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HANS WAGNER QUITS AGAIN.

Famous Player Says He is Through With Baseball-Appears to Be Sore Because Club Has Not Yet Tevelered Him a Contract-He Grows Sa .-

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 2.-John "Honus" Wagner, king of batters and king of shortstops, will play no more basebell. The king's edict was issued Satuiday in the form of an interview in which the famous player sets forth his quite an audience collected for the enintention to retire permanently from the diamond and devote his remaining years to peaceful pursuits. Selling au-

in the future, he says: Wagner was seen at his home in rumor concerning his retirement was

"Yes, son, I shall not again play Jennings he started his anecdotes, correct, he said; baseball," and the big shortstop emone driving a tenpenny nail through each word to make it stick good and hard.

"But your contract-the fans are

1905," faltered the reporter. "Yes, I know, but as to a contract, has-been. I am just beginning to find trat out. I used to be able to play some, but I tell you I'm a has-been. Besides that, I can make more money out of the automobile business than I can out of baseball. I have just obtained the agency for a well-known manufacturer.

"Then there's the circus that my brothers and myself are going to put n the road this year. All the time I can spare from the circus enterprise I shall devote to selling machines Now, where is baseball coming in, even I had not decided to leave the

game?" Concerning the Wagner tented show Honus said 16 cars for its transportaton will arrive in Carnegie within a f. w weeks. The advance car is expected not later than next Tuesday, and it vill be lettered immediately for properly heralding the show's com-

With a chuckle the star swatsman switched back to automobiles.

"I got a letter the other day from Fam Leever," he said. "It was in answer to one. I had written asking I'm to race one of my cars in the endurance contest to take place in the section March 17th. Sam agreed and raid he would beat the life out of me. ring the contest, but I do want to walked over and I says to Andy: eat Leever most thunderingly bad."

#### DETROIT TO HAVE NEW PARK. Will Build at Once.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2 .- Detroit will . have a new baseball park. A deal was completed Saturday whereby the Deand it is planned to have the new park ready for the opening of the sea- and keeps on pitching. son in 1911. The new park will possess every modern improvement, and the stands will be constructed of concrete

It is estimated that the new park, when the stands are completed, will cost the local club \$300,000.

#### Hans Lost His Money.

Some years since, when Marty Hogan handled the Youngstown, O., Club, Hughes was a student at a Pennsylvania college. He got away in Hogan picked him up. Hughes was always tired, or at least, appeared so. He believed in the least work to accomplish the greatest results. Brooklyn and Pittsburg were taken on in out. that season for exhibition games and Hughes tossed such slow balls to the major league batters that he won both contests. Pittsburg blew in one day, under the direction of the mighty "Hans" Wagner. Youngstown iron men were flush at that time, and somebody wagered with Wagner that Youngstown would garner more than three tallies. Wagner wagered they would not, and as soon as the game started, with Camnitz pitching, Pittsburg commenced to try for those dollars. On Wagner's first appearance at the plate, Hughes struck him out with the punk ball, using an underhand cross-fire. Great glee for Youngstown folks. Jim Sebring was in right field for the Pirates then and he joined in the merriment. On Wagner's second appearance he suffered a similar fate. More glee from Youngstown. More kidding from Sebring. Later on than Jim McGuire, hit a finer over Sebring's head. He managed to score, and Wagner alleged his own right fielder loafed and wasted his money. The smite brought in three runs, besides Hanford's, and broke up the game, so that Camnitz had to retire. Phillippi finished the job and Youngstown got a couple off him. The game finally ended 8 to 3 in favor of Youngstown and the downfall of Jim | badly. About that time another fellow Sebring commenced. Wagner and he came on who was good for first base fussed and squabbled for some time job, and Willie figured all afternoon until he jumped the team and was out of organized baseball until the than first base and still stick. That Tri-State came in. Now he is back in the big leagues. A Story in Every Picture.

Each one of the 100 or more pictures of ball players which adorn the office of President Havenor and Presdent O'Brien in the Majestic building is worth a "story," if one were to listen to McCloskey. He knows something good about every player whose picture is displayed, and, what's more, he has only good words for the players. He didn't find fault with any, but told only of the good work they did hurt,' he yells back at me. on the diamond and of being good leaguers, | drive with two wing and if there is one player of whom | "Mac" likes to talk about, it is as well as some guys kin with two, traded with about \$30,000 worth of | time I goes up and tells him where to other players, to the New York Club | get off. I then called to the new man for Roger Bresnahan by the owner of and told him to go to first. The rethe St. Louis Cardinals. "Raymond is cruit asks injured Willie for his glove. a card, for fair," said the new manager of the Brewers, "And he's a good | He threw it over the fence. fellow, too. He wouldn't harm any one for the world. One night we were traveling from St. Louis to Chicago, and after being out about an hour, Raymond came through the car and asked the passengers for their tickets. He had on the conductor's cap and the conductor's coat and started to make good until the conductor finally found him. On the same trip, but later in the evening, "Bugs" hustled through the car with the porter's outfit, and among other things he had a set of false teeth, with which he caused much amusement. One tooth was about three inches long and reached to his chin. He frightened and we started across the Polo several women passengers before the grounds. boys made him quit his kidding .-Mtiwaukee News.

REAL BASEBALL COMEDY IS CONPINED TO MINOR LEAGUES

limmy Casey Writes Some of the Incidents of Unique Variety He En-countered in Eastern League— Green Hands Do Some Funny Things.

"You've got to go to the minors if ou want to get hep to the real, live uicy comedy in baseball. You fellows up here in the big league miss half your lives because you don't get it." Doctor James Casey began rolling

cigarette in the office of the Detroit baseball club, and, as usual, tertainment.

Montreal is placing her faith in "Jimmy" to secure the 1909 pennant, tomobiles and conducting the circus and yesterday he started out to see he and his brothers will soon place on what he could do for the Canadian the road will take up Wagner's time fans. He began his pitgrimage with a visit to President Frank Navin, of the Tigers, to see if there were any young-Carnegie to-night. When asked if the sters who might as well play in the Dominion as in Tigerland, and after he carefully perused the roster of H.

"Now, during the past season I saw phasized his assertion with the air of about as many funny things as one would care to crowd into an annum. I can remember but a couple of them.

"I had one fellow last year-one of those tall, rangy type of ball slingers, under the impression that you are tied whom we called Andy. He looked up tight with the Pittsburg team for good at first, but later on he showed up to be not quite as sweet a baby as we had doped him out. He was a great that was outside talk. I never said I eater, my how that man could stow signed one. Mr. Dreyfuss has not sent away grub. He was hardly ever on me any contract for this year. I'm a time for a ball game and the reason was that he wanted to corner the Montreal food market. He had a commissary department equal to none, and it wasn't big enough to suit him. "One day he comes to me and

> "'Say, Casey, I'd like to go home for two weeks. I got to go home.' "'What you got to go home for?' I

> " 'Casey, the food up here's pretty good, but say-there hain't enough of it. Now at home my mother knows just what I want and she can cook the best in the land and there's none of this here acute stinginess about her layouts. What I wants, Casey, is one square meal.'

> "'An' it'll take two weeks to get it, will it?' I calculated, which remark kind o' dampened his enthusiasm.

"'One day the game was pretty tight and you know the kind of excitement in the stands about that stage. Andy was pitchin'. There was a man on first, one on second, and no one out. I was on third and when the batter up bunted into the pitcher's box I yells to Andy, 'Throw her here.'

"Andy, he looks at first and he looks at second, and then he walks back to the box, all the while holding the Now I'm going to race one of my cars ball. He faces the next man up and myself. I don't care much about win-starts to wind up. That got me. I "'What's up here?"

"'What's up?' he repeats, 'what's up? What d'you mean?' 'Mean,' I yells, 'mean? Why. Owners of Tigers Purchase Site and why didn't you throw that ball to

'Andy looks me over, then this: 'Why you yells, "Throw it here," an' I looks as first an' I see that man troit baseball club comes into posses- get safe there, and I looks at second sion of a tract of land in the north- and I sees no chance there, and if divorce, for which she applied on the eastern portion of the city 563 feet there's no chance to get a man on first wide and 735 feet deep, the ball club and no chance to get the guy on secpaying \$50,000. The ball club has a ond, what chance has I to get a man lease upon Bennett Park until 1911, on third?' And Andy, having handed and it is planned to have the new me his alibi, winds himself up again

> "Andy gets pretty bad and one day gets a chance to put him with one of the minor Eastern teams. He hears about it and looks me up. "'Well, Casey,' he starts, 'I guess

" 'Yes, I guess that's about it, Andy, reply, 'you got to play somewhere

"'Casey,' returns Andy, after thinking a minute, 'you're makin' the mistake of your life. You'll be sorry that good shape against the collegians, so you let the best twirler in this here league get through your hands an' with you, Casey, before the season's

> "A few weeks later a bundle of papers came to the hotel. There was a paper for every member of the team but myself. Half an hour later one of the players came over and handed me the sporting page of a newspaper. It was badly marked up with blue ink and red ink, and the ink surrounding a headline which reads something

"'Andy Pitches Two Games;' 'He Wins One; loses one.' "Above the headlines in big type, Andy had written this: 'Show this to Casey, he'll under-

"I had another fellow who was playing second base for us. He was pretty much of the punk variety. Couldn't do a thing with him. I got another man for second, who played the bag to perfection, and I was "Chip" Hanford, who runs slower figuring on letting Willie go. He got wise to my plans and started to make preparations. I just switched him to

"'I can't play first,' he says to me. 'I never played first.' "I didn't have anybody else for first so I tells him to stick there. I handed him a first baseman's mitt and told him to get busy. Well, the first day he was on he showed up pretty on how he could get something other night he goes to the roller skating rink. He weighs about 250 pounds,

some commotion. "The next afternoon when the team took the field for practice I noticed that Willie was swinging the bat with

and when he took a couple of falls

and got his right hand under him

every time he tumbled, he caused

"'What's the matter!' I yells to

"'I can't use my other arm, it's "'Well, get back to the bench then fellows when off the field. The talk an' let some one hop up who can

"'Oh, I kin get along with one wing "Bugs" Raymond, who was recently he yells back, and just about that Would he give it to him? Not much. "That night Willie bid us a last

farewell.

"The real sweet baby for the comedy stuff, though, was a fellow named Evans. He had this George M. Cohan dope down pat, tried to look like George, talk like him, and act like him, and he was a pretty fair impersonator of the crooked mouth comedian at that. I happened to get

Evans from McGraw. "I went to New York in the spring, just a few days before our season opened. I needed a first baseman and I needed him badly. I saw McGraw

"'See that fellow over there?' says John, pointing to a fellow in the outCHARLOTTE DETECTIVE BUREAU

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field. 'Well, he can play first for you.' "We started out to talk things over with the chap. The minute he saw us coming he started across the field. We chased him around a few times, not able to get within hailing distance of him. Finally McGraw ran and nail-

"I had the right hunch,' he says he minute I came up. 'I heard the boilers rumbling the minute I seen you pikin' it across, Johnny-what

d'you do this fur?' "'Oh, kiddo, pipe the tin horns.' "He was full of that stuff. He never did make a first baseman, but he developed into a sweet baby of a hit-

#### SENATE WRESTLES WITH CRUM CASE

Tillman Leads Potht Against Negro's Re-Appointment. Washington, Feb. 1.-The Senate vent into executive session at 1 clock to-day to consider the nomination of William B. Crum, for reappointment as collector of customs at Charleston, S. C. The Democrats opposed closing the doors, but a motion of Senator Frye, chairman of the committe on commerce, prevailed by vote of 33 to 18.

Crum was confirmed a year ago after a fight extending over three sessions, but is again opposed by Senator Tillman, who is supported by his Democratic colleagues. It is said that President-elect Taft desires to have the nomination disposed of so as not to involve his administration at its beginning in a fight with the Senate over an appointment.

After the doors were closed and the Crum case laid before the Senate Mr. Tillman asked that consideration be allowed to go over until to-morrow. His request was granted. Legislative session was then resumed.

#### GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER

Mrs. Edythe Lea Chase Fails to Get Decrees Again Army Captain.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 2 .- Captain Arthur W. Chase, of he United States army at Fort Howard, learned to-day through a press dispatch that the Supreme Court of Wilmington had refused his wife , Edythe Lea Chase, a ground of desertion and on the addional allegation that he had caused her to be confined in a sanitarium without justification.

He refused to comment on the case in any way. Captain and Mrs. Chase re well known in social circles of New York, Baltimore and Washington. Her father was formerly Governor of Delaware, and she is a magazine writer and author.

#### BOSTON'S MAYOR IS A KEEN FINANCIER

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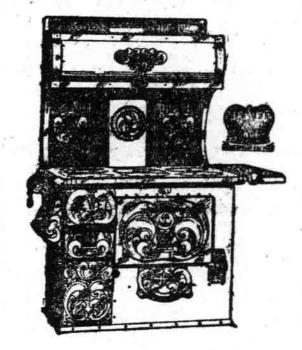
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