TEARNEY TO QUIT; ROCK ISLAND MAY REENTER THREE-I

Assurance of Reasonable Limit of Expenditures Is Expected.

LITTLE DOUBT OF OPENING

Rivalry With Davenport and Moline Expected to Make Game Winner in Future.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—President Tearney of the three Eye league, announced today that at the expiration of his term he will withdraw from organized baseball.

The foregoing Associated Press dispatch will be of considerable interest in Rock Island, for, if the statement made is true, it probably means that Rock Island will be back in the Three-Eye league next year. Mr. Tearney's presence as head of the circuit has been considered an obstacle to this city's return.

There has been another one, however. The league has been endeavoring to maintain a Class B pace when the population of its cities really entitled it to a rating not above Class C. The folly of it has been shown by the fact that city after city, nearly all good baseball towns, has been compelled to drop out. This year Danville quit and its team was placed in Moline. Quincy and Springfield would have been glad to have gotten out from under but could find no market for their clubs.

May Cut Classification.

It is understood that there is a disposition among the league leaders to reduce the classification and if this is done Rock Island undoubtedly will have a place in it next year, provided, of course, there is a new executive.

Mr. Tearney has served five years. He was the choice of Dick Kinsella of Springfield, to succeed M. H. Sexton of this city, who was averse to continuing longer actively in baseball. Rock Island feels that Mr. Tearney discriminated against this city at various times. That he has not maintained the strict discipline which baseball must have to succeed, there can be no dispute.

Should Rock Island get back into the circuit, together with Davenport and Moline, there would be the keenest rivalry and there is no reason why the game should not be a financial success and furnish highly acceptable diversion for the public.

SAYS HE IS GOING TO QUIT THE GAME

Al Tearney,
President of Three-Eye League.

New classes in bookkeeping, shorthand and stenotypy starting next Monday at Brown's Business college. Both day and evening sessions.

GENESEO WOMAN INJURED

Mrs. Ella Reis Falls Down Flight of Stairs in Hotel.

Mrs. Ella Reis of Geneseo has been brought back to that city from Morris, Ill., where she fell down a flight of stairs a couple of days ago, sustaining a broken arm and internal injuries of a minor nature. She left Geneseo a few days ago in company with her daughter and son-in-law for a short overland trip. They stoped at a hotel in Morris over night, and during the night Mrs. Reis arose to go to the bath room. She lost her way and fell down a flight of stairs. Her injuries are not serious.

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ITALIANS ARREST A LOCAL TEACHER AS A SPY OF WAR

Prof. J. W. Casto of Rock Island High School Had Unique Experience.

WAS IN CUSTODY 2 WEEKS

Had Hard Time to Explain to Officials That He Was Merely an American Tourist.

J. W. Casto, history teacher of the local high school, who has been traveling in Europe this summer, has no doubt more experiences to relate than any one from this city who has returned, as he was arrested in Italy and held for over two weeks as a spy. He was released later when his passports were shown to be official.

The instructor was coming from Cairo, Egypt, to Italy, and when the boat landed at Brindisi, Italy, which is in the southern part of the country, he was arrested on suspician and could not explain to the satisfaction of the officials there that he was a tourist. They claimed that he was a spy from one of the countries which were mixed up in the war, and he was taken to Naples, where he was released when his passports were examined. He was kept under watch, though, until he reached Rome, where he was left alone.

Witnesses Preparations.

While in Italy he witnessed a great deal of preparation for war, although that country has not declared war. Each day a large number of soldiers are sent to the front. They wait until evening so that the citizens may not become aroused. A number of refugees are being brought into Italy daily, and Mr. Casto says that it is frightful to think of and it is one of the saddest sights that he has ever witnessed. Everybody seems to be opposed to the Germans, and there is no doubt but that Italy will be dragged into the war sooner or later. The price of food is kept down by the city councils. Each morning the council of each city posts a bulletin giving the prices which the merchants must charge for their foods and does not allow them to ask any more. That is the only way that they can keep the prices within reach of the common people, because when the war started, the merchants tried to raise the prices at once.

No Use for Austria.

The Italians have little or no use for the Austrians. While Mr. Casto was in Rome, a large mob of about 1,500 anti-Austrians stormed the Austrian embassy and shouted at the ambassador and sang the French national anthem. The police and troops were called out to quiet the crowd, and it was necessary to fire a number of shots before they could break it up. A number were wounded, but none was killed. The local instructor was fortunate enough to get out of the mob when the officers started to shoot and he escaped without being injured.

While coming from Cairo he ran into an English fleet, which was on its way to join the English fleet in the Mediterranean sea.

The Italians are trying very hard to remain neutral, for the present at least, as they are not prepared for war.

Explains Triple Alliance.

Mr. Casto stated that the people of Italy explained why they did not go with Austria and Germany when the war broke out, as was expected on account of the triple alliance between the three countries. The first reason was because the alliance was for the defensive, but Germany and Austria had taken the offensive and Italy has made no alliance with them for such a purpose. They also state that Germany took the offensive side without consulting them, and this alone would let them out.

Italy was not prepared for war, as it lost 75,000 men in the African combat in 1912, and is not ready to enter into another fight. The country is also short on food. Business in Europe is at a standstill at the present time.

Arsenals Working Hard.

Arsenals are working full force night and day, and a number of machine shops have been turned into arsenals. A run was made on the banks in Italy for two or three days, but the panic soon quieted and money is not very scarce there now. Mr. Casto had little difficulty in money matters.

On his way home to America from Italy, from which he sailed two weeks ago on the steamer Verona, an Italian ship, he was held up for a time at Gibraltar by an English cruiser, which sent men aboard the boat and looked over the passenger list, seeking Germans who were thought to be trying to escape.

He arrived in New York City last Thursday, but did not get to Rock Island until yesterday afternoon, as he stopped in New York for a few days. Mr. Casto resumed his work at the high school this morning and is busy telling the students and his friends about his trip.

Will Help His Work.

Mr. Casto is a history teacher at the local school, and each year he goes to Europe and travels through the countries about which he intends to teach the following year. He studies while he is traveling.

POTTER TO SPEAK TO DISPLAY MEN

President of International Association May Address Club September 18.

At the regular meeting of the Tri-City Display Men, which was held at the Rock Island Y. M. C. A. last evening, an application was sent to Grand Rapids, Mich., to the International association asking for a charter. The card writing demonstration, which was to have been given at the meeting did not materialize.

It is planned to have Mr. Potter, who is president of the International association, come to this city and speak Friday evening, Sept. 18. An invitation will be sent to the advertising men and the merchants to attend and get an idea of what the display men are doing. The next session will be Tuesday evening at Moline.

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