Death of Ray Chapman May Result in Loss of American League Pennant for Cleveland

May Be Filed Bay

L OS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 17.—(U. P.)

Court action charging W. Baker (Babe) Borton, former first baseman pionship of Portland in a three game of the Vernon Coast league baseball team, with criminal libel may be begun today by Ed R. Maier, owner of the Vernon club, it became known.

Acting on the cutton. Acting on the suggestion of W. H. Billy Miller walloped out two home runs McCarthy, president of the league, that cach time with men on bases while immediate criminal libel action be Monk also belted one for the circuit. The first game of the Lincoln-Sellwood neys conferred with District Attorney

We are going ahead on the sugges-tion of President McCarthy that Bor-ton be sued for libel for his charges against the Vernon players," Maler-"Our actions will depend on advice we receive from District Attorney

Weolwine, with whom my attorneys will confer today. "Just as soon as the club returns from its northern trip, members will be asked to face Borton in court."

Major declared he had never believed ton's charges that the Vernon play-

ers had raised a "slush" fund to buy last year's pennant and that the charges had not been substantiated. Teday's proceedings follow receipt of telegram from McCarthy last night, diately prosecute Borton for criminal

"My jurisdiction over the charges against Manager Essick and other Vernon players is limited," McCarthy's telegram said, "but the supreme court will have power to fully, disinterestedly and publicly investigate."

PROCEEDINGS WILL START

at the suspension of player Rumler of Sait Lake, which occurred yesterday. "I am not after Rumler," Borton de-clared. "All I want is a fair investiga-tion of everybody that has been implicated in my charges."

Edward Maier, president of the Vernon ball club, stated today that proceedings would be started as soon as Man-

BILL RUMLER IS OUSTED

BY PREXEY McCARTHY San Francisco, Aug. 17. — (U. P.)— William Rumler, Salt Lake outfielder,

league gambling scandal. McCarthy acted after receiving an af-fidavit from Rumler in which he de-nied that he had in any way been involved in the gambling scandals, Rumhe made wagers on Coast league games. a bribe, but admitted that it was a pected, according to the affidavit. picion. This justife Rumier's statement was supported by McCarthy declares.

wood park will meet for the 1920 cham-The first game of the Lincoln-Sellwood series will be played Wednesday eve-

ning, according to present plays, the second coming on Friday. A two-game series between the Honey man Hardware company's tossers, leaders of the Inter-city league of the Portgrounds yesterday. Senators is in the forming. Manager Walter Kracke of the Senators was a Portland visitor Sunday and he had a

long talk with Danny Shea, coach of the Hardwaremen. Portland public playgrounds was held Monday sight and as a result the Brooklyn-Kenilworth playground ball game for the unlimited championship of the structors are of the opinion that the game should be played over. The match ended rather unexpectedly in the sev-

enth inning Friday night when a general

mikup between players and spectators

is said to have occurred. The Beaver Juniors won from the Giant Juniors, 15 to 7, on the East Twelfth and East Davis streets grounds Sunday morning. The Beavers want games and Chester Doerr, the manager, can be reached by calling East 6522 after 6 o'clock p. m. The batteries for Sunday's game were: J. Andrus and F. Andrus, Arnold for the winners; G. Chiotti and Jenkins, Bent for the Giants.

Champ Plans Fights With Two Battlers

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Aug. 17.— mon (L. N. S.)—A bout with Georges Car- aid. pentler and a return match with Jess Willard are included in the tentative program of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, it was announced, here Monfay by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's man-Demosey is here to make preliminary training arrangements for his La-

Carpensier is expected to arrive in the United States in October, and Kearns man matched with Dempsey within three weeks after he arrives. Willard, according to Kearns, went into secret training six months ago and already has asked Tex Rickard to promote a match that would give him another chance at the

next engagement will be with Gunboat Smith at Boston on September 19. A bout with Bill Brennan at New York on

Vernon won the pennant and the charge that he accepted bribe money Cleveland American league baseball club, Sum was due Rumier, he says, but is at least an admission that he gamnot only \$200, saying the "cut bled on games last year and that he out" was not as large as he had expected, according to the affidavit.

Rumier's statement was supported by McCarthy declares.

Brilliant Career Is Ended

PIRST MAJOR LEAGUER TO
BE KILLED BY PITCHED BALL
New York, Aug. 17.—(I. N. S.)—
Ray Chapman is the first major
league baseball player to be killed by
a pitched ball, so far as modern records show. Semi-professional and
amateur players have been killed in
such a fashion but major leagues
have been free from such accidents. have been free from such accidents.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(U. P.)—Ray Chapman, shortstop for the Cleveland American league baseball team, died early today from injuries received when he was hit by a pitched ball at the Polo

Today's game between the Yankees and the Inidans was called off as the result of Chapman's death. Chapman was hit in the head when he attempted to dodge a fast curve, pitched by Carl Mays of the New York Yankees in the fifth inning. He was rushed to

SKULL WAS FRACTURED

"Physicians declared he had a fractured skull. An operation was performed at midnight. The surgeons made an incision three and a half inches long through the base of the skull on the left side. The operation disclosed a rupture of the lateral sinus and a quantity of clotted blood. A small piece of skull was re-

Chapman was one of the best short-stops in either of the major leagues. His work has aided the Indians greatly in he pennant race. He was the first man to bat in the

fifth inning of yesterday's game. He was leaning over the plate, crouching low. Mays, who has an underhanded delivery, threw a fast, sharp curve. Chapman dodged but the curve caused the ball to follow him and struck him in the left side of the head.

It was entirely an accident. Mays was working Chapman carefully and the

because the curve broke faster than the batter had expected.

Chapman dropped to the ground unconscious. The crack of the ball hitting his head could be heard over the entire Polo grounds. The Indian players gathered around Chapman and attempted to aid him. A doctor was summoned from the stands and gave first

said the body was still being held there, lead. but would probably be sent to Cleve-

Chapman's home was in Herrin, Williamson county. Illinois. His wife was history. It certainly is unfortunate that living in Cleveland during the paseball Mays was selected by the fates for the season, and was notified when he was injured. She was en route to New York had his share of trouble in baseball and

Chapman was 29 years old. He was due to his unsettled nerves. born in Owensboro, Ky., and broke into organized baseball in 1910, when he played with the Davenport club. He remained there part of the 1911 season, when he went to the Toledo American association team.

He was to his unsettled nerves.

His work was taking him to the top among the league's pitchers and his conduct was exemplary. Ball players who had seen fit to criticize the big right hander lately have commented on his efforts to reestablish himself in the good

He went to Cleveland in 1912 and since has played continuously with that club.

During 1916 he was out of the game for two months with a broken ankle. Chapman always played the position of short.

By a probably will have to struggle along with the averaging of a short. when he tilled in at second and later at an interior shortstop. Chapman was a third base for the Indians. brilliant fielder and a .300 hitter. It

INJURY MAY AFFECT WORK OF PENNANT CONTENDERS

New Fork, Aug. 17.—(I. N. S.)—The Yankees clubs which are now locked

Cleveland Shortstop Dead Portlanders Not Involved Is Opinion

of the Portland Baseball club, holds the opinion that none of the Beaver players are involved in the scandal which has rocked the Coast league to its foundation and which will probably result in an open court suit against Babe Borton, the Vernon first sacker, on a

It is hard to figure why Koehler should have been named in the case for he was not used to a great extent behind the bat last season by Manager McCredie. Further investigation will be conducted by Judge McCredie into the charge that Fisher was supposed to have paid the money to the Portland players. CLUB IS WRECKED

The suspension of Outfleider William Rumler, the league's leading hitter. practically wrecks all hopes of the Salt Lake club to win the pennant this sea-son. With Rumler, Maggert and Krug on the suspended list and Manager Ernic

cording to Manager McCredie. Tobin, whose hand was broken, will be out of the game for a couple of weeks and Koehler, whose knee is again giving him trouble, will not be able to work steadily, which may force Del Baker back into the game. Baker, recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis, will likely don the pad in Wednesday's game—the opening of the series against the Oakland club-which appears to have taken be a double header Saturday and Sun-

The Portland pitchers did not seem to go as good as they did against the Los Angeles club and the hitting was not up A majority of the Portland players went fishing Tuesday.

an inferior shortstop. Chapman was a brilliant fielder and a .300 hitter. It may mean the loss of a pennant for the Forest City.

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Leonard to Defend

New York, Aug. 17.—Tex Rickard has signed Benny Leonard, the lightweight As my bat comes forward, the move-champion, for the Garden. champion, for the Garden.

Announcement of Rickard's initial offering to New York boxing fans was
accomplished with the statement by Ike

accomplished with the statement by Ike Dorgan, his publicity manager, that comes when the bat is half way through \$50,000 was the sum guaranteed for the the swing. I mean direct in front of

Leonard agrees to meet any man Rick-leagues. I have them made specially ard may pick and is understood by Doran to have posted \$20,000 for a bet der handle; they are 40 inches long and on the side.

pounds eight hours before the battle ounces. The heavier the bat the longer Johnnie Dundee, Eddie Fitzsimmons the drive, that's what I think. The and Joe Welling are considered as the most likely men that Rickard will pick from in obtaining an opponent for where that is, take a bat in your hand

Boy McCormick May Take Champ's Place

in October. He said arrangements had been made for him to substitute for Carpentier against Levinsky.

Not Enough Showed Up New York, Aug. 17.—(United News.)
—Troubles are multiplying for John J.
McGraw, manager of the Giants, as one authority after another displays interest in his little fistic argument at of Eddie O'Conneil as boxing and wrestcould be held Monday night because of the lack of a quorum. Quite a number of prominent members of the Winged ling instructor. A petition said to be signed by almost 500 of the best known members of the club has been circulated



"BABE" RUTH'S OWN STORY OF HIS CAREER

REEPING EYE ON BALL IS IMPORTANT, SAYS RUTH
The "batting eye" is the big thing
in home run hitting.
Babe Ruth tells of the importance
of keeping your eye on the ball, and
how he stands at the plate, how he
swings, and all about how he knocks
home runs in this chapter of his life
story.

story.
In the next chapter Ruth discusses the intentional pass.

the other two went down in the score books as two-baggers. This is how it happened in each case: There was a good, easy swing at the bail. happened in each case: There was a man on second in the ninth inning who brought in a winning run, officially ending the game by the time I had reached am out for a home run every time I get up to bat, I always swing at the get up to bat, I always swing at the get up to bat, I hit big or it second base. Both of these blows were made on our own preserve, Fenway park, Boston. Both times my hits were long enough for me to have scored without setting out of breath. But I'm not crabbing about the loss of those two homers, They won the ball games, and I was playing for the Red Sox and not for Babe Ruth.

CONFIDENCE BIG HELP

I suppose when you come down to it, there are several things about hitting thome runs—the batting eye, the way I stand at the plate, the way I swing, the strength and weight and confidence. Let's take them up in order.

I don't say that anybody can hit the ball all the time, even if he keeps hiseye glued on it, but the fellow who has his lamp trimmed and keeps it on will make a whole lot more hits than the fellow who doesn't. It's easy enough to follow the ball half way from the box to the plate. After that is when the pitcher fools the hitter. That's when most batters begin to lose the ball They are not prepared to watch the break which comes just before the apple reaches them. I believe that one of to keep my eye on the ball longer than any other batter, even until it starts to break. We all know that a real curve holds its course and does not jump until it is almost at the plate, and that is why a batter must watch so that he

WEIGHT ON LEFT LEG

It is in this business of keeping you eye on the ball that baseball and golf run side by side for a little way. They also resemble each other in the feel of the home run and the feel of the long drive. In standing at the plate I again 491 put myself in the position of the golfer:
484 1 address the pitcher. First of all.
482 get my feet into position, the right one a little in advance of the left. My righ leg is bent just a little at the knee, and as I stand this way the pitcher gets more view of my back and my right hip than of my chest or side. The weight of my body is, at the beginning, on my left leg. When the ball comes up I shift my weight to my right foot, which steps out directly toward the Title Next Month which steps out directly toward the whole body swing forward for the blow.
At the start of my swing I reach back with my bat as far as I can, almost turning my back on the pitcher. Leonard fight.

The papers were signed by Rickard and Billy Gibson, manager for Leonard, Monday afternoon at the Biltmore hotel.

my body, and that is where it meets the ball. There is something to be said for the bat, too, because it is the heaviest one used in either of the on the side.

Weigh about 54 ounces—some wagon
The champion agrees to make 135 tongue. Most bats weigh 35 or 40 where that is, take a bat in your hand and balance it. That is where every batter should catch the ball, for there

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course, but far enough out to give delphia went out in one-two

CHAPTER FIVE

Now we come to the matters of strength and weight. The big boys have a natural advantage in this respect, but would you think there was such a thing as being too muscular? There is, I know a batter in the Ameraya my side and found a sprained world's record with an official total of leasue who is not read to take my turn at bat with a man on second, but, although the crowd was yelling "over the fence." I only found the first two and whiffed at the spect, but would you think there was such a thing as being too muscular? There is, I know a batter in the Ameraya my side and found a sprained my side and found a sprained my side and found a sprained my side along the second with an original total of leasue who is not read to take my turn at bat with a man on second, but, although the crowd was yelling "over the fence." I only found the first two and whiffed at the spect, but would you think there was such a thing as being too muscular? There is, I know a batter in the Ameraya my side and found a sprained my side and sprained my side sprained my side and sprained my side and sprained my side and charge of criminal libel.

The judge declares that he questioned the players in regard to being approached by gamblers and they stated that they had not been approached. Del Baker, who, with Art Keehler, is said to have received money," said the judge, "denies having received any money from any other players in connection with throwing sames."

I have been asked this question have a natural advantage in this respect, but would you think there was such a thing as being too muscular? There is, I know a batter in the American league who is not much better than an ordinary hitter, although he has a good eye, weight, stance and fine development. His trouble is that he is muscle bound to store the close of the close of the season of 1919, when I broke the world's record with an official total of 29 home runs. Really, I got 31, but an ordinary hitter, although he has a good eye, weight, stance and fine development. His trouble is that he is muscle bound to store the close of the close of the season of 1919, when I broke the world's record with an official total of 29 home runs. Really, I got 31, but an ordinary hitter, although he has a good eye, weight, stance and fine development. His trouble is that he is muscle bound to stance and fine development. His trouble is that he is muscle bound to stance and fine development. His trouble is that he is muscle bound to stance and fine development.

ball with all my might. I hit big or miss big. And when I miss I know it ong before the umpire calls a strike on me, for every muscle in my back, shoulders and arms is groaning, "you missed it," and, believe me, it is no fun to miss a ball that hard.

INJURES SIDE IN PRACTICE

Once I put myself out of the same for a few days by a miss like that. We were playing the Athletics at the Polo grounds on April 22 last. During bat-Once I put myself out of the same for with injuries, the Bees are struggling along with a patched up lineup that will likely crumble and fail into the second division before many weeks, unless new talent is secured.

The Vernon club is not going at top aped since the charges have been made public.

BEAVERS ARE CRIPPLED

The Beavers are in a bad way as the result of injuries to Catchers Tobin and Koehler and First Baseman Blue, according to Manager McCredie, Tobin, whose hand was Broken, will be out of the game for a couple of weeks and Koehler, whose knee is again giving him trouble, will not be able to work steadily, which was a conting to Manager McCredie, Tobin, whose hand was Broken, will be out of the game for a couple of weeks and Koehler, whose knee is again giving him

In the struggling at the plate, the way I swing, the struggling and weight and confidence, Let's take them up in order.

You stand there at the plate, watch is the plate, watch ing the plicher wind up. You haven't a limp practice before the game I swing at a low curve hall with the hope of holding it over the elevated tracks, and if my bat punched was thin air—represent a ground was the might proceed was thin air—represent a ground was the many in the world of knowing what he is going to serve you, and it is not much use trying to guess, because in my right spot much use trying to guess, because a punched was thin air—represent a ground was finder. The pain of that wrench almost put me down, but I belbed up to the good hurier can disguise his windup so that you get a fact one when you think a fellow with gimp leg. Some bench like a fellow you get a fact one when you think a ground of the was a wing in the world of knowing what he is going to serve you, and it is not my right like. The pain of that wrench almost put me down, but I beloaded u

is the greatest leverage against the great I couldn't swing my bat again heaviest weight of the blow.

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players return home from their present

was indefinitely suspended by President McCarthy of the Pacific Coast league Monday. The action was one step in the investigation of the so-called Coast

ler admitted, however, that last year Rumler denied that the money he received from "Babe" Borton, former first baseman of the Vernon team, was gambling debt incurred in July, 1919, an affidavit submitted by Catcher when he wagered \$250 with Borton. The terms were that he would pay that sum to Borton if the Sait Lake the Sait Lake club, notifying him of team wou the pennant, and Borton would pay that sum if Vernon won. sum was due Rumler, he says, but is at least an admission that he gam-

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Bean' Ball Has Cost

Lives of Three Men

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 17 .-- (U. P.)-

The bean ball has cost the lives of at least three players with the death of

according to records of Sporting Life.
On September 23, 1900, Charles
Tenkuy was hit in the head by a
pitched ball thrown by Kirk diageman at Grand Rapids, Mich., and

Ala., June 18, 1916, when Tom Rogers

Other minor cases, the paper states,

Carl Mays, who pitched the ball that

struck Chapman, quite likely will not recover from the shock of the fatality

was trying hard to overcome handicaps

Michigan Player Killed

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 17.—(U. P.)—Carl Jaeger, 27, of Plainwell,

Mich., died in a hospital at Kalama-

zoo today from injuries received when he was struck on the head by a base-

ball during a game in which he was

playing at Kalamazoo Sunday. His

skull was fractured and he did not re-

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More Trouble Looms Up for John McGraw

the Lambs' club.
With District Attorney Swann attempting to learn how Actor John Slavin came to have concussion of the brain, Prohibition Enforcement Agent Shevlin has reinforced the investigating forces. As McGraw admitted he had had considerable to frink, Shevier wants to know where he got it. McGray, he said, had been ordered to appear and explain his alleged violation of the Volstead act.

Santel to Wrestle Londos San Francisco, Aug. 17.—Ad Santel, claimant of the light-heavyweight wrestling championship of the world, and Jim Londos, Greek champion, go into action touight at the civic auditorium in a finish bout for the world's title. Both men are close to the 180-pound mark agreed upon A representations. mark agreed upon. A purse of \$7000 is to be split by the men, 60 per cent going to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser.

Vardon and Ray Win Again Toronto, Cal., Aug. 17.—Edward Ray and Harry Vardon, continuing their tour of the United States and Canada, triumphed over Albert Murray and George Cumming, local professionals, here yes-terday. Ray and Vardon totaled 69 and 67 in the two 18-holes best-ball matches. while the local men scored a 69 in the morning round and 74 in the

New York, Aug. 17.—(U. P.)—Boy McCormick, an Irish light heavyweight, who claims the boxing championship of Europe in that class, arrived here Monday on the liner Lorraine, announcing he intended to take the place of Georges Carpentier and fight Battling Levinsky

No meeting of the board of directors of the Mulnomah Amateur Athletic club in an effort to have the board reconsider the matter.

Can't Race in the Rain Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Too much rain forced the calling of the grand circuit races scheduled for the Narberth track yesterday. A double program has been arranged for the first day's events.



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