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## KNOWS HIS TEAM

Comiskey Can Tell the Real Worth of Every Player

Many baseball fans and rival club owners often have wondered how Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the players to reasonable contracts with he probably would have concluded at once that the reason was that Charles A. Comiskey once was a ball player himself, and consequently had a line of talk to hand to the player such as no rival possessed. Comiskey watches his men in ac-

tion in all the home games during the season, and he never forgets what happens. He remembers both the good plays and the bad ones made by individuals during the sea-All those things are stored in son. All those things are stored in his mind for use when the player appears to sign a contract for the following year.

One may imagine one of the Sox players calling at the office to sign a contract. Perhaps when that player entered, his mind was firmly made up to demand a big increase in salary and turn down anything under a certain amount. One of the first questions the boss will ask is: 'How much do you want?"

We'll suppose the player's answer : "I want \$6,000 this year." Comiskey's next question will be

Invariably the player will then go into the prospects of the team for the coming year, perhaps predicting a pennant, and declaring that he feels fit to hit over .300, and have the greatest year of his life.
Puts Athlete Under Fire.

After he has had his little say and is just beginning to feel encouraged. he is likely to listen to something like the following from Comiskey: 'That's all right, my boy, about what you think you'll do next year, but what about what you did last year? If you are a \$6.000 ball player, why did you throw the ball to the er, why did you throw the ball to the plate in a game last summer when you should have thrown it to sec-ond base? Why weren't you backing up third base that day against Boston when a wild throw went to the coop and let the winning run come in? What were you thinking about that day you were on third base with no one out when you started for the plate as a fly ball was hit to the outfield, then you had to dash back to third and finally was

'Why weren't you standing on se cond base in that game against Detroit when Cobb hit one to the fence? He made three bases on it, but he might have been nailed at third if you had made him go around you at second? You were standing behind the base admiring the long drive, I guess. Did you lose your voice that day against St. Louis when you and a couple of others stood around on the infield and let a pop fly drop to the ground with three men on the bases and two men

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Second 1. Nichols, of Banfield, playing field. Chris was not only sults in the bed being equally as comfortable as that in the lower party perished.

Halligan, first base; John McGraw; ed in constant changes.

### WHITE SOX OWNER HONUS WAGNER ON FIRST BASE

Jimmy Callahan Will Have Task to Find a Successor to the Dutchman

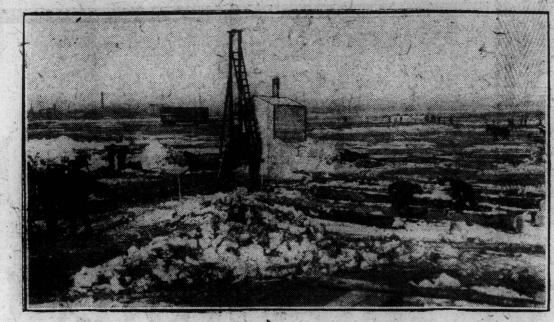
Jimmy Callahan, boss of the Pirate crew, has before him the task of developing a youngster to fill the shoes White Sox, was able to sign his of Hans Wagner at shortstop, which, no apparent trouble, writes James Crusinberry in the Chicago Tribune. Had any of those fans or rival call for Wagner to play first base this call for Wagner to play first base this call for Wagner to play first base this field must be filled and filled so well that it will be feasible to keep Wagner on first.

> Though the veteran was popularly supposed to be slipping as long ago as three years, he kept right up to the head of the league, in fielding his position until last season. Nineteen years of big league baseball, not to mention the other years of diamon work which served to fit him for the big show, has naturally sapped his strength. The flame of his wonder ful enthusiasm still burns brightly within him, but his fielding last year lacked some of the snap and dash which has characterized it through the length of his remarkable career Wagner is not through by any means but he is conserving his strength in his tussle with Father Time and believes that a permanent shift to the initial corner of the diamond will enable him to extend his career a few f he remained at his old post.

make he change last season, and Callain moved him over to first base, benching the light hitting Wheeler Johnston, since released. But a suitable man to replace Wagner at short was not available, so Wagner was switched back to shortstop and Johnston or Hinchman went to first base. This manoeuvre was repeated several times, simply for the reason that none of those assigned to do the

Among the recruits who will be given an opportunity to show what they can do in the line of shortstopping for Callahan is "Chuck" Ward, secured from Portland. Ward is 22 fears old, another product of "Kerry Patch" that section of St. Louis which has been so prolific in its production of ball players and has played professional ball for four years. He broke in with a team in the ob-He broke in with a team in the obwent to Portland in 1915.

NEW STEEL PLANT FOR CANADIAN MUNITIONS



Extensive operations already commenced on the new Can adian Munition Commission's industrial site in Toronto, where it is expected to turn out many tons of steel for supplying Canadian factories working on munitions. It looks as if the Canadian Munitions Commission has no idea of the war ending yet.

#### Baseball as it Was in the Olden Days

By John H. Gruber

This was the second largest num- right field ...

went to Portland in 1915.

Ward is being hailed in Pittsburg ple, a total of 30 bases. Probably be
tal of 14 bases. He made three hits have a great advantage over the

SURVIVORS RESCUED

By Courier Leased Wire.

Wellington, New Zealand, via London, Feb. 5—Seven survivors of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition who were stranded on Elephant Island have been rescued by the relief have been rescued by the relief steamer Aurora, which arrived at in lower berths, while the spring steamer Aurora, which arrived at in lower berths, while the spring steamer Aurora, which arrived at in lower berths is more than cinatti as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that down in 1896 of the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and first base-red to Milwaukee in August of that off-set by the advantage outlined. It was also pointed out that the Pull-off the club, acted as manager and the pointed out that the players. He appointed a captain to take charge of the club, acted as manager and with Philadelphia in 1897.

In 1892, as stated, the Browns actually had no manager. Von der Ahe, the owner of the club, acted as manager and with Philadelphia in 1896 of the club, acted as manager and with Philadelphia in 1896 of the club, acted as manager and traveled with the players. He appointed out a

second base; Billy Shindle, third On June 10, 1892, at Baltimore, base; George Q. Schock, shortstop; the Baltimore team defeated the St. Joe Gunson, left field; Curtis Welsh, years longer than would be possible Louis team by a score of 25 to 4. centre field; George Van Haltren,

Wagner first expressed a desire to ber of runs made in a game in the St. Louis-Charles Getzein, J. B. make he change last season, and Cal- National League that year, the 191- Young and Theodore Breitenstein,

of hitting the ball in a timety tashion. The case of Alex. McCarthy is
typical. McCarthy's fielding was
brilliant, but his hitting, except for
one brief streak, was painfully weak.

"Chuck" Ward a Candidate

Among the recruits who will be
given a constraint to show what

"Ti is extremely seldom that in a
nine-inning game a player is asked
to face a pitcher seven times. Ten
years previously on September 11,
1882, John J. Smith, a first basegiven a constraint to show what
was a rookie from Mt. Carmel, Pa., and was said to be built
like Jack Stivetts, the famous coal
miner, who pitched for the Browns
in the preceding year, when they
were members of the old American
Association, and who went to Bos-

He broke in with a team in the ob-scure Nebraska State League, and the Browns made only 25 hits, in-time he went to bat. Among his hits ward is being hailed in Pittsburg as a brilliant performer, but if he is, his minor league record does not show it. Last season he ranked seventh in fielding among the short stops in the Facific Coast League who took part in 100 games or more, with an average of .927 and he hit only .235 in 168 games. Obviously there is nothing startling in that and

who took part in 100 games or more out?"

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# JENNINGS PICKS

Figures That Detroit and New York Should Cop the Pennants

season for claiming pennants and de- torium was crowded by 9.30. ciding major league races, but the by most managers on account of the impending baseball strike. There any way with his predictions of the result of the coming pennant races. Hughie Jennings, of the Detroit Tigers, is credited this season with life. Before the picture was shown, picture studio. The

Jennings has been spending his time this winter in making speeches around his home town in Scranton,

erican league. Jennings says that with the club McGraw has to begin other clubs. The Giants, as they finished their record-breaking run of twenty-six straight games last fall easily outclass all the other Nation al League teams, according to the Detroit prophet.

Jennings predicts that the Tigers
will take the pennant in his own
league, as the Boston Red Sox and

#### **NEWS OF THE STAGE**

INTERESTING ITEMS FOR ALL FOLLOWERS OF THE DRAMA, SPOKEN AND SCREENED

exhiitions was established by the this kind. The star has a beautiful Kansas City "Star" when over 100,- soprano voice and is constantly in Hall in Kansas City to witness Marguerite Clark's performance of "Snow White." The exhibition was a rited without restriction.

the hall in the form of a square. This is the first time that such a feat has been accomplished. An orchestra of When "Venue" Ouit fifty pieces furnished music for the performances which were staged at the two days. Though the hall itself This particular one came to pose for seated only 14,000, hundreds of some scenes in George Seban's next people crowded into the aisles be- picture. It was a very cold day and fore the police could shut the doors when "Venus" was called by direcand the total attendance for the two days was in excess of 100,000. to out of the dressing room, gasped days was in excess of 100,000.

ed in this great audience, though women and children predominated in was heated in some manner. That

New York, Feb. 7.—Usually this doors of the hall as early as eight bounded off the pedestal, disappearsombre period of winter is the open in the morning, and the large audiing into her dressing room with a wail of injured dignity. As a result

subject has been placed on the shelf particularly significant as an endorsement of clean pictures, this There adaptation of the well known fairy is one manager, however, who does tale by the Famous Players Company not permit the strike to interfere in having been selected by the "Star" as an example of the type of photo-play which should be shown to peo-asked an extra for a match while life. Before the picture was shown, picture studio. The extra, evidently the first score in picking the win- the "Star" obtained the endorsement taking Peters for a brother extra, ners in the National and American of its selection from every organiz-said, "When I first saw you, I with the powerful "better pictures" a darn good actor-ever seen him movement. It is expected that this on the screen? gigantic exhibition—the largest ever have a powerful effect in fighting don't think he is any better than I the censorship agitation which is rife an in Missouri and Kansas.

A Charity Singer of the Pacific Coast has been spend- he had been talking.

A New Record in motion picture for the last two weeks in work of

100 people crowded into Convention demand for church entertainments and various charitable functions. Carried Oil Stoves The price of oil stoves is rising

free one, given for the benefit of the rapidly in Los Angeles. Vivian Mar-Orphans' Home and charitable intin, who is now at work under the stitutions of Kansas City and adjadirection of Howard Estabrook, is cent towns, and the public was in- the direct cause of the sudden demand for oil stoves. The majority of The method of projection was unique, as four prints of the picture were run simultaneously upon four screens suspended from the roof of the company scurried around and of the company scurried around and her scenes are exteriors, and when When "Venus" Quit

There is one "Venus" less in this world than there was a week ago. Every walk of life was represent- and retreated with a shiver. She re-

the morning and afternoon sessions, was impossible in such short notice, the effort being to get the orphans and other city dependents to attend idea of substituting a small stove the daylight exhibitions. Every form for the pedestal on which Venus was of vehicle, from limousines to ice-wagons and motor trucks,, was used pleted without consulting the lady in conveying the spectators to and herself, and when she stepped on from the hall, many large concerns the concealed stove with unadorned offering their equipments to the feet, a look of bewildered indignation suffused her lovely features. children began to cluster about the Then she emitted a shriek and torium was crowded by 9.30.

The affair is regarded as being particularly significant as an encountering any more of the star's

Mistaken Identity

ingenious inventions.

House Peters is acquiring a repuation in the city which is identified thought you were House Peters. He's

"Yes, I've seen him on the screen, conducted under a single roof-will replied Peters with gravity, "and I

The extra regarded the speaker with ill-concealed contempt at this Myrtle Stedman, who is the cham-but grinned broadly at him later in pion all around charity entertainer the day when he discovered to whom

PALM BEACH AMAZED AT NEWEST FADS



C. D. Chapin, of New York, created a sensation at Palm Beach, by walking along with a blanket-like cloak over her bathing suit, a honolu-lu parasol, pretty slippers, pink stockings, and her toy dog, "Peggy", who rejoices in a maid with a little carriage, seen at the rear, in which Peggy mount, and rides when too tired to walk. Well, what do you

That Son-in-law of Pa's

### He Won't Walk in the Sleep Pa Gives Him

HM-M<sup>9</sup> BLANED IF STUPID AINT WALKIN' IN HIS SLEEP AGAIN! WONDER WHAT HE'S GOIN' T' DO WITH THAT FIRE-EXTINGUISHER?





