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SPORT NEWS

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Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker Both Deny Wrongdoing Sept. 25, 1919

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP)—The scandal of the baseball world centered today on a seven year old game, that between the Detroit and Cleveland American league teams on Sept. 25, 1919, around which charges of fixing, involving two of the greatest players known to the game, have been made.

The long smoldering bombshell, subject of many recent rumors, broke yesterday and sent fragments into many places, but today some named as conspirators swung back quickly with denials of wrong doing.

Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, idols of thousands of baseball fans, and holders of many baseball records, declared they were innocent of a conspiracy to "throw" the ball game and to benefit by betting on the outcome of the contest, made by Hubert (Dutch) Leonard, one time pitcher for Detroit, and made public by Baseball Commissioner Landis.

Here are some statements made in connection with the case:

Ty Cobb, former Detroit manager—"I have played the game as hard and square and clean as any man ever did. All I thought of was to win. There are two fellows going out of the game absolutely clean. I know I am, and I think the same of Speaker."

Tris Speaker, former Cleveland manager—"I know nothing of any fixers being made in this contest or of any giving. The only thing they have against me is the word of a man who is behind this fix, Hubert (Dutch) Leonard, former Detroit pitcher."

"I will not deny or affirm the commissioner's statement. I wish to be non-committal in respect."

E. K. Barnard, president of the Cleveland club—"While both Speaker and Cobb from the inception of the charge have denied their personal participation in the matter, there is conclusive evidence to prove that there was something wrong with the game in question."

Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit club—"Commissioner Landis has the entire matter in charge. Whatever statement he makes at this time will be sufficient."

Sam Johnson, president of the American League—"Both Cobb and Speaker saw the handwriting on the wall and decided to pull out."

Elmer Myers, who pitched for Cleveland—"I was sent out to win and that's what I tried to accomplish. I know nothing of any betting."

Dick Naitin, who umpired—"One of the requirements of our job was to make reports of unusual conditions and I saw none."

Commissioner Landis made no ruling because Cobb, Speaker, Leonard and Joe Wood, former Cleveland pitcher mentioned in the case, all were out of baseball, but said that a decision as to the attitude of organized baseball would be forthcoming if required by changed conditions.



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Junior Sextet Downs Seniors on Court, 19-29

In the second of three games which determine the state championship in basketball, the juniors defeated the seniors 19-29. The game was fast and, until the last few minutes of the game, very close. A number of students were present as voters. The junior team follows: Mildred Jayne, Dorothy Eberhard, Betty Cochran, Edith Payton, Flossie Voder, Mona Gussel, Hazel Reeder. The senior team was: Leah Bergen, Hazel Gregg, Bertha Hantz, Phyllis Ansted, Helma Rasmussen, and Martina Sans.

Passenger Train Hits Slow Freight

SALITO, Cal., Dec. 22 (AP)—A southbound passenger train of the Northwestern Pacific, bound from Eureka to San Francisco, crashed into the rear of a freight train six miles north of Willits, Mendocino county late yesterday.

A. Edwards, conductor of the freight train, and another man who was acting caretaker of a shipment of livestock, suffered what were described by the dispatchers' office here as minor injuries. They were riding in the cabooses at the time of the crash. Edwards was taken to his home in Willits.

The caboos and last two cars of the freight and the locomotive of the passenger train were derailed. Several sections of track were torn up and the passenger train was being delayed early last night pending repairs.

Willits is 244 miles south of Eureka.

The ground on which the white house stands at Washington is appraised at \$10,500,000. The sixteen acres in the plot were originally purchased for \$1,600.



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SOCIALIST IS REELECTED TO BRITISH SEAT

STAMPEDSHIRE, England, Dec. 22 (AP)—Smethwick is still staunchly laborite although its new representative in parliament travels about in a limousine and is married to a lady with a title.

Oswald Mosley, termed the "all-vor spoon socialist" because of his wealth, was returned in yesterday's by-election by a majority of 2,522 over his conservative and liberal opponents, the vote being: Mosley 16,077; J. M. Pike, conservative, 9,455; W. Bayliss, liberal, 2,527.

His majority was 2,729 greater than that received in the last election by J. E. Davison, laborite. Judging from the enthusiasm when the result was announced, Mosley and his wife Lady Cynthia, have won a big hold on a large section of the community. When the cheering died down the crowds sang "The Red Flag" and then switched to Christmas carols.

Busy Official



Dick Dillon is one of New England's best basketball officials. Last year he set what was considered a national officiating record by working 22 games. He expects to guide this year's team. His home is in Hartford, Conn., where the court sport is one of the most popular pastimes of the winter campaign.

Bertie Burton. The thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero here during the cold weather the first of last week. The weather became warmer the last of the week with quite a heavy snow fall. The snow is about 12 inches deep.

Several of the young people enjoyed a sleighing party Friday evening. They went to the school house, where they sang for a while, and then returned home.

PROMISE PERSONALS

PROMISE, (Special)—Mrs. Bertie Burton, who has been ill at Wallowa, was taken to Hot Lake the last of the week for medical treatment.

Mrs. Eunice Courtney, Marie Laro, Dottie Henderson, Roland Gohbert, Roy Henderson, Ed Carper and Clyde Taylor gathered for a sociable at the C. P. Carper home recently.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Promise and Riverside school houses Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lulu Carper and Mrs. Mary Trump returned home from Wallowa Saturday where they have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Lor.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE, (Special)—Several of Cove's young people who have been away attending college are at home now for the Christmas holidays. Miss Mildred Richards is home from the Oregon Agricultural college; Miss Earline Whisler has returned from Cheney, Wash., where she is attending normal school and Miss Zein Gayette is home from the Ashland normal school. Her Harris is also here from O. A. C.

Stephen Schick, who is now living in Idaho, where he is connected with a bank, came home to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Coon, who have been in Portland for the past two months are at Cove again. School will close Dec. 23 for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Vira Conley, a teacher in the Union school, is ill at her home. Mrs. Leonard Milman was taken

to the Grande Ronde hospital last week. Her condition is reported to be better now.

The storm last week drifted the snow along the highways until Cove was almost shut off from the rest of the world for a day or two. The mail managed to get through, however.

Deborah Pulp, of Cove, an Oregon Agricultural college graduate, will teach in the Parrish junior high school at Salem, beginning the first of the new semester.

T. R. Price, of Crane, Ore., is spending a few days with friends in La Grande.

All university students in Russia, including women are required to take a 150 hours of instruction in military science during their regular four-year course, and two months' field practice during the summer.

These are the plays when Santa Claus is thinking up children's toys that father can play with.

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