

# District Attorney Fails to Uncover Any New Clues in Baseball Bribery Case

### Ford Questioned Regarding Bribe Offered to Sand

Others to Be Interviewed During Next Few Days—George Kelly, Coach Summoned.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 27.**—The district attorney's investigation into the Dolan-O'Connell bribery scandal was continued today when Horace Ford, second baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals, was questioned as to his knowledge of the \$500 bribe offered to Heine D. Sand, Philadelphia shortstop, by Jimmy O'Connell, New York outfielder, in a game here near the close of last season.

Ford, it was understood, told Assistant District Attorney Brothers, in charge of the probe, that his first knowledge of the affair came when Sand took him into confidence after the game. According to testimony with Commissioner Landis, Ford advised Sand to "use his own judgment." Subsequently Sand related his story to Arthur Fletcher, manager of the Phillies.

The examination of Ford followed interrogation yesterday of two others in the scandal, Frank Friesch, captain of the Giants, and Sand.

Others will be interviewed during the next few days in an effort to uncover any basis for grand jury action and indictments.

Fletcher was to have come here next Friday but his hearing has been postponed until Monday, Mr. Brothers announced. John Couch, Philadelphia pitcher, and George Kelly, Giant first baseman, will arrive here the latter part of the week in response to requests for their appearance.

Dolan, now at his home in Oshkosh, Wis., and O'Connell, located in Sacramento, Cal., who have been banished from baseball for their alleged part in the scandal, have been asked to come here as early as possible to go over their stories once more.

Although Brothers declined to discuss the hearings he has held so far, it was intimated he had as yet uncovered no information affording new clues to a solution of the case.

**From 'Prelim' Boy to Main-Event in Few Months**  
That's Record of Benny Gershe Who Scores 13th Knockout in 16 Fights.

**CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 27.**—From a preliminary boy to a main bout performer in a few months is the remarkable rise of Benny Gershe, Cleveland southpaw featherweight. Gershe scored his 13th knockout in 16 bouts last night, stopping Harry (Batling) Leonard of Philadelphia in four rounds.

On his first appearance here August 11 last Gershe received \$30 for a preliminary bout. Last night, boxing his first windup on big time, he received close to \$4,000.

Ernie Goosenan, San Diego; Frankie Garcia, Chicago, and Johnny Andrews, Toledo, are the only boys who have stayed the limit with Gershe. He won decisions over each.

Gershe got his first knowledge of the ring while loafing around Benny Leonard's training camp.

**Valley Tennis Association Elects Delegates to New York**  
St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—Voting to support the amateur ruling revision, the Missouri Valley Lawn Tennis association at a special meeting here last night elected C. Drummond Jones, president, and Davidson Oberst, secretary, as delegates to the annual conference of the United States Lawn Tennis association at February 2 at New York, it was announced.

**Former Omaha Trap Shooter Dies at St. Louis**  
Word was received in Omaha this morning announcing the death of Harry M. McNamara at St. Louis. Mr. McNamara was well known in Omaha. He was western representative of the Remington Arms company in this territory for the last few years. During his residence in Omaha Mr. McNamara was connected with the Omaha Gun club and participated in many of the trap shoots.

**McGowan to Play Hockey.**  
St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—Everett McGowan, St. Paul skater, announced that he had accepted an offer to play with the Vancouver (B. C.) team of the Western Canada Professional Hockey league. He will leave for Vancouver tomorrow night.

## SCRAMBLED SPORTS

**ART GRIGGS RETURNS OMAHA CONTRACT UNSIGNED.**

**ART GRIGGS**, popular manager of the Omaha Buffaloes, 1924 champions of the Western league, has returned his 1925 contract to Owner Barney Burch unsigned.

Last year Griggs managed the Buffaloes without a contract. Before the season started Burch told Griggs to go ahead and manage the team. Nothing was said about a contract and everything went along smoothly. This year, however, Barney thought it best to get Art to sign on the dotted line.

With Tulsa angling for a manager and several other minor league teams in the field for pilots, Burch didn't feel quite sure he had a manager, although Griggs last fall said he would be back in 1925.

Last week Burch mailed Griggs a contract, asking Art to fill in the amount he thought his services were worth as manager of the 1925 Buffaloes. Griggs mailed the parchment back unsigned, saying that he would rather have Burch stipulate the amount of money he would draw as manager of the Omaha team.

Griggs may and may not manage the Buffaloes in the next Western league race. It all depends on what Burch offers Art and whether the latter is satisfied with the amount. If Griggs isn't satisfied with the first offer, Barney might have to boost the salary.

**ACE HUDKINS TO FIGHT IN COAST TOURNAMENT.**  
The Nebraska Wildcat, lightweight of this state who journeyed out to California, W. O. L. from his manager, has entered a tournament in Los Angeles to determine the lightweight who will go to New York and compete for the title left vacant by the resignation of Benny Leonard.

According to a Los Angeles newspaper, the tournament will start within three weeks. The best lightweight on the coast are being singled up. Tom Kennedy, Los Angeles promoter, has signed up Hudkins and is trying to get "Spud" Meyers or Phil Salvatore as Ace's opponent. The winner will be matched with either Joe Benjamin, Pat Mills, Joe Scholker, Joe Lyman or Jack Silver.

**ERNEST BEARG HAS GOOD MATERIAL AT NEBRASKA.**  
When Ernest Elmer Bearg, new head football coach at Nebraska, starts grid work at his new post he will find a wonderful stadium and plenty of husky gridlers.

Nebraska always has football material, although the material is not as good some years as it is other seasons. Next fall, however, Bearg will find good backfield material at his back and call. The new coach is a backfield mentor.

Coach "Indian" Schuller will take care of the line. It will be interesting to see what Bearg can turn out in the way of backfields at Nebraska. A former football player himself and former assistant of Bob Zupple of Illinois for several years, Bearg comes to Nebraska well recommended. He has coached teams at Washburn college and Topeka (Kan.) High, but when he takes up the reins as head football coach at Nebraska it will be the first time Bearg has tackled a job at a state university or a university of college the size of the University of Nebraska.

Some followers of Nebraska football will expect Bearg's 1925 team to show enough of the "Indian" to defeat. These fans do not stop to take into consideration that it takes a coach a year or two to get his system of coaching and play installed. Bearg, as we said before, comes to Nebraska well recommended and it is only fair to the coach and the university that the football fans wait until a season has past, or at least until the Huskers play one or two games, before passing judgment on Ernest Elmer Bearg.

**Collins Entered Big Show Under Name of Sullivan**  
Eddie Collins, newly appointed manager of the Chicago White Sox, entered the big show under the cognomen "Sullivan." When Collins went to Philadelphia to talk terms with Connie Mack, in 1906, he was still a student at Columbia. When he walked into Connie Mack's office a scout recognized him, but Mack covered the situation cleverly when he realized that Collins had been recognized. Mack said to Collins, "Hello, Sullivan, I want you to meet a friend of mine." The scout decided it was not Collins after all. Eddie retained the name of Sullivan in baseball circles until he graduated from Columbia in 1907.

## Indoor Sports



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### Postpone Fistic Tourney With Notre Dame

**AMES, Ia., Jan. 27.**—Although the Notre Dame boxing meet has been postponed to February 21, Iowa State's leather pushers are still working to determine the lightweight who will go to New York and compete for the title left vacant by the resignation of Benny Leonard.

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### METRO GIRL FIVE WINS OPENER

Coach McGahan's Metropolitan girls basketball team opened the season with a victory over the St. Francis academy quintet at Council Bluffs last night. The final score was 22 to 6.

Captain Mary Gibson starred for the Metropolitan girls, scoring six baskets and one free throw for a total of 13 points. Margaret Jackson scored two baskets and one free throw while Miss Newton dropped in two baskets.

The guarding work of the Haller twins featured for the Metropolitan quintet on the defensive.

The Christ Child Center basketball team wants games. For contests with this local club see Mr. Landley, Christ Child Center, Omaha.

**Dave Woodbury, now of Des Moines, had former title of the angles title at the Iowa state bowling tournament at Cedar Rapids with a score of 431.**

## Cramer Brothers Cage Team to Play Cunningham Brothers at Fremont

**FREMONT, Jan. 27.**—The date for the basketball contest between the Cramer brothers of Chester, Neb., and the Cunningham brothers of Wahoo has been set for February 21, to be played in the new Midland gymnasium in Fremont. At a later date, yet to be arranged, the two teams will meet at Hebron for a second battle and if necessary, a rubber will be played on some neutral court.

G. E. Waring, president of the Chester Chamber of Commerce, is managing the Cramer brothers while the Fremont Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the contest in Fremont. A committee has been named to handle the arrangements for the game.

Considerable interest has been aroused over the impending contest because of the unique membership of both teams. The Cunninghams, who have not lost a game yet this season,

recently issued a challenge that covers the United States, aimed at all brother quintets. The Cramers were the first to respond to the defy and as a result the game was arranged after considerable negotiations.

Both teams are confident of being able to uphold the family honors. The Cunningham aggregation of six players is composed of Earl and Robert, students at Wahoo High; Paul and Wesley, members of the Midland college basketball squad; Earl and Vess, two Wahoo business men. The Cramer brothers team also boasts of high school and college players and as a result a close struggle is expected.

The Fremont Chamber of Commerce voted to sponsor the game in response to the increasing interest that has been apparent since the Cunninghams first "dared the world."

## Kellom Cagers Trim Saratoga

The Kellom grade school basketball team won a hard fought 10 to 3 game from the Saratoga cagers Monday in the feature game of The Omaha Bee grade school tournament.

The Saratoga quint was unable to solve the Kellom defense. Many times the North Siders would work the ball down the court, but the guards on the winning team would always break up their respective "trick" formations.

Firmament, R. Rosen and Raschke were the heavy scorers for the winners, while Lane, Saratoga center, topped the high scorers for the losers.

Webster school hoopers had an easy time winning from the Saunders boys by a 19 to 3 score. At no time during the game were the Webster boys in danger of being overtaken. Friedman and Kauli starred for the winners.

In a game replete with thrills and long range shooting the Lincoln basketball team defeated the Bancroft hoop team by a 20 to 10 score. Todero carried away the scoring honors for Lincoln, while Murphy was high point garnerer for the losers.

In the other game Lothrop beat Monmouth Park, 30 to 3.

## SHAKING THE SLEMON TREE

Captain Bob Roper says Renault will see an eclipse Friday night. Sy sez: "Lightning never strikes in the same place twice, because when the lightning comes back for the second crack the place isn't there any more."

## Benny Gershe Kayoes Leonard

**CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 26.**—Benny Gershe, Cleveland, knocked out Harry (Batling) Leonard of Philadelphia in the fourth round of a scheduled 12-round bout here tonight. It was Gershe's 13th knockout in 15 professional bouts. Gershe weighed, 123 1/2; Leonard, 125.

Eddie Anderson, Casper, Wyo., and Jackie Nichols, Detroit, boxed a fast eight-round semi-final.

## Gopher Coach Still Considers Contract Renewal

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 26.**—William H. Spaulding, head football coach at the University of Minnesota, today still had under consideration the renewal of his contract at the Gopher school.

Although it was reported that Spaulding had received offers from several other schools and was considering them, it was denied that this had anything to do with the delay in signing his new two-year contract at Minnesota, which was approved by the board of regents last week.

Michigan, the University of Southern California and Washington university of St. Louis were among the schools mentioned in campus gossip today as seeking the services of Spaulding. There was no confirmation of these reports.

## Walter Johnson May Desert Senators for Time to Enter Movies

**LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27.**—Walter Johnson, pitching ace of the world champion baseball club, may desert the Washington Americans, at least for a time, to enter the movies.

Johnson has been offered a contract to perform for the camera and said today he was undecided as to whether he would accept.

He is also considering an offer for a vaudeville tour of several weeks. Johnson, it was believed, will accept both offers, providing they do not interfere with his baseball playing.

Reports circulated here to the effect that Johnson may permanently retire from baseball if he is unable to purchase an interest in a Pacific Coast league baseball club, were given slight credence.

## ROAD TO COMEBACKVILLE LONG AND FULL OF MANY PITFALLS

**By NORMAN E. BROWN.**  
THE way back is long. Those who have traveled it or have fallen by the roadside, foot-weary and discouraged in their efforts will tell you that.

Those who are forced to trudge the road to Comebackville early in their careers find it is a bit shorter and smoother than those who must fight their way back and with the cry of age dinning in their ears.

Ed (Strangler) Lewis is of the latter class. Lewis has announced that he has cut short plans for a European trip and will enter a three months intensive training course in preparation for a return to the ring. The match was held up to Lewis as being "easy money." No one had tipped off the Strangler that a Ed (Strangler) Lewis was a physical trainer as well as a pugilist. The match was held up to Lewis as being "easy money." No one had tipped off the Strangler that a Ed (Strangler) Lewis was a physical trainer as well as a pugilist.

## New York Realizes Profit From Boxing

**NEW YORK, Jan. 27.**—The state of New York has realized a net profit of \$733,016 from professional boxing since the present Walker law went into effect, nearly four and one-half years ago, according to figures made public by the state athletic commission.

This report includes amounts paid on admission tickets to matches, license fees for boxers, managers, clubs, seconds, referees and other ring officials.

Boxing paid a gross income of \$1,021,670, but it cost the state \$288,654.94 to regulate the game during that period.

## Bluejays Enter Annual Indoor K. C. A. C. Meet

**COACH CHET WYNNE** of the Creighton university track and field teams, both indoor and outdoor, will hold tryouts at the Creighton gymnasium Saturday afternoon to determine the men he will take to Kansas City for the annual K. C. A. C. indoor games, Saturday, February 7.

Wynne has been holding indoor track practice daily for several weeks and has a squad of likely looking athletes trying out for the various team places.

The Creighton coach will enter his mile relay team at Kansas City. The runners who will make up the team have not been selected. Saturday afternoon Wynne will hold tryouts for places on the team.

Keane and Lower of football fame, will go to Kansas City, providing they round into a little better condition. Keane, if he goes, will be entered in the open quarter-mile hunt, while Lower will compete in the open 50-yard dash.

Cleon Stewart will be entered in the open half-mile race and is expected to make a good showing against the cream of the Valley half-milers.

## Drake Basket Ball Coach Predicts Winner of Valley Cage Race

**ES MOINES, Jan. 27.**—Ossie Solem, Drake football and basketball ball coach, has made a bid for fame by predicting the order in which the basketball teams of the Missouri Valley conference will finish the present campaign.

Overlooking the fact that the Jayhawks are now groping in the unfamiliar depths of the third place, Solem predicts that Kansas will recover from the unexpected knockout handed them by the Kansas Aggies and will finish the season in first place.

He further predicts that the teams will finish the season in the following order: Kansas, first; Nebraska, second; Kansas Aggies, third; Washington, fourth; Oklahoma, fifth; Grinnell, sixth; Missouri, seventh; Ames, eighth; Fort

## Horsemen at Tia Juana Preparing Runners for First Big Stake Race

**By TAD EVANS.**  
ITH \$80,500 in added money for the six stakes of the season, this to be swelled by nomination and starting fees, horsemen at Tia Juana are beginning to point their runners for these de luxe events of the long season.

Interest at this time turns to the first of the Tia Juana stakes, this being the speed handicap. Here will be found, according to the nominations, some of America's fleetest sprinters and competition of the keenest sort is promised in this dash of five and one-half furlongs.

In all, 324 thoroughbreds have been nominated for these six stakes and included are some of the best runners the turf has had in recent years.

Treating the list of stakes chronologically, the first one comes Saturday, February 15, this being the speed handicap. It has \$5,000 added money and for it there are 84 nominations. Out of this number, the actual starters probably will be at least 12 and on this basis, it is figured that the race will be worth approximately \$6,000 to the winner. The bulk of this first money comes from the \$5,500 added money set aside as the winner's share and the rest is from the nomination and starting fees.

The calendar of these stakes is as follows: Speed handicap, \$5,000 added, five and one-half furlongs, February 15; Juvenile stake, 1,000 added, four and one-half furlongs, March 2; Tia Juana derby, \$15,000 added, one and one-half miles, March 9; Coltrush handicap, \$50,000 added, one and one-half miles, March 23; Tia Juana steeplechase, \$10,000 added, five furlongs, April 6; Tia Juana cup, \$10,000 added, two miles, April 12.

## Change Distance of Nurmi's Race

**At the request of Paavo Nurmi**, the Morningside Athletic club has changed the distance of the special race which is the feature event Friday night. Nurmi will enter a special 2,000-meter race instead of the previously planned 1,600-yard affair. In this race Nurmi will attempt to better his own world's outdoor record, which he failed to do in the Fordham university games.

## Omaha Bowlers Enter Inter-State Tournament

**OMAHA** will be represented in the interstate bowling tournament to be held at Sioux City next Saturday and Sunday by eight teams. They are: Hoffmann-Crosby Funeral Home, city champions; Ak-Sar-Bens, Badger Bodies, Guarantee Fund Life, House Waste Pipe Cleaners, Omaha Allies and Sanford Cafe.

## Bellevue Cagers Win

The Bellevue Athletic club triumphed the Omaha Aggies, 35 to 22, in an interesting game played on the Bellevue court last night. The work of Bressman featured, the Bellevue forward scoring seven field goals and two free throws.

## Important Boxings This Week

**Jan. 30.** Bob Roper against Jack Russell, 10 rounds in Omaha.  
**Jan. 30.** Mel Cooper against K. J. Jekel, 10 rounds in Bowling Green, O.  
**Jan. 31.** Bobby Garcia against Chick Ward, 10 rounds in St. Louis, Mo.  
**Feb. 1.** Paul Berensbach against Young Marullo, 12 rounds in New York.  
**Feb. 7.** John Mondolash against Russe Leroy, 10 rounds in Paris, N. D.

## SPORT CHATTER

The Commercial Clubs and the Schellwies returned to the United States today after a return match at the Y. M. C. A. today Saturday at 1 P. M.

The Bethany Freshwaterers are ready to play any class B basketball team on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For names call Manager Evans at Webster 4755.

The Bellevue Athletic club will play the Thornton Athletic club Friday night. The game will be played at the Bellevue gymnasium.

London, Jan. 27.—Four British amateur boxers who took part in the Olympic games in Paris last summer will sail for America today. They are: Harry J. Mitchell, Olympic light heavyweight champion; Jack Elliot, Olympic middleweight champion; Patrick O'Meara, amateur welterweight; and George, a lightweight fighter.

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