HUGH JENNINGS TO RECEIVE TOP SALARY

Manager Jennings of Detroit.

Hugh Jennings has signed a contract to continue his service as manager of the Detroit American league baseball team for the next two years. His salary is said to be the highest paid any manager in the American league.

WILLIS PITCHES FINE GAME

Old-Time National League Star Lets Port Deposit Team Down Without One Safe Hit.

Vic Willis, for 12 years one of the star pitchers in the National league, showed his old-time form when, pitching for the Tri-County league, he let

Vic Willis.

Port Deposit down without a hit and then lost the game, 1 to 0. Two errors gave Port Deposit the winning run in the ninth inning.

Schulte's Awakening.

Frank Schulte of the Cubs has recovered his batting eye. Schulte was the batting sensation of last year, when he made 21 home runs. Now Heinie Zimmerman is the candy kid with the stick. Schulte will undoubtedly be heard from this time forward.

Chance to Undergo Operation.

Frank Chance will be operated on at the end of the present season. The doctors believe they can relieve his excessive nervousness with an operation, and Chance has consented to the attempt.

Barry McCormick Released.

Barry McCormick, former third baseman of the Chicago Nationals and more recently a star of the American association, has been released as manager of the Ohio State league team at Mansfield.

Term of Spit-Ballers.

Clark Griffin says spitball pitchers are no good after the middle of July. He alleges that most spitballs are hit on the top and that after the ground takes these balls bound over the heads of the infielders.

MODERN GAME AS A SCIENCE

Ancient Fans Amazed at Present Day Batting and Pitching—Sport Is in Its Infancy.

Baseball today is a science, and we ancient fans stand amazed at the present day pitching and batting work, at the phenomenally clever base running and the hold the national game has gained on the public fancy. We are growing old with the game, but the latter is always improving while we are getting near sighted and stiff in the joints, says a writer in Leslie's. The glories of the past are being dimmed by the accomplishments of the present, and these "infant" fans will live to see things done that we cannot even imagine. That's why I envy them. We used to think we had seen everything that was in the game. Now we realize that the sport is still in its childhood. The Cobbs, the Marquards and the Johnsons are teaching us this, and double clinching the fact.

BALL AND BAT NOTES

Fisher, the new Brooklyn shortstop, looks very promising.

Pongo Cantillon is claiming another pennant for the Millers.

Umpire Bill Dineen is out with the theory that Ty Cobb isn't human.

Barney Dreyfuss of the Pirates is after Red Corridon of the Kansas City team.

George Gibson seems to be in a class with Jimmy Archer in guarding the sacks.

Eddie Mensor, the outfielder of the Pirate team, is a prize fighter in the off season.

Russell Ford and Ed Walsh, both spitballers, have allowed more hits than any other pitchers in the American league.

Apparently Manager Callahan is coming to believe that youngsters are much needed.

Charley Dooin springs a new one in asking that a disinfectant be used on the spitball.

Cincinnati has released Thomkins, the Washington-Lee university pitcher, to Toronto.

As usual in a defeat, the opposing pitcher didn't seem to have anything except a glove and a prayer.

The success of the Senators is said to be due to the ability of the pitchers to hold the runners on first.

"Ducky" Holmes, manager of the Grand Rapids team, is boasting that he developed both Rube Marquard and Dixie Walker.

The Cleveland club is scouring the remotest corners of the country for anything and everything that looks like a player.

Columbia of the South Atlantic league has traded Phil Hinton to Spartanburg of the Carolina asociation for Catcher Menefee.

The new players' union will ask for a lot of things that it does not expect to get. One condition that is sure to be turned down is that the players be represented on the national commission.

One Philadelphia scribe says that Tommy Leach has gone back—to playing as he did years ago.

Larry Lejeune is batting .401 in the Central league. It is possible that those figures will tempt some big leaguers to draft him.

The Cardinals have purchased Pitcher Sanford Burk from Brooklyn for the waiver price.

MORGAN IS A CLOUTER

Washington's Second Baseman Taught How to Hit.

Manager Griffith Takes Danville Boy in Hand and Teaches Him to Bat —Shows Great Improvement in His Stick Work.

The improvement of Ray Morgan as a batter is one of the greatest things connected with the performances of the Nationals of 1912.

Last year the little lad from Danville, Va., was a light sticker. Jimmy McAleer despaired his ever shining in the big league on that account. But Jimmy didn't know how to teach the boy better form at the bat. It remained for Clark Griffith to do that.

At Charlottesville Morgan was given long and careful instruction on how to stand, how to swing, how to get away from the plate and the kind of a bat he should use. It was all new to the lad. Never before had any one tried to teach him. He had always hit in his own natural style, good enough in its way, too, but not good enough for the big show.

When the season started Morgan was only learning how to use all his weight against the ball, how to pick out the good ones and how to get away from the plate. He was learning rapidly, however, and when the opportunity came for him to take his place in the regular line-up day after day, he was ready.

Morgan should be one of the team's leading hitters if he continues his present work with the willow. Thoroughly impregnated with the doctrine being taught the team by Griffith, he believes he can hit any pitching served up to him. Furthermore, he is doing it and has been doing it all along.

The Baltimore boy is using the proper size of stick now. He swings with all his strength and weight and is one of the longest hitters on the

Ray Morgan.

team. His great speed enables him to get the most out of his long drives to the garden, and as a sliding runner only Moeller and Milan begin to compare with him.

"Morgan is a natural hitter, that's all," smiles Griffith, when talking of his young second baseman. "He is using all his ability now and should be a success all along. As soon as he learns the fine points about playing the bag, he will be one of the best second basemen in the game, mark me, one of the best in the game."

TO RETAIN MANAGER DAHLEN

President Ebbets of Brooklyn Sets at Rest Rumors Concerning Leader of His Team.

To set at rest various rumors involving the management of the Brooklyns next year President Ebbets made this positive statement:

"Dahlen will not be supplanted. He has done excellent work with the material in hand. In three years he has

Bill Dahlen.

ripped out the deadwood, the drinkers and the trouble makers and has built up an entirely new organization. He knows every angle of the game and the Brooklyns are bound to improve.

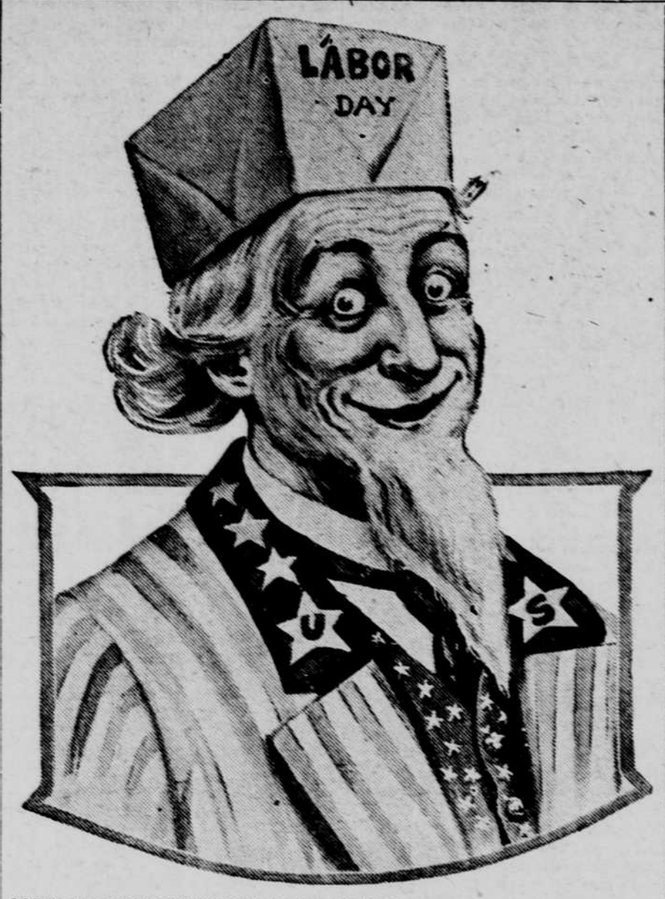
"It would be an injustice to remove Dahlen from the management just at a time when it seems certain that he will get good results. Dahlen is not to blame for the accidents and illness that have crippled us from time to time. He has been patient and painstaking and I intend to place increased confidence in his ability."

Senators Are Harmonious.

The Senators, like the Red Sox, are a harmonious bunch. They are pulling together in great shape, and experts ascribe their success to this condition of affairs. No evidence of jealousy has cropped out yet.

Butler Is Hard Hitter.

Art Butler, whom the Boston Nationals turned over to St. Paul last season for Harry Steinfeldt, is one of the leading hitters in the American association. He also is playing a brilliant fielding game.



Ode To Labor

By WILBUR D. NESBIT

Majestic force that shapes the world,
Betokened by the smoke-wreaths curled
Against the sky—
(Confound the luck!
That rearing, rattling motor truck
Makes so much noise I cannot think!
'Twould drive a stronger man to drink!
There, it has passed.)
—Against the sky
Like to a flag that floats on high
And leads a vast, unconquered host
To meet—
(Oh! I'll give up the ghost!
Who's making all that racket? Hey?
Some carpenters at work, you say.
Well, how can anybody write?
It sounds like bursting dynamite.)

Majestic force whose silent strength
Makes new the desert place at length,
And builds our walls—
(Great guns! That sound!
Why do those boilermakers pound?
It jars the ink right off my pen.
And how that foreman yells and bawls!
Well, here we go:)
—And builds our walls
And leads our highways fair and straight
From city gate to city gate.
It turns our dreamings into deeds;
The future's great demands it heeds
And by its might—
(What? Bless my soul!
They're dumping in the winter's coal.)

Majestic force at our command—
Force of the strong and brawny hand,
Of sinews tense and stout as steel,
Of shoulders wide—
(My senses reel
At this last wild and raucous blur
Of sound, a wild steam riveter!
There, it's shut off.)
—Of shoulders wide,
Of faith that labors eager-eyed,
Of sweating brow—
(Ker-smash! Bing! Bang!
Dodgast that loud track-laying gang!
Let's wind this up.)
—Of sweating brow—
Majestic force, that will not bow.
(What's that? Oh, why can't you keep still?
What? Can't I pay that plumber's bill?)

WILL STUDY LABOR PROBLEM.

A comprehensive investigation of the relations of capital and labor will be undertaken by the federal government. The investigation is to be conducted by a commission of nine persons to be appointed by the president, and with the advice and consent of the senate.

The commision is specifically ordered to investigate:

The general condition of labor in the principal industries, including agriculture, and especially in those carried on in corporate forms.

The existing relations between employers and employees.

The effect of the industrial conditions on public welfare and the rights and powers of the community to deal therewith.

The conditions of sanitation and safety of employees and the provisions for protecting their lives, limbs and health.

The growth of associations of employers and wage earners and the effect of such associations upon the relations between employers and employees.

The methods tried in any state or foreign countries for maintaining mutually satisfactory relations between employers and employees.

The methods for avoiding or adjusting labor disputes through peaceful and conciliatory mediation and negotiations.

The qfuestion of smuggling or other illegal entry of Asiatics into the United States or its insular possessions.

The underlying causes of dissatisfaction in the industrial situation.

Queues and Hair Supply.

Consul General Anderson, stationed at Hongkong, has recently taken pains to correct the widespread impression that the growing tendency on the part of Chinamen to dispense with their queues will have the effect of making false hair cheap. It appears that the queues when cut are never sold, but are always preserved for burial with the owner. Mr. Anderson says that this is an absolute rule throughout South China, as well as in all other parts of the country from which he has been able to secure information on the subject.

LAWS NEED REVISION

Labor day! Its celebration, its parades and its meetings are important

events in the industrial development of our country and the progressive movements of her people. It is the special occasion when wage-earners review the history and struggles of the past, that like milestones, mark the onward march to higher conditions of life and labor. Particularly is it appropriate that in New England with all her hallowed memories and traditions, the movement for industrial uplift should find expression among the descendants of the men whose sacrifices and achievements contributed so much to the establishment of political independence and religious freedom on this continent.

While the problem of labor is one affecting all sections of our country and all the countries of the world, yet we may look to the east, to the men of New England, for a voice that, like that of the immortal Revere, shall warn us of our danger and point the way to safety.

There are at this time many aspects of the labor question that deserve and demand immediate consideration; not the least of these being the revision of our laws so as to make them compatible with the changes in our social and industrial life that have followed the momentous development of machinery and methods of production.

Wage earners must take the initiative in any movement calculated to promote their own interests or to protect them against the evils which have grown out of the combination and consolidation of capital; they must be both courageous and patient, aggressive yet prudent; they must build their organizations on sound foundations and conduct them on business lines, and it is highly important to the security of the wage-earners and the safety of society that women workers shall be organized, and thus protected against the demoralizing influences that have always attended overwork excessive hours and under-nutrition.

The exhortation of Wendell Philips cannot be too strongly emphasized: "Organize and stand together! Let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice."

John Mitchell

Protecting Children.

Forty-four states have adopted an age limit for the employment of children. The limit in some states is still pitifully low, but the organizations of labor that have wrested an age limit from unwilling legislatures will soon force the limit higher.

Forty-two states have set maximum hours for a working week for children.

Thirteen states have boiler inspection laws.

Thirty-seven states order seats provided for female employes.

Seventeen states make provision for protection of employes engaged on construction of buildings.

Fourteen states officially inspect bakery shops.

Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia have laws conserving wages, making it possible to secure wages due, by "mechanics' liens," thus making wages preferred claims. These liens in some instances are attached to the property itself, in others to chattles or to designated funds.

Thirty-five states have established bureaus of labor statistics.

A Colossal Scheme.

The great highway of the commerce of the future will be the Pacific ocean. Mighty capitalists throughout the world are putting their heads together to erect the most colossal system for wireless telegraphy in the world. The system contemplates the linking together of all points along the western coast of America from Bering sea to the Straits of Magellan, and spanning the isles of the ocean, to link with this chain the whole easterly shore of Asia, running on down to the Straits Settlements. The contemplated system will cost in the aggregate many millions of dollars.

BLUEJAY LIVES IN WOODS

Hawks, Owls and Other Birds Are Teased and Tormented by These Noisy Birds.

The bluejay likes best to live in thick woods, but it often comes into open fields, orchards and near dwellings in search of food. When it discovers you it assumes a proud and angry air of conceit and defiance.

The bluejay's upper parts are purplish-blue. The lower parts are purplish-gray. The wings and tail are bright blue with black bars. The tail feathers are tipped with white. It has a crested head.

The bluejay builds its nest about twenty feet above ground. It is made of twigs and fine roots. From four to six eggs are laid. They are of a greenish drab color flecked with brown.

Doubtless the bluejay helped to name itself, as its common utterance is a long drawn, "jay, jay, jay." This cry, with the bright blue color, has given it its name.

While the jay sings no song it is able to imitate the calls of other birds, by which means it often attracts them. It likes to tease and torment the owl and especially the little sparrow hawk. This is done by imitating the cry of a wounded bird, which draws the hawk near. Then several jays will dart at the hawk squealing and frolicking about in great glee. Sometimes the play ends in a tragedy, for the hawk pounces upon one of them, to the dismay of the others. Jays may be caged and tamed like crows and some writers say they can be taught to utter words. —"Bird Studies," by Herman C. De Groat.

Everybody in Hard Luck.

Suddenly he stepped up to a gentleman, who was waiting for the tram, and, tapping him lightly on the shoulder, said: "Excuse me, but did you drop a five-pound note?" at the same time holding out in his hand the article.

The gentleman questioned gazed a moment at the note, assumed an anxious look, made a hasty search of his pockets, and said: "Why, so I did, and I hadn't missed it," holding out an eager hand.

The elderly hunter took the name and address of the loser and, putting the note in his pocket, turned away.

"Well," said the other, "do you want it all as a reward?"

"Oh, I did not find one," remarked the benevolent one with another beam; "but it struck me that in a big place like London there must be a quantity of money lost, and upon inquiry I found that you are the one hundred and thirty-first man who lost a five-pound note this morning."—London Answers.

A Word to the Wise.

The proverbial advice, "Cobbler, stick to your last," had an opposite exemplification in the following anecdote, for which Zion's Advocate is responsible:

A colored man was brought before a police judge, charged with stealing chickens. He pleaded guilty, and received sentence, when the judge asked how it was he managed to lift those chickens right under the window of their owner's house when there was a dog in the yard.

"Hit wouldn't be of no use, judge," said the culprit, "to try to 'splain dis thing to you all. Ef you was to try it, like as not you would git yer hide full o' shot, an' git no chickens, neither. Ef you want to engage in any rascality, judge, yo' bettah stick to de bench, whar yo' am familiar."

Barber Shops in China.

Since the Chinese revolution a great many Chinese have had their queues cut off, and this had led to the opening of a large number of barber shops throughout the far east wherever Chinese are located, says an exchange. Several progressive business men of Singapore, anticipating this, imported a large number of American barber chairs, and they are now unable to get supplies quickly enough. It has also been learned that the Chinese insist on having American hair clippers, and refuse all other makes offered them.

It would seem that American manufacturers of barbers' supplies should experience a large increase in their Oriental trade.

Where He Balked.

"She has a terrible time with her husband."

"Yes, she is driving him to drink."

"Nonsense! If she was driving him to drink things would be different; she's trying to drive him the other way."

The old hat on a woman's head hasn't the slightest resemblance to the new one she has on her mind.

People who build castles in the air are never sure of their ground.

Never trust your secrets to the mails —or the females, either.

It takes more than beauty sleep to put some complexions in condition.

STERN NECESSITY.

He—Isn't your bathing suit rather loud?

She—It has to be loud. I'm trying to mash a deaf old millionaire.

Its Class.

"I don't like this chicken-raising for a man to go into."

"Why not?"

"It's such a hen-pecking kind of business."

A woman's mind is continually running to clothes. If she isn't talking through her hat she's laughing in her sleeve.

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