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## JURY ACQUITS ALL IN BASEBALL TRIAL

### Seven ex-White Sox and 2 Others Exonerated.

## ONLY ONE BALLOT IS TAKEN

### Verdict Is Reached in Two Hours and 47 Minutes.

## NIGHT SESSION IS HELD

Weaver, Felsch, Risberg, Gandil, Williams, Clotte, Jackson, Zork and Zelcer Freed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The seven ex-White Sox baseball players and two others on trial for alleged conspiracy to defraud the public through throwing the 1919 world series tonight were found not guilty by a jury.

The defendants were: Buck Weaver, third baseman; Oscar Felsch, outfielder; Charles Risberg, shortstop; Arnold Gandil, first baseman; Claude Williams and Eddie Clotte, pitchers; Joe Jackson, outfielder—all ex-White Sox players—and Carl Zork of St. Louis and David Zelcer of St. Paul.

## Jury Out Less Than Three Hours.

The verdict was reached after two hours and 47 minutes of deliberation, but was not returned until 40 minutes later, Judge Hugo Friend being out of court when the decision was reached.

Announcement of the verdict was greeted by cheers from the several hundred persons who remained in court for the final decision and shouts of "hurrah for the clean Sox!" Judge Friend congratulated the jury, saying he thought it a just verdict.

## Cheers Shouts Thanks.

Eddie Clotte was the first of the defendants to reach the jury. He grabbed William Barrett by both hands, shouting his thanks.

Joe Jackson, Claude Williams and the others were close behind and the jurors lifted them on to their shoulders while flashlight photographs were taken.

Bailiffs vainly pounded for order and finally noticing Judge Friend's smiles, joined in the whistling and cheering. Hats saluted high in the air, papers were thrown around and the courtroom was the scene of the wildest confusion in any recent Cook county criminal case.

As the jurors filed out of the room they were slapped on the back and shouted congratulatory words by the spectators.

## Risberg, Weaver Excited.

The defendants, on hearing the nine verdicts, solemnly read by the clerk, gave vent to their feelings in varied manner. Throughout the hours the jury deliberated the men had paced up and down at times gathered in groups quietly to discuss the case or had remained secluded.

When the three loud knocks on the jury room were heard, indicating a verdict, every one jumped for the courtroom, but the excitement was momentary, it being some time before Judge Friend could be reached.

Buck Weaver and "Swede" Risberg were the most excited over the verdict, grabbing each other by the arms and shouting in their gladness. Felsch and Williams merely smiled, while Joe Jackson took the decision quietly. Gandil shook hands with a few friends and quietly slipped from the courtroom.

"I'll give a sailor's farewell to Ben Johnson," said Gandil. "Goodbye, good luck, and to — with you."

## Weaver Says He Expected It.

"I knew I'd be cleared," said Weaver, "and I'm glad the public stood by me until the trial was over."

Williams termed the verdict a "true one," saying he was proud to "have come through clean."

Clotte and Risberg rushed to telegraph offices to notify their wives. David Zelcer will return to his home in Des Moines immediately and Carl Zork plans to leave for St. Louis tomorrow.

Henry Berger, defense counsel, termed the verdict a "complete vindication of the most mistreated ball players in history."

## Judge Landis Out of City.

Judge Landis, commissioner of baseball, was out of the city and could not be reached to give his views on the acquittal.

E. B. Johnson, president of the American league, and Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, were at their homes, but could not be reached because of the lateness of the hour.

The case was placed in the hands of the jury in a special session of the court tonight after Judge Friend had instructed the jury.

Closing arguments were concluded this afternoon when George Gorman, assistant state's attorney, informed the jury briefly that, in his opinion, the state had presented such a conclusive case that a lengthy address was unnecessary.

Judge Friend, in his instructions, told the jury that the state must prove that it was the intent of the (Concluded on Page 12, Column 2.)

## PRUSSIAN TACTICS IN ARMY ALLEGED

### BRIGADIER-GENERAL SLADEN OBJECT OF ATTACK.

## Purchases Show Faith in Better Conditions.

## BUMPER CROPS REPORTED

## OPTIMISM IS NOTED

### Fact That Stability of Prices Appears to Be Reached Is Big Factor in Dealings.

As devout Moslems make pilgrimages to Mecca, retail merchants of the west are pouring into Portland to attend the festivities of the 9th annual Buyers' week.

Last night the total registrations showed 1900 retailers had arrived, every one an actual and potential buyer. This broke all previous records of the yearly trade event and Edward N. Weinbaum, secretary of the executive committee in charge, said never before has Portland seen such a week as this one.

Buying was liberal on opening day and arriving merchants showed the faith that was in them of better business conditions by signing on the dotted line most liberally. But yesterday they kept it up and last night heads of local manufacturing, jobbing and wholesale houses were convinced that forecasts of better business for the fall and winter have a real foundation in fact.

## Bumper Crops Reported.

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Merchants, who have been "hard-boiled" and who declared they were out of the market and not interested so very long ago when approached by traveling men, have shown an astonishing change of heart since coming to Portland this week. They are satisfied now, they said, that the year's crops will bring heavy demands upon them for goods and they must have stocks to meet it.

## Prices Appear Stabilized.

One of the greatest factors leading them to buy large quantities was said to be the fact that stability of prices appears to have been reached and there is no longer any danger of a (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3.)

## CANBY CUTS LIGHT BILL

## 51 Street Lamps Ordered Out as Result of Rate Rise.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The municipality of Canby will be all "lit up" in the future with just nine street lights burning. The number to be used was reduced by the city council Monday night from one of a very few in which charges have been filed by an officer against his superior. The charges have been laid before Chairman Wadsworth of the senate military affairs committee and Chairman Kahn of the house committee as well as with the war department.

The complaining officer is visiting here with his mother, Mrs. A. W. Nicholson, formerly of Portland, while launching his attack on General Sladen in class B, but a two-months' leave of absence from his command in Germany and is expected to return to the United States shortly.

## GASOLINE DROPS 2 CENTS

### Retail Prices Reduced for Entire Coast by Standard Oil.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Reduction in the retail price of gasoline 2 cents a gallon was announced by the Standard Oil company here tonight, effective at once. This will bring the price to 22 cents a gallon in San Francisco, it was stated.

The decrease will affect all Pacific coast states, the announcement said, and it was stated that the price of fuel oil for the consumer would be lowered 25 cents a barrel and that the price to be paid to oil operators by the company for crude oil would be cut 25 cents per barrel.

## CAR PLUNGES OFF BLUFF

### One Passenger Dead, Another in Hospital, Third in Jail.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 2.—One man is dead, another is in a hospital and a third is in the county jail as the result of a plunge by an automobile on a bluff at South Prairie early today. Andrew Savi, a coal miner, was crushed to death in the wreck.

Mike Iko, owner of the car, despite injuries, crawled to a farm house to tell of the accident. He was taken to a hospital, but when officers found moonshine liquor in the wreck Iko was arrested, charged with manslaughter and driving a car while intoxicated, and lodged in jail.

## SOUTH EUROPE SUFFERING

### 17 Deaths From Heat Reported in Italian Cities.

ROME, Aug. 2.—Seventeen deaths on account of heat were reported from Italian cities yesterday, seven of them occurring in Venice. Following violent heat on Sunday a cyclone struck a portion of Milan, damaging a number of stores.

BUDAPEST, Aug. 2.—Hungary is still suffering from the wave of intense heat which began several weeks ago. Many crops are declared to be ruined by the warm weather.

## INFLUX OF BUYERS SETS NEW RECORD

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## SERVICE NEED ADMITTED

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## Home on Oregon City Line.

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"I don't know, but I do know that when I installed my telephone they promised me free tolls to Portland and the new rates have taken this free service away from me."

"Do you know what that means?" she asked looking at members of the commission.

The witness then said that she enjoys stopping her housework to use the telephone in calling friends in Portland and that to take this privilege away from her is depriving her of one of the few pleasures that she is able to afford.

Overcharging Is Alleged.

Instead of stopping her telephone to Portland, the witness said she continued it and in addition to the complaint about removal of free tolls she also complained about the overcharging by the Portland, long-distance operators.

"The girls at the Milwaukee exchange are just fine," she testified. "I don't know them but every Christmas they send me cards and when they have nothing to do they call me up and talk with me. You know its nice to have some one call you up so that you can get your mind off your work for a few moments."

"When the bill came to the house after the increase was placed into effect Mr. Shearer was surprised but he didn't complain. He told me that he knew the pleasure that I got out of the old thing."

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## Missouri Votes Bonus

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### Local.

Early figures also indicate that the proposal for a constitutional convention had been approved. The fate of the third constitutional amendment voted on—allowing women to hold office—was apparently in doubt. Page 1.

### Grave Anxiety Develops.

There was grave anxiety, however, when Caruso only a few days ago began to show signs of depression. The rising temperature which had characterized previous attacks recurred and steadily his condition grew worse until Saturday, when he suffered from violent pains in the abdominal region.

### Medical Consultation Followed.

It was apparent that the patient was not only suffering acute physical pain, but that his heart was weakening rapidly. A consultation was held and medical measures were taken to prolong vitality.

### At His Request Caruso's Body Will Be Embalmed and the Funeral Services Will Be Held Tomorrow.

It is recalled that when he lay gravely stricken in New York he had expressed the wish that he might die in Italy and now all Italy is mourning that this sad wish has come to pass.

### Caruso for more than 25 years was a celebrity in the world of song, the tenor with "the golden voice" idolized by millions in America and abroad, and had an artistic career as well known as that of any famous statesman or military leader. He was born in Naples, Italy, February 25, 1873, the son of Marcellus Caruso, a musician, who detested music but was persuaded to permit his son, when 11 years old, to sing in the churches of his native city. An unpromising pupil, for three years he studied under Guglielmo Vergine, pleading his teacher that when ready for a professional career he should pay him one-quarter of his earnings for the following five years.

### Debut Made in Naples.

He made his debut in "L'Amico Francesco" at the Nuovo theater, Naples, in 1894, later toured Italy and Sicily, and was engaged for four seasons at La Scala, Milan. Subsequently he sang in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Rome, Lisbon, Paris, London and leading cities of Germany. When he came to the Metropolitan opera

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He had been able to visit the famous sanctuary of Our Lady of Pompeii, giving thanks offering for his recovery.

He went also to the Island of Capri, where he attended a luncheon