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COAST LEAGUE MAY COME DESPITE RULING

M'Credie of Portland Says National Association's Ruling Doesn't Bar Him Out of Spokane.

Spokane may be in the Pacific Coast league regardless of the ruling of the national committee which gave the Spokane Recreation company protection in the northwest.

Such is the idea of Judge McCredie, president of the Portland baseball club, and C. L. Williams, manager of the Spokane Exhibition and Amusement company.

Mr. Williams received a letter from Mr. McCredie a few days ago, stating that the ruling of the national committee, protecting H. D. Merritt and his company, has absolutely no effect on the Pacific Coast league and that it was more than possible Spokane would have a team in the Pacific Coast league after the meeting which is to be held in January.

"The only objection to Spokane," stated Judge McCredie, "is the railroad fare. We know Spokane is a good town as long as good ball is played there."

Mr. Williams was seen this morning and state he thought it more than likely, since he had proven that hotel rates would more than make the difference in railroad fare, that the Pacific Coast league would operate in Spokane next year.

"The only objection to Spokane is the railroad fare," stated Mr. Williams. "I have convinced Mr. McCredie that the difference in the fare and the cost of hotel bills will make a stand-off. The hotel rate in the coast cities is about $2.25 while we can give the boys a $1.50 rate. We will probably see Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Fresno in the league next year. In McCredie's letter he stated he had a schedule made out where Spokane would see 66 games of ball. This would mean about 10 series of one week each. I don't know exactly what will happen, but it is more than likely, since the good showing of attendance at the Tacoma-Oakland games, Spokane will be in the Coast league."

METZKE SAYS HE HAS BEEN ABUSED AND NOT HIS WIFE

Charles H. Metzke, proprietor of the Kentucky Wine company, who has been sued for divorce by his wife, states he will fight the case and promises some sensational developments. He asked for a restraining order today prohibiting his wife from disposing of a lodging house in the Simons block and disposing of about $1000 worth of notes. He will also file a cross complaint.

Mr. Metzke was seen this morning and said: "In the papers filed by my wife she alleges that I was cruel to her. She states she wishes to take our child and that I was a drunkard. I wish to say that I have never struck that woman but once in my life and that time was when she was with two other men and a woman.

"For many months she has been trying to get me to send our child away so she could do as she pleased. I would not do it, so she got mad.

"On Dec. 26 I went home and caught her with a woman and two men. I told her to come up stairs and she did. When we got into our room she started talking, and picked up an alarm clock and struck me on the head with it. She then threw it at me and hit me on the face. I slapped her for doing it. That night I was awakened by someone beating me over the head. I got up and found my wife was the person. I don't know what she hit me with.

"My wife did not care for our child at all. She would leave the little girl at home and go out for three or four hours. She went with other men and I didn't think it was right."

Mrs. Metzke asked for a restraining order prohibiting Metzke from disposing of his place of business, valued at $3000, and about $1500 in notes.

SHAW MAY GIVE RELIEF

(Scripps News Association.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Shaw, accompanied by several local bankers, tramped the streets in a driving snow storm in this city this morning, on what is said to be an effort to save the financial situation. He regards the conditions in Wall street as grave enough to enlist the most strenuous efforts. He departs for Washington this evening and until then will devote every moment to avert further serious consequences. Shaw denounced the newspapers of Chicago charging them with distorting statements. He declared it was not the first time he had been betrayed by Chicago newspaper men. He said hereafter he would deny himself to them. He denied having declared that Walsh would not be prosecuted because he practiced violations of law, which had become a custom.

MRS. SMITH BELIEVES HER BOY IS INNOCENT

Mrs. Smith of 111 Division street, the mother of Charles Francis Smith, arrested in connection with the holdup of the Kehoe saloon at Hillyard, called on The Press today to state that whatever the law may say about her son, he is not a bad young man. She acknowledges he was arrested for robbing a Chinaman and had his named mentioned in connection with the Great Northern hold-up at Ballard, but she positively denies that he was arrested in connection with the latter occurrence. She states that he was at home at that time, where he has been assisting her in the care of his invalid father, and working whenever his duties will permit him to be absent from the house. Mrs. Smith states that her son could not have been at Hillyard at the time of the hold-up of Kehoe's place, and that she will prove it when given an opportunity in court.

"My boy is a good boy. He is the victim of circumstances, that is all. These stories hurt me, for I am his mother," said Mrs. Smith.

Chauncey M. Depew is said to be declining all invitations to dinners. Also there are some dinners to which Chauncey is not decining invitations—those for which he has received no invitations.

TAKES SAME POISON WHICH KILLED WIFE

(Scripps News Association.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 29. — Kaspar Vandran, whose wife was poisoned Aug. 12 under circumstances indicating murder, committed suicide at 10 o'clock last night, swallowing cyanide, the identical poison with which his wife was killed. The body was found this morning.

Much mystery surrounds the death of Mrs. Vandran. Tre case was never fully solved. On May 2, before her death, J. W. Young, who owns a saloon two doors from Vandran's place of business went to Vandran's saloon and shot the latter five times. Vandran was in the hospital two months and recovered. Young was tried and convicted of assault with intent to commit murder, and sentenced to six years. He appealed his case.

COFFIN TRIAL HAS ENDED

(Scripps News Association.)

ANAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—The Coffin court martial concluded its deliberations shortly after noon and the findings were forwarded to Admiral Sands. A conflict of opinion arose as to whether Sands, as convening authority, was empowered to review the findings. Sands intimated he would send the record with recommendation to Washington. The trial of Midshipman Stephen Decatur Jr. commenced this afternoon. He is accused of hazing.

GIVING AWAY SPORTING BOOKS

John W. Wood, proprietor of the Brook and Cross Road saloons, has had compiled the latest World's Sporting Record, and is giving them away to all those who wish them. The Record was compiled by Thos. S. Andrews and takes in all records and fights up to Dec. 5, 1905.

One notable feature of the book is that it shows the recent fights held in Spokane. The fights of Mellody against McCarthy, Duffy, Peterson and O'Keefe are all shown. The books are the latest off the press.

DEAF MUTE REGAINS SENSES

(Scripps News Association.)

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 29.—Dave Miller, a deaf mute, who came here a few days ago from Salt Lake City, was cured in a remarkable manner. One night this week his bed fellow pulled all the covering off him. Miller woke up angry and nearly frozen. He made such an effort to curse his bed fellow that something in his head snapped and he regained both speech and hearing.

BROKERS GO TO THE WALL

(Scripps News Association.)

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—H. R. Leighton & So., stock brokers, have made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities are half a million. It is caused by the failure of a debtor to meet his liabilities. They will probably realize on the assets enough to pay out.

YERKES IS DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Yerkes slept well last night. His physicians this morning do not expect an immediate grave change, though they say the end may come any minute.

Yerkes died at 2:15 today.

He was born in Philadelphia, on June 25, 1839. He was educated in the public schools. He began business at the age of 17 and at 20 was a private banker. In 1861 he purchased his first street railway stock. In 1864 he assumed millions of Philadelphia city bonds, but failed to carry out his contract. He was indicted, found guilty, but executive clemency was extended. Later the city council released him from all debts which afterward Mr. Yerkes paid his creditors. He arrived in Chicago in 1882 and opened a banking house. In 1886 he made his first railroad venture in Chicago. He changed the horse cars to a cable system. He was the first to give the city anything in return for the privileges accorded corporations. He gave a $50,000 telescope to Chicago university. In 1898 he began the consolidation of the Chicago street railways. In 1901 he left the city with $15,000,000 and went to London where he built an underground railway. He was rewarded with wealth and fame. He outgeneraled J. P. Morgan and associates who formed an American syndicate in London underground.

His wife was not at his bedside when the end came. She has not been at his hotel since her husband was stricken. She refused to say why.

REPUBLICAN TOWN IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29. — Ziatoust, a town of 17,000 in the Ural mountains, is under a republican form of government, established by the rebels. A red flag flies over the government arms factory, and the officials are imprisoned. The Cossacks are told if they charge, the officials will be killed.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29. — Troops are pouring into Moscow to assist in putting down the rebellion.

WARSAW, Dec. 29.—The strike is growing stronger. None of the newspapers appeared today, the printers refusing to work. Traffic is badly hampered on the Vienna line.

WARSAW, Dec. 29.—Little news has reached this city of the occurrences in other parts of the empire. The latest in Poland from Moscow says the Cossacks are gaining ground against the peasants.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—British merchants in Russia have asked the foreign office for protection. They foreign office for protection. The report of complications between Russia and Germany over the kaiser's proposal to send a warship to Riga is confirmed.

EIGHT KILLED

(Scripps News Association.)

JUDSON, Ind., Dec. 29. — A freight locomotive exploded this morning and killed four trainmen and destroyed $100,000 worth of fancy meat, and killed 100 head of cattle on the Erie railroad, en route to New York from Chicago.

ISELIN WAS ON STAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. — Adrian Iselin, a banker and director of the Mutual, presented a statement to the insurance committee this morning, showing the syndicate operations in which he participated with the Mutual. John P. Munn, president of the U. S. Life, told of the operation of his company.

SPEED THE OLD

CHRISTMAS JAIL ROW LENGTHENS A SENTENCE

Mince Pie Hubbub Told in Court When Prisoner Was Up for Punishment --It Helped Him Into Pen

That Christmas yell for mince pie and the subsequent mutiny of the prisoners in the Paully cage at the county jail was officially before Judge Huneke this morning when Mike Eilderman convicted of embezzlement, came up for sentence. The story of the wild disorder and assault on the sheriff's men who were compelled to enter the cage after dosing the prisoners with water from a hose, was exclusively told in the Press of Tuesday.

The call for pie will probably cause the prisoners in the Paully some uneasiness and some extra days in durance vile. It is considered that it has sent Mike Eilderman to the pen, whereas it might have been a jail sentence.

Prosecuting Attorney Barnhart brought the matter up and made a statement of facts. He said that the tumoil arose over the lack of mince pie and became a wild disorder, the entire coterie of prisoners in the upper and lower floors of the Paully joining in the uproar, stamping their feet, cursing, hurling vile epithets and declining to observe order when so instructed by the sheriff in person. The matter culminated when it became necessary for the sheriff and Deputy MacPugh to enter the cage. They were viciously assaulted by three prisoners, though Eilderman did not directly take part in the assault. Mr. Barnhart said, however, that Eilderman was one of the crowd in the general disturbance. He said that it was a matter of common knowledge that prisnoers in the Spokane county jail were better treated, better fed, better clothed than in the average county jail in this state. He felt that these facts should be laid before the court, not only in the case of Eilderman but in that of every man engaged in the disturbance.

Eilderman told the court that he was in no way implicated.

The court asked Deputy Sheriff Hone if he had anything to say. Hone replied that the prosecutor had stated the facts.

In passing sentence, Judge Huneke said that embezzlement of money committed to his care to be used in the support of the wife and children of the trusting man, was most reprehensible and mean. It merited a severe sentence. However, testimony of sterling citizens of Spokane to Eilderman's previous good reputation and the recommendation of the jury for clemency, were considerations which moved the court toward leniency.

"But now comes this report of the sheriff. The sentence of the court is that you be confined at hard labor in the state penitentiary for two years and pay the costs of prosecution."

ITALIAN GIRL DID NOT KNOW HER CORRECT AGE

Hon. James Plastino came to the rescue of the difficulties encountered by the proposed matrimonial alliance of Carmine Cerenzia and Maria Garafolo, details of which were mentioned in yesterday's Press. This morning the paper bearing parental sanction, which was 14 miles away yesterday, was taken to County Auditor Stewart.

Now, Zach Stewart has many linguistic attainments, but he has never dallied with the Provvencalesque language of Calabria or any other section of Italy. He knows Latin, French, Mongolese and Senegambian, both by eye and by ear, but as regards the spoken or written language of southern Italy he is a dense blank.

On the pieces of paper submtited to him today in support of the application for a marriage license of Carmine and Maria, he could detect nothing illuminative except figures. The swarthy fingers of the prospective groom pointed to the Arabic numerals "19" on one part of the paper and considered it evidence that the girl was 19 years of age.

Stewart acknowledged that it was a 19 sure enough, but he did not know whether it meant 19 olives, 19 casks of Chianti wine or the 19th verse of Dante's "Divine Comedy." All he knew what that the figure was 19.

"Go and get James Plastino to come here and tell me about this," was Stewart's injunction to the anxious groom. Mr. Plastino was produced within a half hour.

"Mr. Plastino, I would like your translation of these papers," said Stewart. "I have confidence in your rendering of it."

Plastino looked over the papers, and then smiled. The papers were the passport of the bride-to-be, together with the marriage contract, signed by her parents. Plastino stated that without the passport, signed by the mayor of Maria's home town and by the governor of her province, she could never have left Italy. Furthermore there was the consent of her parents. Also, they say she is 19 years old.

Stewart accepted Plastino's word without affidavit and immediately issued the marriage license.

ROB THE POSTOFFICE AT CUNNINGHAM, WASH

The postmaster at Cunningham, Wash., telephoned the police department this morning that some men broke into the postoffice there and secured over $500 in cash and stamps last night.

The call reached the police station this morning at about 8 a. m. The postmaster stated: "The office was broken into last night and over $500 taken. There was about $425 in stamps, $50 in 25 and 50 cent stamp books and $45 in cash in the place when the robbers entered. They took an overcoat which was hanging on the wall, and it is supposed wrapped the stamps up in it. The entrance was made by forcing the door."

The place was entered between 9 o'clock last night and 7 a. m. today.

The engagement of one of Tom Lawson's sons to a rich widow is announced. But this must not be taken as evidence of any lack of confidence in father.

SALT LAKE HAS A REIGN OF TERROR

(Scripps News Association.)

SALT LAKE, Dec. 29.—A reign of terror in progress for the past six weeks culminated in a second murder and hold-up, that of Nephi Shields, a prominent resident, last night. He was shot through the head.

Governor Cutler, the county commissioners and the mayor have offered rewards for the apprehension of the murderer aggregating $1200. Three citizens offer $50 cash and a suit of clothes to the man who captures any hold-up, dead or alive.

TEDDY AND HIS BOYS ARE HUNTING

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec. 29.—No word has been received from the president. His stenographer here says he received sages which it is transmit. The family cial Rix