

Mighty Men of Diamond Peeved

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—From the far flung corners of the United States baseball players, some of them idols, others unknown, with burning emphasis branded the scandal charges made by Charles "Swede" Risberg, as a "lie."

Before the high court of baseball—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis—an umpire, several major league managers, the one and only Tyrus Raymond Cobb, George "Buck" Weaver, who himself is an "outlaw," and more than a score of other players, today denied every word of allegation that the Detroit Tigers "sloughed off" four games to the White Sox in 1917, to aid the White Sox to capture the pennant.

Furthermore they denied another third of Risberg's charges to the effect that the Chicago White Sox in turn allowed Detroit to win two games at the tail end of the 1919 season. And to make the denials complete and emphatic every athlete who took the stand said no money was paid to the Detroit club for "sloughing off" the 1917 season. Most of them said the money—about \$1,000—was a contribution to Detroit pitchers for their effective work against Boston in a subsequent series in 1917.

Boston was runner up to the Sox in the pennant chase. Thirty players paraded before Commissioner Landis in five hours, beginning at two o'clock to give the lie to Risberg's charges, while on Friday morning at 11.30 o'clock to when the hearing was adjourned, others are expected to appear. From the burning lips of Clarence Rowland, now an American league umpire, who was manager of the White Sox in 1917, came the shout: "It's a damn lie."

The quivering lips of Edward Trowbridge Collins—Columbia Eddie—one of the smartest players ever to grace a diamond, cried: "It's a damn lie."

Woman Withdraws from Channel Swim

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—Clara Belle Barrett, of New Rochelle, picked by aquatic experts as the probable winner of the \$40,000 Writley sea derby, announced that she had withdrawn her entry here today.

"My training at Catalina has convinced me that the channel swim is an impossibility," Miss Barrett, who has been in training for several weeks, declared. "The water is too cold," declared the woman who remained for more than 21 hours in the English Channel before she was forced to give up. "I do not think it is humanly possible for any swimmer, male or female, to remain in that water more than 10 hours. And it is certain the distance will not be covered under that time."

With more than 150 entries received, the list, which includes the names of some of the most famous long distance swimmers in the world, will be closed Wednesday night. All swimmers will report to the island the night before the swim for final instructions.

Pay Off Man Says He Will Testify

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—(Copyright 1927 by United News)—The alleged pay off man of baseball's latest scandal told the United News, in an exclusive interview today, that he would face Judge Landis in Chicago, and prove that the story told by Swede Risberg was false.

"Big Bill" James, named by Risberg himself as the one who got the money that Risberg was paid because Detroit Tiger pitchers had allowed the Chicago White Sox to win a four game series in 1917, admitted receiving a sum of money from Risberg and Arnold "Chick" Gandil.

Diaz May Import Munitions From U. S. to Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—The administration pushed its activities in Nicaragua still further today in face of a demand from the senate foreign relations committee that Secretary of State Kellogg appear before it to explain his course. Two steps taken, which, whatever their purpose, will have the effect of strengthening the Diaz regime which the United States has recognized.

First came the press dispatch from Managua, headquarters of the Diaz faction that sailors and marines had been sent there to protect the American legation. They were given authority, it was said, to establish a neutral zone there. Diaz had recently appealed for aid to protect his headquarters from being captured by the Sacasa liberals. The state department at first refused to confirm this dispatch, but later admitted it. The step was taken, the state department said, because of British and Italian diplomatic appeals for protection of foreigners.

A second United News dispatch from Managua announced the lifting of the embargo in favor of Diaz, who is now permitted to bring in arms and ammunition from the United States. The state department at first refused to confirm this but later admitted it.

Elimination of Disease is Near

BOSTON, Jan. 5. (U.P.)—Almost every disease prevalent today will be conquered by medical science by 1950, in the opinion of Dr. Lee K. Frankel, vice-president of a large life insurance company. "What a number of years ago were regarded as communicable diseases of the first order today are extinct in the United States," he said. "By investing millions of dollars annually, we have been able to study the causes of the disease which not so many years ago cut deep into the ranks of humanity in every state in the Union."

Another Scandal in Ball Reported

ROCHESTER, N. Y. Jan. 5. (U.N.)—A new scandal involving the minor leagues and dating back to 1911 has been unearthed here. Chick Gandil, later a "black Sox" and now involved in the "Swede" Risberg allegations, was first baseman on the Montreal team in the Eastern league that year. It is alleged by Charles T. Chaplin, former president of the Rochester club of the Eastern league, that a Montreal player offered to throw games for a remuneration and assist Rochester to win its third consecutive pennant.

President Defied By Navy Solons

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—The little group of "big navy men" in the house openly defied President Coolidge today in their determination to push through what they call an adequate sea defense program for the United States. The break came after Representative French, Idaho republican, chairman of the appropriation subcommittee in charge of the navy bill, read a letter in which the president complained, a "confused conclusion" had been placed on his conference with naval affairs committee members on the navy appropriations.

Young Cudahy is Forgiven by Ma

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 5. (U.N.)—Having languished in the city jail at Santa Barbara over night, Michael "Young Lochinvar" Cudahy, who came out of the middle west to win the heart but not the hand of a young film beauty, was put to bed by his mother tonight, with all desire for concubinal bliss at an end. "Mother was right" said the 13-year old heir to the millions of parking house family of Kansas City and Chicago, who was brought back to the family fireside here by deputy sheriffs after four unsuccessful attempts to wed pretty Marie Astaire.

Comedy Team's Second Scream

Adolphe Menjou may remain Uncle Sam's suave expatriate, Harold Lloyd should keep on as America's perennial playboy, Jack Holt can continue upholding the honor of the West, Bebe Daniels may well stay on as Hollywood's joy yful tomboy but—as for Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton—let them continue to be the screen's funniest comedy team, in films similar to 1926's fun-fee, "Behind the Front."

Tilden Not Ready to Invade Europe

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—William T. Tilden, former American tennis champion, today announced he is not yet ready for his threatened European invasion. Forced to abandon his plans to go abroad for the Riviera tournaments next month for business reasons, Tilden said he will wait until May. Then, in company with a number of American tennis stars, he will make the trip to lift the prize tennis titles of the continent. Meanwhile Tilden will condition himself by playing in the Florida tournaments.

The College Boob At Liberty Today

Football fans have the chance of seeing one of the best players of the game has ever known—Lefty Flynn of Yale—in a screamingly funny and vividly realistic picture of college life, "The College Boob," which is now running at the Liberty theatre. The former gridiron star relives many of the thrilling episodes of his college career in the football sequences of the film, and the campus atmosphere is graphically portrayed. Plenty of comedy scenes are built around the personality of the "hick" freshman who wants to be a veterinarian, and in every way the picture is excellent entertainment. Jean Arthur, Jimmy Anderson, Bob Bradbury, Cecil Ogden, and Raymond Turner are included in the cast.

CITY BRIEFS

Returns from North—Mrs. R. C. Harris, her daughter Elaine and son Jack, returned home the latter part of the week after spending three weeks as the guests of Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. J. H. Windom of Prineville, and her sister, Mrs. Marcell L. King of Bend. New Members—Among the new members of Klamath county chamber of commerce reported yesterday were L. C. Slemore, Joe Hensieck and Alfred Castel, all prominent Fort Klamath ranchers who were here in the interests of winter sports in the Wood River valley yesterday. They attended the forum luncheon of the chamber and spoke briefly on the ski race to be held from Fort Klamath to Crater lake early next month.

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Enamored Fiend Murders Woman

DENVER, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—Angered because she refused to leave her husband and children and flee with him, Frank Granto, 30, drew a knife, thrust it several times into the body of Mrs. Josephine Cancone, 32, and then cut her throat here Wednesday, according to police. The woman was found lying in a pool of blood on the floor of the pavilion in City park, her left side a mass of wounds from throat to knees. Before lapsing into unconsciousness, Mrs. Cancone told of her desperate struggle with the maddened Granto. She is not expected to live. Granto was later arrested.

Acquittal Probe Dry Case Started

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. (U.N.)—All members of the jury which freed former Sheriff Peter M. Hoffman and two beer barons on conspiracy charges, were being rounded up tonight by federal authorities who have expressed determination to "get to the bottom of the thing." Already one United States marshal has confessed that a plot existed to plant the son of a Chicago police captain on the Hoffman jury.

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