

# SCANDAL LINKS BASEBALL BOOLS

## COMPROMISE ON IRRIGATION PLAN SHAPED

### Mediatory Commission and Limited Liability Might be Combined

### Reorganization on Basis of Ability to Pay Object of Proposal

By Harry N. Craun

Presuming a desire or a willingness on the part of holders of Oregon irrigation district bonds to compromise their claims when they thoroughly and accurately understand the utter impossibility of the districts ever fulfilling their existing obligations in full, and presuming, further, acquiescence of the state in the proposal that it write off a proportional share of its tax and other liens against the districts, state officials and others who are investigating the problem of placing the state's irrigation projects on a sound financial footing see in two suggestions that have recently been made the basis for a possible solution of the irrigation tangle which will—

- 1—Establish a definite cash value for the securities now worth from nothing to 25 cents on the dollar, and that only on paper.
- 2—Reduce the per acre obligations of the districts through reorganization to include only lands susceptible to profitable cultivation and a refunding program.
- 3—Enabling the successful and prosperous settlers to pay up and release themselves from the threat of the general.

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## HORNSBY SOLD TO NEW YORK SAYS M'GRAW

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Rogers Hornsby will not go back to the Cardinals no matter what happens, John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants said today. He also denied rumors that cash was involved in the trade that sent Jimmy Ring and Frankie Frisch to the St. Louis team for Hornsby.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Minus the services of Rogers Hornsby, second baseman and playing manager, and with two New York Giants players added to his roster, Sam Breadon, president of the World's champion Cardinals, today turned in search of a manager.

As to the new manager Breadon says: "I will give the matter much thought. I do not intend to rush into the matter hurriedly."

Among those linked in gossip as possible successors to Hornsby is Rogers Bresnahan, a Giant coach, but Breadon insists that Rogers has no "inside track on the job."

The club president was outspoken in his announcement that failure to agree with Hornsby whether he should have a one-year or a three-year contract was the cause of the trade. Breadon had offered the playing manager a one-year contract with a yearly salary of \$100,000, but Hornsby remained firm in his demand for a three-year term with the same remuneration. His salary had been \$100,000 a year, and his old contract still had a year to run.

## ARGUE DISMISSAL TEAPOT DOME CASE

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Motion to dismiss the Fall-Schaefer Teapot Dome conspiracy indictment were taken under advisement today by Justice Jennings Bailey after the conclusion of arguments in the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

## GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

By Don Upholt

We've been worrying  
Sitting up nights worrying  
What was going to happen to the next legislature.

But everything's all right now. Linn Nesmith is in town and is figuring on staying out the season. The nation's laws will sure be in safe hands.

But we should worry who writes the nation's laws as long as we write the nation's slips.

Linn Nesmith is grandson of one United States Senator; nephew of another; cousin to a congressman, but they aren't none of them named Volstead.

We've been bothered to death this week in the girls taking us for Babe Ruth and following us around town.

Don't many people know it, but Frank Bligh's middle name is Donald, too. Kind of a tie binding as it were. Speaking of ties, Frank and I both walked over the same ones when we first came to town, too.

Now look at us—we own half the town. And we owe the other half.

By the way Frank, if you find a wad of gum on the fourth seat on the left hand aisle, don't bother it. We left it there one night last week, and expect to occupy the same seat soon.

We've been a little fidgety about that gum, ever since we left it there, knowing how tidy Frank is, and all.

Fact is, we saw Frank chewing some gum on the street yesterday, but didn't get a chance to ask him where it had come from. We've been nervous about it from then on.

If Padereuski ever comes to baby; to beat the stuffing from a salary; will the town turn out to greet him.

With everyone to meet him. And everyone to give him the glad hand?

Will the whole town be there at the depot. And with their cheers the star of the air fill?

We welcome the suggestion; but will have to dodge the question. Except to say we're sure that Lovell will.

## TOPICAL SONG By Stoddard King

There's a dim and dark suspicion  
That there isn't much to do,  
That it doesn't really matter, after all.

When I think I face a crisis, I invariably find  
That it doesn't really matter, after all.

Just at present, for example, there are lots of bills I owe,  
And my creditors are standing in a long, impatient row.

But the more I keep them waiting, why, the more respect they show,  
So it doesn't really matter, after all.

I have heard professions of disaster and distress,  
But it really doesn't matter, after all.

There is sure to be a panic in a year, or maybe less,  
But it doesn't really matter, after all.

## DRY AGENTS SHOOT AT AUTO DRIVER HURT

### Returning Dallas Hunters Fired Upon Without Warning Near Falls City

### Three Shots Fired, Bullet Missing Driver Who is Cut by Glass

Dallas, Or., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A shot from a prohibition officer's gun, fired through the windshield of the car in which he was riding, and according to his story, without warning of any kind, narrowly missed killing Charles Gosso, of Dallas, last night. The right side of his face and his right eye were filled with glass and bits of lead.

Gosso, his brother, Roy Gosso and Floyd Miller, all of Dallas, were returning from Cold Springs on the Falls City-Vicksburg road above Falls City in a small coupe. On the side of the road were Wilbur Lewis, deputy sheriff of West Salem and T. P. Brown of Dallas, employed as a prohibition officer under the district attorney of Polk county. The Dallas men fired two or three shots were aimed at each other warning. Only one shot struck the car and by the fraction of an inch missed the head of Charles Gosso who was driving. The shot was fired by Lewis it is alleged.

The Gosso and Miller got out of their car, took their guns with them, became the 2-3-4 Jailing trip was a hunting expedition, and compelled the officers to search their car. No liquor or evidence of any kind was found. They then came on to Dallas where Dr. A. B. Starbuck dressed Gosso's wounds.

The community is considerably incensed over the affair. Gosso has secured the services of a lawyer and threatens to sue the officers. Neither Lewis nor Brown could be located this morning when sought for interviews on their side of the story, but it was understood that they had returned to the scene of the fray in search of the "bad boys."

## SMALL SAYS SMITH ACCEPTS SENATORSHIP

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Colonel Frank L. Smith has accepted the senatorial appointment of Governor Len Small to the seat made vacant by the death of Senator William B. McKinley, and will go to Washington soon after New Year's day to present his credentials to the senate, Governor Small announced today.

Smith, already senator-elect to succeed McKinley, made known his acceptance, the governor said, on receipt of his certificate of appointment.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Chicago Daily Journal in a copyright news story today reported the acceptance of Colonel Frank L. Smith of the appointment by Governor Len Small to the unexpired term of William B. McKinley in the United States senate.

Colonel Smith will leave for Washington to present his credentials after the first of the year, the Journal says.

The announcement was made on the authority of Governor Small, who was quoted as saying Colonel Smith accepted by telegram Sunday night after receiving the certificate of appointment at his home in Detroit.

Confirming the question for the ballot for when the committee reports were voted on last night Rosebrough, Johnson, Dancy and Purvis, a rather formidable minority, voted against it.

## AIR ARGOSY OFF TO BLAZE FRIENDLY TRAIL

### Army Pilots Leave in Five Planes to Carry Good Will to Twenty Nations

### Pan-American Flight Led by Major Darque— Named After Cities

Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Klased by wives and mothers, and carrying the benediction of the nation, pilots of the army's Pan-American air argosy departed today from Kelly field to blaze a trail of friendship into the hearts of twenty nationalities. Major Herbert A. Darque, flight commander, piloting the New York, took the air at 10:32 a. m., followed by the other four planes at one minute intervals.

The first mile of the many thousand mile journey, the path of which had over tortuous mountains, across desert wastes, and over boundless seas, was perhaps an anguished and happy sailing to the journey's end.

The great yellow winged, bird like flying boats skimmed along the mile stretch of the field concrete runway with what officers called "bullet speed," their glistering bodies giving something of a gleeful smile to the Texas mud which they held them fast in their earthbound track.

The best like crews of the ships carry the names of five American cities to at least eight sister cities of the southern continent, and the planes' quivering sides are emblazoned with the American eagle, whose spreading wings bear this:

## BASEBALL HERO VISITS WARDS OF STATE TODAY

Remembering his early boyhood in an orphanage, Babe Ruth spent a busy day visiting state institutions, returning from a morning side arranged by Frank Bligh just in time to speak a little to eat prior to the special luncheon at the Capitol theater.

Cheers greeted the appearance of the baseball hero wherever he appeared. Special assemblies were held at the Salem Indian school, the blind school and the boys' training school, where Ruth spoke and Belle Wright played several instrumental numbers while Tommy, the midwest English comedian appearing on the bill, brought down the house with the Charleston. At the training school Billy Bishop, who piloted the party, sang and danced, much to the delight of the boys and other members of the party.

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## ST. LOUIS PROTESTS TRADING OF HORNSBY

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Declaring the proposed trading of Rogers Hornsby, manager of the Braves champion St. Louis Cardinals a "terrible blow" the St. Louis chapter of commerce today (organized) K. M. Lovell, president of the chapter, urged his members to protest the trade and attempt to secure the withdrawal of the Cardinals from the city.

## NICKELS AND DIMES NEEDED FOR FUND GIRL WHO NEVER HAD DOLL LOCATED

Ten years old and she never had a real doll in her life. Her mother takes in sewing to make a living for her and her little brother and there is never anything left at the end of the week. Her father has been dead many years.

For years she has been begging and praying for a real doll—one that can close its eyes and sit up. One with real hair would be almost too good to be true.

Is there a doll for the little girl tucked away in a forgotten corner of your home? Won't you find it and take it to the Associated Charities office? Mrs. Young will see that she gets it.

## SEEK BODIES OF DROWNED IN ICE FLOES

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Police and firemen today continued grappling among the ice floes of the Hudson river for the bodies of ten men believed missing from among more than two score workmen in search of jobs, who were drowned yesterday when the launch *Linedeck King* capsized.

Thirty bodies had been recovered. Relatives who visited the morgue failed to find at least ten others they sought.

Thirty seven of more than 40 men who crowded the 42 foot craft in its perilous trip across the river from 55th street, New York, to Edgewater, N. J., were rescued after clinging to ice cakes and the sides of the ship for almost an hour.

Captain John Rohweider, the 23 year old skipper of the craft, who crossed more than a mile towards the Jersey shore before he was picked up was under police guard at the Knickerbocker hospital today suffering from shock and exposure and threatened with pneumonia. He was under technical charges of negligence and homicide.

The launch was owned by Spencer Kellogg and some 150 men most of them answering an advertisement gathered at dawn at the company's Manhattan pier for the trip to the plant across the river. Captain Rohweider says only sixteen men less than the boat's estimated capacity, crowded aboard for the first trip, but some of the survivors place the figure close to 100.

## COUNTIES ASK HALF OF STATE AUTO LICENSES

Portland, Or., Dec. 21.—(AP)—A proposal to amend the motor vehicle law so that the counties of the state would receive one-half instead of one-fourth of the automobile license fees collected by the state, except that no county would receive more than \$1,000,000 in any one year, was submitted to the State Association of County Judges and Commissioners here today in annual convention.

The proposal was submitted in the form of a resolution without recommendation by the committee. Under the present law three-fourths of the money received by the state from the sale of license fees goes into the state highway fund, while the counties get one-fourth. It is the contention of those favoring the change that the vote of special taxes to meet the state in the building of state highways is extremely burdensome and that the counties could be partly relieved if they received a larger proportion of the money received by the state from the sale of license fees. It is contended, would not cripple the state highway work.

Cambridge, Mass.—A hearty to science, Dr. James J. Koch, president in the office of the X-ray, is dead from cancer.

## YOUR NICKLES AND DIMES

Only \$200 in the Christmas Cheer fund and Friday night will be Christmas Eve. Only \$200 to buy toys and candy and nuts and a few of the absolute necessities of clothing for the approximately 300 Salem children whose only Christmas will be that which is furnished by the Christmas Cheer directors.

Only a small part has been collected of the fund which the Salem Elks and the Capital Journal hoped to have available to assure general Christmas joy—the heritage of every child.

Only immediate contributions both large and small will make it possible for the Christmas Cheer work to be carried on. Large gifts are welcomed, of course, but the nickles and dimes and quarters tucked away in obscure pockets will find a very good resting place in the Christmas cheer fund box in the Capital Journal office. Just one nickle or dime more will mean that some youngster whose stocking would otherwise be empty will have a revived faith in Santa Claus.

If you can't bring it in, drop that little sum into an envelope and address it to the Christmas Cheer fund, care of the Capital Journal.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Capital Journal         | \$25.00  |
| A Friend                | 2.00     |
| Henry Jaquet            | 2.00     |
| Fred West               | 1.00     |
| G. F. Stearns           | 1.00     |
| A Friend                | 1.00     |
| Sips                    | 5.00     |
| A Friend                | 5.00     |
| A Friend                | 2.00     |
| Christmas Cheer Box     | 18.51    |
| A Friend                | 5.00     |
| Leo Babner              | 2.00     |
| Ohio Woman              | 2.00     |
| A Friend                | 2.00     |
| A Friend                | 5.00     |
| Kathleen Lohbeck        | .50      |
| Ed Tripp                | 1.00     |
| A Friend                | 3.00     |
| J. D. Anderson          | 3.00     |
| A Friend                | 2.50     |
| Presbyterian boys N. S. |          |
| Class                   | 1.75     |
| A Rotarian              | 5.00     |
| A Friend                | 5.00     |
| A Friend from Wood      | 1.00     |
| Burn                    | 2.00     |
| Salem Kiwanis Club      | 100.00   |
| Total                   | \$208.76 |

## TRIS SPEAKER AND TY COBB THREW GAME

### Landis Makes Public Testimony Involving Diamond Stars in Scandal

### Betting on Result of Game Alleged--Leonard Furnished Information

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, baseball heroes of the American boy, today had their names linked with crookedness in baseball, the third scandal to explode in the major league within six years.

These famous stars, Cleveland club, of the American league, until after the close of the 1925 season, were named in the startling investigation conducted by Commissioner Landis and involved the wagering on an alleged fixed game between Detroit and Cleveland on September 25, 1919.

The charges were made by Hubert "Dutch" Leonard, a one-time pitcher with the Tigers, who alleged that Cobb, Speaker, "Smoky" Joe Wood, former American league pitcher, and Fred O. West of Detroit had agreed with him to bet on the game after Speaker, manager of the Cleveland club, had assured Detroit of a victory.

The allegations had their inception when Leonard attempted to press a claim against the Detroit club. He turned over two letters to Frank C. Navin, president of the Tigers, one from Cobb and the other from Wood, relating to the alleged misconduct of Speaker, Cobb and Wood. These communications were placed before a secret meeting of the board of directors of the American league and immediately turned over to Commissioner Landis.

Today's scandal was the third to be exploded in the American baseball public within the last six years and on the surface appeared to be as startling as the famous crooked world's series of 1919, after which eight stars of the Chicago White Sox were forever barred from organized baseball.

The volume of testimony Commissioner Landis made public included letters Cobb is purported to have written to Leonard, the Tiger pitcher.

Fred C. West, who is not named in the charges, is not named in the charges.

## ESPEE OFFER UNACCEPTABLE TO HILL LINES

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Railroad interests here, watching negotiations between the Great Northern-Northern Pacific group and the Southern Pacific company for use by the Oregon Trunk of the Southern Pacific's tracks in the proposed extension from Bend to Klamath Falls, were looking for some development when the interstate commerce commission again took up the problem. The commission is expected to consider the matter tomorrow at Washington.

Replying to the statement published yesterday from William Speer, president of the Southern Pacific, that his company had offered to Oregon Trunk use of the new Cascade line from Pasco to Klamath Falls, on terms which it deems just and reasonable and in conformity with the interstate commerce commission's directions, President W. F. Turner of the Oregon Trunk line said today that Speer's statement is somewhat misleading. According to Turner, the Oregon Trunk made a fair proposition to the Southern Pacific for use of its line between Pasco and Klamath Falls, but the Southern Pacific's terms seem so different both in amount and restrictions on usefulness to the public that it was impossible for the two groups to get together. Therefore, Turner added, there seemed nothing further to do but to report the facts to the interstate commerce commission and ask permission to build the Oregon Trunk line from Bend to Klamath Falls via its own survey the entire distance.

## GASOLINE PRICES ADVANCE ONE CENT

Gasoline prices rose one cent per gallon in Salem, Tuesday morning, in conformity with a similar increase along the coast, with four of the five companies operating in the district reporting the advance. The one-cent increase is effective at the Associated General, Standard and Union Oil company filling stations while the Shell company had received no word this morning. It was admitted, however, that they were in a position "to adjust" the price, meaning that as soon as the word was passed along, gasoline at the yellow-painted stations would also be one cent higher.

## COOLIDGE NOT IN FAVOR OF NEW CRUISERS

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Coolidge does not believe it is necessary to begin immediately the construction of the ten new night cruisers which would be authorized under the Butler bill, introduced in the house Saturday.

It was said at the white house that with the cruisers already under construction the United States has an ample building program for the present time. Building of airplane carriers and submarines, now being started on, he believes, has given the nation a sufficiently heavy naval bill.

When the airplane carriers are completed, however, the president feels it will be possible to enter upon construction of the new cruisers without appreciably increasing the yearly naval appropriations.

The president's views were made public coincident with a move in congress to obtain right of way for the Butler bill after the holidays. The measure, which would authorize an appropriation of \$105,000,000 contained no time limitation as to when the vessels should be built.

Decision to ask for authorization of the ten cruisers was reached after the president had consulted with Secretary Wilbur and the cabinet had come to the conclusion that such additions would round out the fleet as an efficient fighting unit.

## MIKADO BETTER NOW TAKES FOOD

Tokyo, Dec. 21.—(AP)—House Minority Leader, the vice-consul department, issued a statement today to the press of Tokyo saying the condition of Emperor Toohito has shown improvement since yesterday. The statement says the emperor is taking food twice daily, but that his condition does not warrant absolute optimism. The household department is making public the reports on the emperor's condition as soon as they are available.

## Hard Times For Royalty Now Make Fifth Avenue Jewel Market of World

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The necessity that of better things and the prosperity that has thrived in America have combined in a few years to turn a small section of Fifth avenue into the jewel market for the world.

And today, a survey shows the professed husband who has the Whorewhirl is fortunately enabled to solve the problem of what to give the wife for Christmas by simply buying her the largest blue white in the world—available at \$105,000—of a vanished necklace.

Josephine O'Neil, an emerald worth \$175,000.

The diamond, a lone star of amazing brilliance, weight 137 karats, which weighs over 10 good weights for the country. It is larger, too. It is said, than the Kohinoor which flashes on England's queen as a royal crown ornament.

Within a few blocks are to be found other jeweled titans which give the dealers around, make the glories and the splendor of Home a sparkling indiscretion. For now a sparkling indiscretion.

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