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BABE RUTH'S BAT MAY GO TO COURT

Legal Action Probably Will Follow Johnson's Refusal to Approve Bambino's Stick

Another storm is brewing in the American League between President Ban Johnson and the New York Yankees.

It promises to be as serious as the Carl Mays dispute, which was carried into the courts and almost disrupted the American League.

Babe Ruth is the central figure in the impending row. His new bat, "Betsy Bingle," is the cause of the dispute to go as far as he did in the Mays case in order to prevent President Johnson's interference. Johnson has ruled that Ruth cannot use the bat.

On July 2nd Ruth discarded his old style bat and started to use a new type, the invention of Sam Crawford, former star outfielder of the Detroit Americans. Ruth had been in a slump at the time. With the new bat he started on a hitting spree that has brought his home run total to 29 and his average close to the .400 mark.

Crawford's bat, which has been named "Betsy Bingle," is constructed of four sections of the very best

selected wood, so that it is uniform throughout and can be held in any manner by the batsman without paying any attention to the grain of the wood. The four sections are glued together. So cleverly are the bats made that it is impossible to determine where the sections are joined. Some idea of the care and expense of the construction of the bat can be gleaned from the fact that the new bat retails for \$8, while the ordinary bat used by big league players costs only \$2. There is much more drive to the new bat because of its unusual construction.

After permitting Ruth to use the bat for six weeks, President Johnson has pronounced it illegal. In a letter to Manager Huggins, of the New York Yankees, Johnson says:

"The special bat George Ruth is now using does not conform to the regulations prescribed by the rules and must be discarded at once. The American League umpires have been instructed to stop Ruth from using this new bat, which I understand is the invention of Sam Crawford."

Owner Ruppert, Manager Huggins and Babe Ruth are up in the air over the ruling. Manager Huggins insists that Johnson is in error and will be forced to reverse his ruling when the facts in the case are properly presented. Owner Ruppert says he is back of Huggins in any stand his manager decides to take. Ruth is sore and doesn't make any attempt to conceal his feelings.

The ban on Ruth using his new style bat came at a time when he was within a fraction of a point of catching the league leadership in batting this year. Since that time Ruth has dropped back slightly.

"I can see no reason why Johnson should bar the Crawford model bat," says Manager Huggins. "I must differ with President Johnson when he says it does not conform with the rules."

"The rules simply state that the bat must be round, entirely of hardwood and conform to certain dimensions."

"The new bat used by Ruth is made of hardwood and is perfectly round. The rules do not state that the bat must be made out of one piece of wood. Ruth's bat is not a trick bat, but simply an improvement on the old type. A four-piece bat is much stronger than a one-piece affair, of course, has much more driving power."

"I have shipped a bat to President Johnson for his inspection, also a letter telling my reasons why I believe the Ruth bat is perfectly legal. I am sure President Johnson will reverse his ruling by the time we open in the West."

Owner Ruppert backs Huggins up in his stand, and says he feels that Ruth is being discriminated against. He has wired President Johnson to that effect in strong terms.

Harold J. ("Pie") Traynor played with Portsmouth, Va., and Birmingham, Ala., before coming to Pittsburgh.

Johnny Dundee, champion featherweight boxer of the world, received \$12 for his first fight.

ONLY THREE CLUBS FOR SENIOR SERIES THIS FALL

With the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Football Union still three weeks away, the executive is already engaged in preparing for the coming season which, it is confidently expected, will be greater than last fall when a record number of teams competed in the four series. While there are rumors of certain clubs applying for a franchise in the senior series to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the Ottawa St. Brigids, it is hardly likely that a fourth circuit will toe the mark and the series will be composed of Parkdale, who have won the title during the last two years, University of Toronto and Hamilton Rowing Club.

KING'S RIDER SUSPENDED

Inglam, an Apprentice Lad, Assaulted Jockey Donoghue.

S. Inglam, the young apprentice, who carried the King's colors to victory in the Royal Hunt Cup, at Ascot last June when he rode a brilliant race on Weatherane, and who was recently presented by His Majesty with a gold-mounted inscribed whip as a memento of that occasion, was today suspended by the stewards of the Jockey Club for assaulting Steve Donoghue, England's leading jockey over the flat, in the dressing room at the Brighton course, on August 9.

For the encouragement of the American national game, the Mexican government has translated baseball rules into Spanish. A physical director has been sent to the United States to study the game and qualify himself to supervise the development of baseball in the state of Yucatan.

Horoback swimming is the popular sport at the summer session at the University of Wisconsin. The only equipment necessary is a bathing suit, a horse and a bridge.

BULLDOG SOLE LEATHER

Advertisement for Bulldog Sole Leather shoes, featuring a bulldog illustration and text: "Insist upon it for repairs. Demand it on your new shoes. Toughest Leather ever Tanned."

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

Many local fans are very anxious to see just how the Kingston juniors will look against an outside team but unless Peterboro pulls a win in Oshawa they may have to wait another week. Unless the team to be met is a marvel the local juniors will give a good account of themselves.

It may not be generally known that the average age of the Kingston Intermediate champions is only a little over nineteen, making them very near juniors. They are all under twenty-four and most of them under twenty.

This afternoon the championship of the Eastern Group of the C. O. B. L. is being settled by Peterboro and Belleville at Cobourg. A few Kingston people had intended to make the trip, or stated so yesterday.

Sir Thomas Lipton, the most cheerful loser in the world, who has spent about \$3,000,000 trying to lift the America's Cup, and twenty-three years of effort, says he will try again in 1925 and will call this fifth contender Shamrock V. The Irish have been noted as sportsmen for long but a great many Englishmen will now have to say that Sir Thomas equals any of their race in perseverance. Incidentally he told the Americans their cup was no use with nothing to put in it, on this side.

The latest craze in major league baseball is illegal bats. Ruth was forced to give up his sectional slugger and now Ken Williams is to be asked to surrender a bat with a wooden plub in the business end.

Toronto is making a great stir about the sale of "Red" Wingo to Detroit for \$50,000 while the owner and manager of the Detroit team consistently deny the deal. The rest of the world is wondering which parties are a little wrong in the sixteenth story.

Many rugby men are picking McGill as the team that Queen's must beat in the intercollegiate rugby this fall. What their reasons are do not seem to be forthcoming but it is probably because they do not expect Shaughnessy to have two weak years in a row. That trip to the Laurentians was a wise move—"Shag" knows the value of publicity and having something strange going on.

ENGLISH DERBY WINNER TO RACE AMERICA'S BEST

At Saratoga Springs, an interesting international sporting event—a race between the best three-year-old thoroughbred in America and the best in England—is being arranged.

It will be for a purse of between \$100,000 and \$150,000, winner take all, and will be held probably at Belmont Park within two months.

Papyrus, winner of the English Derby, will be shipped to this country in a few weeks. The American horse that will meet him will be chosen after a series of elimination tests.

The idea was developed by the Jockey Club in the interest of thoroughbred racing. The Jockey Club in England has approved such a match. The owner of Papyrus, B. Irish, is willing.

An effort is being made to bring Epineard, the best three-year-old in France, to make it a three-cornered affair.

Lake Erie Wasn't Enough. An effort to break all records for swimming the English Channel will be made shortly by a Cleveland swimmer, Carbis A. Walker, who two weeks ago swam across Lake Erie from Point Pelee Light, Canada, to Lorain, Ohio, a distance of approximately thirty-two miles in twenty hours and fifteen minutes.

Advertisement for Treadgold Sporting Goods Co. featuring "Big Fish Stories" and "Fishing Tackle?" with a list of fishing equipment and contact information: 88 PRINCESS ST. PHONE 529.

Advertisement for Baseball featuring "Picton vs. Kingston Intermediates" and "Fair Grounds, Friday, Aug. 24th, 5.30 p.m. Sharp" with ticket prices: ADULTS, 25c; CHILDREN, 15c. CARS FREE.

Advertisement for OVIDO cigars featuring a portrait of a man and text: "Light an OVIDO. It's a CIGAR sir. A REAL HAVANA. LOGROTTE LTD."

Advertisement for Honensuckle Tobacco featuring a large "5" and a pack of tobacco: "A PACKAGE".

Advertisement for Frontenac Taxi Service: "FRONTENAC TAXI SERVICE 400".

Advertisement for E. W. Jackson & Son: "Auctioneer! Auctioneer! SERVICE AND SATISFACTION. We conduct sales in Kingston and Frontenac County. E. W. Jackson & Son. 108 Clergy Street. Phone 20713."

"THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER" You not only read it, you sing it. Try it on your piano. Watch nightly for this big comic hit.

Comic strip titled "THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER" with two panels. Panel 1: "MORTENSE - THIS IS YOUR DADDY'S FRIEND - HIS NAME IS UNCLE NED." "I THINK I'LL PUT MY DOLL AWAY AND PLAY WITH HIM INSTEAD." Panel 2: "NOW YOU GO BACK TO THAT THERE WALL AND STAND UPON YOUR HEAD!" "THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER!"

Large advertisement for Ford cars featuring the headline "Enduring Values" and text: "THE trade-in price of a 1921 Ford is equal to the trade-in price of other 1921 cars which cost 30 to 50% more than the Ford when new. This is proof of the Ford quality and the guarantee that the purchase of a Ford is an investment as distinguished from an expenditure." Includes the Ford logo and contact info for B. J. SNIDER and E. W. HORNING & SON.