

BORTON'S STORY IN PART CORROBORATED

Harl Maggert Star Witness in Baseball Probe.

OWN ACTIONS RELATED

Investigation by Grand Jury Is Interrupted by Handling of Denton Murder Case.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Harl Maggert, ex-Salt Lake outfielder, was the star witness before the Los Angeles county grand jury today in its probe of the Pacific Coast league scandal, baring in detail his connection with the alleged "fixing" of several members of the Salt Lake baseball club by W. Baker "Babe" Borton, ex-captain and first baseman of the Vernon team, in which Borton said certain 1919 Bee players were in on the agreement to "throw" games to the Tigers.

Maggert partly corroborated Borton's story. William E. Estick, manager for three consecutive times of Vernon's champions, Maggert, Chester Chadbourne, Jack Cook, business manager of the Salt Lakeers, Byron Houck, Robert Fisher and Ed O'Malley, baseball writer of the Los Angeles Times, testified today and the deposition of Catcher De Vorme was taken. De Vorme was called to his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., because of the serious illness of his father. De Vorme will leave tomorrow.

Other Witnesses Excused.

The grand jury tonight excused the remaining witnesses until Monday at 10 A. M. It may go over the whole case again on Friday, but no further testimony will be due until the first of the week, the jury being busy with the Denton murder case.

Among witnesses who will appear before the august body on Monday will be John Mitchell and Arthur Fromme, Vernon players; William G. Rumber and Edward J. Mulligan, Salt Lakeers; Gene Dale, last year with Salt Lake, but who played last year with the Dallas, Tex., league club, and Matt Gallagher and Harry M. Grayson, Los Angeles baseball writers.

James Irving, foreman of the jury, said tonight that indictments would be made. He said that many conflicting statements had been made. Maggert arrived in Los Angeles from his Berkeley home, from whence he was summoned by telegraph by Cal J. Ewing, owner of the Oakland team, and by William H. McCarthy, league president, who telephoned him from San Francisco.

League Committee Helping.

McCarthy, Ewing and Charles Graham, manager and director of the Seals, are members of a league committee which is co-operating with the district attorney's office in the investigation.

Telegraphic advice was received today that President McCarthy will come south on Monday with more evidence which he says bears on Borton's alleged activities in buying several Salt Lake players. Ed Tubby Spencer, last year with Salt Lake, was said to have written the league chief that Borton offered him \$1700 to throw games to Vernon. Borton today admitted that he had approached Spencer, but said that he offered the backstop only \$500 and that Spencer was wrong in the amount.

Secretary Cook of Salt Lake entered the grand jury room armed with affidavits from a number of Salt Lake players and said that he had advised all the players to hold themselves in readiness to come to Los Angeles whenever their testimony is desired by the grand jury.

Maggert Is First Witness.

Maggert was the first witness called today by Foreman Irving. Maggert made the assertion that Borton and other members of the 1919 Vernon club had told him and other members of the Salt Lake club that the Vernon club had formed a slush fund of \$2000 to be held out as bait for the throwing of games.

Here, in substance, is what Maggert before entering the grand jury room, where he was sworn to secrecy, said he was going to tell the jury.

"Borton was the man who did all the negotiating. He was alone in the deal. He came to me and asked me if I would not help the Vernon club in its two series with Salt Lake late last season. There were 14 or 15 games to be played. It was in Salt Lake that we started the two series and it was there that Borton approached me. He promised me \$500 as my share. Later he met me with three other players of the Salt Lake team. Their names are Dale, Rumber and Mulligan. They, myself and Borton were all together when the agreement was made to help out Vernon. I got what the other three shared with me and put it in a position to state. I don't know how much Borton gave them."

Dale Ordered to Appear.

Owner Ewing of the Oakland team received a telegram today from President Morris of the Texas league, stating that he had ordered Dale to proceed at once to Los Angeles to appear before the grand jury. The message from Morris said he had guaranteed Dale's transportation and all expenses in making the trip. Secretary Cook of the Salt Lake club announced that Ralph Strand, Catcher Byler and others of the Salt Lake team would likely be summoned south.

It was considered likely that Miss Virgie Doerr, motion picture actress, who already has testified, may be recalled to answer further questions that may develop with the introduction of new testimony, although Babe Borton, whose allegations precipitated the grand jury investigation, already has been on the stand before the grand jury. It is believed that he may be recalled to testify concerning further new and important angles of the probe.

Two accusers now stand out against the sworn statement of William G. Rumber that he is innocent of any conspiracy to defraud the baseball public by fixing the 1919 coast league games for the Vernon club to win, the two being Babe Borton and Harl Maggert.

Surprise Spring by Maggert.

Maggert spring a surprise today when he stated that Rumber was guilty, his declaration, if sustained, being expected to mean more than the impeaching of Borton's testimony as Rumber has been vindicated by the Salt Lake club.

Maggert insisted that he knew nothing about the alleged coterie of sure-thing gamblers which the district attorney's office is endeavoring to prove was at the bottom of the alleged plot. He says that all with which he had anything to do was handed to him by Borton and that he suspected that Borton had it from the Vernon players. If the money came to Borton from sure-thing gamblers,

Maggert said, he did not suspect the source. Maggert's denial was said by those with whom he talked to ring pretty true.

CENTER ELEVEN IS DINED

Collegians Board Train to Play Harvard on Saturday.

DANVILLE, Ky., Oct. 20.—Danville citizens and those of nearby towns gathered at a banquet tonight in honor of Center college football eleven, which will board a special train tomorrow for Cambridge, Mass., where a game will be played Saturday with Harvard.

Hundreds of citizens and college students attended the banquet and also a celebration which was held in the main street of the city.

Sport News and Comment.

Last week's football results in some cases show that the various college teams have either failed to hit their stride or that they are weakly weak. There is no question but that two distinct surprises came to light when Montana defeated Washington at Seattle 18 to 14 and Southern California defeated Stanford 10 to 0 at Los Angeles. Stanford so far has shown anything but its best, but its adherents were taken aback when the Southern California variety beat them, and only time to show that Stanford was to put in a few years in learning the game before its time will be in the winning column against the big colleges of this coast. The victory of Montana over Washington shows that that team from the copper country knows football, but on the other hand the muddy field and wet day unquestionably slowed up the Washingtonians.

The American Olympic games committee has made a preliminary announcement that the expenses of sending teams to Antwerp totaled \$146,263. There are many athletes, swimmers, football players and participants in other sports who will anxiously wait for the details of that expenditure. It was moved at Antwerp that \$75,000 was an outside amount the committee spent. Transportation cost the committee nothing, meals were at a minimum and accommodations at Antwerp were donated, so that athletes will not have a good many questions as to where the difference between \$75,000 and \$146,263 went to and also they will want to know what happened to the remainder of the \$200,000 which was collected and officially announced as the total before the team sailed.

These Frenchmen believe in doing things "officially." They have asked the international boxing union to approve and sanction Carpenter's victory over Levinson as giving the Frenchman the "official" light heavy title. One paper heads the news item "The Frenchman's victory over Levinson." It is a nation-wide governing body of boxing in this country the sport would be better off. We now stand our obscure boxers claim all to the same length of championship title. As far as Carpenter is concerned, no one in this country will deny him the holder. True, Daniel's best practice is Levinson is the only man so recognized since the days of Fitzsimmons and Carpenter's victory over the Battler. Even the Frenchman clear and legal title to the title.

BASES FULL, BATTER IS OUT

Negro Umpire Can't Find Any Place Else for Hitter.

At a ball game between a South Carolina negro team and a visiting team of similar color a negro preacher was acting as umpire. The pitcher had gone wild, and had permitted all the bases to fill. Another man came to the bat, and the nervous pitcher shot one over.

"Ball one," yelled the ump. The pitcher tried again. "Ball two," was the decision. Another effort by the hurler. "Ball three," said the umpire. The pitcher saw his predicament and made one master effort to save the day.

"Ball four," yelled the ump, "and the man's out." "How come I see out?" inquired the enraged batter. "I see repelled to put you out, nigger. Don't you see dar's nowhere else to put you?" reasoned the umpire.

SALMON TROLLERS ARE LUCKY

Good Catches Are Reported and Winter's Supply Is Salted.

NEWPORT, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—During the past week trolling for salmon has been a popular sport on Yaquina bay. The run of silver-sides has been the best known for years and, as a consequence, many Newport families have at a minimum of expense salted down their winter supply. Catches for the day on a troll of 15 salmon weighing from 6 to 16 pounds were not unusual.

Many sportsmen from outside points came in and returned home with enough salmon for their respective neighborhoods. Many local sportsmen also participated in the sport, some of them with unusual success. Among these Mrs. William Armitage and Mrs. Jess Fry are credited with the best catch, as they succeeded in landing 24 in one day. One day during the week 28 boats, containing 42 fishermen, were counted on the stretch between Newport and Yaquina.

Cox Trapshot Enthusiast.

Governor Cox of Ohio is an enthusiastic trapshot. The governor was at Camp Perry, O., one day during the rifle matches to present the governor's cup. He had no sooner gotten on the ground when he met Lester German, the veteran baseball pitcher and trapshot. The governor and German talked over old times and German took the governor to the traps. In a gun in his hands and the governor blazed away at 100 targets. Quite naturally he drew an audience.

The rifle shooters are interested in trapshooting is proved by the fact that 30,000 targets were thrown in 12 days.

Sculls Title Won 5 Times.

Ernest Barry, world's champion single sculler, is the proud holder of his fifth title by reason of his recent triumph over Felton on the Parramatta river, Sydney. He equals the record of Robert Chambers (Tynes), Edward Hanlan (Canada), James Stanbury (New South Wales), and Richard Austen (New Zealand), each of whom won five races. This achievement is beaten only by William Beach of New South Wales, who won seven consecutive matches between 1894 and 1897, and then retired. Ernest is anxious to row Barry.

Centralia Team After Games.

E. L. Higgins of Centralia, Wash., is organizing a basketball team to be known as the Wisconsin Cardinals, composed of Wisconsinites on the team that won the championship of the United States at Chicago in 1915 and 1916. Their season will begin December 15. Mr. Higgins is arranging for games in Oregon before beginning a tour of this state, Washington, Montana, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He desires to hear from any team that desires to challenge the Cardinals. His address is Box 773, Centralia, Wash.

Bronson Chosen to Fight.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 20.—Muff Bronson, Portland lightweight, has been substituted for Johnny Nunes of California to oppose Heale Schumann in the main event of Thursday's smoker here.

Promoter Shanklin announced the change tonight, declaring that Nunes had failed to show enough class in his workout here to warrant a place on the card against Schumann. Nunes, it was announced, will appear in the semi-main event against Frank Fetscher of Seattle.

KRAMER CHAMP 21 YEARS

CYCLIST'S RECORD GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN WORLD.

Duke Kahanamoku of Honolulu, Appears to Be Only One Today Likely to Go Same Place.

The record of Cyclist Frank Kramer stands out pre-eminently as the greatest achievement of any type of athlete in the world. For 23 years he has been riding in championship races, won the amateur title in 1897 and 1898 and since 1901 has continually held the professional championship, a record of 21 years as champion.

The question comes up in there any athlete of any type now in the public eye who will ever equal such a record and there only appears one man who has possibilities for so doing, that man being Duke Kahanamoku of Honolulu, the world champion swimmer.

Kahanamoku has been the recognized world champion for exactly ten years and like Frank Kramer and old wine the duke appears to be improving with age. The average life of any type of athlete in championship competition is only about four or five years when he reaches his prime, and yet Kahanamoku has already exceeded that margin by solid five years. True Kahanamoku has been defeated in various races and so has Kramer, but the fact remains that both these men have won their titles and their ability is such that they have gained world-wide recognition as the best of their type in the world at their respective events.

Kramer today is 41 years of age and yet only three weeks ago won an important race in Newark against Ray Eaton and other stars. Kahanamoku is not yet 30 years old and as he proved at Antwerp is the superior of the world's best amateur swimmers. Kahanamoku's achievement is not alone in winning his events but he is so good that he still is able to break world's records and the man who can do that with the present high standards of swimming records is not only going to take a good man to beat him, but the present stock of swimmers will have to improve considerably before they can take the laurels away from the popular and sportsmanlike duke from Honolulu.

Charlie Daniels was probably the most consistent performer prior to Kahanamoku's entry into the field of the swimming champions, but not even this great swimmer can point to the same length of championship competition or the same brilliant array of records that Kahanamoku holds. True, Daniels held practically all American and many world records in his day, but Kahanamoku came along and shattered them all and set marks that in many instances, will stand much longer than the best marks Daniels' records stood. Daniels was considered a marvel in his day.

Can Kahanamoku equal the longevity of championship competition as by Frank Kramer? It is a big question, and there is always the possibility that if Duke continues to take the same interest in his chosen sport that he will do exactly what Kramer did. Duke has another ten years to go. A long time, to be true, and swimmers will have to improve wonderfully or Duke will have to deteriorate rapidly for the champion to be dethroned.



ARION GUY EASY VICTOR

PETER STILLWELL, SIR DOUGLAS HAIG ARE DEFEATED.

2:12 Class Trot Captured in Grand Circuit Programme Run Off at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 20.—Arion Guy, which recently won the Kentucky futurity at Lexington, was an easy winner in straight heats over Peter Stillwell and Sir Douglas Haig in the 2:12 class trot in the grand circuit meet today. The latter two fought out a desperate battle for second place. Peter Stillwell winning both times. Best time, 2:10 1/2.

John R. Braden, driven by Thomas, won the 2:03 class pace from Peter Look and Esther R. The second heat proved to be the prettiest finish of the season here, as the racers came under the wire three abreast. Best time, 2:06 1/2.

In the free-for-all trot for a purse of \$1200, Charley Rex won in straight heats without a break. Best time, 2:05 1/2.

BRONSON TO FIGHT SCHUMAN

Go to Be Headliner of Eagle Card at Tacoma.

Muff Bronson, Portland lightweight, will leave this morning for Tacoma, where he will battle Harry Schuman six rounds in the main event of the Eagles' boxing card.

Bronson, who was in Hood River when George Shanklin, promoter of Tacoma, managed to get hold of him via long-distance telephone look the match without a word despite the fact that he has not trained since he fought Eddie Shannon at the Milwaukee arena last week.

Johnny Nunes, a California lightweight, was to have boxed Schuman in the main event, but Shanklin refused to use him after watching him work out yesterday afternoon. If there were a few more private promoters in the game like George Shanklin there would never be a question about the quality of boxing. Many promoters would have let Nunes go on and get knocked out, but not so with Shanklin.

Willard Says Never Again.

Jess Willard has no desire to re-enter the prize ring and indicated that it would require a "king's ransom" to lure him away from the farm. He emphatically stated that he had been matched for a return match with Dempsey and said he would not consider another battle with the champion.

Willard said life was all to the merry do as the farm and that he did not intend to forsake it. He admitted the promoters had been after him for some time, but he had turned into the fight game, but he had turned all of them down.

Asked to explain the story that he and Dempsey had been rematched, he said it was probably due to the imagination of a Lawrence sporting goods dealer. Willard did a little boxing every day on his farm and his old gloves are worn out. He went to a sporting goods store to get some new ones and in the conversation that followed the dealer might have gleaned that Willard was getting ready for a new campaign.

British Racer May Set Record.

A. L. George, brother of the foot racer, who was defeated by the world's record holder of the mile, mark of 4:12 1/2, declares that A. C. Hill of England, the Olympic 800 and 1500 meter champion, stands out as the most logical miler to shatter the records established by his brother many years ago.

WAR ON JOHNSON DENIED

COLONEL RUPPERT DECLARES NEW PLAN GOOD ONE.

Game Under Proposal Would Receive Absolute Divorce From Financial Interests, Is Stand.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Colonel J. A. Rupert, part owner of the New York American League club, who arrived here today, said he was perfectly satisfied that his conference in the American league and the eight National League club owners, whom they met at Chicago, were on the right road to put the national game on a thoroughly substantial footing.

"I cannot understand," said he, "why President Johnson and five of the American League club owners failed to attend. There is no plan or intent to force Mr. Johnson out of the league."

The plan is simply to place the great game on a sounder basis, the dictation of a board of control made up of three men of irreproachable reputation, none of whom has any financial interest in baseball. Everywhere he went, Mr. Rupert said, he found such a plan favored by the patrons of the game.

He said that the American League clubs do not come in by November 1 we will go ahead and establish a 12-club league.

PENDLETON GOLFERS WINNERS

Walla Walla Beaten by Clean Sweep in Sunday Matches.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 20.—Pendleton golfers defeated Walla Walla club members with a clean sweep of four foursomes in matches staged on the local links Sunday. A match between Jack Renner of Walla Walla and Charles Jefferson of Pendleton, professionals, for the respective clubs, was one of the features of the day's play.

Brooke Dickson of this city turned in low card of the day, making the nine holes in 38 and 39. Fred McMonies, also of this city, made nine holes in 40.

The teams lined up as follows: Dickson and Tallman defeated Smith and Frank Sharpstein; Bishop and

Marsh defeated John Sharpstein and Moore; McNary and Hartman defeated Falkenberg and Turner; McMonies and Shunerman defeated Winans and Ingram.

Hoquiam Eleven Ends Strike.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The Hoquiam high school football team resumed practice yesterday, with the exception of two or three players, who finally turned out today. The players felt an injustice had been done one of their members who was suspended for wearing in the Olympia game on Saturday. The players finally decided the school authorities were in the right.

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