

New Manager of the Cincinnati Reds

Charley Herzog, new manager of the Red Sox, at the end of a fall-away slide. Herzog was probably the most brilliant player in the Giant lineup in the 1912 series. He also played great ball in the title games of 1911. During the 1912 series his fielding around third was one of the sensations of the series. He also starred at bat and was a whirlwind on the base.



HERE'S SOME FISH STORY

Monster of the Deep Big Enough to Swallow Twenty Jonahs.

FIERCE FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

A Florida Catch Forty-five Feet Long and Weighing Fifteen Tons—A Museum Exhibit.

This is the biggest fish story ever told. And its redeeming feature is that it is absolutely true. Don't smile. Don't scoff. Don't be a Doubting Thomas, for in this instance the evidence is prima facie.

This big fish didn't get away. It was caught, or rather captured, for it was too big and too boisterous to be hooked by the biggest hook ever cast; so big, in fact, that not even one of the enormous steam chovels used in dredging for the Panama canal could have scooped it up. This fish, dead and done for after a mighty struggle of man against monster, a visible to the naked eye. In a little while you can see its mounted skin and skeleton by visiting the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, if it accepts the offer made to it.

This big fish that didn't get away weighs fifteen tons, or 30,000 pounds. Its length is forty-five feet, eight times the length of an average man. Its circumference at the thickest part is twenty-three feet nine inches. The diameter is eight feet three inches, so that a full-grown man might stand upright inside its belly. Jonah—well get to Jonah a little later, when telling what the preachers say about this fish.

The mouth of this monster is thirty-eight inches, or more than three feet, wide and forty-three inches deep. When open, the ponderous jaws stand thirty-one inches apart. The tongue is forty inches long. The fish has several thousand teeth—too many to count.

It is a rather large bull that weighs 1,700 pounds, yet the liver of this fish weighs that much—nearly a ton. The spread of its tail, which looks like the caudal appendage of a monoplane, is ten feet from tip to tip. The pectoral fin is five feet long and three feet wide. The dorsal fin is three feet long and two feet nine inches wide. The gills are four feet long. The hide of the fish is three inches thick, and there are no scales.

Deep Sea Habits.

The fish—and let it be borne in mind that it is a true fish, and not a mammal of the whale or porpoise variety—was captured off the coast of Florida. Scientists believe that it is an inhabitant of the far-down depths of the sea, more than 1,000 feet below the surface, and that it was thrown up by some submarine volcanic disturbance which injured its diving apparatus so that it was unable to return to its native level of brine. The smallness of its eyes, which are mere pin-points in relation to its size, are evidence of its deep-sea habitat. In those depths the darkness is such that eyesight is not useful. The thick hide of the fish, its toughness and stiffness, also tend toward establishing its deep-sea origin, for such an exterior is required at those depths to withstand the tremendous water pressure.

Captain Charles H. Thompson, a veteran sportsman of Miami, Fla., is entitled to the credit of capturing this great fish. (It was a "great fish," not a whale, that swallowed Jonah, by the way.) Captain Thompson owns a yacht in which he was cruising for tarpon. He was off Knight's Key when he sighted a large bulk that looked something like a whale. However, whales never are found so far south. Captain Thompson surveyed the bulk, which proved to be alive and in motion, through his glasses. Hardy sailors in his employ studied the monster. "Whatever it is," said Thompson, "we'll go after it."

A lifeboat was manned. Captain Thompson accompanied the crew and the mysterious discovery was pursued. It disappeared, but arose to the surface. A harpoon was shot deep into its side.

More Fight than Frolic.

Then began the fun, as game fishers might describe it, but this was more of a fight than a frolic. The great fish, though unable to employ the deep-sea diving powers which apparently it had lost, proved to be a speed artist on the surface. At times, the sailors and Captain Thompson say, it made forty-five miles an hour. Four or more harpoons were shot into it. About 100 bullets also were fired into the fish's hide, but as subsequent inspection showed they did but little damage, hardly more than piercing the thick skin.

The fight took place in sight of some of the Florida Keys, where thousands of people gathered to witness it. For thirty-nine hours—two days and a night—that fierce and frantic fish pulled the lifeboat through the water, with no stops for meals. Captain Thompson and his men swear to this. The yacht followed, keeping as near to the lifeboat as it could do with safety. Finally, the monster was subdued—apparently. As a matter of fact, it was tired, like the men who pursued it. Anyhow, the fish quit struggling and was lashed fast to the Thompson yacht, alongside. The landward voyage then began. It had a fifteen-ton fish lashed to its side. Presently the fish became lively again, having enjoyed a rest. It began to

NEW HEAD OF THE MAXWELL MOTOR COMPANY.



Jesse A. Vail

Jesse A. Vail, who was recently elected chairman of the executive committee of the Maxwell Motor company, is one of the most interesting personalities that has entered the automobile industry for some time.

Like some other men who are today filling prominent executive positions in this new industry, Mr. Vail brings with him a broad and varied experience in one of the more conservative industries, having been for years identified with the Fairbanks-Morse company, of which well known concern he was general manager for the eight years just preceding his joining the Maxwell Motor company.

wriggle, and that wriggling was something stupendous. With one powerful blow of its tail the fish knocked the rudder and propeller off the yacht and smashed in a portion of the after part of the hull.

Fortunately the monster had been lashed at its head by the vessel's anchor chain. The chain held. No hemp cables could have withstood the herculean struggles of the infuriated captive. The yacht being out of commission two stout tugboats were called upon for aid. The fish again quieted down, and was supposed to be dead—but only supposed to be. The tug towed the apparent carcass to Miami, and a mechanism was rigged up by which it was pulled upon the deck.

There was life in the big fish still. It gave a sudden flip of its enormous tail, smashed a considerable portion of the deck, demolished the dockhouse and broke a man's leg.

After that the men kept their distance. The fish struggled for a while and finally gave up the ghost. Examination to determine its species then was undertaken. No piscatorial expert ever had seen or heard of a fish of that variety. It was altogether unclassified—a specimen of an unknown denizen of the deep.

Loading the Catch.

Captain Thompson, having landed his catch, was in the position of the Irishman who went up a tree to capture a catamount. He didn't know how to get rid of it. The fish, unlike the catamount, was dead at last, but its huge bulk—fifteen tons of it—lay there encumbering the earth. It was rolled off on the beach and became the center of curiosity for the population. The Miami authorities ordered that the carcass be removed.

Just what to do with the prize so bravely and laboriously won was a problem for Captain Thompson, but the problem was solved when science became interested in the fish. The Smithsonian Institution sent J. S. Warmbath, a skilled taxidermist, down to Miami to prepare the carcass for preservation, so that all men hereafter may believe in the big fish story, or at least so many as may visit the institution at Washington.

Warmbath embalmed and mounted the creature. He used fifteen barrels of formaldehyde, in addition to other chemicals in job lots. All the professional undertakers for miles up and down and inland from Miami were called to aid the taxidermist. They worked night and day to get the fish properly pickled before mortification set in. The thickness of the sides and the extraordinary toughness of the hide made the work exceedingly difficult. Finally the work was completed, the skin being mounted in steel ribs to restore the original form, and the specimen was hauled away on a flat car to Atlantic City, where thousands of visitors viewed it.

When the undertakers finally penetrated to the interior of the carcass they found a 1,500-pound fish—as big as an ox—which the monster had swallowed whole and partly digested. Strange to say, in the cavernous stomach was found also a live cuttlefish, or octopus. Several hundred pounds of coral and other solid matter were contained in the stomach. Now as to Jonah. Carl G. Fisher, a

millionaire sportsman of Indianapolis, who has a winter home at Miami, told his friends about the big fish, which he had seen on the Florida beach. They were incredulous. Fisher had the fish loaded upon a flat car and transported to Indianapolis, where it has been placed on exhibition to prove that he was not telling a fish story of the traditional sort. And among the many persons who have seen the fish are several clergymen, who have formulated the theory that it was a fish of this species which swallowed Jonah.—New York World.

Seven New Styles Added to Packard Motor Car Line

The addition of seven new styles to the Packard line of motor carriages, making more than twenty in all, illustrates the wide range of selection in body designs, which can be secured in conjunction with a high grade chassis.

Four new six-passenger bodies are among the most distinctive of the luxurious types manufactured in the Packard shops. These are the Salon touring car and the new style Limousine, Landulet and Imperial Limousine. The Salon Touring body is exclusive. It provides two individual seats for the driver and front passenger, with a passageway between, permitting the front passenger to change seats with anyone in the tonneau while the car is in motion. Persons using the extra folding seats can stretch out more comfortably and guns or golf clubs can be carried conveniently on the floor of the car. All passengers may enter or leave the car by the same door.

The new Limousine and Landulet are a departure from the rounded roof type, having well defined corners and sweeping roof line. Every superfluous piece of molding has been omitted. The Imperial has the same simplicity of exterior.

A new Coupe, seating two, with a drop seat for a third passenger, is a particularly smart design. The driver's seat is set forward of the passenger seat to give free arm movement.

Herzog Given Chance to Make Trades

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Charles Herzog, new manager of the Cincinnati team, was offered today his first chance to show his ability as a trader, President Murphy of the Chicago club, inviting him to look over the Cubs' reserve list as a preliminary to a possible deal. President Murphy said he was not after any particular member of the Cincinnati team, but thought a trade might be arrived at. The invitation was made over the long distance telephone between Chicago and Cincinnati.

GRAND ISLAND BASE BALL ASSOCIATION REORGANIZED

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—At an adjourned meeting of the supporters of base ball in this city it was decided to amend the articles of incorporation of the Grand Island Base Ball association so as to increase the capital stock to \$5,000. This step was taken to give legality to all contributors' votes during the past few months as well as the first year and provide for future contributions. It was also decided to authorize the employment of a secretary by the board. These amendments will be adopted at the end of thirty days and a new board of directors of five men will be chosen by the supporters of the team interested enough to attend the meeting. Henry Schuff and Phil Glade were selected as delegates to the State league meeting in January, in addition to the present directors. Financially the association is in better shape than it ever has been, though the team ended the season in the cellar position.

WILL PLAY LIVE GAME OF SOCCER SATURDAY

A soccer foot ball game is to be played Saturday afternoon on Creighton field, between a picked team of Omaha players and the Burlington Rovers of Havelock.

Stars of the Omaha City, Caledonia and Svea athletic clubs will comprise the local team and they expect a lively tussle with the visitors from Havelock, who are touted as wonders in the soccer art. The game has grown in local popularity ever since it was first played at Miller park a few years ago. Now a goodly number of Omaha athletes are enthusiastic participants.

Fairbury Defeats Beatrice.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Dec. 19.—(Special.)—The Fairbury high school and Northwestern Business college team of Beatrice played a fast and furious game of basketball in the hall north of the Malesio theater last night. The score was 39 to 15 in favor of Fairbury. The line-up: Fairbury. Position. Beatrice. Denney.....Center.....Bloodgood Bradley.....Right Forward.....Foster Holman.....Left Forward.....Sherwood Powell.....Right Guard.....Nixon Coleman.....Left Guard.....Chard

PRESIDENT OF THE MOLINE AUTOMOBILE COMPANY.



W.H. Van Dervoort

Plans for Missouri Valley Conference at Lincoln Finished

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—The program for the meeting of presidents and governing boards of the Missouri Valley conference universities here January 19 has been announced.

"Shall the ruling of the conference forbidding intercollegiate contests on other than college grounds be repealed?" is the chief object of the meeting, with a view of allowing Nebraska university to play at Omaha in some football contest and permit the annual meeting of the Missouri and Kansas football clubs at Kansas City. The proposed rule meets with opposition, however, at Nebraska.

Uniform scholastic and athletic standards will be discussed and a plan submitted whereby faculty representatives of the universities of the conference will be directly connected with the departments of physical training. The report of a committee investigating fraternity conditions at the various schools is expected to make a report and a discussion of a better method of determining the efficiency of teachers is planned.

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Ebbets Goes to Close Tinker Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn base ball club, left for Cincinnati today to close the deal for Joe Tinker. Ebbets carried with him a check for \$15,000, the purchase price, less the \$10,000 bonus for Tinker, which the Brooklyn club main-

tains it is entitled to hold until the player signs a contract with Brooklyn.

TAX ON BOXING BOUTS AMOUNTS TO \$110,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—In filing the annual report with the new legislature at Albany, the State Athletic commission will show that since the boxing law went into effect in August, 1911, about \$110,000 has been paid into the state comptroller's

office, this money being the amount of the 5 per cent tax on the gross receipts of all licensed clubs operating under the statute. There has been a falling off in receipts during the last year, due probably to the poor quality of many so-called star bouts.

Aspires to Be a Cop. John Anderson, once a noted major league first baseman and outfielder, has given up the real estate business in Worcester, Mass., and is seeking an appointment as policeman.

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