

# BASEBALL PROBERS WATCH WHITE SOX

## Rumor Afloat That Chicago Does Not Want to Win American League Flag

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Interest in the grand jury investigation into alleged "throwing" of baseball games by dishonest players switched today from Chicago to Cleveland.

With the grand jury adjourned until next Tuesday, baseball magnates and fans are watching the White Sox for their victory or defeat in the series with the league-leading Indians at Cleveland may decide the future course of the investigation. If the White Sox win today they will displace Cleveland and lead the league by half a game.

Ran Johnson, president of the American League, is reported to have received rumors that gamblers are trying to create an impression that the White Sox do not dare win the league pennant. According to statements quoted by Mr. Johnson, published by papers here, the syndicate members which it has been charged, "bought" last year's world series by paying \$100,000 to five white Sox players, threatens to expose the plot if the Chicago team wins the race.

Mr. Johnson, it was announced today, will be recalled by the grand jury next week to tell what he knows about this alleged blackmail plot. Other witnesses include President Heydler, of the National League.

Investigation of a report that George M. Cohan, actor, and Mont Tennes, of Chicago, had lost large sums bet on last year's world series was understood today to be under consideration by the grand jury. Published reports place Cohan's losses at \$30,000 and Tennes' at \$80,000.

Say Actor Lost

The inquiry into the "fixing" charges is pushed to the limit, according to a statement made by Henry H. Brigham, foreman of the grand jury, who declared he was shocked at the alleged fix. He added that "Chicago, New York, Cincinnati and St. Louis gamblers are bleeding baseball and corrupting players."

Rate Attorney Hovey, according to a statement received from him in New York, declared he "had no doubt that the 1919 series was crooked, and that at least one Chicago player was corrupted. He added that a report that Cohan and Tennes had information regarding alleged baseball crookedness would be thoroughly investigated by his officers."

Benton Tells of Bribe

Jacob C. "Rube" Benton, New York Giants' pitcher, who told the grand jury yesterday of being offered a bribe to lose a game, named "Buck" Herrmann, Hal Chase and "Heine" Zimmerman in connection with the alleged fix. In a statement published today he named four White Sox players as having been mentioned to him by an alleged member of a baseball gambling ring in a discussion of alleged "fixing" of the 1919 series.

Benton, in his story of the alleged "fixing" of the world series last fall, said:

"Last fall after the series, a man named Hahn, who hails from Cincinnati and is known as a betting commissioner, visited me at my home in Clinton, N. C."

"One morning while we were out hunting I asked him about the world series. He said the series was not on the square. He said the deal to fix players to throw the series to Cincinnati had been engineered by a syndicate of gamblers from Pittsburgh for whom he worked in Cincinnati as betting commissioner."

"He said certain players on the White Sox team had visited Pittsburgh before the series was played and made arrangements to throw the games for a price. He said that the players demanded \$100,000 to 'lay down' so that the Sox would lose, and this was paid them."

Weaver Not Named

"We discussed various players on the team. Buck Weaver's name was not mentioned, nor were the names of Jackson, Eddie Collins, John Collins or Ray Schalk. Five players were mentioned by Hahn in the course of the conversation. Four are Eddie Cicotte, pitcher of the first game of the series; Claude Williams, who pitched the second game; Chick Gandil, first baseman; and Hap Felsch, centerfielder. Comiskey held up their checks for the world's series money for some time. I do not recall the name of the fifth man."

"I do know the tip was sent out of Cincinnati to bet on the Reds. Jean

### What May Happen in Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Club	Won	Lost	P.C.
Brooklyn	89	69	.562
New York	87	77	.528
Cincinnati	75	89	.453
Pittsburgh	75	89	.453
St. Louis	70	74	.485
Philadelphia	66	80	.450
Chicago	56	80	.412

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Club	Won	Lost	P.C.
Cleveland	92	55	.625
Chicago	87	67	.565
New York	73	71	.507
St. Louis	71	70	.503
Boston	68	79	.463
Washington	62	74	.453
Detroit	58	88	.397
Athletics	49	99	.332

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Phillies, 5	Boston, 1	(1st game)	
Phillies, 6	Boston, 1	(2d game)	
Pittsburgh, 4	Cincinnati, 0		
Other clubs not scheduled			

Dubuc, who was a member of the Giants at the time, received a wire instructing him to bet his bankroll on the Reds. I was in his room at the Ansonia Hotel, New York, when he opened the telegram. I was sitting next to him and read the message. I do not remember who signed it.

"They tell me around New York that Hal Chase won \$40,000 on the series. He must have won a lot because he had plenty of money after the series ended. I understand his and Dubuc's information came from the same man."

"I made one small wager on the series. I bet \$20 on the first game and won it. I spent it for drinks in the barroom where I made the wager. I did not even touch the money."

"After the first bet Larry Doyle and I made a piker bet on every game. Doyle liked the White Sox and bet on them. I had had my 'tip' and liked the Reds. But my winnings were very small, only \$10 or \$20 a day."

### CLEAN BILL FOR REDS, SAYS HERRMANN

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 24.—The man named Hahn mentioned by Pitcher "Rube" Benton as the one who told him that the last world series was "fixed" could not be located today.

President August Herrmann, of the Cincinnati Baseball Club and former chairman of the national commission, said today:

"The Reds have been given a clean bill. They were not involved in any irregularities during the world series of 1919."

John E. Bruce, secretary of the national commission, said:

"I can truthfully say that I never heard a word of suspicion against any member of the Cincinnati Baseball Club."

### Carpentier-Levinsky Bout for Jersey City

New York, Sept. 24.—The boxing contest between Georges Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, and Battling Levinsky will be held in Jersey City Baseball Park, October 12, the International Sporting Club announced last night.

The match had been scheduled for Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, but a ruling last week by the New York State Boxing Commission declared: "We have decided that it is for the best interests of boxing in this state not to hold on the dates set the Dempsey-Brennan and Carpentier-Levinsky matches."

### REVERSE DIAMOND DECISION

All-Virginia League Stars Defeat Hilldale Giants, 2 to 1

The All-Virginia League Stars, with Lloyd pitching, defeated the Hilldale Giants, negro nine, of Darby, on the latter's field yesterday afternoon in a great battle, 2 to 1. This was the second game in two days played by these clubs, the negro team having won, 6 to 5, on Wednesday.

Lloyd let down the Hilldale sluggers with five hits. Black, the Virginia shortstop, was the heavy man on the offense, knocking out three hits.

The All-Stars are to meet Cressona Tigers tomorrow on the latter's field, and on Sunday Paul Barth will take the Virginia Leaguers to Mahanoy City for a game there.

### Black Dixie Stages Comeback

After eight rounds of hard fighting at the Madison A. C. last evening, Black Dixie defeated the decision over Silent House. Dixie staged a regular comeback, but the silent one proved a tough proposition in every round. Young Gumbel, Smith beat Frank Mason in six rounds, while Jerry Haines finished Young Langford in three seconds. A battle royal was also on the card.

### BRYN MAWR POLOISTS PLAY FOR U. S. TITLE

Main Liners Will Meet on Saturday for Junior Championships

Hempstead, N. Y., Sept. 24.—By a score of 7 goals to 6 the Foxhunters of the Bryn Mawr polo team defeated the

### IN THE CAGE AGAIN

American Basketball Team Ready for Season's Campaign

The American Basketball Club, champion of the Friends' Guild, and claimant of the city amateur title, has reorganized for the season and will again be seen under the direction of Paul S. "Po" Pachter.

Manager Pachter has signed up the same outfit that won twenty-eight out of 32 games. The team comprises "Pomp" Povernick and Johnny McGrath, forwards; Johnny Siebold, center; and "Jazz" Adler, "Leech" Mashbits and "Bouncer" Kilienbart, guards.

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