

BASEBALL CASES OFF CALENDAR

State Makes New Move in Chicago. To Seek Indictments.

Chicago, March 17.—Immediate prosecution of Chicago White Sox baseball players and others indicted in connection with the alleged throwing of the 1919 world series collapsed today when the state, charging corruption of its chief witness, dropped the cases against seven of the players and Judge William E. Dever took the others off the court calendar.

Tonight, however, the state plunged into the task of preparing a new case with announcement that the matter would be placed in the hands of a grand jury again tomorrow and re-indictment of the players whose cases were dropped.

Robert E. Crow, state's attorney, took charge of the case today and announced that he would handle it from now on. He ordered the cases dismissed after his plea for six months in which to gather new evidence had been denied by Judge Dever and May 2 set as the date for trial.

Tonight in a formal statement, Mr. Crowe placed the blame for the collapse of the cases on his predecessors in office, charging they had handled it improperly; on an alleged conspiracy which he said had defeated justice and corrupted Joe Jackson, Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams, the men who confessed to the grand jury. He announced plans to go personally before the grand jury tomorrow to seek new indictments. He pledged himself to "use every means to bring the guilty persons in this case to justice, declaring that many guilty persons had not been indicted by the grand jury and that important witnesses were excused from answering questions which would have brought the real conspirators to justice.

Mr. Crowe's action today released Joe Jackson, Eddie Cicotte, Claude Williams, Buck Weaver, Oscar Felsch, "Swede" Rieber and Fred M. Mullin from custody of the law, their cases being dismissed. The case against Chick Gandil, Hal Chase, Joseph J. Sullivan, Rachel Brown, Abe Ateli, and William Burns, the latter five charged with engineering the alleged world series deal, were taken off the calendar but may be brought up again. The cases dismissed were those of men who had surrendered and given bail. There was little prospect of the men returning to baseball, however, all being both unconditionally released and on the ineligible list.

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TREASURY TURNS TO TAX REVISION

Formulation of Policy Has Been Started. Ready for Congress.

Washington, March 17.—Formulation of a treasury policy on tax revision has been started and probably will be ready for submission to congress when it convenes April 11, in extra session. Treasury experts have been engaged for some days in making a survey of revenue sources and the extent to which each may be tapped in bringing money into the government's vaults.

It was indicated today that while Secretary Mellon had not taken public stand with respect to the question of whether revenue or tariff revision should have precedence in congress he is declared to have the necessary data on the subject ready for use should congressional committee call. Mr. Mellon said that no decision had been reached on a question pertinent to the forms of new tax laws but internal revenue experts were understood to be preparing to make recommendations on some phases of the important problem.

Former Secretary Houston's views were that taxation measures should be considered ahead of all other legislation because of the effect on business of changed tax laws. There has been no indication of a change in policy in that respect because few of the officials connected with the taxation side of the treasury have been relieved.

Among the questions into which the experts have been delving is that of a sales tax which has threatened several times to cause a rumpus among members of congress whose opinions vary widely. The treasury expects to have complete statistics prepared soon showing the amount that can be expected from such a tax together with data concerning its effect on prices.

Charges in the rates on larger incomes and increases in exemptions also are under consideration with a view to determining the aggregate amount of revenue. There has been an insistent demand for raising the exemptions of the lower salaried, now placed at \$2,000 for married men and \$1,000 for single persons.

Repeal of the excess profits tax which has been particularly odious to business men, is also under consideration. Recommendations to that end were made by Secretary Glass and Houston, and Mr. Mellon's attitude is understood not to be different, although it had not been publicly stated. This tax, revenue officials assert, has been difficult of collection and has acted as a brake on commercial development.

In addition to the sales tax, the experts are investigating the revenue producing qualities of higher luxury taxes. Most treasury officials who have studied the luxury taxes believe that many of those now in effect should be repealed, particularly those similar to the soda fountain drinks levies. The expense of collecting such taxes, it has been said, has run out of all proportions to the revenue received in the last two years while the public was compelled at the same time to pay the amounts prescribed by law.

One of the main points in the efforts of the treasury experts now is to avoid involved and technical taxation methods. Higher officials in the department hold the enforcement and collection of taxes under intricate laws is much more expensive to the government and not as productive as simple and practical means of assessing the taxes.

EXPRESS THEFTS ON GREAT SCALE

Another Former Messenger Gives Testimony. In Court at Macon.

Macon, Ga., March 17.—Many valuable express shipments alleged to have been stolen by messengers were used to pay poker debts contracted in games on the trains. W. A. Hughes, former messenger, informed a jury in United States district court here this afternoon in the trial of more than 50 persons on charges of conspiracy to steal from the United States government.

It developed that Hughes has been under guard for some time and that the court has ordered that he be closely guarded throughout the trial, because of alleged threats that have been made upon his life if he gave damaging testimony at the trial. Hughes said that he had had conversations with all but two of the defendants in regard to stealing express shipments. He talked rapidly and coolly, repeating with the utmost composure the theft of thousands of dollars worth of goods.

On one occasion Hughes said that C. R. Baker, a conductor negotiated with him for the purchase of a bicycle and that the wheel was carried up and down the road by C. R. Brinson, who was on an opposite run, failing to make the delivery to Baker on each trip.

"One day," said Hughes, "Baker's train met mine and he stuck his head in my door and furiously yelled:

"Where's my bicycle."

"I signaled to him to keep quiet." "Next day," the witness continued, "I met Baker and told him that he played hell, that there was a route agent in my car. 'I don't care,' he quoted Baker as saying, 'I want that bicycle,' we had a big laugh over it."

He declared Baker was so furious that he would not pay him more than \$25. Prior to the fall of 1917 messengers were required to account for all shipments lost, he said. He told of the increases in shipments after that time and the impossibility of keeping records because of the congestion.

He said that he stole from the fall of 1917 until August, 1920, when he was arrested. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he said, he divided the shipment with the defendants present.

Through shipments were easier to take than short haul shipments he declared.

The witness related how doors between the express cars were thrown open on trips. "That gave us two cars

of shipments to look over to see if there was anything that we wanted," he explained. "Then we often played poker together on the runs. I played frequently with J. L. Johnson, C. F. McMillan and C. W. Pearce, three of the defendants.

"We didn't talk much about stealing while we were playing, but when one of us went broke we had to get something out of the shipments to sell to the winning players so that we could get more money with which to continue the game. One of the players would buy something from the one that went broke, if we could find something that he wanted."

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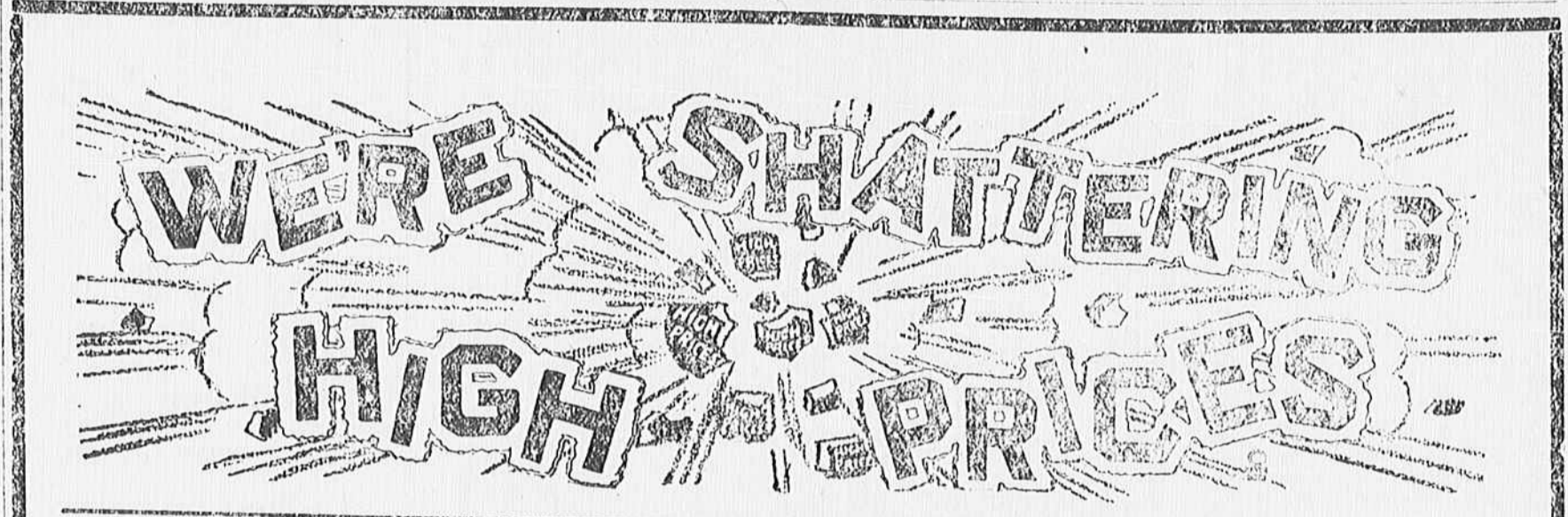
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