

# SPORT NEWS

## BABE HOPES TO HANG UP RECORD

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Babe Ruth wants to hit sixty home runs next season, and win, in addition, the American League batting championship.

The Babe is no half-way fellow. When he picks out a job for himself he certainly does not look for soft spots.

The way he goes about things, he would take on Dempsey after a couple of warm-up bouts, if he ever went into boxing. It will be recalled that the Babe cherished a secret ambition to become a boxer, and he believes that he could have made good in the ring.

When he came to New York recently from his New England farm, Ruth said he knew he could hit sixty homers, if the Yankees were still using the Polo Grounds, but he doesn't like the layout of the Yankee stadium.

"I may not be able to crack my home-run record, but I know I'll get that batting championship," the Babe said. "If I had started out last season with that object in mind I would have led the league."

By his conduct last winter, the way he played during the 1923 season and the good care that he has been taking of himself this winter, the Babe certainly has earned public faith and confidence in himself.

When he says he is going to do a thing, there is no reason to believe that he does not mean it.

## FOOTBALL MEN AT OREGON OUT MARCH 3

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Under the direction of Joe Maddock, newly-elected football coach at the University of Oregon, spring football practice will begin Monday, March 3. Approximately 70 men have signified their intentions of turning out for spring training. Among these are a number of varsity letter men and players who have gained football experience on last year's freshman aggregation.

## PACIFIC HIGHWAY TO HAVE DETOUR

YREKA, Feb. 29.—The Nevada Contracting company is fast assembling men, material and tools for its \$489,000 contract on the state highway. The company has the contract for straightening, widening and graveling ten miles of highway, beginning at the foot of the Bass hill, or Bayha, where the Kaiser Paving company's contract for paving ten miles ends.

The Nevada Contracting company already has three compressors and a steam shovel on the grounds. Fifty-four men are in the camp established at the Pit river bridge. Twenty-two men are in camp at the northern terminus at Half Way creek. Twenty-four men are due to arrive from Sacramento today and go into another camp for a sub-contractor.

The rock crushing plant will be erected at the north end of the Pit river bridge. There will be crushed the rock that will be used in surfacing the ten miles under contract.

The company will employ 150 men on an average. It is to have 300 working days to complete the job—practically one year.

By agreement with the state highway commission the highway will be closed every day from 4 o'clock in the afternoon until 7 o'clock the next morning, leaving eight hours of daylight for tourist travel. Day and night shifts will be worked on the highway. The closing order will be made whenever the contractors request it, and that will be in about ten days, according to C. L. Cedar, superintendent of the Nevada Contracting company. E. S. Bunney is president of the company. Fred Grob, one of the largest stockholders in the company, will make his headquarters in Redding all summer.

Motorists through the Sacramento canyon are now put to the inconvenience of making a detour of seven miles. This is necessary because the contractors have their paving job under way from the top of the Sulphur creek hill across the river from Redding to Bayha, just this side of Pit river.

## Jack Himself!



Jack Dempsey called at the White House and discussed affairs of the nation with the president. Dempsey wanted to know why Czecho-Slovakia was not given mandate over Abyssinia, it is rumored. Coolidge assured Dempsey, gossip has it, that the only thing that stood in the way was Article X of the League of Nations, and the two thereupon discussed the league in detail.

## TWO COLLEGES TO HOLD RADIO DEBATE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 29.—Final arrangements for the radio debate between the University of Oregon and University of California have been made and the first wireless forensic contest said to be staged in America will begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening.

The program for the evening has been definitely timed so that the whole affair will take exactly 115 minutes. Joe Fraser and Walter Malcolm will speak from The Oregonian broadcasting station KGW and the California team composed of Raymond Sanders and Harold Cherniss will address the invisible audience from the broadcasting station KLX of the Oakland Tribune.

The question for debate is: "Resolved, That the Bok Peace plan should be adopted as part of the international peace policy of the United States." The Oregon debaters will uphold the negative side of the proposition.

Following the debate listeners are invited to write their decision on a card and mail the vote to either of the two broadcasting stations or the University of Oregon extension division within ten days.

## KLAN IS ISSUE IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 29.—The Ku Klux Klan issue in this state will have a bearing on the contests for state offices at the primary May 6, with certain gubernatorial candidates on both the Republican and Democratic tickets coming out openly as opposed to the Klan; others keeping a significant silence on the issue and with at least one candidate generally known to have the whole-hearted support of the followers of the fiery cross.

In addition to this issue reduction of taxes, the bonus, elimination of unnecessary state offices, relief for the farmers, more local self government and a general policy of economy are urged in the various platforms.

At the present time, with five Democrats and five Republicans having announced their candidacy for governor, and two others reported to be preparing to enter the contest, the presidential primary between President Coolidge and United States Senator Hiram Johnson is creating little interest. The Democrats will have no presidential candidates on their ticket, it is stated.

Democratic candidates who have announced for governor are Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch of Indianapolis, Joseph M. Cravens of Madison, Dale J. Crittenger of Anderson, Charles E. Batt of Terre Haute, and George R. Durgan of Lafayette. Henry A. Barnhart of Rochester is expected to announce

## PLAYER PREFERRED \$700 A MONTH TO \$5000 FOR SEASON

Gene Bailey, outfielder of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has suddenly revealed a hitherto latent mathematical genius and a new process of reckoning which tax payers no doubt will be eager to invoke in the computation of their dues to the government.

Bailey, who was schooled in Texas, owes no credit to the pedagogues of the little red school house, inasmuch as his invention flouts the mathematical principles which they expounded to him in his youth. He thought it all up by himself. By his process it appears that six times \$700 is a greater sum than \$5000.

Bailey, a second year man with the Dodgers, was offered \$5000 for the season of 1924. In the stillly nights of the off-season, sprawled on the hearth of his far away home, Bailey did sums on a white-washed spade with dead embers from the fire and decided that he was not being offered enough.

"I won't take \$5000," he informed the Dodgers at last. "I am worth \$700 a month."

As the season lasts six months in the major leagues, it will be seen that Bailey's demand differs by \$300 from the amount offered him. The Dodgers management for once has eagerly accepted the terms proposed by a spring hold-out, and there is a hope although not a very strong one, that Bailey's system of doing sums will be taken up by ball players in general.

his candidacy within a short time. Durgan is the only Democratic candidate for the executive position who has come out with a statement that he is opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

The men who have announced themselves as candidates for the Republican nomination for governor are Edward C. Toner of Anderson, Edgar Bush of Salem, Mayor Lew Shank of Indianapolis, Mayor Ora Davis of Terre Haute, and Edward Jackson, present secretary of state. Davis announces he will oppose the Klan.

A larger number of Republican party leaders will be found supporting President Coolidge in his campaign in this state. John Moorman, northern Indiana Republican leader, will be back of Hiram Johnson.

Five Democrats who now are serving in congress at Washington have re-entered the fight to retain their places. They are William E. Wilson of Evansville, First District; Arthur Greenwood, Washington, Second District; Frank Gardner, Scottsburg, Third District; Harry C. Canfield, Batesville, Fourth District; and Samuel E. Cook of Huntington, Eleventh District.

Seven Republican congressmen have announced their candidacy for re-nomination. They are R. N. Elliott, Connersville, Sixth District; Merrill Moores, Indianapolis, Seventh District; Albert Vestal, Anderson, Eighth District; Fred Purnell, Attica, Ninth District; Will R. Wood, Lafayette, Tenth District; L. M. Fairfield, Angola, Twelfth District, and A. J. Hickey, Laporte, Thirteenth District.

A feature of the primary this year will be the entry of Miss Julia Landers, Indianapolis, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Seventh District. She is the first woman in Indiana to be a candidate for such an office, and the only woman to announce to date as a candidate for any office.

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## Searching



Authorities are looking for Mava Cookson (above) of Needham, Mass., alleged white slave victim of Dr. Edwin C. Ruth, former federal narcotic agent, who also has disappeared.

## WHO LOST WAR? STILL FAVORITE GERMAN ARGUMENT

BERLIN, Feb. 29.—Arguments as to "who lost the war" have been one of the favorite indoor sports in Germany this winter. Discussions of this kind, for some reason, appear to have seized the press and public about the time cold weather began. It was the same last winter, but not to such an extent as this year. These arguments are heard in street cars and on trains, in the shops and cafes, and would seem to be more popular than playing Mah Jongg in the United States. Nearly everyone has been accused at various times, from the sergeants in the trenches and the peasants in the fields to the former emperor and most of the men of his family.

The most recent member of the ex-royal household to be attacked and accused of being a slacker is Ernest August, former Duke of Brunswick, who married Princess Victoria Louise. August by inheritance retained the title of prince royal of Great Britain and Ireland.

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He is accused by newspaper writers of having evaded service in the fighting line and of having displayed pronounced pro-British tendencies. Ernest, of course, denies all the charges brought against him, and his friends rally to his support. The arguments lead nowhere, and serve only to fill the press with the vehement letters of partisans.

## BECOMING REFORMED

BERLIN, Feb. 29.—Metal thieves have gone out of business in Berlin since the mark has been stabilized. It pays better to work now than it does to steal. Doorknobs, lead pipe and other metal objects, which thieves used to be able to market for high prices, do not bring the fantastic figures of former days. Furthermore, the wages are much better and the firm position of the mark gives a stability which encourages industry. There has been a 25 per cent reduction in criminal cases since the Rentenmark was introduced and money put on a gold basis.

## COLF DATES IN FRANCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Dates for the 1924 French golf championship have been fixed as follows: Open, at La Bouille, July 1 and 2; amateur, at La Bouille, week of July 3; women's at Le Touquet, week of July 7.

## Announcements

I hereby announce my candidacy for sheriff on the Republican ticket subject to the wish of the voters of Klamath county at the primaries, May 16, 1924. J. H. COLLMAN

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