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- August 3, Buffalo, N. Y., National Association of Heat, Frost, General Insulators and Asbestos Workers.
- August 4, Detroit, Mich., International Glove Workers' Union of America.
- August 10, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen.
- August 6, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
- August 10, Boston, Mass., International Typographical Union.
- August 10, Boston, Mass., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union.
- August 11, Indianapolis, Ind., Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' International Union.
- August 24, Milwaukee, Wis., United Garment Workers of America.
- September 1, —, Table Knife Grinders' National Union.
- September 2, Milwaukee, Wis., American Brotherhood of Cement Workers.
- September 7, Denver, Colo., International Association of Machinists.
- September 8, New York City, International Photo Engravers' Union of North America.
- September 10, Boston, Mass., Spinners' International Union.
- September 14, Montreal, Canada, Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America.
- September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Union of Steam Engineers.
- September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Alliance.
- September 15, Salt Lake City, Utah, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- September 17, New York City, Pocket Knife Blade Grinders and Finishers' National Union.
- September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., United Association of Plumbers, Gas-fitters, Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers of United States and Canada.
- September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.
- October 5, Washington, D. C., Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union.

October 5, St. Louis, Mo., International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers.

October 20, Cohoes, N. Y., United Textile Workers of America.

November 9, Denver, Colo., American Federation of Labor.

November 10, Bangor, Pa., International Union of Slate Workers.

November 12, Vinalhaven, Me., Lobster Fishermen's International Protective Association.

December 7, New Orleans, La., International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees.

December 7, Brooklyn, N. Y., National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers of America.

CHICAGO BUSINESS TRAINING SCHOOL.

In another part of this issue will be found an advertisement of the Chicago Business Training School, an institution which is giving by mail a splendid business course in book-keeping and kindred branches. Every workingman realizes the importance of improving his own earning powers, as well as fitting his children for responsible positions, but only few are situated so as to be able to defray the heavy expense of attending college at a distance. This institution opens the way whereby everyone can secure the requisite training at a nominal cost, and without leaving home, which is a matter of too much importance to be overlooked.

The American Labor Press association, after making a thorough investigation to communicate with this school and see what it has to offer. It is thoroughly reliable, and the attitude of its management towards labor has been such as to entitle it to the support of all union people.

Reports just issued show that Uncle Sam is this country's greatest employer of labor, with 1,623,518 names on his pay roll.

Bartenders' Union at Pittsburg, Pa., is being reorganized. It is also proposed to form an affiliated organization of the waiters.

DETROIT'S MAINSTAY IN THE BOX



"WILD BILL" DONOVAN

"Wild Bill" Donovan, the Detroit American League pitcher, is conceded to be one of the best slabmen in the national game to-day. He lost his first game of the season a few days ago after winning nine straight victories.

BASEBALL IN THE DAYS OF ANSON AND SPALDING

E. J. Roe Says National Pastime Was More Exciting Than It Is To-Day.

"In my time we used to line 'em out," E. J. Roe of Kansas City, a ball player in the days of Capt. Adrian C. Anson, A. G. Spalding, George Wright and Charles Comiskey, said the other day in speaking of old and modern baseball.

"Hit and run plays, squeeze plays, sacrifice hitting and bunting were unknown," he continued. "Every man went to the plate and the only idea he had in his head was to lose the ball. The infielders made few errors in those days, because they did not have many chances. The outfielders were the players that were kept busy. I used to play first base for the old Canton, Ill. Reds. They were considered the second best team in the state at that time. Anson and Spalding played on the Rockford team, which was considered the best in the state. I played many games in the summer of 1879 against them. Charley Comiskey was just breaking into the game at that time and was a pitcher for the Dubuque team. Pitchers in those days did not throw curve balls and there was no such thing as overhand pitching. The pitcher threw the ball with an underhand motion. They never tried to give a man a base on balls, but wanted him to hit it.

"The salaries in those days were jokes compared with what ball players receive at present. There was no regular salary for playing on the home team. It was an honor that every young man coveted. The rivalry among the small towns to possess a winning ball team was intense. This rivalry was the only opportunity a ball player had to make money. Some club that was anxious to win a game would send to a town where there was a good team and hire from one to three players. These men each received five dollars a day and their expenses for going to this town. That was considered good money, and sometimes an extra fine player made as much as \$25 or \$30 per month. With no more money than that in sight, and that only for two or three months a year, baseball looked like a poor way to earn a living, and I did not stay in the game very long. I played a few years after leaving school at the time I was 17 or 18 years old, then gave it up for something steady.

"I still enjoy the game and go when I have an opportunity, but I fail to see where the present day game has anything on the game we used to play. In fact, I believe there was more excitement in our games than there is now. No man went to bat in the old days and struck out attempting to bunt a ball. The scientific batter in our day was the man who could place his hits. The player who could place the hits into a certain uncovered territory was the only scientific batsman. The rest of them hit the ball as hard as they could and trusted to luck. Another thing we had in those days was the club spirit. The present ball players seem indifferent. So long as the salary check comes regularly they do not seem to care whether they win or not."

Cannot Slide Well.

"If Harry Niles could slide well," said Lajoie, "he'd be the most dangerous base runner in the big league. His natural speed and ability to get a quick start severely handicap a catcher, but somehow or other he seems to stop the moment he hits the turf. Often he misjudges the distance and dives too soon, stopping before he reaches the sack. It's a fault that can be easily corrected. When Niles does correct it, no one will lead him at base stealing."

After Two Southern Slabmen.

After looking over the Southern league for pitching material Charles Ebbets of the Brooklyn club has decided Perdue and J. Duggan, right handers, with the Nashville club, are the most promising and has offered Manager Bernhard \$4,000 for their contracts. Perdue was tried out by the Chicago Cubs two years ago.

BALL STARS TO INVADE FAR EAST NEXT WINTER

Pilgrimage to Japan, China, Hawaii and Philippines by Strong Aggregation Being Planned.

For the first time since the great American game of baseball became a reality the stars of the diamond will invade the orient next winter under the guidance of Jesse Woods, the well-known Honolulu sporting man, and Mike Fisher, the manager who chaperoned so many ball nines in various cities of the Pacific coast during the last eight years. If the trip proves a success—and all indications point that way—it will undoubtedly result in one of the greatest triumphs that the pet pastime of Uncle Sam has ever known, and the game has managed to achieve new wonders every year since its birth half a century ago.

Encouraged by the success of last season's invasion of Honolulu with a nine made up almost wholly of Pacific coast league players, Woods and Fisher decided at its conclusion to undertake the trip far across the broad Pacific. Carefully they laid their plans and so eagerly were they received by all who heard of them that the magnates went at their work with a zest until now they are being boomed throughout the orient.

Little by little the famed tossers of the National and American leagues heard of the wonderful pilgrimage planned by Woods and Fisher. Applications for places on the tourist team came pouring in daily, and now the men engineering the deal can have their pick of the nation's stars. Woods has sailed for the orient on the steamer Mongolla for the purpose of making the final arrangements and booking the team at the larger cities of Japan, China, Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands. His trip will cover a period of three months, and upon his return on October 1, Fisher will have perfected the arrangements at this end of the world, and the party will be ready to invade the far east.

The team will sail direct to Yokohama, where it plays a series of games with the leading Japanese nines of the big city. From there it visits Tokyo, Kobe and Nagasaki. Finishing its tour of Japan, the team goes next to the Philippines and then through China. On its way home the stars will stop over at Honolulu, where the natives will again be waiting to greet them as they were last year.

Jack Bliss, of the St. Louis Nationals, Claude Berry of the Seals, and Pat Donahue of the Boston Americans, likely will be the catchers. In the box will be Orrie Overall of the world's champion Chicago Cubs, and "Big Bill" Burns of the Washingtons. On first, Frank Chance, Hal Chase, "Jiggs" Donahue and Joe Nealon will shine, alternating in the outfield.

Joe Delehanty of Washington, seems assured of the second place position, while Bill Devereaux will do the honors at third. Ty Cobb, the champion hitter of the Detroit Tigers, and George Hildebrand, the popular Seal left fielder, will complete the team—as strong an aggregation as ever toured any foreign country.

Curtice Not to Join Giants.

Harry Curtice, the Notre Dame baseball player, who is under contract to the New York Giants, will not report to that club, but instead will remain in the service of the university, having signed a contract to take the management of all of Notre Dame's athletic teams, succeeding T. P. McCannon of Corning, N. Y. Last season Curtice was coach of the Notre Dame baseball team. He is now at the Notre Dame summer school at Lawton, Mich.

Griffith Thinks Stone Greatest Batter.

"You can talk of Cobb, Lajoie and all the other great hitters, but to my mind George Stone, of the St. Louis Browns, is the best hitter in the American league. He may not always have the highest percentage, but you never see him hit at a ball over his head or one on the ground, and he is one of the few left-handers who is not disturbed by a left-handed pitcher," remarked Clark Griffith.

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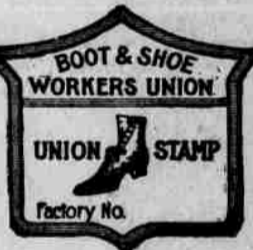
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