated area is Jolo Island, which was hardest hit. The city of Jolo on the west coast was the island's administrative fountainhead and the chief commercial centre. It was nearly wiped out. The police of the Sultan at Malabun, on the southern coast, was destroyed. The Sultan now is a member of the Philippine Legislature."

"Nearly all the Sulu islands are inhabited. Most of them are covered with luxuriant vegetation; on some, rice fields employ whole families. Children sit in tony towers at the edges of seeded areas and frighten hungry birds by pulling strings with streamers attached, while their parents plant and plough with the aid of clumsy carabao and antiquated wooden implements. Other native families work in teak forests and 'Manila hemp' fields."

"Native villages of thatched huts are built in helter skelter fashion on the islands. Jolo city, however, was an exception. It was the site of a typical Sulu village before the Spaniards came, but the leader of the Spanish forces liked the equable climate of the island and sought to build the finest city in the Spanish colonies of the world. Ramshackles huts were razed, muddy roadways improved, and new residences and buildings rose amid spacious, green lawns and brilliant flower gardens. Parks also were provided."

"The Mohammedn Moros frequently attacked the aggressive Christians and the new city was surrounded by a bamboo stockade. At first moros were not allowed within the stockade. Later they were allowed on the city streets during the day provided they 'parked' their arms outside. Moro men, women and children carried and were adept users of sharp spears and arm length knives in those days."

Business in Chinese Hands

"The bamboo stockade was replaced by an eight-foot brick wall with numerous gates. The Moros had a settlement outside the city wall, and nearly the Bajaos, or sea gypsies of Jolo, maintained their homes on stilts over the water or in boats. Inside the wall, in normal times, a few Americans and Europeans rubbed elbows with many Chinese, who were the business men of the city, Filipinos and Malays."

"Roads of the interior were live with men, women and children from dawn to dusk passing from village to village or moving toward the city market with

their farm produce. The men, in their red turbans and shirts and trousers of other brilliant hues, and the bare-foot women in gaudy, long-sleeved waists and voluminous skirts, presented a colorful rural scene. The native boy, trudging the dusty roadway under the weight of a huge bamboo pole which was closed at both ends, challenged the visitor's curiosity. Close inspection familiarized the stranger with the Sulu 'water bucket.'"

"When the Spaniards landed on Jolo the Sultan of Sulu was one of the powerful potentates of the east. He lost most of his temporary powers and when he recognized United States sovereignty after the Spanish-American war he relinquished additional powers and rights. He has, however, retained his position as head of the Moslem faith in the Philippines."

AUTO RATES CUT ON BAY STEAMSHIP

Saint John, N. B., May 31—Following recently-announced reductions in rates for transportation of automobiles on Canadian Pacific trans-Atlantic liners, J. M. Woodman, general superintendent, New Brunswick district, C. P. R. announces that tomorrow a twenty per cent reduction will go into effect on all classes and types of automobiles carried between St. John and Digby, N. S., in the Bay of Fundy service steamer Princess Helene. In addition a round-trip rate for automobiles will be inaugurated on that date, providing a further reduction of ten per cent, so that by using the Princess Helene for both going and return trips between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia motorists will be able to ship their cars at a rate approximately 30 per cent. lower than in the past.

The new rates will be computed on wheelbase measurements. Cars with wheelbase up to 115 inches, will rate \$8 for one way and \$14.40 for round trip; from 116 to 125 inches inclusive, \$10 one way and \$18 round trip; over 125 inches, \$12 one way and \$21.60 round trip.

The Princess Helene sails from Saint John at 7.15 A. M., (Atlantic time) and from Digby, N. S., at 3.15 P. M. (Atlantic time). It is pointed out that cars may be delivered to the steamer at Saint John the evening before sailing and must be delivered not later than 5 A. M., on the day of sailing and at Digby the cars should be delivered not later than 2 P. M. on sailing day. The Princess Helene includes ample space for 50 automobiles.

WOMAN BOWLER

Chickasha, Oklahoma, May 31—Mrs. Florence McCutcheon of Pueblo, Okla., bowled the seventh perfect game of her career and her third this year in a special match last night. The perfect score was posted at the final of a three-game series in which she tallied 254, 255 and 300, for a grand total of 779. Mrs. McCutcheon bowled her first 300-game this year at Cleveland, February 19, and her second at Perth Amboy, N. J., April 8.

EPSOM DOWNS DERBY IS SET FOR TODAY

Epsom Downs, Eng., May 31—The sun set in a blaze of many-hues over the fast drying Epsom Downs tonight, where tomorrow 22 of the finest three-year-olds of the English turf will race over the historic mile and a half course in the 152nd renewal of the Derby.

But there was still a chance of rain and a wet track to endanger the chances of W. M. G. Singer's good colt Orwell, warm favorite for the Derby for months past, whose odds shrank to 15 to 8 against tonight. Orwell tomorrow will attempt to chalk up an eighth win out of nine starts since he saw the turf as a two-year-old. His only failure was his maiden start.

The field of starters was reduced to 22 today by the withdrawal of Sunnyborough, owned by J. A. Dewar, whose Cameronian romped to a popular win a year ago. In the field are the best of the English classic contenders, and looming among them the unbeaten colt Cockpen, who has never met Orwell.

Epsom Downs hummed with activity tonight in preparation for Derby Day. Already thousands are quartered in the town or on the outskirts, and the Gypsy encampments dot the Downs. Probably a million people will be watching or attempting to see, the renewal of the blue riband.

When the crowds of curious and the regular race goers had left the track tonight the regions about the enclosure sprang into activity in preparations for the King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family, and for the great influx that will form a long trek tomorrow.

Even Entries Feel So

Even the thoroughbreds, trained to the pink for the test of their lives, seemed to feel excitement. The principals in the great drama, on whose backs millions of pounds will ride tomorrow, were locked away in stalls in "No Man's Land," so-called, because no man may tread there without more credentials than he would require for even a world's tour.

Post time is 3 o'clock, or 11 a.m. Atlantic Daylight Saving Time.

The betting all over Tonight showed the following odds:

Orwell, 15 to 8.
Miracle, 9 to 1.
Hesperus 10 to 1.
Cockpen, 100 to 9.
Dastur, 100 to 6.
April Fifth, 18 to 1.
Firdaussi, 22 to 1.
Portofino, 25 to 1.
Wyvern, 35 to 1.
Royal Dancer, 40 to 1.
Andrea and Jiweh, 50 to 1.
Celebrator, 60 to 1.
Spenser and Leighon, 66 to 1.
Jackdaw Second, 50 to 1.
Tolaig, Bacchus, Buckle, Summer Planet, Peter Planet and Corey, 100 to 1.

"Did he kiss you good-bye?" I asked her. She nodded her pretty head. "How singular!" I was sarcastic. "No, plural," was all she said.

BIG DAM WILL CONTROL THE NILE'S WATERS

Nairobi, East Africa, May 31—Engineers burrowing anxiously into the bed of a lake in southern Egypt are searching for a rock foundation that will support a huge dam. Once erected, this dam will enable man to control the level of the Nile, reclaim swamp areas as large as England, and give Egypt one-third more water than she now has.

Aerial Survey Aids

For years men have struggled with these problems. The trackless swamps defied them; the Nile struck its own level whether Egypt parched or not. It was only with the development of aerial survey that the colossal irrigation scheme came within the reach of realization. It has now been sanctioned and will be carried out by the Egyptian government when funds are available.

The project will cost \$50,000,000 (reckoned at par value for the pound) and the dam will be built across Lake Albert at Pacwach. The building of the giant blockade will conserve the waters of the lake, making it possible to provide an even flow and thus control the level of the Nile. It will also mean employment for at least 300 Europeans and 1000 natives.

Elimination of the great Sudd swamp area in the Upper Nile, where accumulation of vegetable matter, sometimes 20 feet thick, clogs the river, is one of the objectives. Much precious water is held up today in this section. If the Sudd could be eliminated, all the water flowing from Lake Albert into the White Nile could be used by the people of Sudan and Egypt.

Deep Channel

One portion of the great project, therefore, is to cut a wide and deep channel for miles through the Sudd to allow the full volume of the White Nile to flow into the main river.

The dam wall across lake Albert must be wide enough to carry road and railway tracks, thus providing a new northern connection between the Congo system on one hand, and the Kenya and Uganda railways on the other, bringing some traffic to the east coast which now goes north via the river route.

Around the Big League Circuit

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	28	11	.718
Detroit	24	16	.600
Washington	25	17	.595
Philadelphia	23	18	.561
Cleveland	24	20	.545
St. Louis	19	24	.442
Chicago	15	27	.357
Boston	7	32	.179

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Chicago	27	16	.628
Boston	24	18	.571
Cincinnati	24	24	.500
Pittsburgh	20	20	.500
Brooklyn	21	22	.488
St. Louis	19	24	.442
New York	17	22	.436
Philadelphia	19	25	.432

American League

Washington 5, Philadelphia 4.
Chicago 6, Cleveland 5.
Detroit-St. Louis, wet grounds.

National League

Chicago 3, St. Louis 1.
Boston 7, New York 2.
Pittsburgh 4, Cincinnati 1.

Nothing was ever created prettier than a woman, muses a poet. Perhaps he was never looked one over with her war paint off.

The tactful sojourner in Sweden this summer will remember to refrain from showing the host a neat trick with a few matches.

Even without knowing much about the current crop of detective novel writers, we can tell that they have read a great many detective novels.

Thought He Was Stuck

The late Henry M. Leland, who founded not a few automobile companies, talking of a turn-over in business told a story one day in Detroit:

"A grocer introduced flypaper in his community. A man named Simmons bought a sheet and then came back with it an hour or two later."

"Say, look at this sheet of flypaper you sold me," he said. 'It's full of flies.'"

"When I tried to pull them flies off so's I could set the trap again they stuck fast. I see your game. Make a fellow keep on buyin' paper after paper, hey? Well, I ain't goin' to do it."

Fortunately a man's finish is not wrapped in cellophane, to be seen hazily.

Overproduction consists in heaping up more fire when the circumstances require withdrawing part of the fuel.

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