

# All Signs Indicate That Dempsey Will Still Be Champion Morning of July 3

## Champ Will Be Another Man In Coming Battle

**Carpentier Will Face Much Better Dempsey: If Georges Had Been Brennan, the World Would Have a New Champion.**

Those who have been accorded the privilege of watching this Frenchman, Georges Carpentier, as he has appeared in his training camp at Manhasset, L. I., have as yet seen nothing that gives a line on his chances for the world's 147-pound heavyweight title. We folks of this country know what Jack Dempsey can do, but we are woefully lacking on information about Carpentier.

There are two reasons for the present situation. One is that Carpentier is doing something that hasn't been done in modern pugilistic times—excluding the pulse from his training camp. The other is that he is making an effort to prevent knowledge of his fighting form from becoming public property.

**Dempsey a Huge Favorite.**

Georges and those of his camp at Manhasset sincerely believe that he has a chance to lift the crown, but those who know Dempsey can't see it that way at all. They point to the odds, which already have been established, making Dempsey a one-sided favorite at 9 to 5.

When one thinks about such doings—we mean the 9 to 5—naturally leads to wonder what will happen between now and July 2. Will the odds lengthen, making the champion more of a favorite than he is at present, or will the price shorten to such a degree that Carpentier will be considered more of an even chance?

That's a question that can't be answered and it isn't likely that it will be answered as long as Carpentier's form is kept secret.

**Scribes May Peek at Georges.**

The fact that newspaper men are permitted to watch him in his training doesn't cut a lot of figure, because it isn't the newspaper men who make the odds on a championship fight. That's something that the public attends to, and of course in this instance the gambling fraternity must be considered a part of the public.

Carpentier has now been in his camp for six days, and his real training is not scheduled to start until tomorrow. What he really shows when he gets into the ring depends on what he cares to reveal for the benefit of the scribes. He might show something and he might not show anything. The European champion has plenty of capable advisers around him, and they may have reached a decision that to display the stuff might prove a handicap when he is called to face the big test.

This match between Dempsey and Carpentier is arousing a world of interest, and our presence in New York gave us an insight into an angle concerning the champion which is interesting. It was mentioned to us while we were conversing with a smart New Yorker who knows as much as anybody about this pugilistic business.

**If Georges Had Been Brennan.**

"Do you know that it really is unfortunate for Carpentier that he couldn't have clashed with Dempsey instead of Bill Brennan that few months ago?"

"Well, what's the Dempsey-Brennan fight got to do with Carpentier?" we asked.

"It's got just this much to do with it," was the comeback. "If Carpentier had been in the ring instead of Brennan that night he might have beaten Dempsey and capped the title. If the Frenchman could catch Dempsey in the poor condition that Brennan caught him in, it certainly would help his chances."

"But it's going to be a different Dempsey who will meet Carpentier, the boxer whom Bill Brennan has beaten, and that, in a measure, is responsible for the champion's being a top-heavy early favorite. That Brennan fight certainly taught Jack Dempsey a wonderful lesson. It taught him that even a champion can't go into the ring out of condition, or stale from overwork."

"The result is now that he is going to bump into Carpentier, he will profit by his lesson and will be in wonderful shape, the sort of condition he was in when he took the title from Jess Willard at Toledo. Any one who thinks that means, and that, to my mind, means woe for Carpentier."

Perhaps these fellows who make the odds are figuring Dempsey at his best and establishing the prices accordingly, regardless of anything that Carpentier may display in his training camp.

## Paris Will Probably Hold Next Olympic

It is almost a certainty that Paris will hold the Olympic games of 1924 and it is expected in addition that the French will agree to put on a standard program. Hitherto the countries holding the meet have been allowed to select the program. This has worked considerable hardship to the visiting teams. The United States and Great Britain are already committed to a standard set of games, and it is expected that the French will lend their support. The northern nations probably will fall in line readily enough.

**1,800 Players Listed.**

There are 1,800 players on organized base ball teams reserve lists.

## Bee Sport Album—Miss Fogg



Miss Adelaide Fogg.

Miss Adelaide Fogg—one of the best woman athletes of Omaha—is one more proof that Omaha is a city that produces champions.

Dr. Frank W. Fogg, Adelaide's father, started things right when he taught his daughter to shoot and to play base ball. He used to make some good runs at the traps himself, and his work on the diamond was excellent—but the story is about Adelaide.

When Miss Fogg entered Brownell Hall, she first began to shine in tennis. For three seasons Adelaide trimmed every girl who opposed her on the clay court, and as a result, she is the possessor of two tennis cups, the only cups that Brownell Hall ever awarded its tennis stars. She also picked a couple of seasons for the Brownell Hall base ball team, and according to the dope, she had a hop on the ball that would make most players dizzy.

Since then Miss Fogg has been leading a most strenuous life for a woman, teaching all sorts of dancing at the Blackstone and at Brownell Hall, and putting on recitals at the Brandeis and other theaters every month or so.

**Tennis Champ Twice.**

Adelaide has twice been woman tennis champion of Omaha, and

once runner-up. In New York she has battled with the champions of several states in matches, and has always put up a wonderful game for a girl.

Miss Fogg was advised to take up dancing by her doctor after she had been attacked by pneumonia once too often. She liked it at first—and better afterwards. She likes it so well now that she's one of the foremost fancy dancers of the little of United States.

"A certain amount of athletics—net too much—should be a part of every girl's life," Miss Adelaide says. "Dancing, of course, is the most natural and becoming."

**To Shoot This Fall.**

Miss Adelaide Fogg will be the prime attraction at the annual convention of the American dancing masters at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria in August, when she will perform before the world's most renowned critics. She will be busy studying until September, but will arrive in Omaha in the autumn in time to do some clay bird shooting with her father.

Whenever Omaha is really in want of a woman tennis champ, Miss Fogg may again step out into the limelight in this line.

## Baseballs Weigh the Same But Batters Clout Them Harder

Heavy clouting in some of the major league games this spring and the frequency with which home runs have been made started the report that the big leagues were using a livelier ball than in previous seasons. On investigation, the report was found to be untrue, but a lot of fans still believe it, because base ball patrons want to believe what they want to, when they want to.

Although it is a well authenticated fact, few fans believe the balls used in the American and National leagues are turned out by the same factory and from the same machines and materials. There is no difference in the balls until they reach the men who stitch on the covers. Then one man uses red and black thread and the other uses red and blue thread, and one ball becomes a National league pill, while the other goes into the American league box.

**Same Ingredients in Spheres.**

In a letter from the manager of the base ball factory in Philadelphia it is explained that the only possible effect the balls can have on the increased batting is that they are made of a little better material than those turned out during the war.

There is no more rubber, and no more or less material of any kind used this year, but the yarn for winding the core is better than any that could be obtained when the war was eating up all the best wool grown in the world, leaving only "second" for base balls. The 1921 brand of pill is no better or different in any way than the one used before the war, when hitting was much lighter than now.

The abolition of the freak pitching stuff undoubtedly has been the chief factor in the increased batting. Not only have the new pitching rules cut down the repertoire of the majority of slammers, but they have given the batsmen new and increasing confidence. In order to enforce the rule against freak delivery it has been necessary to forbid the use of any substance formerly employed by pitchers to take the gloss off new balls, or to dry their hands when moist with perspiration, and to give the batsman a little assistance by some hurriers to pitch the shine ball. Rosin was used by others to give them better control of their curve or hopper. There is some sentiment in favor of allowing the umpire to furnish a pitcher a pinch of rosin on request, and some of the frequency determined by the umpire, just as in the case of certain physicians' prescriptions since the U. S. became a Sahara—Hal.

**Spitball Becoming Extinct.**

The gradual disappearance of the spitball pitcher, one or two of whom drop out of the picture every winter, also has tended to help the batsman, and it may be necessary to give the slammer a little assistance to maintain the balance of power at the proper level. The way base ball is drawing the crowds so far this year, however, does not indicate there has been too much batting.

## Golfers Becoming Fastidious In Matter of Dress on Links

New York, May 28.—It seems that golfers as well as tennis players are becoming fastidious in the matter of dress on the courts and links.

No player of either game today would think of appearing in public competition in ragged and soiled clothing, as do some track athletes, merely because the same article was worn before on a varsity team or on the occasion of a record being broken. Most of our golfers today are on the fastidious side as regards their personal appearance, especially during tournaments in which ladies appear in numbers in the gallery.

Take the last two tournaments of the year—Lakewood and Garden City—during which rain fell heavily at times. Large numbers of the players, many from long distances, appeared during the afternoons with a complete change from top to toe, knickerbockers, dry and polished shoes, linen immaculate. Rarely does a man appear with open shirt front. Ties generally are considered indispensable.

The pro was playing in a four-some with Neal Becker, A. E. Taylor and Reginald Narelle. What made his record the more remarkable was the fact that the former record was made on the old course, to which considerable distance had been added this year. It has also been stiffened.

**Professional Breaks.**

New York, May 28.—Tom Kerrigan, the Siwanoy Country club professional, who is to be a member of the team of American professionals to compete in the British open golf championship at St. Andrew's next month, established a new record for the lengthened Bronxville course the other day, turning in a card of 68, which breaks the record for the old course by a one-stroke margin.

Kerrigan was out in 33 and home in 35 and, had it not been for an error on the home hole, would have finished with a 67, four strokes under par.

## Inter-Parish Track And Field Meet at Creighton Today

Events in the first annual Catholic inter-parish track meet to be held at Creighton field at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon are: 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard dash, half mile, one mile, shotput, discus, low and high hurdles, pole vault, high jump and broad jump.

Representing Sacred Heart, is Kelly, winner of first place in the state high school vault and second place in the discus throw. Mahoney and Slane of Commerce and Mach and Belford of Creighton are running under the banner of St. Peter's parish. St. Patrick's parish will be represented by Shanahan, McGrath, Wages and Krajcick. Morarity, Long, Daley and Shaulter of Creighton are entered from Lady of Lourdes parish. Spittler and McAleer, Creighton grid stars have entered the weight events.

The affair is sponsored by the Marquette club and will be free to the public.

## Georges' Backers Lured By Record Of Hero in War

**Man Who Wields Padded Mitts Has Nothing to Do With World Wars When in Fighting Ring.**

By RAY PEARSON.

Despite the fact that Jack Dempsey is a top-heavy choice to defeat Georges Carpentier of France at Jersey City on July 2 and retain the championship crown, there are many people who harbor the belief that Georges has a good chance to upset the dope and take the title back to that dear old France.

Of course upsets are not new in pugilism, but those who have been accorded the privilege of watching Carpentier in his training the last week and have knowledge of what Jack Dempsey is capable of doing with the padded mitts, are of the opinion that the champion will rock Georges to sleep, just as sure as the sun will come up tomorrow.

One is forced to wonder why there are so many boxing fans who concede Carpentier a chance for victory. This really is surprising in view of the fact that the closed gates of his camp at Manhasset have prevented fans from watching him in his workouts. But there is an answer for that.

**Like Georges for War Record.**

Sentiment in favor of Carpentier is produced by his praiseworthy war record. There are lots and lots of people in this world who would like to see the French war hero, who fought and did his bit in the downfall of the Hun, become the champion of the world.

That, of course, would mean the defeat of Jack Dempsey, and though Dempsey is an American, it seems loyalty to his countryman in this instance isn't the overshadowing thing.

**Dempsey Big Choice.**

This fight is not a story of heroes. It is a story of fighters, and a man-to-man struggle with padded mitts has nothing to do with world wars. It concerns principally the skill and punching ability of Dempsey and Carpentier, and once more we find those one-sided odds staring us in the face.

What those figures mean—and around New York, at the present time, with the battle nearly six weeks away, they are quoting around 2 to 1 with the Dempsey favorite—is no problem for those who look at this contest in a cold, dispassionate way—I mean fellows who bet their money on judgment, not on sentiment.

There is no real reason why Carpentier should be the favorite, other than the figures indicate. In almost every way, except possibly one, he stands at a disadvantage. He will enter the ring 15 or 16 pounds lighter than Dempsey.

**Physique Favors Jack.**

In height and other measurements Dempsey holds the edge, and in the matter of strength, which is going to be essential in this contest if it should go the distance, there isn't the least question as to which man is superior. Dempsey is far more rugged than the Frenchman, and that ruggedness means that he will be able to stand more punishment without crumbling than Georges.

Those who have seen Carpentier tell us that the Frenchman will outclass the champion in cleverness and speed, that he will dazzle Jack by his footwork, and beat him in some way the same way that the clever Jim Corbett beat his opponents of other years.

## Pacific Coast Has Large Number Star Pugilists In Ring

New York, May 28.—The Pacific coast is itself again, as the current crop of western featherweights testifies. During last winter boxing fans along the coast of the Pacific have been given not a few pugilistic treats by boys who own some far-flung state as their home.

The first to appear brilliantly on the cauliflower horizon was Earl Baird of Seattle. He has fought his way into prominence during the last 12 months, and some of his bouts with rival featherweights have been entered on the books as classics.

Joe Gorman of Portland, Ore., and Babe Herman of California are two other recent products of the far west who have been favorably received by eastern critics. In fact, the latter is hailed in some circles as the logical successor to Johnny Kilbane.

## Key and Way Captain Central High Teams

Robert Key and Harold Way, Central High school juniors, were elected captains of the Purple and White track and base ball teams, respectively, yesterday afternoon at a meeting of Central "O" men.

Following are the men who received the track captaincy: Key, Fred Green, Robert Key, John Day, "Duke" Gleason, Frank Maritsas and Thorval Berg.

Wilmer Beekle, who placed in the city and interclass meets, but failed to make a place in the state tourney, was awarded honorable mention.

Those who received base ball letters were: Captain Sautter, Way, Hansen, Somberg, Haiken, Beekle, Reynolds, Clement, Weitz, Redgwick, Hughes and Clarke.

Nicholas (Pinch Hitter) Amos was awarded base ball "R." Amos has not played enough innings to receive a first team letter.

**Rival to Man o' War.**

Australian running horsemen believe they have a rival to Man o' War in Gloaming, middle distance champion of that country, which recently ran a half-mile in :45 in New Zealand.

## Says "BUGS" BAER

Sporting Editor.—At a time when civilization has advanced so far that it is now possible for a man to take a drink of water in a glass in Manhattan, it seems that we should be entitled to the truth, even if it doesn't deserve it. This is the opinion of Bugs Baer, who was nothing but a pugilistic leech who fattened on other fighters' reps. My man, Finches Lucas, met Gink before all the fans of Buffalo, and not one of the spectators stayed to see the fight. Every audience he ever fought before, he was until just under the 15-minute theory.

ROGER SHELLEBY, Atlantic City.

STRANGE, but we remember this Pinhead Lucas. He came to the luxurious city of Roughtown claiming he had partaken of the knuckle refreshments in over 400 fights. It was his proud boast that he had never been knocked on his back. His admirers claimed that no opponents ever made him pull in his head. His favorite pose was a crouching position on the canvas with his chin parked on the health giving burlap.

Pinhead was a graduate of the Denishawn School of Firstcuff. When he got a paddle on the jaw he would play that the water bucket was a lily spangled pond. He would leap from dewdrop to dewdrop. In his seconds threw in the Turkish battle flag he would dance around holding the towel over his head like a Grecian umbrella. His footwork looked like a set of broken dishes on a golondra for punch on Pinhead's skull was like sparring with a birthday sponge cake. King beat the tattoo on Pinhead for 16 rounds, but it was like thumping a wet ukelele.

Finally the mayor of Roughtown started a popular subscription to buy a gondola for punch on Pinhead's head. The debate raged and finally wound up in the Roughtown jail. The mayor was so eloquent that the packed jury tore off a decision of self-defense. It was a mixed jury of six Roughtown ladies and six chaplains.

The glad news ran around Roughtown like a ringworm around a baby's little finger once again. Gink Fowler had met the foe and emerged victorious from the nearest exit. He was winned and dined at the Roughtown breadline and the town pump, Roughtown couldn't do too little for their hero.

When the sands of the desert finally turn into icicles, when the loose leaf ledger of history is eventually written and when the prejudices of nonpartisans are flattened out, then, and not till then, will the world concede that Gink Fowler was entitled to first bite at the porcelain egg omelet.

## British Pros to Play 60 Matches

**Duncan and Mitchell to Tour United States and Canada For Four Months.**

New York, May 28.—George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, British professional golfers, will play 60 exhibition matches during their tour of this country and Canada this summer, including their appearance in the national open championship at the Columbia Country club. Their tour has now been completed, although only two more dates may be accepted. It has been the plan from the first to keep the number of engagements down to reasonable proportions in order that the two players may have an opportunity for rest and comfortable traveling.

Whether they will appear in the French open at Le Touquet the last week in June is not certain; at all events they will be here in time for a day of practice before their first formal appearance. This will be at the Pelham Country club, where they are booked for July 1 and 12. The first day they will play against Barnes and Hagen and the second against Chick Evans and Bobby Jones. They will go to Shawnee for the open tournament and will have two days of practice at the Columbia Country club before starting in the United States open championship.

After having visited Washington the visitors will head westward to fill several engagements, returning east for a trip through New York, New Jersey and New England. In mid-August Duncan and Mitchell will start on a swing through Canada, which will keep them busy until the second week in September. Then they come east again, with numerous engagements that will keep them busy through the first week in October.

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## Sudenberg and McKay End Bout on Even Terms

Sioux City, Ia., May 28.—Johnny Sudenberg of Omaha and Gordon McKay of Salt Lake City boxed 10 fast rounds to a draw here last night. McKay outboxed Sudenberg, but the latter was the aggressor throughout. The men are middleweights.

**Stanislaus Zbyszko Wins Over Davis Court**

Wichita, Kan., May 28.—Stanislaus Zbyszko, world heavyweight wrestling title holder, defeated Dick Davis Court in straight falls here last night.

Zbyszko got the first fall in 47 minutes, 30 seconds, and the second in five and a half minutes.

## Jack Dempsey Loses Support of Curley and Brady, Former Boosters

By TAD.

WO of the greatest boosters that Jack Dempsey ever had, have lately switched and gone over to the side of Georges Carpentier. Jack Curley was the first man that the writer ever heard boost the present champion.

That was some years ago. We were standing on the corner of Broadway and Forty-second street, and Jack was quite hopped up on Dempsey.

"You never saw a fighter like him in your life," said Curley, who had just seen Dempsey beat Carl Morris in Buffalo. "You'll admit that I've seen some good ones, won't you?"

"Well, I never saw one like Dempsey. You can't stop him and he can hit the way dynamite bucks. He took my Carl Morris and almost killed him. Morris didn't budge him and he hit Dempsey with everything he had. This fellow will knock Fulton out before the sixth round if they ever fight."

The writer at that time had never seen Dempsey, but was a great believer in Curley, and right there bet Mr. Curley a new \$15 skimmer on Fulton if ever a Dempsey-Fulton match came off. Jack won in a punch.

Well, so much for that. Yesterday we ran across Mr. Curley in Great Neck and asked him about the coming fight.

"Put me down for Carpentier," said Jack with a grin. "I know I used to like Dempsey. I liked him a lot, but when a better man comes along my money goes with him. Carpentier will startle the world the day he meets Dempsey. There'll be a new champion."

"Yep, for the first time in the history of boxing a foreigner will be

the heavyweight champion of the world."

**Hark to Mr. Brady.**

Now we turn the page over and come to William A. Brady. You will remember that Mr. Brady was manager of Jim Corbett when James beat Sullivan. He took the short end on that fight and cleaned up.

At Toledo he took the Dempsey end against Willard and raked in once more. He figured Dempsey a cinch and his money said so, too. But now, right now, he has left the champion flat and gone to the side of the Frenchman.

Says Mr. Brady:

"Dempsey isn't the man he was when he beat Willard at Toledo. He has had but two fights in two years and that is not enough. He has slowed up considerably. He showed that in his battle with Brennan at Madison Square Garden. He wasn't one of the heavy hitting fighters that he was in Toledo. He has never met a really good man and never faced one the equal of Carpentier. The Frenchman will beat him just as Corbett beat Sullivan. He's too fast and knows much more about fighting than the heavy hitting Dempsey. Carpentier is the greatest glove man since the days of Corbett."

**Up With the Napsins, Boys, Here Comes the Soup.**

A western exchange prints the following:

The Pons-Winncke's comet will be within "speaking" distance of San Francisco on June 7, it was announced today by Director A. O. Leuchner of the students' observatory of the University of California.

At that time, says Leuchner, the comet will be only 12,000,000 miles from the earth, and is at present 37,000,000 miles away. Astronomers say that on June 27, inhabitants of the earth may expect a meteoric shower.

Then five days later we'll see a leather shower at Rickard's party in Jersey City.

## National Green Committee Formed

**To Educate Golf Clubs on Links Work; Pamphlets to Be Issued Monthly.**

Philadelphia, Pa., May 28.—Going along on lines suggested by the United States Golf association, a progressive step was taken by a number of clubs of the golf association of Philadelphia at a recent meeting at Huntingdon Valley. On that occasion the Green Committee Association of Philadelphia was formed, with George W. Elkins, jr., as chairman. Practically every club in the district was represented and the slogan adopted was "Better courses for less money."

The organization should prove a most useful body, if plans discussed at the meeting are carried out, and there is every indication they will be. Co-operative buying and course upkeep as a weapon against the high cost of golf will be one of the objects of the association. The association is planning to hold monthly meetings and to issue a pamphlet once every four weeks.

The plan is for a certain number of men to go on one course to another when exhibitions of various machines for mowing and links work generally will be given. Demonstrations in seed testing, in the usage of proper soils, in drainage, and talks on all phases of course upkeep will be given at these gatherings. For instance, if at one club a plan has been evolved to cut down the cost of things, the idea will then be made common knowledge through the pamphlets.

## Arnold Jones Wins First Tennis Match

St. Cloud, France, May 28.—Arnold Jones, the American tennis star, defeated M. Cousin of France, in the first singles match of the world's hard court tennis championship which opened here today. The American won in three straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

William H. Laurence of France, the present world's hard court champion, defeated M. Blanchy of Belgium, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Eleanor Sears of Boston defaulted and will not play in the tournament.

## Everything Set For Auto Races

Indianapolis, May 28.—All of the drivers and their cars are here and everything is in readiness for the ninth international 500-mile sweepstakes race to be held at the Indianapolis motor speedway, next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Speed spectators from all parts are already rolling into the Hoosier capital and the seat sale is 20 per cent greater than ever before. It is anticipated that the record breaking crowd of last year will be overshadowed by this year's race throng. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people saw the race last year.

## Seven of Every Ten Autos In India Come From U. S.

In the month of September, 1920, 1,041 motor cars were imported into British India, according to a report of the department of statistics of India. Seven hundred and twenty-three of these cars were consigned from the United States. Bombay imported 2,775 cars, Bengal 2,694, Madras 908, Sind 590 and Burma 531 during the six months, April to September, 1920.

**Woman to Try Channel Swim.**

Mrs. Arthur Hamilton will try to swim the English channel in August.

## Rumor Says Ruth And Prohibition Are Not Friends

**"Babe" Draws Large Crowd—Yankees Lack Teamwork and Discipline to Win Pennant.**

It is obviously the purpose of all big league base ball clubs to win pennants. The Yankees have been chasing the American league flag for more seasons than one cares to admit that he remembers, but to date they have yet to produce anything more nearly resembling the championship banner than a burly bag.

The Yankees started last season with a great collection of stars, most of them representing a large investment of money. Their hitting strength was undeniable. This year it is even more in evidence and it is backed by a powerful pitching staff. As it stands the team has its weak points. It lacks speed, but most of all—it lacks teamwork. One reason assigned for that lack by most base ball writers who have traveled with the Yankees and have had an opportunity to become familiar with the team is the fact that certain members of the aggregation have an ever-present tendency to kick over the traces. Not only do they kick them over but they do not stand in weak docility while the harness is being adjusted again.

**"Babe" Is Bad Offender.**

In this disturbing habit "Babe" Ruth has been by no means the least offender. It is common knowledge that the demon of swat came back from the southern training trip considerably overweight. Estimates of the excess poundage ranged from 25 to 40. The reason, or one of the reasons, for this condition was not bruited about so much, probably because the "Babe" has reached the place where that "the king can do no wrong" thing is held to apply partly to him.

Every base ball correspondent who made the training trip with the Yankees, however, privately advanced the information that "Babe" was not taking the prohibition movement any too seriously; that he was quite frequently among those missing when the roll was called each evening at the Shreveport hotel where the club stayed, and that his conduct was such that Miller Huggins was in continual fear that some one might feel called upon to do bodily harm to this precious piece of diamond dust.

**"Babe" a Popular Player.**

There has been no indication since the Yankees returned to the north that their star slugger has mended his ways. Indeed, whatever has passed along the line indicates that he is still following his old ways.

"Babe" undoubtedly draws a great many people to the ball parks. Just so long as he continues to do his little stint of wallowing homers that patronage will continue. But how long can he last at his present gait? The field is a matter for a prophet to deal with. It is too deep for a mere chronicler of sport to guess. Since he has such a magnificent physique it is possible that Babe can go on indefinitely. The probability is something else again. John Barleycorn takes 'em on with not a thought of weight or build.

Perhaps