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BASEBALL DECISION TODAY

Sebring Fined and Reinstated by the National Commission.

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The question as to whether the American Association and Eastern League will be put into a special classification among the baseball clubs of the country is not yet decided. The National Baseball Commission labored for six hours on the case and adjourned to meet again to-day.

Player Billy Sebring was reinstated. He is fined \$200 outright and the club that purchases him must pay the Cincinnati club \$660.

The application of "Doc" Reising, of the Tri-State League, came up. He is still on the "ineligible" list. The application of Joe Ward, also of the Tri-State League, was granted and Ward was fined \$200.

The cases of Freeman, Johnson, Jesse Tannehill and Kelley, all of the Washington club of the American League were settled. They were granted reinstatement but fined \$200 each.

August Herrmann was re-elected chairman of the commission and John E. Bruce was re-elected secretary.

Herrmann touched lightly upon the ticket scalping case in Chicago and stated that a new method of selling tickets must be made.

The commission will hereafter handle the sale of every ticket during the world's series.

HEARST ASKS ARREST
OF ROCKEFELLER JR.

Perjury in Libel Case Charge of
Attorney Shearn.

New York, Jan. 5.—The action for criminal libel brought on complaint of John R. Rockefeller Jr. against S. S. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill and E. H. Clark, officers of the Star Publishing company, which publishes the New York American, was begun before Magistrate Moss.

Rockefeller testified that the article published in the Dec. 17 issue of the American in which he was accused of having caused a system of negligence to be adopted by a certain company of Chicago was false. He had not set foot in Chicago, he declared, for nearly two years.

Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the defendants, submitted a retraction printed on the day following the publication of the original story, as evidence that there was no malicious intent. Rockefeller admitted he had sworn that he knew "of his own personal knowledge," that the defendants were officers of the Star Publishing company when that knowledge had in reality been based simply "upon information and belief." Shearn contended that this constituted perjury and applied for a warrant for Rockefeller's arrest.

Assistant District Attorney Garvan protested against the charge being taken seriously, but Shearn insisted and Magistrate Moss took the matter under advisement.

THAW KEEPS FIGHTING

Mother Obtains Writ That Will Bring
Him Before Court Again.

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 5.—A third attempt to free Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane was begun before Justice Tompkins in the supreme court.

Mr. William K. Thaw in the moving papers claimed that her son was not legally committed to the asylum, that he is not a criminal, having been acquitted by a jury and that he is now sane.

TWO DIE IN AUTO LEAP

Savant and Chauffeur in Spectacular
Accident in Philadelphia Park.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Dr. Edward R. Snader, and his negro chauffeur, John A. Bailey, lost their lives when their automobile plunged over a forty-foot embankment in Fairmount park.

The car was running at a high rate. It dashed against a three-foot stone wall. At the impact of the heavy car the masonry crumbled and the automobile landed in a creek.

Demarest Now a Professional.
New York, Jan. 5.—Calvin Demarest of Chicago, made his initial appearance here as a professional. He defeated John A. Hendricks 250 to 13. His high runs were 113, 47 and 35, with an average of 25. Demarest won handily from Tom Gallagher. Score, 250 to 148.

Sale Bills at The Democrat office.

QUAKE ZONE IN
STATE OF SEIGE

Cars Containing Refugees
Are Telescopied.

FIVE CRUSHED TO DEATH

Soundings Taken By Experts Aboard the British Battleship Exmouth Show That at a Point a Half Mile South of Reggio in the Messina Straits There Are Fifty-Eight Fathoms of Water Where, Formerly, There Were Two Hundred and Forty-Three.

Messina, Sicily, Jan. 5.—At Nivza, between Messina and Catania, a freight train ran into and telescoped a relief train crowded with injured persons, five of whom were killed.

The British battleship Exmouth, at a distance of half a mile south of Reggio, found fifty-eight fathoms of water where formerly there was 243.

A royal decree was issued today proclaiming a state of siege in the earthquake region. Therefore nobody will be allowed to go within the area of the disaster without special permission from the government.

Signor Orlando, minister of justice, speaking of the re-building of Messina, said:

"Messina will grow again independently of the efforts to prevent it. It was a convolution of nature which destroyed Messina; it is also a law of nature which held it there for twenty centuries, an open port to the sea, the center of flourishing commerce and a strong city. Messina is an absolute necessity to the life of the island; she has reason for existence. Twenty centuries of history cannot be destroyed."

An officer wired for the permission of the king to put on board the Vittorio Emanuele a small baby girl, the only surviving member of a family of nine, whom he had saved. The king gave permission and asked the officer what he was going to do with the child. He replied: "Give her as a sister to my two little sons."

Earthquake experts who are here generally assert that the quake was the result of a fault in the geological formation under Messina, which constituted a line of contact in the volcanic action between Mount Etna and Mount Vesuvius, and that a slip occurred similar to the one which detached Sicily from the mainland.

That a subsidence occurred at certain points and that there was a rising of the earth's surface at others is proved by soundings, which show the channel of the harbor to be deeper at some places and shallower at others.

Historical Relics Gone.

The city records were consumed and a high wind carried the burning papers far into the air and scattered them over the warships in the harbor.

The fire communicated to the building of the Bank of Italy, where 75,000,000 lire (\$15,000,000) in paper money was stored. The energetic efforts of the firemen and sailors, however, served to control the flames and the money was removed to a warship.

A correspondent made two tours of Messina through streets piled twenty or thirty feet high with debris. It was a wilderness of ruin a mile wide and two miles long. Beautiful churches, splendid villas in the foothills, hospitals, barracks and the university all shared the common lot. Two-thirds of the magnificent Norman cathedral, the pride of Messina, is in ruins and little or nothing remains of the relics of Phoenician, Greek, Roman and Saracen architecture which marked the stages of Messina's twenty-six centuries of tragic and tumultuous history. The loss to the world will be irreparable.

Here and there the correspondent encountered salvage parties at work. They were digging at the instance of some distracted wife or mother who imagined she heard a voice, but usually there was no echo to the pathetic calling.

One party was trying to dig out a girl whose crying could be heard plainly, but as the correspondent watched there was a sudden cave-in and thereafter silence.

Standing walls had fallen out exposing one tier of rooms above another in which nothing seemed to have been disturbed. Pictures hung straight on the walls, lamps were on tables and vases and flowers on mantelpieces.

Accomplished in One Minute.

The survivors of the disaster are so dazed and worn out that they are quite incapable of describing their experiences connectedly, but the accounts of all agree that the devastation was accomplished in less than one minute. The strata below the strait slipped along the line of a fort, then a tidal wave rushed in and out and all was over. All those capable of analyzing their sensations say that when the shock came they felt an upward thrust of the earth. This was followed by an oscillatory motion and the crust of the earth vibrated. Few of the survivors are able to explain how they escaped. They know only that amid falling plaster and masonry they managed to jump safely from windows or stumble down crumbling stairways.

Major J. F. Reynolds Landis, the American military attaché at Rome, who was sent to Messina with Vice Consul Cutting and the interpreter of the embassy, Winthrop Chandler, has already a force of sixty soldiers at work on the ruins of the American consulate under which are the bodies of

Consul Arthur S. Cheney and his wife. There are still living people under the ruins of Messina. Many were taken out but they cannot survive. The Duke of Genoa has arrived and is now taking a prominent part in the relief work.

Queen Helene is taking particular interest in the six-year-old girl who was rescued from the ruins under remarkable circumstances. While some Russian sailors at Messina were climbing over wreckage they heard weak cries of "Maria! Maria!" After much work they reached a room where they found a parrot continuing to utter cries of "Maria!" The seamen turned to leave, but as the parrot persisted in its cries they broke into an adjoining room and found a girl lying senseless. She and the parrot were taken on board the battleship Regina Elena.

Instead of burning the ruins to prevent an epidemic, it is now understood that the authorities have decided to clear Messina of every living person and surround it with a cordon of troops in order to keep it absolutely isolated.

The gruesomeness of the scenes during the first few days cannot be exaggerated. A correspondent tells of seeing a baby alive held tightly in the arms of its dead mother.

Each morning at dawn the funeral procession begins. Ten thousand soldiers and sailors are at work among the ruins. They carry the wounded to the ambulance stations and the dead to places which have been prepared with quicklime for burial. This continues until dark, when the search lights from the ships in the harbor facilitate the work along the shore.

PREDICTS HEAVIER SHOCKS

Scientist Says That Quake Has Left Flaw in Earth's Crust.

Messina, Jan. 5.—Frank Perret of Brooklyn, assistant to Professor Matteucci, director of the Royal Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, discussed the disaster here and in Calabria and said other shocks were inevitable, as there was now a flaw in the earth's crust where the slip occurred.

He declares that something, possibly very serious, may happen Jan. 7 and 8, when the relative positions of the sun and moon will produce the greatest strain.

\$800,000 FOR SUFFERERS

\$300,000 Added to the Amount Originally Agreed Upon.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt in a message to congress asked for a direct appropriation of \$500,000 for the relief of the stricken people in the earthquake zone. Later he urged that the sum be increased to \$800,000. This, the most generous fund ever contributed for the American people for succor of sufferers in other lands, is to supplement the dispatch of the supply ships Celtic from New York and the Culgoa from Port Said.

Following is the text of the message:

The appalling calamity which has befallen the people of Italy is followed by distress and suffering throughout a wide region among many thousands who have escaped with life, but whose shelter and food and means of living are destroyed.

The immense debt of civilization to Italy, the warm and steadfast friendship between that country and our own, the affection for their native land felt by great numbers of good American citizens, who are immigrants from Italy, the abundance with which God has blessed us in our safety—all these should prompt us to immediate and effective relief.

"Confident of your approval, I have ordered the government supply ships Celtic and Culgoa to the scene of the disaster, where, upon receiving the authority which I now ask from you, they will be able to dispense food, clothing and other supplies with which they are laden to the value of about \$300,000.

Eight vessels of the returning battleship fleet are already under orders for Italian waters and that government has been asked if their services can be made useful.

"I recommend that the congress appropriate the application of supplies above indicated and further appropriate the sum of \$800,000 to be applied to the work of relief at the discretion of the executive and with the consent of the Italian government."

QUICK ACTION IN CONGRESS

Senate and House Lose No Time in Appropriating \$800,000.

Washington, Jan. 5.—With practically no opposition the senate passed the house bill appropriating \$800,000 to aid the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Senator Bailey of Texas declared that such appropriations were unconstitutional, but did nothing to delay congressional action.

After having been in session a little over an hour the house of representatives adjourned out of respect to the memory of Representative Davey of Louisiana. The Italian relief measure was quickly and unanimously given, the sum of \$800,000 being appropriated.

A credit of 12 months will be given on all sums over five dollars with the usual conditions: 6 percent off for cash where entitled to credit.

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Fred Phillips, Auctioneer.

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Lunch served by Ladies of Parker Church.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Clerk of the Jasper Circuit Court, Administrator of the estate of Rose A. Kessick, deceased, late of Fair Oaks, Jasper County, Indiana, said estate is supposed to be solvent.

ALBERT HELSEL, Administrator.

Subscribe for The Democrat.

Big Public Sale.

The undersigned, having decided to quit farming, will sell at Public Auction at her farm, 2 miles South and 2 miles West of Remington, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1909,

16 Head of Horses and Mules—Consisting of 1 White Mare twelve years old, wt. 1600; 1 Bay Mare nine years old, wt. 1550; 1 Bay Mare nine years old, wt. 1400; 1 Roan Mare four years old, wt. 1600; 1 Grey Horse five years old, wt. 1600; 1 Grey Horse four years old, wt. 1400; 1 Bay Horse nine years old, wt. 1250; 1 Brown Horse eight years old, wt. 1200; 1 Black Mare six years old, wt. 1050; (These last three are gentle for a lady to drive.) 1 Roan Horse three years old, wt. 1100; 1 Bay Horse three years old, wt. 1250; 1 Grey Horse two years old, wt. 1500; 1 Black Yearling Colt, wt. 1100; 1 Team of Mules three years old, wt. 2250.

10 Head of Cattle—Consisting of 5 good Milk Cows; 1 Two-Year-Old Heifer; 2 Yearling Heifers; 3 Spring Calves two heifers, one bull.

15 Head of Sheep—Consisting of 14 Ewes and 1 Ram.

Farm Implements—Consisting of 2 Binders; 1 McCormick Mower, 7-foot cut; 1 "Clean Sweep" Hay Loader; 1 "Good Enough" Sulky Plow; 1 4-inch Walking Plow; 3 Rock Island Corn Planters, one with Fertilizer Attachment; 1 Hoosier Seeder with grass seed attachment; 1 Buckeye Seeder; 1 Stalk Rake; 3 Spaders; 2 15-ft. Flexible Harsrows; 1 Walking Cultivator; 3 Riding Cultivators; 2 Tower Gophers; 1 Bob-sled; 5 Wagons; 2 Buggies; 1 Hay Rack; 5 sets Work Harness; 1 set Double Buggy Harness; 2 sets Single Harness; 1 Hand Corn Sheller; 1 Grindstone; 1 Horse Clipper; 1 ten gallon Cream Separator; 1 Standard Churn; 1 Washing Machine, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

A credit of 12 months given on sums over \$5 with the usual conditions; 6 percent off for cash where entitled to credit.

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