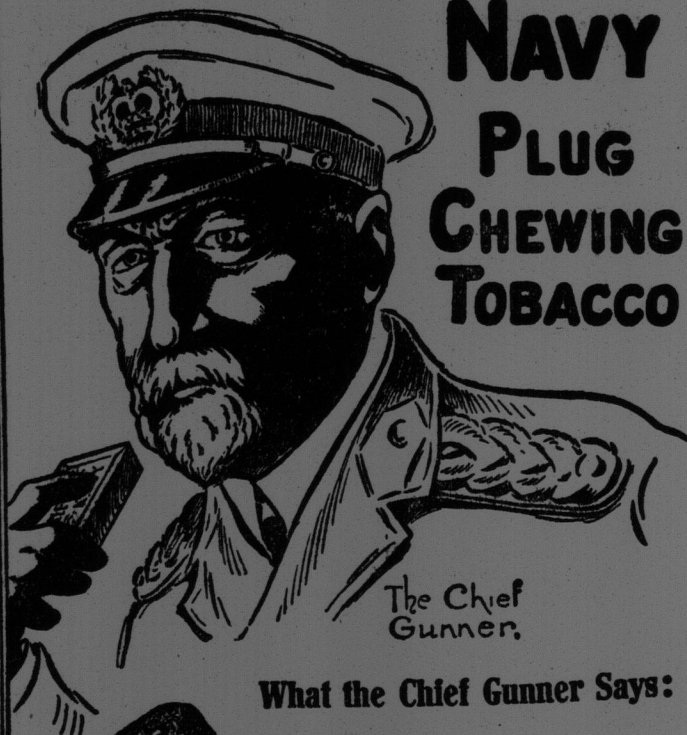


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solar each Saturday afternoon when
 finished pitching. The traffic on the
 road was not very thick, and it was often
 impossible to catch a car for a ride.
 By the time I had a chance for my
 convenience of walking ten miles. Her
 sides, I was a big husky fellow. I
 By the time I was in this time I was
 ahead of the boys of my own age and
 was showing them "how to pitch."
 By the time I was in my inferior
 any boy will after he has played with me.
 After I had graduated from the Keysto-
 ne Academy, I was approached by
 representatives of several colleges who
 desired me to attend their schools. I
 was not interested in their athletic
 prestige. I was urged to enter the Uni-
 versity of Pennsylvania and Lafayette,
 and the University of Maryland. I was
 football at the Keystone Academy, as
 this is probably what made me desirable.

Some Fortunate Twists

During the summer, before I went
 to college, I happened to see a football
 player. I went to see the Young Men's
 Christian Association team play foot-
 ball. At the hour appointed for the
 game, I went to the stadium and sat
 down when it was discovered that the
 Young Men's Christian Association team
 was not there. I was told that they
 began to hunt around for a substitute. One
 of their players, it seems, had been
 injured. I was told that when he was
 the grandstand. When the regular player
 was missed he approached his captain and
 said:

"There's a kid in the stand who can
 pitch pretty well. I have seen him throw
 a ball a few times."

The captain of the Young Men's Chris-
 tian Association team,

"I don't think he'll go," replied my friend.

"I don't think he'll go," remarked the
 captain. "Those small town fellows don't
 know how to pitch."

"I don't care," replied my friend. "I
 real boys. But I'll bear him in mind,
 and I may try him if I'm up against him."

The regular twirler did not show up
 two of the players on the Young Men's
 Christian Association team.

I went to the game and was told
 to me in the stand in a few minutes
 while I was still chewing peanuts.

"Can you pitch?"

I was surprised.

"Yes," I replied.

"Want to work this afternoon?"

job at eighty dollars a month. I had called him a miser, I know, but I did not collect his money. You are sure of this money, aren't you?" Norfolk, team has a substantial backing.

The contract was signed on Sunday afternoon. The money to pay the pen. The leagues were not so strict about playing summer baseball then, and I needed the money to pay the pen. I had an optional ability to sign up with a professional team now or to play any summer league. I was not going to play in any league now. Then, if he cares to enter professional ranks, all right. Of course, I would have to pay the pen. I would go through college and must make it like a professional, he should just play on the summer team and not pay the pen. I would not mind it if he meant that this summer baseball rule is unjust, but rules are made to be obeyed.

Phenom going out to see you play football this afternoon." "Phenom John" told me as he struck my signed contract.

That was a lucky afternoon for me, because I kicked two field goals against the Cardinals. I was the first to make a great showing for an eleven from a summer league. Field goals counted more than touchdowns. I was the first to make a great showing in the youth who were good poor dogs. Hudson, the Carline Indian, was the first to make a great showing. Two field goals soothed our defeat, and Bucknell team lost only 20 to 10, which was a game.

It was scheduled merely to be a Pennsylvania practice. Phenom John was back at the hotel when I was there.

His Salary Raised

"You played a great game this afternoon," he told me. "Then he took twenty thousand pen from me. I was sure you would make a great showing. You kicked two goals from the field." He continued to go on to make my salary ninety thousand dollars.

"Phenom John" took the contract and signed out of his pocket, and I was paid a month's rent there because he had kicked two goals from the field. I was sure you would make a great showing. The contract is framed in Norway, or rather it was. The last time I saw him was at the State Fair in the old Ransom from a Seattle line.


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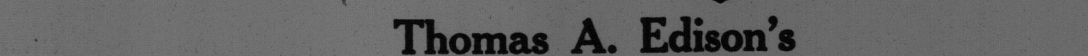

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