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## SPORT NEWS

### BABE RUTH GETS 51 HOME DRIVES

George Herman Tops Figure He "Was Sure of Reaching" by One

Editor's Note—Since the following was written Babe Ruth drove out four home runs in the world series games, making his grand total 51 homers for the year, just one more than he was positive he would make.

By HILLY EVANS  
American League Umpire

Babe Ruth failed to break his home-run record as he had hoped but he came through with a most remarkable performance in the season just closed.

The home-run total for 1926 was 47, just an even dozen shy of his best mark. He had set his goal at 60.

When Ruth made the announcement that he expected to drive out 60 homers, thereby breaking his record by one, it struck me the Babe was just kidding, getting a little more publicity.

Meeting up with Ruth on the spring training trip, I joshed him about it, for I didn't think he had a chance.

"Sounds like a lot of home runs," remarked the Babe, "but yellow might as well shoot high. Probably I won't make 60, but many of you guys (a half dozen newspaper men were listening to the conversation) think I can't make 50 you can win yourself a nice suit of clothes for the winter."

Just Three Shy  
Knowing Ruth's possibilities, I didn't fall for the 50 stuff, because I believed he had an excellent chance of reaching that figure.

That the Babe knew quite well his capabilities was shown by the final result, 47 homers, just three shy of the number Ruth was positive he would make.

Probably Ruth would have broken his record this year opposing pitchers not given him so many intentional passes.

When the pinch presented itself, a couple of runners on and Ruth up, the opposing pitcher was invariably ordered to walk him.

A number of other managers insisted that their pitchers give Ruth no good balls to hit and always pitch to his supposed weakness.

All these things tended to curtail Ruth's chances to take his healthy swing.

It is really surprising that Ruth made as many home runs as he did considering the handicaps he was constantly working under.

### NORTH POWDER PERSONALS

NORTH POWDER (Special)—The fire department was called out Friday at 10:30 a. m. to extinguish a fire in the washstand of Mrs. Estia Allen. The fire was caused by putting hot ashes into a barrel. It is said. The loss was small.

Mr. Bedford is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Mrs. Herman White, accompanied by Mrs. Albert Hutchinson, and Mrs. Ethel Persson and daughter, Jean, motored to La Grande Friday. They stopped on their way home to visit friends at Hot Lake.

Mrs. Gilbert Gilkison and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Moore were Baker visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Laoney visited her daughter at Haines Saturday.

Mrs. Isabella Lyons, of Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived Saturday night to visit Mrs. Grace Kelley and family.

Clay Dodson returned home Saturday from Hot Lake.

### Next Flyweight King?



Patsy Sarron, Birmingham, Ala., flyweight, whom many observers are picking as the next flyweight champion of the world. Sarron went to the Olympic games in 1924 as an alternate for Felix La Barba, present flyweight king, and, although he took no part, came back to America to win the New York metropolitan flyweight crown. Sarron fought La Zarba in Boston and his showing against the westerner earned him the right to go to the international games.

He had battled through six miles of tide rips and cold eddies.

Miss Dodie Hiewett, 19-year-old Los Angeles girl, tackled the passage but the coldness of the water halted her attempt after 57 minutes. She had covered approximately two miles.

### UNION PERSONALS

UNION. (Special)—Ruth Connor spent the latter part of last week visiting with Vera Hagensen in La Grande. She returned home Saturday.

The Union commercial club will have social meetings about twice a month at the Union hotel and business sessions will be called by the president, T. T. Cook, as often as there seems to be business sufficient to justify the meetings.

Carl Zeamer was over from his ranch home near Edin just Friday visiting with friends at Union and looking after business interests.

Vernon Allen is the first local candidate to announce his entry into the political arena. Mr. Allen will make the race for the office of street superintendent.

The camp ground, which has been handled by the city at the park during the season just closing, has been shut down for the winter and the caretaker discharged.

Eldon Caspar, who graduated from the Union high school last year for 9 hours and 20 minutes before he gave up. John Hasowich, a sailor, slipped into the water from the island side, when weather conditions appeared at their best, and was taken from the water 2 hours and 49 minutes later, one leg and

### Wills, Sharkey Meet Tonight in New York Ring

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (AP)—Harry Wills, huge negro stowitzer, tonight clinches into the ring at Edith's Field to defend his ranking as foremost challenger for the heavyweight title, against Youthful Jack Sharkey, of Boston.

Almost a year has passed since the black panther, now 37 years old, fought his last match against Floyd Johnson, of Des Moines, Iowa, and battered the Westerner to a helpless figure in a single round. During this same period Sharkey has surged to the front rank with decisions over George Godfrey, giant negro, whom Wills failed to meet; Phil Hoffman, sailor seaman of California; King Holoman, of Panama; and Jim Maloney, Boston slugger.

Sharkey was the picture of confidence as he finished his training. "Tunney refused to meet me earlier in the year," he said, "and it is just as well for him that he did not. I'd likely be champion of the world today. I'm going to knock Wills out and then Tunney will have to meet me."

Wills is certain tonight's skirmish will settle once and for all his position among the heavyweights. "I'll prove to the world," he said, "that I am the man who should be champion. I'll show them that speed and lifting power that was not displayed at Philadelphia. I'll prove that I am the man Dempsey should have fought and that I would have won by a knockout. I'll stop Sharkey quickly."

In its brief lifetime the silk-worm spins about 4,000 yards of thread.

accompanied by H. R. McElroy who has been in Enterprise looking after his new grocery store.

### Iowa Grid Star



Meet Nick Kutsch, famous halfback on the University of Iowa eleven. He was one of the stars of the 1925 football season and is expected to shine again this campaign. They call him "Cowboy" Kutsch because he used to rope steers around the stockyards.

HURRIED FOR NO PURPOSE  
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Attorneys for Milton Hills seem to have been in a great hurry all in vain. Hills rushed his final divorce through court routine and filed it at 11:46 a. m. yesterday, thinking he was going to marry Doris Konyon at noon. The wedding is at noon, eastern time, today in the Adirondacks.

Home is where the coal shortage is going to be before long.

### HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD (Special)—Paul Gettle was a Hilgard visitor Sunday. Howard Stalret killed a large buck deer last week.

Mrs. Lon Lilly is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ed Salling, in La Grande.

Ben Young was in La Grande Monday on business.

Mrs. Mabel Scott has installed a pressure pump at her place here to pump water to the house, besides furnishing power for lights for the house.

Miss Alice H. Marquardt, county health nurse, visited the Hilgard school Tuesday afternoon.

Leonard and Emery Ferguson tipped a bee tree Sunday, getting

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about two gallons of wild honey. William Cantrell was a La Grande visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford and son, Gerald, were La Grande visitors Thursday.

Emory Ferguson killed a buck deer last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Abel have returned to their home here from La Grande, where Mrs. Abel has been visiting for the past three months.

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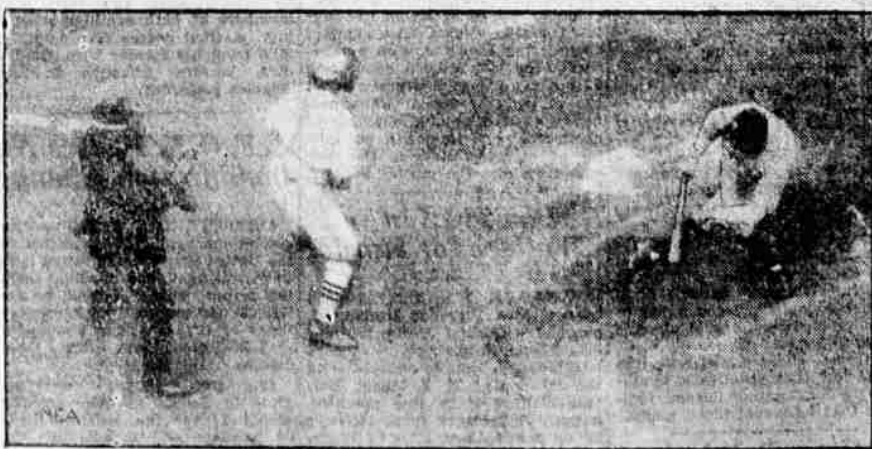
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### THE BAMB DOES A CASEY!



It's the sixth inning of the fifth world series game. The score reads: Cardinals 1, Yankees 1. Yankee runners are on first and second with none out. The Belting Bamb of Binstown's at bat. (The day before the Swatling Baller got three homers.) Will he crack another? It's an ideal spot. Silence except the snore. A called strike, a couple of balls, another strike—and then Sherdel cuts loose with all his heat. The Whirling Wizard swings—you hear a mighty swish—a thud as the ball hits gloves—a roar, a thunderous roar—the Babe fans an daimon falls over after the swing.

### FAST ACTION IN FIFTH WORLD SERIES GAME



Herb Pennock scored standing up in the sixth inning of the fifth world series game at St. Louis when Mark Koenig slapped out a single while the Yankee pitcher was resting on second. This speed picture shows Pennock putting his spikes in the plate for New York's first run. Umpire Dinwiddie is on the run to see the play, and Pitcher Sherdel is backing up Catcher O'Farrell as the latter waits for the throw.

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Some facts about the United States Rubber Company's "Flat Band Method" which ensures uniform stretch and tension of every cord in the tire

Q—What is the "Flat Band Method" of building a tire?  
A—The tire is built in the form of a flat band upon a drum. The plies of Latex-treated Web Cord are laid and fitted by hand, one above the other. The opposite edges of the band are turned around and securely anchored to "beads" consisting of rings of many strands of piano wire imbedded in hard rubber. The flat band carcass is then brought into shape on a special machine.

Q—Does this differ from the usual method of building tires?  
A—Yes. Before the United States Rubber Company developed the Flat Band Method, the usual practice was to use a solid, metal ring-shaped form on which the cord fabric was laid and pressed into place by a rotating wheel coming in contact with the surface of the rubberized fabric.

Q—What does Flat Band building add to the service of United States Tires?  
A—It makes the tire uniformly strong throughout. It eliminates the fault often found in the old-style construction, of some cords being too taut while others were loose. In Flat Band building, all the cords are under even tension, and flexibility is uniform. There are no weak spots to develop trouble.

Q—What Company developed the Flat Band Method?  
A—The Flat Band Method was developed by the United States Rubber Company and is patented and owned by this Company.

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