

All Ball Players Fully Vindicated

CHICAGO, Jan. 12. (U.N.)—Judge K. M. Landis has followed his exonerations of more than a score of ballplayers involved in charges brought by "Suede" Risberg by recommending four new rules for organized baseball, which the high commissioner believes "for the good of the game and assists in elimination of scandals such as recently shook the national pastime."

The new rules are:

- 1.—To establish a limitation of time on investigation of any baseball scandal.
- 2.—To bar for one year from organized baseball any player who towards any player for services rendered in any baseball game.
- 3.—To bar from baseball for one year any baseball player, who at any time bets on any baseball game whether he is participating in the game or not.
- 4.—To bar from organized baseball for all time any baseball player who wagers on any game in which he is playing, whether he bets for or against the team on which he is playing.

The regulations will be submitted to league leaders January 17.

The meeting at which Landis' four points will be brought up will be held at French Lick Springs, Indiana. Called several weeks ago, it will be attended by E. S. Barnard of Cleveland, Robert Quinn of Boston and Clark Griffith of Washington, representing the American league, Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh; William F. Baker of Philadelphia, and William L. Veck of Chicago, representing the National league and nine or ten representatives of the minor leagues.

Landis' suggestion came only a few hours after he had exonerated more than 30 players of charges made by Charles "Suede" Risberg, that the Detroit Tigers "sloughed" a crucial series to the Chicago White Sox in 1917.

Although nobody expected the commissioner of baseball to announce as soon after the scandal hearings that he frowned upon betting, his suggestions were not unexpected.

Incidentally, in the recommendations was seen the suggestion that Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker would be exonerated from implication of scandal in connection with an alleged "thrown" game in 1919. Hubert "Dutch" Leonard has charged that the September 25, 1919, game between the Cleveland Indians and Detroit Tigers was thrown by the former and that bets were made on the game.

Request for a statute of limitations, as in our state and national statutes with regard to criminal offenses indicates Landis' low regard for exhumed scandals—charges which have been kicking about for years before being brought before the properly constituted authorities.

Landis twice has been the savior of the game. He was brought into the game when knowledge of the 1919 world series scandal became public. His vigorous efforts to purge the game of sin resulted in the outlawing of eight crack players, among them Risberg and Arnold "Chick" Gandil, who made the accusation of scandal in connection with the 1919 series. His exonerations of players Wednesday was a saving grace.

The new points, if adopted, undoubtedly would be a long step toward recovery of the pastime's popularity. Many fans throughout the country have expressed disgust because of the exhumation of the scandal. The commissioner's suggestion of barring players from the game from other improprieties may go a long way toward removing from baseball the ugly appendix of minor crookedness.

The suggestions will go to the committees of the major leagues and national association, which are to meet January 17. There is no indication, of course, of the reception which the four points will receive but the commissioner's ability to urge his will on the powers that be of baseball, is well known.

It will be a distinct surprise if baseball did not adopt Judge Landis' recommendations, according to baseball experts.

Henley Basketball Game is Cancelled

The initial basketball game of the Klamath high school league, scheduled for Friday night in the community hall at Henley between the Klamath quintet and the Henley men, has been called off because of vaccination of the Henley players.

This was the announcement made last night by Dwight French, Klamath's coach.

There will be a game, however, and a fast one when the Klamath high men will meet the veteran Klamath Cardinals that have been taking everything within their grasp since the season opened. The game is called for 7:30 o'clock sharp, and there will be no preliminary.

Those who play on the Card team includes Del Robertson, Chuck Grove, Curley Swanson, Jesse Bradley, Pete Motesbacher, Perry Babcock, Max Newsum and Tony Molatore.

The lineup for the high school men includes Zed Barnes, center; Hall and Walsh, guards; Pruitt and Orrell, forwards.

Collins Pleased by Landis Decision

CHICAGO, Jan. 12. (U.N.)—Eddie Collins, second baseman and assistant manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, who was one of the players most concerned about the reflections on his honesty contained in the Risberg-Gandil charges, said he thought Judge Landis' decision vindicating him and other accused players, would be "a good thing for baseball."

"I never doubted that Landis would exonerate us," Eddie said tonight. "He had to take the word of twenty men against two discredited players who have been ousted from the game."

Dempsey is Out of Elimination Bouts

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12. (U.N.)—Jack Dempsey will take no part in the so-called heavyweight elimination contest to be staged in New York by Tex Rickard and unless he meets Gene Tunney, his ring career is closed, he told the United News in an interview here tonight.

"If I can't lick Tunney, I can't lick anybody, so what is the use of me fighting any of those fellows that are being picked for a so-called heavyweight elimination," the former champion said.

Dempsey's statement followed reports from New York that he was scheduled to appear against one of six pretenders to the heavyweight crown in the Yankee stadium on May 25.

"I received a telegram from Rickard several days ago, asking me when I was coming east," Dempsey said. "I wired him that I was tied up with business here and would not go east for some time."

Dempsey has been taking light workouts at his gymnasium for almost a month and he will swing into a training grind next Monday. He will make a strenuous effort to bring himself back to condition in preparation for a bout with the world's champion.

"I am going to start training next Monday at the gymnasium and if I find at the end of a month that I can get back into shape I will probably go east for a conference with Rickard."

"I guess Tex is giving out that stuff about me engaging in a heavyweight elimination for the sake of publicity. I won't engage in any heavyweight elimination, for if I can't lick Tunney, I can't lick anybody. I don't know anything about any date that Rickard is naming for I have not been interested," Dempsey said.

HARRY WILLS WINS

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 12. (U.N.)—Young Harry Willis, colored, lightweight, tonight knocked out Billy Murphy of Holyoke, Mass., in a savage fight that lasted less than one round.

OIL OPERATOR SUICIDES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 12. (U.N.)—E. M. Tell, prominent oil lease broker, Eldorado, committed suicide to a hotel here today, leaving only a note apologizing to the management for any annoyance the death might cause.

Financial worries are thought to have been his motive.

INTERSECTIONAL FOOTBALL

PORTLAND, Jan. 12. (U.N.)—Portland will see its first big intersectional football game in years in 1927, when the Oregon Aggies and Carnegie Tech teams meet in Multnomah stadium November 26.

Formal announcement of the game was made Wednesday afternoon. The Oregon Aggies had sought a game with New York.

Woman, Only Inhabitant of Town, Works to Transform Sand Wastes



Left to right: Mrs. Lydia Nixon and her service station; below, part of deserted village of Llano, del Rio, Calif.

LLANO DEL RIO, Calif., Jan. 12. Although Llano Del Rio is on the map of the Mojave desert, it is but a collection of ghostly adobe houses, tenantless and crumbling to dust in the sands for water, gasoline and groceries and then pass on to where the dancing heat mirages play tricks with their eyes.

In this mass of ruins that once was the heart and the hopes of the communist movement in America, reigns Mrs. Lydia Nixon, 55, who operates a small gasoline station

and outfitting store—twenty miles from the nearest human habitation. "Tin-can" tourists and desert "rats," perhaps only one or two of them a day, stop at her small oasis in the sands for water, gasoline and groceries and then pass on to where the dancing heat mirages play tricks with their eyes.

Only One Remaining

Mrs. Nixon is the sole survivor of this village that once boasted 2,000 souls. When the mighty dream

bubble of the communistic colony of which Job Harriman was the head burst three years ago, the population moved out en masse, but she remained with her husband. The water failed; the refractory land bleached and parched still more under the merciless mid-day sun; irrigation ditches choked under the dust and the crops died.

Gradually the sands of the great Mojave desert were crowding out the lawns of Llano. Every agency of

nature rebelled against the village of deserted houses. Travelers shunned its desolation, but still the Nixons stayed on. Their faith in communism had gone, Mrs. Nixon said, "but our faith in ourselves never wavered."

Horridifying Discovery

One day as she was drawing water from a well almost a mile distant, she stumbled over the body of her husband who had fallen off his horse and died. She didn't cry; she didn't scream. She chased away the carrion buzzards that hovered over him and she buried him where he fell, near a leafless sagebrush that cast a meager, pitiful shade.

"I had only \$35 to my name," said Mrs. Nixon. "There was nothing for me to do but to start life all over again. I stocked up my 'dobe home' with a small line of groceries. I bought a barrel of gasoline and waited for the tourists and 'rats' to come."

Out of the house that Job Harriman, communist leader, had built for himself she made a garage and boarded occasional desert "lizzies."

"What had once been a community clothing factory she converted into a 'Hotel Llano' where travelers stayed who feared the sandy desolation at night.

Amid a Gnawing Quietness

All alone she has fought the terrible quietness of the desert nights for two years—alone, except for her dying city of mud walls. As a result of her labors she has earned—and saved—\$1,000. When this money has grown sufficiently she hopes to pipe water ten miles to Llano where now she has to cart it over a rutted trail. She wants to make of her hot paradise the flower of promise that died in the budding.

"When I have money enough," declares Mrs. Nixon, "I want to bring large families to my city of rent free houses and no occupants, and I want to hear children playing about the 'dobe hats' once more."

And because she is sincere in wanting those things to happen,

Mrs. Nixon, who isn't afraid of work or the perils of the desert, will continue serving desert "rats" until she can pipe water to ghostly, dry Llano on the Mojave.

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