

RUTH AND MATES WERE GIVEN GREAT RECEPTION FROM FANS ALL ALONG HOMEWARD ROUTE

Hundreds of School Boys and Girls as Well as an Army of Elderly Fans Turn Out at Stations to Get Fleeting Glimpse of Monarch of Bust and Illustrious Teammates — Yanks Like a Lot of Kids.

En Route With Yankees' Special, Albany, N. Y., Oct. 10—No conquering hero in sport ever was accorded more noisy or sustained acclaim than was Babe Ruth today as the special train bearing the world's champion Yankees sped in triumphant style from the conquest of St. Louis.

Baseball's greatest showman and most colossal clouter basked in the spotlight of his latest achievements with all the characteristic boyish enthusiasm that was shown by the crowds of youngsters that scrambled at various stops to cheer him. Until late at night, after departure from St. Louis people gathered at the stations in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio in the hope of getting at least a fleeting glimpse of Ruth and his mates.

Today, hundreds of school boys and girls clustered about the special train in the Buffalo yards during a half hour stop, yelling wildly for Ruth as well as his hitting partner, Lou Gehrig. The demonstration was repeated at Syracuse, Schenectady and Albany.

These Yankees, who defy all laws of baseball averages, all precedent and all figuring against them, are returning home like a lot of kids who have been out on a lark or a high school football game. It may be the secret of a good share of their success. They are serious and concentrated enough on the field but with worry, aches and training rigors behind them, they are a care-free joshing crowd.

It is a question in Babe Ruth's mind whether he got his biggest "kick" out of hitting his third home run in the final game off Alexander, an old nemesis, or out of his great running catch of Risch's foul for the final out.

"I wanted to belt another one to show those birds who were tossing pop bottles and giving me the razz out there in left field," said the Babe. "But, boy I liked that catch. Wasn't that a dandy?"

The attitude of the Yankees with their sixth pennant in eight years their third world's championship victory and a record of eight successive series triumphs behind them

is "watch us next year." They are already talking about taking their fourth pennant in a row, to set an American League record and equal the mark of the Giants in the National.

There are certainly few signs that they are slowing up. Ruth was given up as "through" three years ago when he developed his famous case of indigestion. Two seasons later he set a new record of sixty home runs.

Late this season he was again crippled and pictured as being on the chutes. If so the Cardinals have not heard about it.

The Babe is 34 now; Next season will be his sixteenth in the majors. He believes he can carry his 225 pounds or more through at least five more campaigns. He was signed for three years at \$70,000 per annum on a contract that has one more season to run. The astute Colonel Ruppert, owner of the Yankees is convinced it was no mistake.

HELEN IN TROUBLE

Action May Be Taken Against Fair Helen For Failure to Appear In Match—Had Good Cause She Says.

Los Angeles, Oct. 10—The question of Helen Wills' failure to keep an engagement to appear in exhibition matches at the closing days of the Pacific South-West tennis tournament here will be brought before the executive committee of the California Lawn Tennis Association at its meeting. Announcement was made here last night by Dr. S. Hardy, president of the organization.

He said it would be taken up as a routine matter but that he doubted if any action would be taken as the "adverse publicity received by Miss Wills would be punishment enough."

Miss Wills was charged by officials of the Los Angeles Tennis Club with playing on her home club courts at the time when she telegraphed the local officials saying she was unable to appear here because of blistered feet.

SPORT BRIEFS

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 10—Stanley "Bucky" Harris, former manager of the Washington Senators who it has been rumored may succeed George Moriarty as pilot of the Detroit baseball club was in Detroit for a few hours yesterday but declined to reveal the purpose of his visit.

Frank Navin, president of the Detroit club, denied he had conferred with Harris.

For Wings

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 10—Vic Keen, pitcher and Peter Monahan, first baseman of the Rochester Red Wings, have been traded to the Houston Club of Texas League for George Watkins, outfielder. The trade was announced last night by Warren C. Giles, president of the Rochester club.

JOIE RAY SIGNS

New York, Oct. 10—Joie Ray signed a contract with Tex Rickard for a race against El Ouafi, Olympic champion in the promoter's indoor marathon at Madison Square Garden on Sunday night October 21.

The race will be Ray's first marathon as a professional and the first of this career.

MIDDLES CLASH

Cleveland, Oct. 9—George Courtney, middleweight from Oklahoma City, was awarded the decision by Referee Matt Brock over Jack McVey, New York Negro in their 12 round bout at Public Hall last night. The Oklahoma boy weighed in at 152 and McVey at 166½.

IMPORTANCE OF EYE TESTS

Washington, Oct. 10—The importance of semi-annual examination of the eyes of school children was emphasized by Surgeon General Cumming in announcing the results of a public health service investigation.

Of nearly 2,000 children examined by a research worker, 46 per cent were shown to be in need of glasses. While 60 per cent apparently could read normally on the usual vision test chart, 32 per cent of these were found to be definitely farsighted, and consequently were straining their eyes in all close work.

This chart, it was brought out, could be counted on to disclose almost all cases of nearsightedness, but its unreliability in the early stages of farsightedness pointed to the necessity for special training on the part of examining physicians. Examination every six months was recommended because of the rapidity with which nearsightedness may progress once it has begun.

The children examined it was explained could be considered representative of the general school population.

COBB TO TOUR

Ty Cobb Will Tour Orient With Party of Major Leaguers—Sail on Oct. 24th For Japan.

Augusta, Ga., Oct. 10—Ty Cobb confirmed reports that he will make a tour of Japan this year with a team of major league players for exhibition games against Japanese teams. He said he was unable to announce at this time the names of those who will accompany him.

Present plans are for the party to sail from Portland, Ore. October 24 and to return to the United States December 16 after playing about ten games.

Wife—I made a terrible hit at the club this afternoon.

Hubby—Make a speech?

Wife—No, but I wore my dress that I just had cleaned and the odor of gasoline was so prevalent that everybody thought we had a car. We'll have to get one now, dear.

A clergyman was recently conducting a funeral in Arizona when two shots were fired in the street outside the church. The undertaker at once rushed out but returned in a few minutes with a smile on his face.

"I've secured both those funerals," he whispered to the parson.

YANKS BROKE MORE THAN 30 RECORD FEATS

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 10—Babe Ruth and the Yanks have rewritten the record books for the world's series with the greatest exhibition of hitting power this ancient classic of baseball has ever known. Nineteen record performances for Ruth in four games against the Cards alone tell the amazing story of his batting exploits.

Seven more record beating or equalling feats by the Yanks as a team and seven additional marks the principal lines registered by Waite Hoyt and Lou Gehrig bring the 1928 grand total of record performances up to 33.

This astonishing total is more than double the number of record feats last year when 15 were marked up as the Yanks bowled over the Pirates.

Ruth has a strangle hold on nearly all the series batting records, now either holding outright or sharing in 22, running the range from startling home run feats to most strike outs. He eclipsed the big majority of his former records and yielded ground in only one spot to Lou Gehrig who tied the Babe's record of four homers for a single series.

FRESHMEN HAVE AWKWARD TIME AROUND M'GILL

(Montreal Star)

The hazing season has commenced. Should any passerby on Sherbrooke street gaze through the railings of McGill campus and see a callow individual with a scared expression—or numbers of such individuals—wearing a skull cap, an outrageous bow tie, and carrying an overcoat on a coat hanger, and his pants rolled to four inches below the knees, he must not think that a fire at any of the local asylums has resulted in McGill being commandeered for institutional purposes—it is merely the freshmen season.

According to the sophomores the freshman is the least of creatures, and can be subjected to any indignity so long as public morality is respected.

For example the Arts Freshmen at McGill must until Tuesday fortnight while in the college grounds wear green hats, walk on the roads, sing when requested, and learn all the college yells and songs.

The Arts sophs, with the well known freedom of all "artists" are kind to their younger brothers. It is the Science sophs, whose rules are as rigid as the rules of the nature that they study.

There the resemblance ends, briefly Science freshmen must for a fortnight wear skull caps, and bow ties "as supplied." Overcoats and suit coats must be carried on coat hangers in college grounds. A large red band must be worn round the centre of which must be pinned a card bearing the surname and nickname of the wearer. Pants must be rolled up and red and white bows be worn on the legs. College stairs must be ascended backwards, and final indignity of indignities freshmen must pay the sum of \$1 for all this nonsense.

The unfortunate freshman who ignores the current tomfoolery is liable to suffer everything from general assault by a host of sophs, to a really first class hazing calculated to bring down the wrath of the college authorities—as it did two years ago—If they hear about it.

But even worms turn. Last year the freshmen delved into the past and came across a saying "unity is strength," and thereupon with brick-pats, pitchforks, clubs, and other weapons of offense, consigned all sophs to perdition.

To uphold their "honor and dignity" the sophs entered into battle, and sporadic fighting on the campus, was the rule for days until the sophs also learned an ancient saying: "Discretion is the better part of valor."

O tempora! O mores! They have indeed changed. In place of the old-time swain who used to whistle and wait for Katie, there drives up one in a sports roadster and honks her out.

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