

# "Babe" Ruth Purchased by Yanks for Big Sum--Outfielder Walker to Be Sent to Seals

## RUTH SOLD TO YANKS BY BOSTON

New York Americans Pay \$125,000 for Home Run King of Red Sox.

By Jack Vosek  
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—The homer king—old and new—are teammates today. Ruth and Baker are names to conjure with.

The purchase of Babe Ruth by the Yankees brings together the two most renowned long-distance hitters who have bloomed forth in baseball for 10 years or more, and Yankee fans are rejoicing.

Ruth's presence in the lineup as right-fielder will lend much weight to the attacking power of the New York club, and with Frank Baker to help him do the clean-up hitting, Manager Huggins undoubtedly expects few runs to be left on the bases.

**BIGGEST DEAL**  
The sale of the great Ruth by Boston for \$125,000 dwarfs all previous baseball deals about \$40,000. The transaction which made Tim Lincecum a member of the Cleveland club involved \$55,000, which was the record deal in the American league until today.

In the National league the Alexander-Killmer deal between the Cubs and Phillies, involving \$55,000 in cash and players, stands as the record.

It is said the Yankees satisfied Ruth's demands for salary. Huggins is reported to be known that he considered his services worth \$20,000 per season.

Ruth's rise as a star in baseball—the highest priced star the game has ever known—has certainly been rapid. Only a little over seven years ago he was a player for the Mount St. Joseph college team at Baltimore, receiving no salary whatsoever and absolutely unknown to baseball.

**BOSTON FANS ANGERED BY SALE OF SLUGGER**  
Boston, Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Speculation as to whether "Babe" Ruth of the Boston Red Sox would sign or had signed with the New York Yankees was coupled with intense indignation over the sale of Ruth among Boston baseball fans today.

"Will not play anywhere but Boston. Will leave for East Monday."

This was the message from Ruth received by Johnny Igoe, Ruth's business manager. Notwithstanding this message, a report from Los Angeles, where Ruth is visiting, said that Manager Miller Huggins of the Yankees had actually signed the big slugger.

The anger of Boston baseball fans knew no bounds today. "Babe" was the idol here—the greatest star ever known to Boston, where baseball heroes and pennants and things have become chronic.

Ruth drew capacity crowds. Some went so far as to predict that the sale of Ruth foreshadowed the sale of the Red Sox club itself. Several of the

## BOXING

NAVAL ACADEMY has raised boxing to a major sport. Dual bouts will be held with University of Pennsylvania exponents of the manly art this year.

London, Jan. 6.—"Blind" McCloskey, the one-eyed American fighter, who is as old as "Kid" McCoy, will meet Georges Carpentier at Bordeaux, January 10.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Marty Cross was disqualified in the eighth round of his bout with Young Fischer last night by Referee Lewis for failing to show fighting tactics.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Jack Sharkey had the better of Percy Wallace in a six-round bout last night.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Bud Christie of Buffalo beat Willie Ames of Akron in 10 rounds last night. Willie Devore of Akron outpointed Patsy Scanlon of Pittsburgh in 10 rounds.

Portland, Maine, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Al Schubert of New Bedford, Mass., and Dick Leadman of Lockport, N. Y., fought a fast "four six round" bout to a draw here last night.

newspapers came out with editorials condemning the sale of Ruth. However, several expert baseball men, like Fred Tenney and Hugh Duffy, said the sale was a good thing for the Red Sox, as the money used for one player alone could be turned to the development of the club as a whole.

**FAMOUS SLUGGER SEEKS PART OF PURCHASE PRICE**  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—It is reported that Babe Ruth has signed no contract with Miller Huggins, representative of the New York Americans, the team reported to have purchased the champion home run batsman of the Boston American league club. Ruth has a verbal agreement whereby he will sign as soon as certain phases of the deal are adjusted to the Babe's satisfaction, which means as soon as he is given cut of the total consideration.

This was Ruth's personal statement to the International News Service here early today.

"I saw Huggins late yesterday and he outlined the proposition to me and I outlined mine to him," said Ruth today. "I told him frankly that I thought I was entitled to part of the sale price, which I understand was \$125,000. After considerable conversation I entered into a verbal agreement on certain things. What these are I cannot say."

"I am well satisfied with the sale. I can play just as good baseball for the Yankees as I ever did for the Boston club, and of course, that is what I will do. However, the deal has upset my plans. I may be forced to make a trip East soon."

"What part of the sale price will you get?" Ruth was asked.

"That I cannot say," he replied. "but I am entitled to a share, don't you think so?"

Ruth has been wintering here since the close of the baseball season.

## DECLINES TO BATTLE OVER HERE

French Champion, Says Lewis, in Letter, Wants to Fight in Europe.

By Ed W. Smith  
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Georges Carpentier absolutely declines to come to this country for the services of a trip that might have for its main object a battle for the championship of the world with Jack Dempsey.

This is the substance of a letter just received from Georges Carpentier, who is now in London with a pair of American boxers, Pal Moore and Johnny Griffiths. Just before writing the letter, Carpentier had had a long conference with Carpentier's manager, Desmet, and received the information first hand from the two Frenchmen.

**REFUSES TO LISTEN**  
Lewis went abroad with a commission from Dominick Tortorich of New Orleans to secure the services of the Parisian fighter if such a thing were possible. He carried letters of authority permitting him to meet any and all bids for Carpentier, and to sign for him if Georges if such a thing were at all in reason. Nate failed utterly because the French star and his manager will not listen to any proposition that calls for them leaving Europe now or at any time in the future.

"Carpentier's contracts call for him to cover music halls and like places right up to the first of May," writes Nate, "and from the eagerness with which the managers and promoters are going after him it is probable he will continue his tour right through the summer."

**GATHERING IN COIN**  
"This I did gather from what little he said of a Dempsey match: They will not be ready to make such a contest for at least a year so juicy is the picking for them in all sections of Europe where boxing is known. They were merely polite when I submitted Tortorich's proposition to them, listening attentively but without enthusiasm. So with many apologies and shrugs of the shoulder I was allowed to go out and fight in Europe, however, I took my breath away with what they said, but I have found since that everything they said was the truth. Willard's circus trip was supposed to have set a mark for a fighter's earnings. A telegram was nothing to the way Georges is gathering in the shekels."

"Doubtless Carpentier will fight Dempsey—some time. You can bet something will be in Europe, however, or not at all. Every Yankee over here gets the same impression—Carpentier is a much bigger man in Europe than Dempsey is in America, and this tells the whole story of the present negotiations."

**BASKETBALL GAMES**  
THE South Parkway basketball players will meet the Silent Five quintet in the first game of the 1919-20 season, and the contest will be staged Wednesday night in the B'nai B'rith building. Goldstone, the smallest member of the "Winged Six" squad, will play for the champion team. The guards will be Captain Hafter and Unkels, with Abe Popick at center. The team averages 140 pounds and is out to meet all comers for the 1919-20 championship of Oregon. A preliminary game between the B'nai B'rith Juniors and either Holladay or Buckman will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Representatives of the various teams in the Portland Basketball league will meet tonight in the Multnomah guard club rooms, Chamber of Commerce building, to arrange a schedule. The opening of the campaign is listed for next Monday night between the Swastikas and the Silent Five delegation. The meeting will be called to order by President P. W. Lee at 7:45 o'clock.

Manager Al Hartman does not claim the Southwestern Washington basketball title as yet, for his Standifer Shipbuilders' team of the 1918-20 season, which completed its season by the top of the heap. To date his protégés have been sent against the Maroon F. Silvertown, Vancouver American Legion, and Peninsula Park, and now he wants to tangle with any Portland quintet available. He can be reached by writing in care of the Standifer shipyard, Vancouver, Wash., or by calling Woodlawn 5630. On the team he has besides himself, Lyle Bigbee, Ed Duback, Ray Palmer, Bert Campbell and Eddie Johnson.

The score of the Y. M. C. A. Juniors-Dunlway Park Midgets basketball game Monday night sounds more like a baseball count than of a hoop match. When the first half ended, the score stood 2 to 1 in favor of the Park squad, and the final mark read: Y. M. C. A. 7, Park 6. Schwarz, Unkels and Spivak each made two points for the Midgets while "Babe" at stars registered five counters for the winners and Gunther made the other two.

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Suzanne Lenglen Gives Out Secret of Success On Tennis Court—Played Diabolo

PARIS, Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen, France's sensational woman tennis player, tells something of her beginning as a player and the secret of her triumphs, as follows:

"When only 10 years of age," she said, "I began playing diabolo, which was at that time all the rage. I became quite proficient, and I am sure it was diabolo that gave me quickness of eye and that precision which are the necessary qualities for a tennis player."

**STARTED IN 1918**  
"It was in 1910 that I played tennis for the first time, merely for amusement, in my garden at Maree-sur-Matz."

"Three months afterward I gained a second prize in a handicap tournament at Chantilly. During the winter I stayed at Nice and continued training at the Lawn Tennis club, winning several small handicaps. But I was desirous of playing in the championships, so I went in for physical culture with a view to improving my stamina and the strength of my play. Every morning and evening I practiced the Muller method, but without availing it.

"In the course of the summer of 1912 I gained my first championship, that of Picardy, and the following winter I played in the international championship at Nice, without success. A telegram from Mrs. Lambert Chambers, the Misses Tripp and Miss Ryan, beating the latter, without success, was received in May, 1914, at the age of 17, which was my first great success at St. Cloud."

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**BENJAMIN TO START FOR COAST AFTER LEONARD CONTEST**  
Freddie Anderson Likely to Be Named Opponent for Northwest Battler February 5.

By Bob  
JOE BENJAMIN, who has been signed by matchmaker Jack Grant at the Portland boxing commission, is expected here on February 5 against any 135 pounder who may be selected to box with him, but will not leave for Portland as soon as was expected. A telegram to Willie Bernstein, who will handle Joe's affairs on the coast, said that Joe had gone to Lakewood, N. J., to help train Benny Leonard for his 20 round bout with Johnny Dundee on January 18. He added that he would leave for the Rose City immediately after the fight.

Training with Leonard, as he has been doing for several months, is the best work in the world for Benjamin, and he should reach Portland in prime physical condition.

While there has been no definite announcement from Grant to such an effect, it is believed that Benjamin, the Anderson, younger brother of the famous Bud and the boy who put up such a slashing mill with Peter Mitchell at a recent smoker, will be selected to extract any 135 pounder who may be selected to box with him. He is the best of the best that could be made. He is a game, he knows how to box and he can outfight any boy of his weight on the Pacific coast. If Benjamin gets by Anderson, which is by no means a certainty, we shall be inclined to believe some of the kind things which Billy Gibson, his manager, has been saying about him.

At any rate, in the event Benjamin out this way and letting him go up against a boy of Anderson's class, convinces one that they are not going to inflate Joe's record by picking a lot of lemons and set-ups for him to topple over.

**Scholastic Meeting Called**  
William T. Fletcher, president of the Portland Intercollegiate league, has notified all the directors of the circuit that there will be a meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club. The gathering will be called to order at 4:15 o'clock and the principal form of business will be the adoption or rejection of the basketball schedule drawn up by the various coaches last month.

The 1919-20 opening is proposed for next Monday afternoon with Hill Military academy battling James Watson. At the meeting Wednesday officials of the games will be selected as will the floors on which the contests are to be staged.

## WALKER TO JOIN SEAL BALL CLUB

Outfielder Will Go to San Francisco in Three-Cornered Deal With Detroit Tigers.

By George Bertz  
OUTFIELDER FRANK WALKER of the Beavers will go to the San Francisco Seals in a three cornered deal according to an announcement made by Walter McCredie, the Portland manager.

Frank Navin, owner of the Detroit club, made the Beavers an offer for Walker, expressing a desire to send the outfielder to San Francisco in order to secure an option on a certain player of the Seal club. McCredie wired his willingness to part with Walker for another player and it is likely that the deal will go through.

**TIGERS WANT KAMM**  
"Until the deal is closed, McCredie refuses to give out the name of the player he wants. It is understood that the Detroit club is desirous of securing for 1921. Kamm is expected to be one of the stars of the Coast league this season."

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## Coast Leaguers Declare War on Park Gamblers

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Pacific Coast league managers by unanimous vote yesterday adopted a resolution declaring war on gambling. President William H. McCarthy was named special prosecutor of bettors and was empowered to engage all necessary help to nab the gamblers with the betting lever.

Any club admitting to its grounds any person banned by presidential edict is subject to a \$100 fine, and continued violation will result in forfeiture of the franchise. Adoption of the resolution by other leagues, big and small, is to be urged.

## BOWLING

TWO out of three games were taken by the league-leading El Roi Tans against Company A, Oregon engineers, in the Tuesday night matches of the Portland Bowling Alloys House league. On another alley the O-W. R. & N. quintet had no trouble winning two out of three from the Kart Shoe company. High game of the evening went to Nofi of the Oregon engineers with 215, while Morre of the railroaders was put pins behind the leader.

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Woodward avenue, tonight. Participants in the various acts had their final rehearsal Monday and all were confident that they will offer the best attraction of the year. The smoker tonight will be the final affair in which the present officers of the Portland Motorboat club will have charge. The annual meeting is set for January 12.

**Lewis Beats Demetral**  
New York, Jan. 6.—(L. N. S.)—Jim Lewis has today earned the right to meet Joe Stecher in a finish wrestling match here as a result of his victory with an arm scissor hold, over William Demetral, in 1 hour, 49 minutes and 20 seconds.

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