

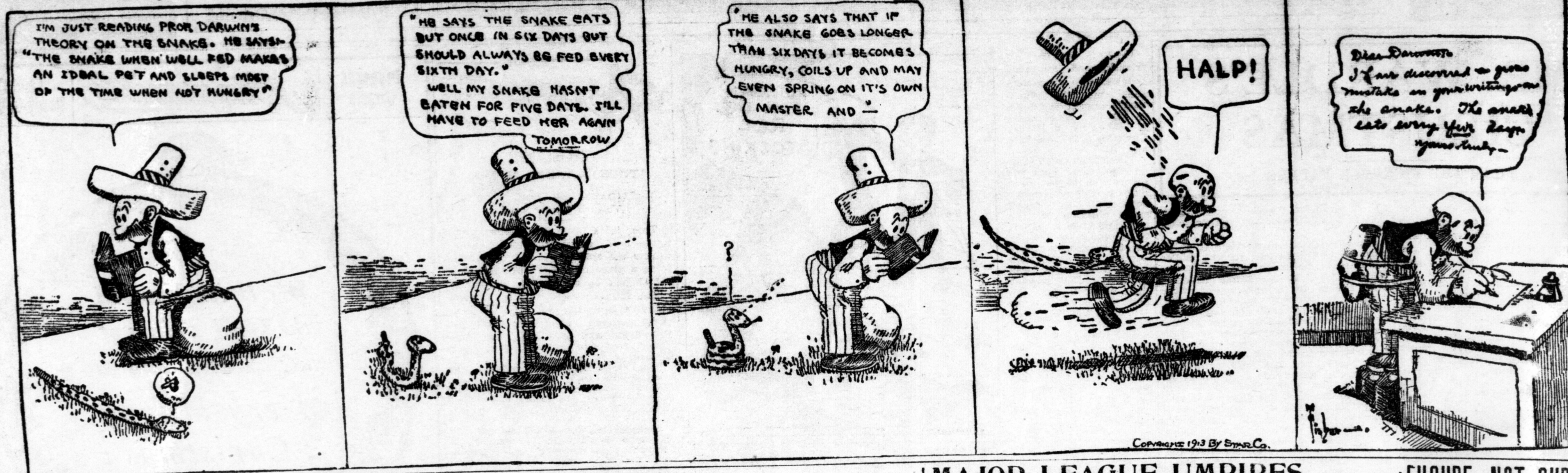
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THAT IS NEWS

A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

SIDE LIGHTS ON
MANY SPORTS

Maybe Jeff's Snake Didn't Digest His Food

By "Bud" Fisher

LONDON BALL CLUB HAS NOT
LANDED A MANAGER AS YET

There Are Many Applications for the Job
and Lots of Time to Consider Them—
Johnny Cocash Said To Be After It.

BY "JINX"

This glad season of the year ought to be a good time for some kind-hearted big-league mogul to present the London Ball Club with a reputable and able, with emphasis on the able, manager. Sort of a Christmas gift, as it were. The London club has not yet selected the guy that's going to grab off a pennant for this city in the Canadian League next season, but the London club has a lot of time on its hands, so there's no hurry about it. Other clubs in the Canadian League have yet to appoint a manager, so why should London be in any hurry?

Lots of Managers.
Now that Doc Reisling has been passed up, and Nick Altrock has not been heard from for a few days, the London club must look around for some more ex-big leaguers. The woods and the Federal League seem to be full of them. The St. Thomas club dealt baseball a serious "blow" when it grabbed off "Midge" Craven to pilot the Saints next year, but the London club is in hope there is at least one other good manager left, and that it may be able to sign him up before the season opens. St. Thomas always did try to cut off all the good ones anyway, just to get ahead of London.

No Definite Plan Yet.

But, seriously speaking, the London Club has no definite idea just yet as to who will get the local job. A

meeting of the London directors will probably be held the first week in January, when the question will be dealt with in all seriousness, and a man appointed. There are a number of applications from men anxious to get the job, and they will all receive due consideration. It is said Johnny Cocash, who was with London two years ago, is one of the men seeking the position.

Rube Daneau Will Likely Go to Brantford.

The Brantford management is anxious to get him, and is just waiting to see what action London takes in disposing of him. Rube will not report here in the spring. He says so.

He is through with London as far as baseball is concerned, and if he again manages a team in the Canadian League it will not be a London team.

J. DUBUC RECOVERS FROM HIS RECENT OPERATION

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Johnny Dubuc, the Detroit pitcher, who underwent an operation for a knee injured last season, was yesterday discharged from the Western Hospital. He expects to experience no further trouble.

Many of Them, Friends

To the readers of this page and to all those who have from time to time assisted in its preparation and contributed to its columns, the Sporting Editor extends a Merry Christmas.

PELKEY WILL HAVE ADVANTAGE
OF WEIGHT OVER "GUNBOAT"

But Smith's Manager Says He Is Not
Worrying About This—Both Will Be in
Fine Shape for Next Week's Bout.

[W. W. NAUGHTON.]

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—While Jim Buckley, manager of Gunboat Smith, is extremely confident that his heavyweight will defeat Arthur Pelkey at Daly City on New Year's Day, his faith in the Gunner is not causing him to make the mistake of counting chickens before they are hatched.

Within the last day or two Buckley has received a cablegram from a leading French promoter, in which the Gunner is offered a match in Paris with either Georges Carpentier or Sam Langford.

"Did you accept?" Buckley was asked.

"Not yet," was the reply.

"It will be time enough to do that when the Gunboat-Pelkey battle has been fought. I do not suppose they would want Smith if Pelkey beat him."

"There's a touch of chivalry about Buckley's actions in the matter, but while he intends to be thoroughly sure of his ground before acknowledging receipt of the offer from Paris, he has practically decided what he will do in the event of a win for Gunboat from Pelkey."

Wanted Match with Johnson.

"If it had not been for Jack Johnson breaking his arm with the other John Gunboat would have looked for a match with Jack and no one else," said Buckley.

"Smith has beaten Langford once, and that would be enough, especially in a case like this when every tough opponent you dispose of means a step nearer the championship. With Jack Johnson out of it for several months, again, it is a horse of another color. We will be quite willing to meet either Langford or Carpentier, and will journey to Paris if necessary to make a match."

A. M. C. were going to have another championship contender.

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York, but I will give Carpenter a personal guarantee of \$10,000 if he agrees to meet Gunboat here within the next few days. If this offer is not acceptable it will be a case of packing our trunks and crossing the water, for there will be no one left on this side for Gunboat to box."

Buckley is more than pleased at the way Gunboat's training is progressing over at Shannon's. He considers the Gunner is lucky in having Jack Hemphill and Billy Sloan for sparring partners.

"I don't think Gunboat ever was as well fixed in that way before," said Buckley.

"These fellows are grand workers, and they keep Smith well extended all the time they are boxing with him. I am sure he will be in the shape of his life when he meets Pelkey on New Year's Day."

Pelkey Is the Heavier.

Buckley referred to the fact that Pelkey is a much heavier man than Gunboat, but says that Smith has become accustomed to weight handicaps, and thinks nothing now of conceding 10 or 20 pounds to an opponent.

"We look for a stiff fight, but at the same time we expect to win," said Buckley.

"We are glad that Pelkey has made so many friends among the sportsmen. We have heard so many stories about his speed, his pluck, his great strength and hard looks, that I sometimes think some of the boys are trying to scare the Gunner. I saw where one fighter said that all Pelkey needed was a cloak of wild animal skins, a rough whicker around his face and a war club in his hand to make him look like the original cave man. Why Gaby Des Lys would look like a cave man if you rigged her out that way."

Doings in City Hockey Circles

With the opening of the local hockey season only four days off, Jack Frost had better get busy and hand out a flock of cold spells.

The London team will leave on the C. P. R. at noon today for Detroit. About ten players will make the trip. Barney Vining and Kenny Casselman will not accompany the team. They enjoy Christmas better at home.

The Army Medical Corps have signed up sixteen men so far for the City League team. Looks as if the A. M. C. were going to have another championship contender.

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MAJOR LEAGUE UMPIRES
MAY TAKE SPRING TRAINING

National League Will Likely Send Its Indicator Holders to South
To Work With Ball Clubs in Spring So As to Get
Their Eye on the Ball.

Certain magnates in the National League are back of a movement to have the umpires undergo a course of spring training the same as do the ball players.

The office of President Tener is being used as a sounding board and the agitation, in a certain sense, has overlapped into the American circuit. The advisability of this depends largely on the viewpoint of the interested ones.

In the American league President Johnson has insisted that his umpires have absolute control of the playing field. This instance has eliminated, to a great extent, any objections the club owners, managers and players might file. However, the different umpires in the Johnsonian circuit take it upon themselves to keep in shape and two or three men, in

particular, do all that is possible to be condition at the beginning of the season.

"Silk" O'Loughlin has gone south with the Rochester International league team for a number of seasons and he always works north with the club. O'Loughlin works as strenuously as a recruit while in training and according to his own declarations there never passes a day but what he walks at least 10 miles.

"Billy" Evans is a finished boxer and he has daily workouts in a Cleveland gymnasium. Charlie Ferguson, the umpire who had rather a stormy time of it in the American league last season, is in California this winter, and before coming east he will work out in a number of coast games so as to get "his eye on the ball."

The Click of the Steel Shoe

Art Ross and Harry Hyland, the two holdouts of the Wanderers hockey club, have made terms with President Litchben.

Tom Phillips will be asked to coach the Hamilton Intermediate O. H. A. team.

Gordie Roberts, forward of the Wanderers, is out of the game with a fractured shoulder.

Box is back at Queen's after a year's absence.

Hal DeGrushy, the former Upper Canada player, and Robertson, who played on the defence last year, will likely be the T. C. C. defence this season.

Parkdale opens the Toronto O.H.A. season at the arena New Year's eve.

with Whitty. After the game the club will skate the old year out with public skating.

Fred Doherty, the Maritime Province League player, has about decided to stay in Toronto. He will probably be found with the Ontarios.

It now looks as if the Toronto championship games arranged between St. Michael's and T. R. and A. A. will not take place.

St. Michael's are trying to bring New Edinburgh back again, and if successful will stage a contest on Friday night at the arena.

The Northern League may be increased by another group. Clinton, Seaford and Mitchell are all eager to enter, that is if Goderich is not admitted.

What's the Matter With Southpaw George Wiltse For
That Job of First-Basing With the Giants Next Year?

Will Fred Merkle play first for the Giants next year?

Any number of fans are asking themselves this question; Merkle is with the world-tourists in Asia; so is McGraw, but the effort of the New York business manager to trade Merkle, Snodgrass and an armful of bats for Ed. Konetchy, at the National League annual meeting, indicates that McGraw wants to rid himself of the big fellow whose errors of omission have made him a marked man.

There appears to be little reason why McGraw should go outside his own team for a flashy first baseman. The work of George Wiltse during the last post-mortem series was so high class that it was a wonder.

It was old "Hooks" wonderful fielding that gave the Giants the only game they won from the slashing, run-away Mackmen.

The idea that Wiltse cannot hit well enough for a first baseman need not last very long; Wiltse hit .326 in 1912, and, although this may have been a flash, it shows he is capable, and if he played every day and had a chance to get his "eye upon the ball" Wiltse might surprise some of the home folks in Syracuse.

Wiltse is about through as a pitcher. He has been with the team since 1904, when he was purchased from the Troy team of the New York State League. Control has always been his forte. His best season was the never-to-be-forgotten year of 1908, when he and Mathewson pitched the Giants into a pennant, only to be Merkle'd out of it.

When Wiltse went to the Giants he was the cleverest fielding pitcher in the N. Y. S. L. and has always ranked high as a fielder in the National. He is one of the pitchers at whom opponents never beat the ball, because he never falls over his feet in getting the ball.

With Troy in 1903 Wiltse participated in 70 games, hitting .260, and in many games he played right field and first base, showing exceptional ability in both positions. As an outfielder Wiltse became a terror by winging out many a runner who was inclined to "take it easy" going to the bag after the ball escaped the infield.

On first "Hooks" performed spectacularly, and it was no surprise to the residents of Troy to read of his sensational fielding in the world's series.



George Wiltse joined the Giants in 1904, but not until 1913 did McGraw discover him to be one of the best-fielding first basemen in the league.

Manufacturer's League Schedule

The schedule of the Manufacturers' Hockey League was drawn up yesterday afternoon by the committee, consisting of Secretary Ernie Gitt and Messrs. Rhodes and Perry, sporting editors of the Free Press and Advertiser, respectively. The schedule provides for thirty games, commencing on Tuesday, Jan. 6, and ending on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Each team plays ten games. The schedule has been so arranged that each club has a like number of first and second games, five each. In the first part of the schedule, two firsts and three seconds; Gastes four firsts and one second; Lawrence two firsts and three seconds; Greene-Swifts, two firsts and three seconds; Perrins, three firsts and two seconds, and McCormicks three firsts and two seconds. This order will be just reversed in the second part of the schedule, thus evening it up; for instance, McClarys will have three firsts and two seconds, and Gastes one first and four seconds, and so on.

The Schedule Is As Follows:

- Jan. 6—McClarys vs. Gastes.
- Jan. 6—Lawson & Jones vs. Greene-Swifts.
- Jan. 8—Perrins vs. McCormicks.
- Jan. 8—McClarys vs. Lawson & Jones.
- Jan. 13—Gastes vs. McCormicks.
- Jan. 13—Greene-Swifts vs. Perrins.
- Jan. 15—Greene-Swifts vs. Gastes.
- Jan. 15—McCormicks vs. McClarys.
- Jan. 20—Greene-Swifts vs. McClarys.
- Jan. 20—Gastes vs. Lawson & Jones.
- Jan. 22—Lawson & Jones vs. McCormicks.
- Jan. 22—McClarys vs. Perrins.
- Jan. 27—Perrins vs. Gastes.
- Jan. 27—Greene-Swifts vs. McCormicks.
- Jan. 29—Gastes vs. McClarys.
- Jan. 29—Lawson & Jones vs. Perrins.
- Feb. 3—Greene-Swifts vs. Lawson & Jones.
- Feb. 3—McCormicks vs. Perrins.
- Feb. 5—Lawson & Jones vs. McClarys.
- Feb. 5—McCormicks vs. Gastes.
- Feb. 10—Perrins vs. Greene-Swifts.
- Feb. 10—McCormicks vs. Lawson & Jones.
- Feb. 12—Perrins vs. McClarys.
- Feb. 12—Gastes vs. Greene-Swifts.
- Feb. 17—McClarys vs. McCormicks.
- Feb. 17—Lawson & Jones vs. Gastes.
- Feb. 19—McClarys vs. Greene-Swifts.
- Feb. 24—McCormicks vs. Greene-Swifts.
- Feb. 24—Perrins vs. Lawson & Jones.

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