

### WILL WAGE WAR ORGANIZED BALL

California Solon Says He Will Introduce a Bill to Stop "Slavery of Ball Players."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 15.—Organized baseball is to be the object of a legislative attack during the next session of the state legislature, according to State Senator Gus Hartman, a 33d degree Mason and a former professional player.

Hartman declared today that if he is returned to the state senate at the next election he will introduce a bill designed to break, at least in California, the monopoly held by the baseball trust. If he is not re-elected, he stated, he will arrange to have his bill presented through other channels.

Hartman's bill to curtail the power of organized baseball will be based upon section 1 of the 13th amendment to the constitution of the United States, which provides that:

"All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States or the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor deny any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the law."

Hartman declared today that organized baseball denies a player the liberties to which he is entitled by the constitution.

"It is slavery," he said, "and slavery cannot exist in the country.

"The player is forced to go and to play just where the trust decrees, whether it is detrimental to his or his family's health. He is in the power of an organization that may crush him out of his profession and deny him his means of livelihood.

"No legislative attack ever has been made on the baseball trust, although it has been combated in other ways, and always without success.

"I am sincere in my desire to mend this evil; I will see that this bill is introduced."

**OLD MEN FIGHT DUEL; ONE OF THEM IS DEAD**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Two old men who arrived at a disagreement when a peaceable end was near, fought a duel to the death. John Ferris, 58 years old, had a steeper hand and his opponent, William Woods, aged 72, fell dead with five bullets in his body.

The battle took place in a basement of a big grocery store at Broadway and Twenty-first street, where Ferris had worked for 27 years.

### LAMPHERE'S STORY FAMOUS CASE TOLD

Mrs. Guinness and Children Were Chloroformed and Candle Set Fire to House, Burn the Murderers.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Ia., Jan. 15.—"Nigger Liz," a negro, was Ray Lamphere's companion on the night that he robbed the Guinness home at La Porte and chloroformed Mrs. Guinness and her three children, according to a story he confided to the Rev. Dr. E. A. Schell of Wesleyan. Lamphere's confession to Dr. Schell, who is president of Iowa Wesleyan university, was guarded closely until today, when the college president related it in detail.

Lamphere told Dr. Schell that he was intimate with Mrs. Guinness, proprietor of the La Porte "murder farm" from June, 1907, when he went to work for her as a man of all work. He said that he purchased chloroform for her several times and once helped her bury the body of a man she said had died suddenly in her house.

Lamphere first suspected that Mrs. Guinness was a murderess, he said, when he returned unexpectedly from Michigan City, Ind., one night and heard strange noises coming from her room. He bored holes in the wall and saw Mrs. Guinness chloroform a man after striking him with a hatchet. After that, Lamphere told Dr. Schell, he was afraid of the woman and left her services.

The night that the Guinness home was burned Lamphere confessed that he and the negro went there at 11 o'clock to rob the house. He had no intention of committing murder, he said, and denied that he had arranged a burning candle so that it eventually set fire to the house. Both he and "Nigger Liz" were drunk, he said, and either might have been responsible for the conflagration.

**RICHARD OLNEY, STATESMAN, ILL; MAY NOT RECOVER**

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 15.—It is believed here today that the condition of Richard Olney, secretary of state under President Cleveland, who is ill in Corry Hill hospital, is most serious.

Refusal of his family to give out information concerning him and the fact that the hospital attendants have been instructed to remain silent on the subject, lead to the belief that fears are entertained for his recovery.

It was not denied that he has been near death for several days and that an operation was performed last night. The nature of the disease from which he is suffering was not made known.

**Married.**  
In Jacksonville, January 14, 1910, by J. R. Neil, county judge, Daniel J. Sharp and Bertha Taylor.

### HERMANN TRIAL GROWS CRITICAL

Judge Wolverton Must Now Either Turn Toward or Against the Accused Congressman.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 15.—Judge Wolverton, in the United States court, has come to the point in the Binger Hermann trial where he must turn the hinge of the case for or against the defendant. All during the session of the court this morning the judge listened to reasons presented by A. S. Worthington, attorney for Hermann, why he should not turn the hinge against the defendant and open the gate of evidence against him and to other reasons presented by Francis J. Heney, why he should let loose the flood of testimony which the prosecution expects will connect the ex-commissioner of the land office with the conspiracy of Mays and Jones in the Blue Mountain forest reserve.

When the court adjourned at noon until Monday morning, Worthington had not yet finished his reply to Heney, and it will be noon on Monday before the judge will have had an opportunity to hand down his decision, which is to be vital in the further conduct of the trial.

The controversy which is raging between the two attorneys in the lead of the case concerns the testimony of Dan Tapley, Horace G. McKinley, George Sorenson and S. A. D. Pater regarding a conversation had with F. P. Mays regarding the operations of the men in securing the school lands in the Blue Mountain region prior to the time of the creation of the reserve, or the withdrawal of the lands for settlement.

It is expected by the prosecution that this testimony will link Binger Hermann with the conspiracy of Mays and Jones in the creation of the reserve and the illegal plan to secure school lands prior to the creation.

**MEDFORD BOOK CLUB HOLDS RECEPTION LAST OF MONTH**

The Medford Book club will hold a reception on the evening of January 11, the last Monday in the month, at Smith's hall, on Grape street, at which time they expect to gather in quite a few new members.

The library of the club comprises a wide selection and the initiation fee of \$1 entitles the newly made members to the use of any or all books for six months, after which time it is expected that a Carnegie library will be established here and the use of the books will be free.

The members of the club are starting on a campaign for a substantial increase in membership.

The reception on January 31 will be for this purpose, and every member is expected to bring a guest who may become a member.

### RICKARD SAYS NOT IN 'FRISCO

Says He Will Pull Big Mill Off in Nevada Desert Before He Will Take It to Frisco.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 15.—Tex Rickard, the successful bidder for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, is angry because his partner in the bidding, Jack Gleason, of San Francisco, insists that the fight will be held in San Francisco, despite Rickard's assertion that it will be pulled off only where he decides; probably in this city.

Rickard today declared: "I will pull off that fight in the Nevada desert, 20 miles from nowhere, before I will take it to San Francisco with a San Francisco man as manager.

"I, and no one else, will manage the fight. This is my party, and I'll invite whom I choose.

"The fight probably will take place right here in Salt Lake. Boxing is not against the Utah laws. San Francisco's chances for the fight are rather slim."

W. J. Scott, the practical farmer and stockraiser of North Rogue river remained in the city Friday night, admiring the rapid changes and improvements in the city.

### KING VICTOR LEADS IN PEACE PROGRAM

Is Conducting Negotiations With All of the "European Rulers" to Limit Armament of the Nations.

ROME, Jan. 15.—In an effort to secure support in his campaign for international limitation of armaments, it was reported here today upon good authority that King Victor is conducting negotiations with the rulers of all important European countries for a conference late next spring, or early next summer.

The king apparently is determined that his efforts to secure international limitation of armament shall succeed. At his recent meeting with a deputation from the parliamentary peace conference he declared that he has not abandoned his program, but was prosecuting it with vigor. It is considered certain that he will confer with King Edward during the summer.

The Italian monarch's desire to secure the consummation of his plans is said to have been found in the hardships enforced upon his country in keeping pace with the recent intense naval activity.

It is stated Italy cannot hold up her end in naval construction with her more wealthy neighbors because of the re-

sultant drain on her resources in the form of increased taxation.

### PROFESSOR CLAIMS PRIOR RIGHTS TO WRIGHT MACHINE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 15.—Declaring that the features of the Wright aeroplane that are essential to its success were incorporated in a "glider" that he demonstrated successfully five years ago, Professor George Montgomery abandoned his experiments after the earthquake of 1906.

Montgomery claims that the rudder, keel and surface curves of the Wright machine were first applied in his invention. He announced his intention of resuming his experiments.

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