

Tris Speaker is Latest Star of Ball to Retire

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 29.—(United News)—Another of its most brilliant stars has winked out of the baseball firmament with the retirement of Tris Speaker.

Speaker, who has been the idol of the Cleveland Indians fans for ten years, seven of which he piloted the team, said his resignation had been tendered to permit him to enter business.

For two decades Tris held foremost place with the fastest company in the American league. With a batting average for his entire career well over the 300 mark he also starred as a fielder and base runner.

In announcing his retirement from baseball Speaker said there had been no breach with his club owners, but explained that he wanted to enter business and deemed this was the best time to do it.

He said he had not decided what business he would go into, but it is expected he will become associated with the Geometric Stamping company of Cleveland, of which his friend, Dave R. Jones, is president.

Speaker began playing baseball in Texas, his home state, after graduating from Fort Worth Polytechnic Institute.

Soon after he joined the Boston Red Sox in 1907, his brilliant playing began to attract attention.

Nine years later he went to Cleveland on a trade when the management of the Indians was reorganizing a run down team. In the middle of the season of 1919 Speaker succeeded Lee Fohl as manager of the Indians and the following season led his team to a world's championship.

Speaker is the seventh major league manager to resign or be replaced this season.

The list includes Ty Cobb, Detroit; George Slaughter of the St. Louis Browns; Bill McKenzie of the Pittsburgh Pirates; and Eddi Collins of the White Sox.

Tunney Defiant Lands in Jail For Second Time

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(United News)—Unbashed by the serving of a mere summons after he had appeared in a sparring exhibition in a Broadway vaudeville theatre, Gene Tunney donned the gloves a second time Monday night and three great big detectives stepped from the wings and hauled the heavyweight champion of the world to a police station.

Charge: violating the New York boxing law by boxing before an unlicensed club.

He caught his breath, "it is ludicrous—positively ludicrous."

The detectives gave a start. "Gentlemen, gentlemen," pleaded the champion, "I've a dinner engagement with a dear friend who is sailing for Europe and I can't possibly go to the station house at this time. I'll go right after the seven o'clock show if you'll grant me this privilege."

But he didn't. He went right away along with his sparring partners and several attaches of the theatre.

It was quite jolly at the station, where things were hurried up on account of the dinner engagement. Tunney turned on him with freshly mounting anger.

Stand announced that he'd arrest Tunney again if he boxed during the evening performance. Tunney said it was persecution. Stand said it was nothing of the sort.

"Let's not indulge in subterfuges—insane subterfuges," the champion exploded.

Finally it was agreed that Tunney could appear as scheduled until a judge settled the matter Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile he and his sparring partners are at liberty under bonds of \$500 each.

Bowling Season Starts Off With Unusual Scores

The Major bowling league got under steam last night at the Elks club alley, with the Meccas playing the Houston & Jester team, and the Curran's playing the Club Cafe. Jester, Duffy, Lindale, McMillan and "Nebraska" Watters each bowled over 200, which is considered some record for the beginning of the season.

Scores resulted as follows:

	Mecca Team	Houston & Jester	Club Cafe	Curran's
Watters	187	201	160	491
Ackley	176	191	171	585
Ambrose	170	193	160	533
McMillan	156	209	185	513
Houston	153	145	146	506
Jester	222	152	161	506
Leavitt	210	144	178	476
McGroskey	129	157	159	456
Hayden	155	155	139	494
Lindale	184	220	186	514
Gove	149	187	106	596
Duffy	158	189	222	491

"PIG WOMAN" TESTIFIES FROM COT



This is a photograph of one of the most dramatic scenes in the history of American courts. Mrs. Jane Gibson, known as "The Pig Woman," brought in an ambulance from a Jersey City hospital to court at Somerville, N. J., testifies in the Hall-Mills trial from a cot that the defendants being tried for murder were at the scene of the slaying of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

Yankee Machine Of Ball Players Being Overhauled

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(United News)—Probably no pennant winning team of the past ever required as much mending and patching before the following season as do the New York Yankees, champions of the American League.

Miller Huggins, having given New York its fourth American League pennant in six years, must go right to work tinkering the Yankee machine.

While the world's series is not a fair test of a ball club's performance through an entire season, it looks as though the Yanks were still composed largely of Babe Ruth.

Herb Pennock proved a great pitcher, and so must be counted in; Lou Gehrig played a lot better ball at first base than anyone believed he had in his system; Earl Combs helped Ruth in the outfield and Joe Dugan, despite his fallible trick knee, is still a good third baseman, but one whose effectiveness is impaired by his injury, especially on balls hit to his right.

The other Yankee pitchers are veterans: Bob Muesel is nothing to write home about in the outfield, and six tanks could be driven abreast through short field, where Mark Koenig was observed trying desperately for Roger Peckinpaugh's record during the world's series.

Tony Lazzeri is an unknown quantity, one at times who shows a world of stuff and at others shows like a bush-leaguer. "Push-em-up" Tony deserves another year's trial before judgment is passed upon him.

Behind the bat, Benny Bengough, with Collins and Severoid in reserve, give Huggins sufficient strength in that department.

The Yankee manager needs new pitchers, a new shortstop, a utility infielder, and an outfielder—not too large an order if Col. Ruppert loosens up on the purse strings. But the rebuilding process, which may start with the greasing of the skids for some of the 1926 champions, is already quietly under way.

Helen and Suzanne May Contest Again

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—(United News)—Another tennis match between Helen Wills and Suzanne Lenglen may develop from negotiations now under way through the California Lawn Tennis association. The association has been asked to obtain sanction for the match and it permission is ordered from the United States Lawn Tennis association, the ruling body of the amateur end of the sport, a meeting between the world's outstanding women players may be arranged.

Suzanne is now swinging through the west in a professional tennis tour and will be in this section in another week. Miss Wills, whose home is in Berkeley, has often expressed a desire to again meet the French woman across the net. Those backing the Lenglen exhibitions have been anxious to pit their star against the former American champion. When the two rivals met in France the event attracted worldwide attention.

Rockne's Irish Enroute to L. A. To Play Dec. 4

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 29.—(United News)—Coach Knute Rockne and a squad of 32 Notre Dame football players left here late Monday afternoon enroute to Los Angeles, where the Irish team will meet Southern California university on December 4.

The team will stop off at Tucson, Ariz., for a workout enroute, and will arrive in Los Angeles at 8 p. m.

Rockne gave his men a final workout at Carter field before starting the trip, and attempted to dispel the gloom that has invaded the Irish ranks since their 19 to 0 beating by Carnegie Tech last Saturday.

"That was too bad," Rockne said, in commenting on the defeat, "but it was just one of those things that happens."

The defeat, however, will serve to rebuild the fighting fire of the Irish, Rockne believes, and he feels confident his team will come back by defeating Southern California.

Gene Tunney Has Run Afoul of N. Y. Boxing Law

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(United News)—Gene Tunney has run afoul of the boxing law.

The heavyweight champion today received a summons on a charge of violating that section of the boxing law, which prohibits boxing before an unlicensed club.

Gene and his two sparring partners in the act, Frank Muskle and "Happy" Howard, appear before Magistrate McQuaid in the west side court Tuesday morning.

King Ferdinand is Reported Improved By Wire Advices

ABOARD S. S. BERENGARIA, enroute to Cherbourg, Nov. 29.—Improvement in the condition of King Ferdinand is reported to Queen Marie in a radio message from Bucharest.

As the Berengaria nears France and brings the queen closer to a probable second meeting with her son, Carol, who had been in Paris since he renounced his right to succession last January, the Rumanian ruler keeps silent about her plans.

It is generally understood that she will receive a complete digest of the Rumanian situation in Paris, before going to her husband's bedside.

VALE IS DESIROUS OF HAVING STATE HOSPITAL

VALE, Ore., Nov. 29.—(United News)—The western Oregon tuberculosis hospital, which will be located somewhere in this part of the state, within 60 days by the state board of control, is eagerly being sought by this city. A committee has already been named by the Commercial club to find an available site to be proffered to the state. The questionnaire sent out by state board of control will be answered immediately.

Featherweights Are Clarifying General Outlook

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—(United News)—The featherweight situation, which has been blown about on the hot air of the rival managers since Lou (Kid) Kaplan relinquished the title, has been clarified materially by the recent victory of Honeyboy Finnegan of Boston over Chick Sages of New Bedford.

When Finnegan landed the clever little negro a lacing in the hub recently, before a record crowd, he established himself as the outstanding contender for Kaplan's title. Perhaps Finnegan is not yet champion, but he is nearer than any other featherweight.

It now remains for Red Chapman, a fellow townsmen of Finnegan, to box Benny Bass, the rugged little Philadelphia, and for the winner to battle Honeyboy for the championship.

All four of these youngsters can make the weight, although a dearth of featherweights has caused them to step out of their class several times during the year. Sages is the lightest of the lot, and has aspirations to be lantam champion as well. The little negro does not seem to be affected by the business of making weight.

Speaking of the featherweight situation, Kid Kaplan never received enough credit for voluntarily retiring from his position as champion. In these days when boxing is so much of a business, and big business at that, the Competitive boxer had plenty of opportunities to "sell" his title. It would have been a simple matter for Kaplan to have let one of the featherweights out-pit him—and to have cleaned up \$50,000 thereby. But Lou, although the offers were made, preferred to shoot square.

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On Mr. Poole's recent trip to San Francisco, he made an arrangement to bring back the eight biggest super-specials of 1926 to the Liberty audiences at regular prices. This has never before been done and was an unusual and unique proceeding. However, Mr. Poole has had so many requests for these pictures that he feels sure the effort will be appreciated.

The first of this series will be shown tonight and tomorrow, "Behind the Front." Wallace Beery outdoes himself in this picture with Raymond Hatton as a close second. We think it the funniest picture ever screened.

Following "Behind the Front," the Liberty will present "Wild Horse Mesa", "Riders of the Purple Sage", "The Pony Express", "Desert Gold", "The Thundering Herd", "The Rainbow Trail" and "The Vanishing American"—Truly a wonderful series of pictures.

GOLF CHAMPION WILL TRAIN NEW RECRUIT

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 29.—(United News)—The Jesse Sweetser has a seven-pound daughter. Announcement was made today of the birth of Baby Betty last Thursday. Sweetser, the British amateur golf champion, has been recuperating here from an attack of influenza which he contracted on his return from England.

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