

# BASEBALL PLOTTERS FLEE FROM COUNTRY

## Some Are Reported in Mexico— Two Are Said to Be in Canada.

### START GENERAL ROUND-UP

#### Federal Authorities Will Be Asked to Obtain the Return of Those Who Have Fled.

CHICAGO, April 26.—A general round-up of men indicted in connection with the 1919 world's series baseball scandal has been started by State officials, and Federal aid will be sought in apprehending several persons who have not yet given bond, it was announced today at the State's Attorney's office, following reports that some of the alleged conspirators had fled to foreign countries.

George E. Gorman, Assistant State's Attorney, said tonight that he had information that Abe Attell, former world's champion featherweight fighter, and Joseph U. (Sport) Sullivan, known in the East as a gambler, had fled to Canada. Others in the case were reported to State officials. Mr. Gorman said, to have made plans to go to Mexico or to be there now.

Mr. Gorman declared that since there were no treaties with Canada under which a man could be extradited for a misdemeanor, Federal officials would be asked to request the Canadian Government to deport Attell and Sullivan as undesirables if they are found in that country. President Ban Johnson of the American League is now en route to Washington to make this request, he said.

Detectives will be sent tomorrow to San Jose, Cal., to bring back Hal Chase, arrested there yesterday.

Eddie Cicotte, once the American League's leading pitcher, sent word from his Detroit home late today that he would come to Chicago within a few days to give bond. Similar news was received from Louis Levi and Ben Levi, alleged gamblers.

Charles Risberg, George Weaver, Fred McMullin, Joe Jackson, Oscar Felsch and Claude Williams, White Sox players, and Carl Zork and Ben Franklin of St. Louis have given bond, Mr. Gorman said.

Local attorneys for Rachel Brown, Sullivan and Attell said that if these men had fled from this country "it was news to them."

Chick Gandil, another player, is reported in Texas, and has sent word that he will come to Chicago to give bond. None of the men who have promised to come here will be given longer than May 1 to report, it was said.

Leonard G. Edwardson, Chicago correspondent for a New York paper, was fined \$1 and costs today by Judge Thomas Taylor on a charge of criminal libel against Judge Charles A. McDonald, Chief Justice of the Superior Court. The case resulted from articles written by Edwardson in which he was alleged to have misquoted Judge McDonald and others concerning reports that the 1919 world series scandal cases would not be brought to trial. Edwardson apologized publicly, and it was understood the case was to be dropped, but he then changed his plea to not guilty and stood trial.

CLEVELAND, April 26.—Ban Johnson, President of the American League, left here tonight for Washington, where he will enlist Federal aid in extraditing some of the persons wanted for alleged complicity in the world's series baseball scandal of 1919.

According to Johnson, Abe Attell and "Sport" Sullivan have gone to Toronto and Montreal, respectively. Bill Burns, former big league pitcher, accused of being one of the promulgators of the alleged sell-out, is on a farm near Juarez, Mexico, Johnson said.

Mr. Johnson was here today to attend ceremonies incident to raising the American League pennant, the first won during Cleveland's forty-five years of professional baseball.

"I believe," said President Johnson, "that all the guilty ones, players and gamblers, will be dealt with severely. A term of imprisonment would not surprise me at all."

Mr. Johnson endorsed the action of Tris Speaker, manager of the Cleveland Indians, in refusing to announce the name of his pitcher until fifteen minutes prior to a game and declared he would issue an official letter to other managers in the league ordering them to adopt the same system.

"In such a move I believe I will have the co-operation of Judge Landis and President Heydler of the National League," he said.

CLEVELAND, April 26.—B. B. Johnson, President of the American League, who arrived here today to participate in the American League championship pennant raising, announced he would go to Washington to arrange for extradition of several men wanted in connection with the 1919 world series scandal.

President Johnson said he expected hearty co-operation from officials at Washington.

"No mercy will be shown the gamblers," he said. "We will ask for speedy trials and the utmost limit of the law against all offenders."

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 26.—Arnold (Chick) Gandil, one of the former Chicago White Sox baseball players indicted in connection with the alleged "throwing" of world's series games in 1919, was arrested here tonight at the request of the State Attorney's office in Chicago.