

Gehrig Faces Tough Task To Surpass Homerun Mark Established By Babe Ruth

NEW YORK, May 27.—(INS)—Babe Ruth's home run hitting record has revived speculation as to whether the home run total of the Crown Prince of Swat will be surpassed that of the King, Herman Ruth, when the season has been rung down on the league careers of both stars.

Ruth, whose total was 470 at the start of 1928 season, resolved some time ago to set a mark as high as 500 for his successors to surpass.

Others expressed the opinion that it would be no trick at all for the great man to swell his collection to 600, which probably will be nearer the mark when Gehrig's falling pins will no longer carry him to the plate.

When this prediction was made there was no outstanding rival on the horizon who threatened to surpass the Master Mauler's record.

Gehrig Blomped Gehrig's home run total was 27 homers last season, however, the Columbia Lion's record was not so sure that he would better the Babe's record in the years to come. But Lou's stock soared again this Spring when he hit 13 homers in the first three weeks of the season, getting his jump on Ruth.

At the start of the present season Gehrig had 112 homers in 1927. Assuming that Buster will spend fifteen more years in the game, he must elude an average of 23 homers a year to pass the Babe's estimated lifetime total of 600.

During Gehrig's four full seasons as a Yankee regular, he has averaged 28 homers a year. At the rate he would fall short of the Babe's estimated total by about seventy circuit clouts, but there is every reason to believe that Lou's annual output will average closer

PIRATES DEFEAT CARDINALS AGAIN FOR THEIR FIFTH

Pittsburgh Ball Club Sends Red Birds To 2nd Place In League

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NEW YORK, May 27.—One of the main reasons why the St. Louis Cardinals won the National League pennant last year was their ability to beat Pittsburgh. The Red Birds took 15 of their 22 games with the Pirates.

This year, however, the shoe is on the other foot. The Bucs have taken the measure of the champions five times in seven games. They won two out of three from the Cardinals recently and knocked them out of first place yesterday by beating them twice, 12 to 8 and 7 to 5.

The Pirates, who have won six of their last eight games, are only five percentage points behind St. Louis this morning and will take second if they trim the Red Birds again today.

The spirit of the Pirates and the Giants have transformed the National League scramble into a four-cornered race. The Giants have won five straight, mainly at the expense of the slumping Braves, but will be put to a stern test this week in their series with the fast-traveling Brooklyn Robins, who have compiled seven of their last nine starts.

Rogers Hornsby's homer with one on base restored Chicago's lead to 1 win over the disorganized

Cincinnati outfit yesterday. The undefeated Guy Bush chalked up his fifth victory of the fifth victory of the season and pitched the Braves back into first place.

Two pinch hitters, Pat Crawford of the Giants and Lee Bell of the Braves, each hit a home run with the bases loaded as New York swamped Boston, 5 to 3. Old Cy Williams pinch-hit a homer with two on in the ninth and apparently won a ball game for the Phillies, but a counter rally enabled Brooklyn to nose out the Quakers by a 5 to 4 count.

Jes Haines of the Cardinals, undefeated in his last 14 games, was beaten as the Pirates out-slugged the Cards in the first game of their double bill. Doubtful collected seven hits during the afternoon, including one homer and Rottonlow hit for the circuit twice.

Eleven straight for the Athletics in the American League, with Washington again the victim was attained yesterday by a 4 to 3 score. Mick Cochrane had a perfect day at bat with five hits. It looks as if nobody but Judge Landis will be able to stop the murderous Mackmen.

Red Faber, 40-year-old spitball pitcher spending his 16th season with the Chicago White Sox, held the slugging Tigers to one hit, a single by Gehringer in the fourth. Ownie Carroll allowed the Sox only four singles, but errors gave Chicago a 2 to 0 win.

Homers by Ruth, Meusel and Dickey featured the Yankees' 15 to 4 landslide over the Red Sox. Ruth's home was his ninth, leaving him only one behind Gehrig.

Rip Collins of the Browns won a neat pitching duel from Huddin of Cleveland, 1 to 0.

McGraw's Return Seen As Solution Of Giant Slump; Team Wins Fifth Straight

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NEW YORK, May 27.—For a major of 27 years, which may be designated as a fairly long time to pitch pennies, it has been conceded, both by those who know and those who don't that the New York Giants are John McGraw. Today, the concession becomes an absolute avowal, fortified by the additional acknowledgment that John McGraw is the Giants. That much is self-evident in the light of developments during the last few days; you couldn't miss the thing if it was hiding behind an elephant.

With McGraw on the bench, the Giants won their fifth straight ball game yesterday. Without him, they weren't able to win that many in two weeks, a performance that set our emotional populace to gibbering with great freedom.

"What's the matter with the Giants?" asked they. They ought to have known better. There was nothing the matter with the Giants. They were all right; but the trouble was that McGraw wasn't. His illness started in May with the club in the first division. It ended five days ago with the club rallying brilliantly to stay out of the third division but the club almost found it.

Anyhow, McGraw's illness and the slump that had seen the Giants blow seven out of 10 ended simultaneously. When you get data like this, don't waste further time. Go right down to the paymaster and start balancing the books. The case is closed.

his father's bank eye. To be downright candid about it, this club has a "dependency complex" in its most malignant form. Some of the bright lads on the ball club may not care for McGraw in a big way but they can't play ball for anyone else and most of them admit it. Freddy Lindstrom is one of these. He never felt the urge to embrace Mr. McGraw on sight but today he was more than willing to render unto John's things that obviously are John's.

"It means an awful lot to this club to look over at that bench and see McGraw there doing his stuff," said Fredward. "He's more than half the ball game so far as I am concerned—I don't know anything about other managers but for my money, he'll do until a better one comes up."

This may be accepted as the general sentiment of the outfit. It may not admit that it can't do without McGraw; but it can't deny that it doesn't.

The worst of it is this: McGraw has been missing for rather lengthy periods in each of the last four seasons. The puppets were ready to dance but the mas-



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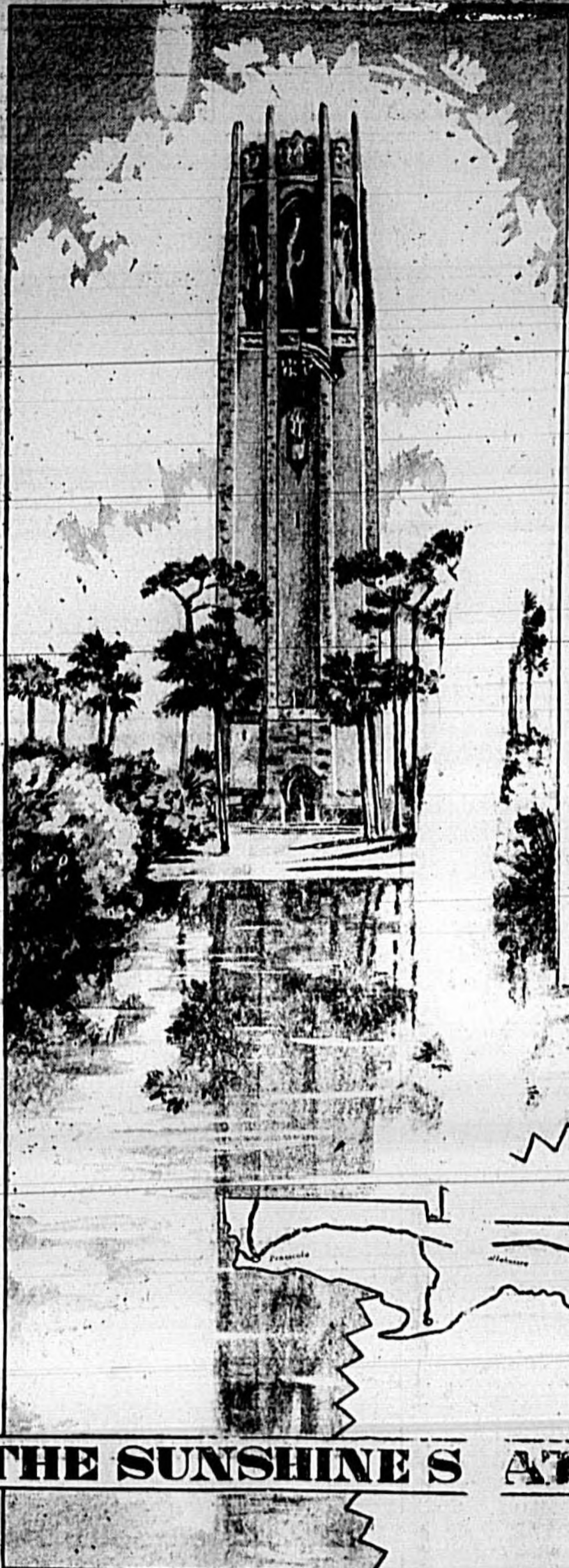
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