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## CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY INDICTMENT FACED BY BASEBALL GAMBLERS

### Borton, Maggart and Rumler, Players, and Raymond, Al- leged Gambler, Charged by Los Angeles Grand Jury.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—Indictments charging criminal conspiracy were returned against four persons here Friday by the county grand jury, which for several weeks has been investigating charges of "crookedness" in 1919 games in the Pacific Coast baseball league.

The four named were W. Baker (Babe) Borton, former first baseman of the Vernon club, whose charges precipitated the investigation; Earl V. Maggart, former outfielder

for the Salt Lake club, W. C. Rumler, Salt Lake outfielder; Nathan Raymond, alleged gambler, Seattle.

The indictments were returned before Judge Frank R. Willis of the criminal department of the superior court, who fixed bail in each case at \$1000.

### Bench Warrants Issued

None of the men named was in court, and bench warrants were issued. It was said Borton, released by the Vernon club and suspended by President W. H. McCarty of the league, was working for a Los Angeles motion picture company.

William Baker ("Babe") Borton started his baseball career with the Springfield club of the Three I league, at the time that Dick Kinsella, now scout for the New York Giants, was its manager. Prior to that Borton and Ray Chapman, who was killed by a pitched ball last season, had played sand lot ball together and they went to the Three I the same season.

### Seen in Majors

After a season or so in the Three I, Borton went to the majors, played with New York, Boston, St. Louis Americans, and St. Louis Federals. Borton played with St. Louis teams until

## Champion Believers!



CHICAGO—George Offerman (left) and Roy LaPearl (right), known saxophones, have just settled a bet of \$1000 as to which is the loudest voice. LaPearl copped the coin. Judges, stationed three blocks away, listened while the singers belted, accompanied by Paul Slesse's saxophone, from the top of the Masonic Temple, Chicago's oldest skyscraper. Their voices rose above the roar of traffic, 255 feet below, at the noon hour.

traded to the Portland club of the Pacific coast league in 1917. That winter when Portland was dropped temporarily from the league, Borton was transferred to Sacramento but refused to report there and Vernon made a deal for him. He has been with Vernon most of the time since, although in 1918 he spent most of the season at Camp Lewis. He led all first basemen in fielding up to his release this year.

In 1914 Borton was sent to the Pacific coast league and played with Vernon but when the Federal league was scouting for players, its representatives persuaded Borton to "jump."

He lives here and is employed by a motion picture producing concern.

## IDAHO WANTS CONTEST WITH TROJANS IN 1921

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—The challenge of the University of Southern California to any college or university football team in the United States for a game here next Thanksgiving day has been answered by the University of Idaho. It was announced here last night by Henry Bruce, athletic manager.

Bruce said the Trojans preferred to play an eastern or middle western team and would make no definite answer to Idaho until after January 1.

## INVENTION KEEPS WARM HANDS OF MOTORISTS

Congealed finger tips will be only a memory instead of an unpleasant reality of winter driving if the invention of an Oklahoma motorist meets with general approval, says Deere Motor. His invention consists merely of a muff for the steering wheel, but its importance lies in the fact that it leaves the hands free for manipulation of the wheel and controls. A wire frame is mounted to the steering post and encircles the upper portion of the wheel, leaving the lower part open for the admission of the driver's hands and arms. Attached to this frame is a fur or fabric covering, which covers not only the hands but the forearms as well. Gloves may be worn under the muff, and the driver finds no impediment to removing his hand quickly for shifting gears.

## ANGELL AND BOHLER RE-ELECTED TO OFFICE

SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—Discussion of rates and election of officers for the coming year was the main business before the Northwest Inter-collegiate conference meeting in Spokane Friday. Dr. M. E. Angell of the University of Idaho was re-elected secretary.

The special rule waiving the one-year residence requirement for exchange men competing in intercollegiate athletics was repealed at the afternoon meeting and the scholarship requirement for competition on college teams was raised from 20 hours credit each semester to 24. Schedules in basketball, baseball, track and football are to be taken up Saturday.

Schools represented included the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College, the University of Missouri, the University of Idaho, Washington State College, Willamette University and Whitman College.

## FLOUR COMPANY IS LAUNCHED IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—Buy-a-barrel-of-flour companies for the whole of Washington and Northern Idaho were started in Spokane yesterday according to A. A. Elmore, president of the Washington State Farmers' Union.

"We plan to conduct an extensive campaign," said Mr. Elmore, "and it shall not be confined to the farmers, but we shall appeal to the general public to buy flour now."

Mr. Elmore said it was his opinion that the bottom prices for flour had been reached and that the buy-a-barrel-of-flour movement was intended to increase foreign importation of wheat.

## FORWARD PASS GAME NECESSARY TO SPORT OHIO COACH ASSERTS

### Jack Wilce Favors Rejection of Aerial Attack in Football and Would Make Rule for Compulsory Numbering.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—(By Henry J. Farrell, U. S. Staff Correspondent.)—Percy Haughton, founder of the "Harvard football system," wants football revised.

The forward pass must be curbed, he says, or football will become a combination of basketball and baseball.

Haughton knows football, of course, but other experts do not agree with his fears for the nature of the game.

Jack Wilce, founder of the system that brought Ohio State from a mediocre position in the Ohio conference of small colleges to the peak of the "Big Ten" of the west, is a disciple of the open game.

"The forward pass made football what it is," he said here recently. "It has removed the weight handicap suffered by small colleges, it has made a less dangerous game and decreased injuries, it has made it an interesting game to watch and it has introduced more intelligence into the game."

To make radical changes in the forward pass rules would be to send the game back into its primitive stages and make weight rule again, he thinks.

Wilce, however, favors some slight changes in the rules to overcome a few advantages that the forward pass now enjoys.

### Interference Rule Cited

He suggests, for instance, that in the case of interference with the receiver of the pass instead of giving the ball to the offended team, where the foul was committed, to bring the ball back to the point of play and inflict a penalty of 10 yards.

If any changes are made by the rules committee this winter, Wilce favors a rule requiring all players to be numbered.

"Objections made" by some coaches that secrets of their system and trick plays would become known with numbers on their players are silly, he said.

"Ohio State was the only team in the Western Conference to wear numbers all season and we won the championship. I admit that scouts find their task easier when they have numbers to follow, but it didn't hurt us much."

"We think in Columbia that we have a system as good as that of any major university in the country. We have a much to keep secret as any other coaching staff, yet we are not so small that we will put our system above the interest of the public that keeps the same going. Regardless of what other teams do and what the rules committee may decide, we are going to make our games interesting to the public if we can."

### Numbers Aid Brains' Fan

"Ohio State is going to build a million dollar stadium, the largest and finest in the world. We will need a huge seating capacity because we are making football fans in Ohio. The baseball fan likes to sit in the grandstand and figure the 'inside of the game'—to study what is being done and why it is being done. The real football fan likes to do the same thing. He doesn't just sit there and watch the ball go up and down the field. He likes to know what the quarterback is trying to do and he is interested to see how it is done. Without numbers his task is too hard. With numbers it is easy and he becomes a confirmed football fan."

In the last four years, Ohio State under the guidance of Wilce has lost but one game, has won two western

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conference championships and finished next year?" Well, I presume so. You know our west we don't go through an undefeated season and get a four-year contract. Neither do we lose one game and get canned. I haven't a contract at Ohio State. I'm a member of the West. "Am I going to coach at Ohio State facility, that's all," Wilce said.



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