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Alleged Conspiracy To "Throw" Game Comes Out In Court Hearing

DEMPESEY AND MANAGER ARE ON TRIAL TODAY

Charged with Conspiracy to Evade the Military Service Act

Faces a Maximum Sentence of Two Years and \$2,000 Fine—Dempesey's Divorced Wife to Be Called as Witness.

(Canadian Press Despatches) San Francisco, June 8.—Trial of William Harrison (Jack) Dempesey, champion heavyweight pugilist, and his manager, Jack Kearns, on a charge of conspiracy to evade the selective military service act is scheduled to begin today in the United States district court here.

The indictment on which they are charged is a maximum sentence of two years and a \$2,000 fine. Dempesey's divorced wife is to be called as a witness for the prosecution.

The federal grand jury returned the indictment following the appearance before it of Mrs. Maxine Dempesey, divorced wife of Dempesey.

Attorneys for the government have announced she would be called as a witness for the prosecution.

San Francisco, June 8.—The draft evasion charges against William Harrison (Jack) Dempesey, heavyweight champion boxer of the world, and Jack Kearns, his manager, were filed here in the United States district court.

On the direct evasion charge Dempesey can be given one and on the conspiracy charge two years and a \$2,000 fine.

The indictments were returned Feb. 27 following statements made to the federal grand jury by Maxine Dempesey, divorced wife of the pugilist, that he sought her sworn testimony as to her dependence on him in order to avoid military service and that she had given such testimony against her will.

Subsequently she retracted her charges in a signed affidavit submitted to the United States district attorney's office here but despite such retraction the grand jury returned the indictments.

Magee Sues Chicago Nationals for Salary and Breach of Contract

Witness Tells of Plot to Have Game Go to Boston Braves—Christy Mathewson on the Stand—Denial from Schneider.

Cincinnati, June 8.—A motion for a directed verdict in favor of the defendant was overruled by Judge John W. Peck at the conclusion of the testimony yesterday of Lee Magee, who is suing the Chicago National League baseball club for salary he claims is due him and for breach of contract.

James Costello, of Boston, proprietor of a billiard hall, was the star witness for the defense. He said that on July 24, 1918, Magee approached him with a proposal to "lose" the first game of a double-header to be played next day by the Cincinnati Reds with the Boston Braves.

Next morning, said Costello, Magee returned with Hal Chase, who was then first baseman for the Reds. The pair said that they had the pitcher, Schneider, "fixed" as evidence of their good faith, the witness said, the two players put up checks for \$500 each. Costello cashed the checks and the money was put up on the game. Magee and Chase, if their team lost, were to get back their money, together with their winnings, and one third of the winnings of other who were induced to bet.

Another pitcher was put in that day, and the Reds won the witness said he did not see Magee until he went to New York looking for him to make good on the \$500 check, on which Magee had stopped payment.

Christy Mathewson, who was manager of the Reds in 1918, testified that he believed Magee had deliberately made the errors that almost cost the Reds the first game in Boston on July 25, 1918. He admitted that he had been gambling among the Reds' players, but so far as he knew they had always bet on their own team.

Schneider, Texas June 8.—Pete Schneider, formerly with the Cincinnati Nationals, now a member of the Boston Red Sox, testified today that he had been gambling among the Reds' players, but so far as he knew they had always bet on their own team.

ARCHIE WALSH MAKES RECORDS

SETS NEW MARKS FOR BLACK'S ALLEYS FOR THREE AND FIVE STRINGS.

Archie Walsh of Boston, formerly of this city, who is conceded to be one of the chief candle pin bowlers in the world, this morning visited Black's alleys. He was warmly greeted by friends, and he and Thomas Wilson, manager of the alleys, engaged in a match and then Walsh proceeded to smash the three and five string records.

A. F. OF LABOR DELEGATES AT MONTREAL



Group of Delegates of Union Workers from United States arriving at Windsor Hotel. They were received by various officers of different labor and working classes of Montreal.

BUILDERS RATED AS RETAILERS

Ruling Regarding New Excise Tax Given Out

Photographers Are Classed as Manufacturers—Cordwood and Unsnared Logs Are Exempt.

Ottawa, June 8.—Building contractors and sub-contractors, though technically manufacturers, are rated for the purposes of the new excise tax as retailers selling to the consumer.

This is the recent ruling of the department of inland revenue on this point. Any material manufactured by the contractor, such as metal cornice, sash and doors, must be charged to him as the owner of the building at the rate of one per cent sales tax.

COL. HUGHES TO FRANCE FOR THREE YEARS

To Arrange for Erection of Battlefield Memorials.

Kingston, Ont., June 8.—Col. H. T. Hughes, chief engineer of the Battlefield Exploitation Commission, will sail on June 16 on the Empress of France, for France and Belgium, where he expects to remain for the next three years.

CONDITIONS IN FRANCE ARE VERY HOPEFUL

Living Costs Going Down and Crop Prospects Good—Economy Rewarded.

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BUSY MORN IN THE POLICE COURT

Charges Against Husband Are Taken Up—A Variety of Cases.

The police court sleet this morning contained the names of only four prisoners, but there were several postponed cases.

James Demaine was charged with being drunk and also with threatening to kill his wife. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

A case against Del Willis, who was charged with the theft of a quantity of cloth from E. R. Taylor, West St. John, was resumed.

A case against Allan Albert, charged with having liquor on his premises illegally, was resumed and Policeman Gill corroborated the evidence given by Inspector Merrifield yesterday.

A case against Florence Best, charged with bigamy, was further postponed until next Tuesday.

A case against Harry Finnegan, arrested yesterday afternoon on charge of supplying liquor without having a license, was resumed.

In consequence of information received yesterday from a prisoner, Inspector McAlsh notified Frank L. O'Brien, 35 Water street, to appear in court in order that the informant might identify the person from whom he got liquor.

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Fact Revealed in Auditor's Report—A. F. of L. Convention — Paid \$67,912 in Strike Benefits Last Year.

Montreal, June 8.—After a brief session, the A. F. of L. annual convention here today, took an adjournment until tomorrow, as there was no further business on hand until the resolutions committee report was ready.

The auditor's report read to the convention revealed that the federation has a "defense fund" of \$164,074 and paid \$67,912 in strike benefits during the last year.

James Duncan, vice-president, president of the local branch of the G. W. V. A., held last night, a resolution calling for participation in politics on the part of the association was discussed and rejected.

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Col. Margeson Denounces Manifesto of R. B. Maxwell, G. W. V. A. Dom. President

Brands It "Ill-Advised Document Inspired from Alberta"

Says Dominion President Should Have Waited for Report of Parliamentary Committee—"Public Opinion Is Not With Returned Soldiers."

Ottawa, June 8.—An unqualified denunciation of the manifesto of R. B. Maxwell, dominion president of the G. W. V. A., in which he called upon the federal government to resign, was made by Col. J. W. Margeson, president of the Ottawa command, G. W. V. A., at the regular meeting last night.

"I deem it an ill-advised document, inspired from Alberta," he declared when a member declared that his views, given on the subject before a general discussion ensued among the members.

"If you want to out-throw Hiram support this measure," he declared in an impassioned address. "He said that if the G. W. V. A. persisted in presenting such a measure as representing the policy of the association, the present government could rightly conclude that certain people in the G. W. V. A. were playing party politics."

"We, as returned soldiers have not the support of the people behind us in this thing," said Colonel Margeson, pointing to the disastrous attempt at a similar movement in New South Wales a few weeks ago.

"If you think you will get better re-establishment from a farmer government or a Liberal government, you should be elected on platforms of re-employment, then you have a better chance of success than I have," he said. "Public opinion is not with the returned soldier today."

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DIVIDED OVER THE PLAYGROUNDS

Com. Jones Alone Against Armstrong and Bruce Site

Lower Offer for Shamrock Site Is Made—Matter Goes to Council with Mr. Jones Dismissing.

Another split in the common council over the playgrounds problem seems imminent, for Commissioner J. B. Jones is opposed to the purchase of the Armstrong & Bruce property while the other commissioners favor it and as the matter calls for a bond issue and a unanimous vote, proceedings may be delayed.

Daniel Mullin, K. C., and Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., M. P., waited on the council at the common council this morning and urged the acceptance of the de Bury estate, embracing the Shamrock grounds, the Mansbach athletic grounds and an area extending to Newman's Brook as the playground for the North End Association. The offer made by the estate on May 27 was \$10,000 but the trustees of the estate said they were empowered to make an offer of \$8,000 for the same area.

Both Dr. Campbell and Mr. Mullin said that drainage into the Newman Brook would make the grounds dry as they ever were and said the Shamrock grounds were most easily accessible of any area now considered by the council or the Playground Association.

The matter was taken up again after the delegation withdrew. Commissioner Thornton said he had been talking to Armstrong & Bruce with regard to the land owned by them and he had been quoted a price of \$10,000 which was \$2,000 less than the first offer and the lowest the firm would make.

The commissioner said that the Playground Association would not develop the Shamrock area even if it were purchased, as it is only the idle men who are seeking such a thing, he declared.

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