### STAND OF PLAYER EXPLAINED

President Fultz Tells August Hermann of Reasons for Wanting Change in Their Contracts.

Some of the reasons why baseball players in the big leagues want to change the system under which they are farmed out to minor league clubs at salaries less than those called for in their original contracts are contained in a letter written by David L. Fultz, president of the Baseball Players' fraternity, to August Herrmann,

chairman of the national commission. The letter is in reply to one written by Mr. Herrmann in answer to the players' first communication on the subject.

"There can be no intelligent denial." reads Mr. Fultz's letter, "of the soundness of the principle that so long as the player is held under a signed contract he must receive the salary the contract calls for.

"The common practice of forcing men to go to other teams and allowing these teams arbitrarily to cut their salaries can have neither legal nor moral justification.

"You say after the player is transferred it is a question of negotiation between him and his new owner. How can it be a question of negotiation when the player is compelled by your regulations to sign with one particular team or quit his profession? There can be no negotiation when one party is absolutely at the mercy of the other; it then becomes a question of du-

"When the situation is reversed and the major league recruit plays far better ball than he is expected to, he can't 'welch' on his agreement and refuse to play unless he gets more money. Why, then, should the owner have the right to withdraw from his contract when he finds his bargain is not quite so good as he expected?"

The letter closes with a renewal of the request that the commission compel owners to live up to thier contracts with players.

### HOLD RECORD FOR RELEASES

Catcher Ainsmith of Washington American League Team, Given Slip Three Times in Year.

Ed Ainsmith, of the Nationals, sets up a claim to the record for being released. Three times in 1909 he drew the slip in the New England league-



once from Lowell and twice from Lawrence.

He learned the game in grammar school, attracted attention from the scouts while he was playing with the Holy Name society team in Cambridge, Mass., and when but sixteen years of age crashed into the professional rank

When Scout Kahoe bought his release from Lawrence in 1910 for \$3,800 that club was out of the running and in seventh place. Still they insisted upon Ainsmith finishing the season. and it was not until he threatened to jump to an outlawed summer league in Vermont that the Lawrence owners told him to go to Washington.

Ainsmith, who is now twenty-three years old, played basketball in the off season until last winter, when he went to Texas for his health. The southern climate made such a hit with him and brought about such an improvement in his physical condition, that he will return there next autumn.

Roger O'Conner's Job. Roger Connor, who a decade ago was regarded as one of the greatest long-distance hitters in the business. is still tied up in the game. . Connor is acting as general supervisor of the umpires in the Eastern league for President O'Rourke, he being prac- cess. tically boss of the indicator holders. Roger's chief duties are to look an umpire over from the stand during the game, then point out to him what mistakes he made after the contest is over. So far the idea has worked like a charm and many umpires have developed considerably under Connor's advice and coaching.

Jackson's Long Hit.

In a game between Yankees and Naps at the Polo grounds Joe Jackson poled what is said to have been the longest hit ever made in New York. The ball sailed over the double-decked stand in right field and into the far beyond. The stand is about 70 feet in height and the ball cleared it by a good margin. Frank Baker's celebrated homers were short hits compared with Jackson's drive.

Good First Baseman.

One year ago Gandil took up the task of plugging that hole at first base for the Washington Americans, and since then has never dropped a ball he has gone after with his gloved hand. This is the testimony of the manager and is corroborated by the

## METHOD OF SHORTENING BASEBALL GAMES



Edgar Willett, the Detroit pitcher, has advanced an idea as to a method of shortening baseball games. Edgar caught the idea while watching Sam Crawford amble around the bases recently after smashing the ball into the bleachers for a home run. "Why not permit Crawford to run to first and then return to the bench, instead of consuming a minute or so walking about the sacks?" says Edgar. "There are, we'll say, fifty home runs hit in the American League each season. That means an hour wasted. Every one knows the hit is a home run when it drops into the bleachers or goes over the fence, so what's the use of wasting time and effort."

## HOW M'GRAW GOT HIS START BROOKLYN IS BIG SURPRISE point in single file and in the order of Hooper of Tennessee was reminded

St. Louis Browns, Didn't Want Lilliputian Player.

Few New York fans know the imder Ahe played in the career of John season. The Dodgers have occupied J. McGraw. Chris, who then was "der such a lowly position in the pennant Browns, had a chance to line up Mc-Graw as a member of his team about the, time the Browns won their last pennant in the late '80s. His failure to do so has been counted as one of the biggest mistakes of the old tim-

Bill Gleason, brother of Kid Gleason, now assistant manager of the White Sox, recommended McGraw to Chris while "Little Mac." as he then was called, was playing shortstop for the Cedar Rapids, Ia., team. Chris had sent Gleason out to scout for the Browns. Bill rounded up McGraw and suggested that Van der Ahe give him a trial. McGraw looked like a mid-

"Vhere did you get dot Lilliputian?" inquired Von der Ahe of Gleason. "He's all there as a ball player, even if he is no bigger than a min-

ute," replied Gleason. "Take him across the street and learn him how to ride horses," ordered Chris. "I don't want any sawed off, hammered down player on my

Gleason led McGraw outside, intro- that they have beep regarded as duced him to Billy Barnie, manager of the Baltimore Orioles. Barnie signed McGraw on Gleason's recom-



Manager John McGraw.

mendation. Thus was McGraw's start in big league ball. After a brilliant career as player, he came to the Giants and was an almost instant suc-

Looking for More Indians.

Connie Mack recently sent by express a lot of uniforms, bats, balls and masks to the Indian boys at St. Mary's mission, in the state of Washington This was done upon request of Professor Courtnay of the mission, who asked the Athletics' manager if he could send a few "lucky bats" to the Indian boys.

His New Murphy a Find. Connie Mack is enthusiastic over the way young Eddle Murphy has performed as leadoff man of the Athletics The youngster's versatility is what Connie Mack likes. He is a sprinter, which helps him beat out an occasional bunt, as well as on the bases, and he is hitting the ball with consis-

Lots of Them.

Man in Chicago wears a watch-fob made from a bone recently removed from his cranium. That follow is only a piker. Many eminent ball players could not only furnish individual watch-fobs, but are in a position to supply the wholesale trade.-Cincin- lection for the first game of the world's

Chris von der Ahe, Then President of Dodgers Have Been Traveling at Fast Pace This Season-Best Team in Many Years .-

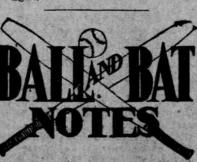
The Brooklyn team has proven a big portant part that the late Chris von surprise in the National league this erly sought, all along the line, the poss president" of the St. Louis fight each year for many seasons back



Manager Bill Dahlen

joke, the same as the Washingtons were before they became a mighty serious proposition last year. Bill Dahlen's men started off this season at | coffin. a fast gait and they have kept up their speedy work to the present time. Some of the baseball wiseacres think that the Dodgers have been playing beyond their real speed, but Dahlen avers that his men will be putting up just as fast a game two months from now as they are at the present writing and the club that beats them out will be able to land the pennant.

This year's team is the best that has represented Brooklyn in several seasons without a doubt. The addition of Stengel was the move that made the Dodgers a winning aggregatoin. This player has put up a sensational game since joining the team, and has infused new life into the others. Jake Daubert and Zach Wheat the two heavy hitters of the Superbas, are swinging their war clubs with a vengeance this year. Cutshaw, Smith, Fisher, Hummel and Miller are others who are giving a good account of themselves. The pitching staff, led by that great left-handed box artist, Nap Rucker, has contributed its share to keeping the team up in the thick of



New Yorkers call Chance the peer

Connie Mack is trying hard to develop new pitchers.

"A game's a game for a' that," whether it be won in April or Octo-

The white suits for umpires may go all right in the American league, but in the National there's Pittsburgh! Chance says he may turn Ray Cald-

well into an outfielder. As a pitcher Ray has always looked like some outer gardener! Many are heard to remark that all there is left to the American league race is for Connie Mack to announce either Plank or Bender as his se-

## AT OXFORD-EIGHTS' WEEK

Great Event in Students' Year De scribed in Many Letters From

London.-Doubtless every letter that has left Oxford recently has contained more or less vivid description of Eights' Week, the the great event of the student year. From the 15th to the 21st of May the quiet, staid old town was transformed into a gay and fashionable resort, and, to the joy of all, Dame Nature did her utmost to

My first sight of the Eights, from the deck of a river steamer, filled me with delight, as I drank in the beautics of the scene before me. For the moment the eager, striving oarsmen were forgotten, and I beheld only the marvelous charms of my surround-

The college barges, which at all times look attractive, were particularly so for this occasion, and each contained its quota of maidens and

Main Thoroughfare, Oxford.

white-flanneled undergraduates. On erable punts were moored, well filled with cheering humanity, and the towpath along the right bank was black with watchers.

Unlike ordinary races, the boats do not cross the line together, the river being far too nagrow to permit of such a course. They leave the starting precedence gained in the races of the of the innocent remark of a little previous year. If the second boat Nashville boy. succeeds in overtaking the first, a much prized "bump" ensues, and the second crew is entitled to first place in | complaining that he had a stomach the next contest. Thus, bumps are eag- ache. His mother explained that the same rule holding good in all cases. Once a bump has been effected, the crews of the boats concerned immediately cease rowing, and drop out of that particular race, and one hears all along the course the enthusiastic cheers which announce another victory for the hard-working contestants. From the starting post a wild surging | ache mass of students, headed frequently this by the prince of Wales, rushes madly along the tow-path, cheering great promptness. their favorite crews lustily, and adding to the general din with rattles, ly smiled Mr. Smith. bells and pistols. Even the staid old their parasols frantically, endangering greatly thereby the eyes and millinery | it.' of their neighbors.

## RETURNS TO STOP OWN WAKE

Jersey Painter Comes Home From Job to Find Family Weeping Over His Supposed Body.

Kearney, N. J .- James Kiely was shocked at witnessing what his relatives and friends believed to be his own "wake." When he returned to his home, after a few days' absence a on a painting job, he found his sister, Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, his two brothers and a score of neighbors sitting in the front parlor weeping ever a

The mourners spied him as he stood on the threshold amazed at the scene, and his sister fainted at the shock of seeing him. The other mourners when assured that he was not a ghost, explained affairs.

During his absence the newspapers had told of the death of James Kelly from sunstroke in Newark. When Mrs. O'Brien read the item she feared that the victim was her brother and that the paper had misspelled his

She went to view the body and the features were so nearly the dcuble of those of her brother that she believ ed it to be his body and ordered it re moved to her home.

## HONOR MEMORY OF MASSENET

City of St. Etlenne Will Erect Monu ment to Composer Who Died Last Summer.

St. Etienne. France.-The city of St. Etienne has decided to erect monument to honor the memory of Jules Massenet, the famous French composer who died in Paris last sum mer. The movement is being supported by some of the best-known musicians, artists and statesmen of the French republic, and copies of the appeal are being sent out by the French city where Massenet was born. Members of the committee in honor include such well-known French men as Saint-Saens, G. Carpentier, M. Palodilhe, Vincent d'Indy, Carolus Duran and Aristide Briand.

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Two evenings later a young man called to see little Johnny's sweet sister. Sitting in the parlor, waiting for the family to retire, the young man remarked that he had a head-"I know what's the matter with it.

Mr. Smith!" exclaimed Johnny, with "Do you really, Johnny?" indulgent- and would itch until I would scratch

feel better if you had something in

In Oregon a law intended to pre- stopped the itch but it got worse. vent the marriage of the unfit has en- Then I used ---. In all I had the Omaha, Nebraska. Adv. countered a practical difficulty. It trouble for about two years. One day prescribed an examination of the I saw the advertisement of Cuticura blood as a precaution against tuber. Soap and Ointment in the paper. I culosis and other diseases, but the wrote for a sample of Cuticara Scap fee fixed in the law was less than physicians would accept, and they say that for the work required \$15 or \$20 would not be too much. If fitness for marriage cannot be determined cheap and am now cured; the eezema left no er than that, the Caucasian must be. as Bret Harte put it, "played out." It is unwise to make marriage laws burdensome.-Springfield Republican.

enough to dispense with the spotlight.

### FOUND A WAY To Be Clear of Coffee Troubles.

seem to be an organ in his body that charm, and whose tragic death I shall was not affected

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bread . . . Even servant women

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minds one of an incident in the life of

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wasp in his pocket, he hurriedly

thrust his hand into his pocket to get

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"Father," said little Ruth, appealingly, "why don't you stay at home to work as other little girls' fathers do?" Father, who, as the business manager of a great corporation, has to travel extensively, smiled fondly at Yet it is but too true that many wom- his little daughter. "I'd love to, Ruth," he answered, "but you see I have to earn a lot of money to take care of my little girl and her mother, and I can't get enough work to do here at of their pure creation-things, too, in home.

"Ch, father," cried Ruth, reprovingly, "I don't believe you've ever tried hard enough! Why, I have seen a sign out, 'Man Wanted,' lots and lots of times. There was one over in front of our grocery store this very morn-ECZEMA IN WATER BLISTERS ing."-Youth's Companion.

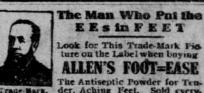
### AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE.

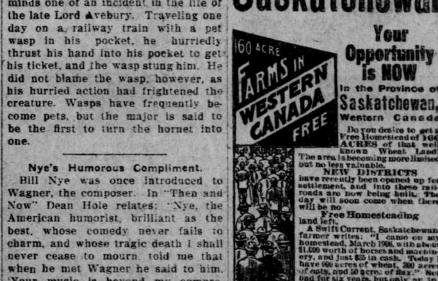
eczema broke out like little water blisters. Each one was full of water A sixty horsepower seven-passenger "Stearns" touring car complete and it open, then the water would run out in good condition. There is no new and it would get sore. I first got the car on the market with so much powmatrons become excited, and wave tion of Johnny. "It's empty. You'd eczema on the back of the hand and I er. Reason for selling owner wants a scratched it so hard I made it all sore. more modern car. This "Stearns" Then I got it on my legs just above cost \$4,750. Will sell for \$1,600-and to a responsible party, part cash, bal-"I used what they call - - and it ance monthly payments. No trade of Address

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