TO-DAY'S GAME MAY DECIDE STATE LEAGUE PENNANT

HOBBS INVINCIBLE AND COLTS WIN OUT

Richmond's Big Twirler Held the Sea-Dogs to One Clean Single.

FOX IS HIT OPPORTUNELY

The Locals Bunch Their Biffs in the Fifth and Sixth and Take Game.

VIRGINIA LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Scores.

Richmond, 6; Norfolk, 2.
Danville, 6; Portsmouth, 1.
Lynchburg-Roanoke—Postponed; rain.

Schedule for To-Day.

Norfolk at Richmond.
Roanoke at Lynchburg (two games).
Portsmouth at Danville.

Records of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	PC.
Norfolk	52	42	.553
Roanoke	51	46	.526
Lynchburg	49	48	.505
Richmond	48	48	.500
Danville	49	49	.500
Portsmouth	39	55	.415

Richmond took the first game of the series from the leaders in the league race yesterday. The victory was due to the brilliant pitching of Wilson Hobbs and the timely hitting of the Colts. But for errors at a critical moment, following the only clean hit made by the visitors, the Tercentennials would have been shut out. As it was, they got a lead of two runs, which for a time appeared that it might be sufficient to win. "Long John" Fox, who sped 'em over for Pender's crew, was found for nine hits in seven innings, after which he was relieved by Bertram, who yielded two more, making the Colts' total hits a stingy dozen. Fox kept the hits well scattered until the fifth, but the Colts then took his measure and gave an exhibition of consecutive hitting in that and the next round that clinched a victory, the foundation of which had been laid in the opening inning.

The visitors excelled the locals in fielding, two of Richmond's misplays giving Norfolk their brace of runs on a lonely single and a dumb play. Considering the condition of the grounds, and the ball, the game was very well played.

Umpire Truby, who judged balls and strikes, was assisted in the umpiring by Mr. Byron, who returns to the Virginia League, where he worked last year. Byron umpired base decisions yesterday, and his work aroused protests from both sides. In the third, Reeve beat out an infield hit clearly, but was called out by the umpire, who was standing nearer the second bag. In the seventh, when Heffron stole second, Manion protested so vigorously and persistently that he was sent to the bench. Seitz was called in from left to replace him, while Loucks took Seitz's place in left. Fox retired at the end of the sixth and Manager Pender relinquished second in favor of Lindsay at the same time. Cowan succeeded Walsh after the fifth inning and caught a good game. Walsh was not feeling well and deemed it best to retire.

First Baseman Carroll did not show up so well in fielding the bag, but rapped out a double and a single and stole a base. Gettig, too, had an off day. Hobbs, in addition to pitching a great game, fielded his position well. In the sixth he got a pretty hot liner from Pender's bat. In the nine innings Hobbs allowed but one hit. Phil Hinton getting that, a single to right. The game was devoid of sensational fielding, there being no double play by either side. A stop by Reeve of a drive by Haas over second that looked good, and a quick throw, retiring the runner at first, was probably the feature.

How Runs Were Made.

In the first inning Seitz rapped a hot one at Gettig, which he failed to handle. Pender went out to Hobbs, and Haas sent one to Reeve, which he squeezed. Jackson fanned, but Walsh, who dropped the third strike, threw him out to Carroll. For Richmond, Heffron got a pass, and Reeve bunted neatly to Pender, sacrificing Heff to second. On Titman's out from Ruhland to Haas, Heffron took third, and scored on Wallace's timely hit.

In the second Hobbs got to working well, striking out successively Fetzer, Ruhland and Manion, all three good batters. For the Colts, Siebrie opened up with a neat safely, and Gettig cleverly sacrificed him to second, going out, Pender to Haas. Carroll popped up a foul, which Phil Hinton captured, and Walsh drove a fly to Fetzer. No runs.

In the third the visitors scored their only runs. Hinton ranped out the only hit to first, which Haas was slow in passed ball. Fox attempted to sacrifice him to third, but the ball was thrown to third in an effort to cut off Phil, and both men were safe. Seitz's sacrifice scored Hinton, and Fox counted on an error by Gettig. Pender sent a fly to Titman, and Haas was safe on Carroll's error, but was thrown out trying to swipe second. Two runs. For Richmond, Hobbs was out, Manion to Haas; Heffron rapped out a good one, and Reeve apparently beat out a hit to first, which Haas was slo in handling, but Byron waved him out, much to the surprise of the grandstand. Titman popped a high fly to Ruhland, and the inning closed.

The visitors went down in order in the fourth. Jackson flew out to Heffron; Siebrie fielded Fetzer out at first, and Ruhland gave Titman a putout. Richmond followed suit. Ruhland threw Wallace out at first; Pender did the same for Siebrie, and Fetzer collared Gettig's fly.

In the fifth Manion hit to Carroll and was out; Hinton popped a fly to Carroll, and Hobbs fanned Fox. For the Colts things got busy. Carroll sent a fly to Seitz; Walsh rapped a safety to left, but was caught at second when Hobbs drove one at Fox, Hobbs being safe on the choice. Heffron got transportation for the second time, and Reeve hit to left, scoring Hobbs, Reeve taking second when Seitz failed to handle the hit promptly. He and Heffron scored on Titman's hit. Titman was caught at first. Three runs.

In the sixth Seitz was fielded out at first by Gettig after a clever stop. Pender drove a hot fly to Hobbs, which he could not dodge, and caught instead; Haas struck three times, and was thrown out at first by Walsh, who dropped the ball. The Colts, in their half, kept up the good work, and fed Mr. Fox some more sour grapes. Wallace lit the fireworks with a clean single to right; Siebrie sacrificed him to second, going down—Fox to Haas. Gettig hit one at Pender, which was too hot to handle, and Wallace took third. Carroll hit a bounder, which eluded even Fox's reach, and both runners scored. Carroll swiped second, but Fox's balloon descended, and he fanned Cowan and Hobbs. Result—two runs.

In the seventh Jackson sent a high fly, which Siebrie took; Fetzer fanned, but was thrown out at first by Cowan, who dropped the ball. Ruhland was safe on Carroll's failure to hold Reeve's throw, and continued to third when Carroll made a wild heave of the sphere to catch him. Manion was not equal to the emergency, sending one to Hobbs, which he passed to Carroll. Heffron was given his third walk. He stole second and third, but was caught napping off the third sack by a quick throw from Hinton. Reeve sent a fly to Manion, and Titman gave Jackson his only out on a high fly.

In the eighth Hobbs struck out Hinton and Bertram, who had replaced Fox, and Gettig captured Seitz's fly. The locals took rather kindly to Pitcher Bertram, who succeeded Fox in the eighth. Wallace fanned, but Siebrie singled to left-centre. Gettig was too warm, and fanned also, but Rube Carroll surprised and delighted the crowd by rapping out a double-sacker to left. Siebrie was held on third, the ball being fielded to the plate. Cowan was thrown out at first by Lindsay, who had replaced Pender at second. No runs.

In Norfolk's last round Lindsay went down from Siebrie to Carroll; Reeve robbed Haas of a hit and threw him out at first, and Jackson fanned for the second time, ending the game.

Bertram or Jordan will probably pitch for Norfolk to-day, and either Vail or Long for the Colts. Only one game will be played Saturday. Richmond has no postponed game with Norfolk, and when Owner Bradley endeavored to get Pender to transfer one of his home games to this city and provide a bargain matinee for Saturday, he declined. Norfolk is taking no chances of losing the pennant by doubling up games and tiring the pitchers.

Yesterday's score follows:

Richmond.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Heffron, lf	1	2	1	1	0	0
Reeve, ss	3	1	1	2	1	0
Titman, rf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Wallace, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Siebrie, 2b	3	0	2	1	2	0
Gettig, 3b	3	1	1	1	1	2
Carroll, 1b	4	0	2	11	0	2
Walsh, c	2	0	1	4	3	0
Cowan, c	2	0	0	3	2	0
Hobbs, p	3	1	0	2	2	0
Totals	29	6	11	27	11	4

Norfolk.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Seitz lf. and ss	3	0	0	3	0	1
Pender, 2b	3	0	0	0	3	0
Lindsay, 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0
Haas, 1b	4	0	0	9	0	0
Jackson, cf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Fetzer, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Ruhland, 3b	3	0	0	2	2	0
Manion, ss	3	0	0	2	1	0
Loucks, lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hinton, c	3	1	1	5	2	0
Fox, p	2	1	0	0	2	0
Bertram, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	2	1	24	11	1

Score by innings:		R.
Richmond	1 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 *—	6
Norfolk	0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—	2

Summary: Earned runs—Richmond, 3. Two-base hit—Carroll. Sacrifice hits—Reeve, Seitz, Siebrie, Gettig. First base on errors—Norfolk, 3. Stolen bases—Seitz, Heffron (2), Carroll. Innings pitched—by Fox, 6; by Bertram, 2. Hits—off Fox, 9; off Bertram, 2. Bases on balls—by Fox, 3. Left on bases—Richmond, 6; Norfolk, 2. Struck out—by Hobbs, 10; by Fox, 2; by Bertram, 2. Passed ball—Walsh. Time of game, 1:50. Umpires, Messrs. Truby and Byron. Attendance, 1,800.

CAST-OFF WALSH GETS REVENGE

Pitching for Danville, He Ruthlessly Mows Down Erstwhile Comrades.

DANVILLE, VA., August 22.—Martin Walsh, the Portsmouth cast-off, got sweet revenge to-day, when he made the Truckers see things, and beat them easily by a score of 6 to 1, although the visitors had Rube Hallman, their star twirler, on the firing line. Walsh deserved credit, and but for an unfortunate error made by Hicks in the ninth inning, he would have scored a shut-out. He only allowed three hits and struck out thirteen men. The best hitters on the Portsmouth team struck out, and Clark, Warren, Hevener and Burns each fanned twice.

Only fifteen men faced Walsh in the first five innings. In the sixth Hallman had reached first on an error before the first safe single of the game, and it was nothing doing for the Truckers. Most of their men fanned, and in four innings two died on strikes. Only five assists were made by the Danville team. On the other hand, Hallman was batted to the four-corners of the field, and the Tobacconists had the contest easy. Score:

Danville.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Powell, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Doyle, 2b	4	1	2	0	1	0
Hicks, 1b	4	1	0	10	0	2
Henn, cf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Reinhardt, 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0
Fisher, ss	4	0	2	0	1	0
Tydeman, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Ryan, c	4	2	2	13	0	0
Walsh, p	4	1	3	2	1	0
Totals	35	6	12	27	4	2

Portsmouth.

Players.	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Cook, lf	2	1	1	0	0	0
Moss, ss	4	0	0	1	4	0
Clark, 1b	3	0	0	12	0	2
Sullivan, cf	4	0	0	3	0	1
Henninger, rf	4	0	2	2	1	0
Warren, 3b	4	0	0	2	2	0
Hevener, 2b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Burns, c	3	0	0	3	2	0
Hallman, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	30	1	3	24	13	3

The score by innings:		R.
Danville	0 0 1 1 4 0 0 0 *—	6
Portsmouth	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—	1

Summary: Earned runs—Danville, 3. Stolen bases—Doyle, Tydeman, Walsh (2), Ryan (2). Sacrifice hits—Powell. Tow-base hits—Henn, Doyle, Henninger, Cook. Left on bases—Danville, 6; Portsmouth, 5. Struck out—Walsh, 13; Hallman, 3. Base on balls—Walsh, 1; Hallman, 1. Hit by pitched ball—Cook. Time, of game, 1:40. Umpires, Walker and Leonard. Attendance, 700.

MARTINSBURG LOSES.

Shiner, of Winchester, Holds Visitors to Three Hits.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WINCHESTER, VA., August 22.—Winchester blanked Martinsburg at Reservoir Park this afternoon, the score being 4 to 0. Shiner, who twirled for the locals, was in great form, allowing but three scattered hits and striking out nine, besides getting a two-bagger himself. Duggan and Francis led the batting for the locals, while "Curley" Brown made a beautiful running catch. Batteries: Winchester, Shiner and Luhn; Martinsburg, Johnson and Millman.

RUBE WADDELL IN BRILLIANT FORM

Eccentric Philadelphia Pitcher Holds World's Champions to Two Hits.

PITTSBURG HAS A BATFEST

Three "Giant" Pitchers Suffer Bombardment—Phillies Gobble Two Games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Results Yesterday.

Philadelphia, 2; Chicago, 0.
Detroit, 8; Boston, 7.
Cleveland, 2; Washington, 1.
New York-St. Louis—Not scheduled.

Schedule for To-Day.

New York at Chicago.
Boston at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.
Washington at Detroit.

Records of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	PC
Philadelphia	64	43	.598
Detroit	63	42	.594
Chicago	67	47	.587
Cleveland	65	47	.580
New York	50	57	.467
Boston	48	62	.436
St. Louis	46	61	.430
Washington	31	74	.295

Rube Waddell's Great Work.

CHICAGO, August 22.—Waddell shut out Chicago to-day. Only three balls were hit beyond the infield by the locals. A wild throw was responsible for Philadelphia's two runs.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	0	2	2
Philadelphia	2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	2	5	2

Batteries: Walsh and Sullivan; Waddell and Schreck. Time, 1:45. Umpire, O'Loughlin.

Tigers Swap Pitchers.

DETROIT, MICH., August 22.—Donovan walked three men in the ninth, and was replaced by Siever, who saved the game.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Detroit	3 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 1—	8	13	1
Boston	1 1 0 0 0 2 1 1 1—	7	8	2

Batteries: Donovan, Siever, Archer and Schmidt; Kroh, Morgan, Glaze and Shaw. Time, 1:55. Umpire, Connolly.

Senators Get Little End.

CLEVELAND, August 22.—Cleveland beat Washington to-day in a fast game.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0—	2	5	0
Washington	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	1	8	1

Batteries: Clarkson and Clarke; Patten and Block. Time, 1:27. Umpires, Evans and Sheridan.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Chicago, 3; Boston, 2.
Pittsburg, 10; New York, 5.
Brooklyn, 7; St. Louis, 6.
Philadelphia, 5; Cincinnati, 3 (first game).
Philadelphia, 2; Cincinnati, 1 (second game).

Schedule for To-Day.

Chicago at Boston.
Pittsburg at New York.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Brooklyn.

Records of the Clubs.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	PC
Chicago	81	31	.723
New York	63	44	.588
Pittsburg	63	44	.588
Philadelphia	56	48	.538
Brooklyn	53	59	.468
Cincinnati	47	64	.424
Boston	41	68	.376
St. Louis	34	81	.296

Cubs Profit by Errors.

BOSTON, August 22.—Dorner's wildness in the eighth inning and errors by the locals enabled Chicago to win to-day.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0—	3	4	3
Boston	0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—	2	6	5

Batteries: Frazer and Moran; Dorner and Brown. Time, 2:10. Umpire, Carpenter.

An Old-Time Slugfest.

NEW YORK, August 22.—Pittsburg played all around New York in to-day's game. The game was called at the end of the eighth inning on account of darkness.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	2 0 3 7 4 1 1 2—	20	21	2
New York	0 1 0 1 2 1 0 0—	5	12	3

Batteries: Leifield, Gibson and Smith; Mathewson, Ferguson, Taylor, Bowerman and Bresnahan. Time, 1:56. Umpires, Johnstone and O'Day.

Brooklyn Licks Cardinals.

BROOKLYN, August 22.—A timely hit in the ninth, following a double, won to-day's game for Brooklyn.

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0 3 1 0 0 0 0 2 1—	7	9	6
St. Louis	4 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0—	6	9	3

Batteries: Bell, Bergen and Ritter; McGlynn, Karger and Noonan. Time, 1:57. Umpire, Rigler.

Phillies Take a Couple.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 22.—Through superior hitting Philadelphia defeated Cincinnati in a double-header to-day. The second game was called at the end of the seventh by agreement.

First game:

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	2	10	2
Philadelphia	0 1 0 0 3 0 0 1 *—	5	9	2

Batteries: Ewing and McLean; Sparks and Dooin. Time, 1:40. Umpires, Emslie and Klem.

Second game:

Score by innings:		R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—	1	4	1
Philadelphia	1 0 1 0 0 0 *—	2	7	0

Batteries: Weimer and McLean; Corridon and Jacklitsch. Time, 1:10. Umpires, Emslie and Klem.

CLOSE FINISHES AT READVILLE

Three Excellent Harness Races on Day's Card in Grand Circuit.

READVILLE, MASS., August 22.—After three of the closest finishes seen in the present grand circuit meetings here Kruger to-day was returned the winner of the Norfolk stake, valued at $6,000. Althasham surprised the talent by taking the Ponkapoag, valued at $4,500. Lotta, owned by Lotta Crabtree, handily got the better of the gelding in the 2:03 trot. Summaries:

The Ponkapoag 2:10 trot, purse $4,500—Althasham won second and third heats and the race; Emboy won the first heat and second money; Biflora, third. Best time, 2:08 1-4, in the first heat.

The Norfolk 2:08 pace, purse $6,000—Kruger won first and third heats and the race; John A. won the second heat and second money; Darky Hal, third. The best time was 2:03 3-4, in the second heat.

2:08 trot, purse $1,200—Lotta won three straight heats and the race; Margaret O., second; Mac Mac, third. Best time, 2:08 1-4, in the second heat.

SOUTH-ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

At Columbia: Savannah, 6; Columbia, 2.
At Augusta: Charleston, 2; Augusta, 1.
At Macon: Macon, 3; Jacksonville, 2.

FRONT ROYAL SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Two Riders Spilled in Steeplechase, But Neither is Much Hurt.

RACES ARE A DRAWING CARD

Julian Morris Makes a Sweep of Ribbons in Hunter Classes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FRONT ROYAL, VA., August 22.—The second day of the horse and colt show was an unprecedented success in every way. A slight shower last night put the ring and track in excellent condition. Low, gray, threatening clouds of rain held back some of the crowd, but those who witnessed the snow jaw the best exhibition that has ever been seen here. Again to-day, as yesterday, the racing was one of the features, and the balloon ascension by the Jewell brothers was another drawing card.

Peter Darnell, riding Jack McKean in the novelty race, was thrown and severely bruised. King of Spades, first off in that race, was never headed, making every step a winning one. Westtown and Oak Crest both fell in the steeplechase, and Woodward remounted Oak Crest and finished. Westtown was going easy and was up with the leaders when he fell. Attendance, 6,500 summaries:

Class 3, best pair—Madge Wilson and Phyllis Ericsson, W. W. McDonaldson, first; True Boy and Mandy Lee, W. F. Randolph, second; Kim and Mate, R. G. Mitchell, third; Pacheta and Mate, Neer & Garrett, fourth.

Class 13, middle and heavyweight hunters; conformation and jumping to count; jumps of four and a half feet—Windley, T. F. Galloway, Warrenton, Va., first; David Gray, Julian Morris, Keswick, Va., second; Acrobat, Mrs. D. H. Henderson, Millwood, Va., third.

Class 12, lightweight hunters; conformation and jumping to count; jumps four and a half feet—Keswick, Julian Morris, first; Majestic, Julian Morris, second; General Grant, A. L. Warthen, third.

Class 5, ladies' harness horses, to be driven by a lady—Pacheta, Neer & Garnett, Middleburg, first; Step-Sister, Stuart H. Edmond, Winchester, second; True Boy, William F. Randolph, Boyce, Va., third.

Class 17, high jump, up to six feet, jumping only to count—Rousherbout, Leighton Stables, Middleburg, first; Ronald, E. W. Payne, Delaplane, second.

Class 15, ladies' hunters, ridden over four-foot jumps by a lady—Keswick, Julian Morris, ridden by Mrs. Morris, first; John T. Morgan, Mrs. D. H. Henderson, ridden by Mrs. Henderson, second; David Gray, Julian Morris, ridden by Mrs. Morris, third.

Class 4, sporting tandem—Am Trying, E. F. Galloway, Warrenton, first; team, Neer & Garnett, Middleburg, second; Heather and Mate, J. T. Burwell, Millwood, third.

Class 14, handicap jump—Beas Kiser, T. F. Galloway, Warrenton, first; Acrobat, Mrs. D. H. Henderson, Millwood, second; Aristocrat, R. M. Peach, Upperville, third; Sylvia, D. N. Gilpin, Boyce, fourth.

Class 16, hunt team—Keswick Hunt Club, Julian Morris, first; Blue Ridge Hunt Club, E. G. Butler, second.

Flat race in heats, six hundred yards—The Dream Peddler, Alvin O. Portner, Manassas, first; Fire Escape, Robert Barr, Westchester, second; Felix Mozzes Julian Morris, Keswick, third; Sidney Johnson, A. T. Hudnell Lynden, fourth.

Novelty race, one mile—King of Spades, Roger Bros., Hamilton, Va., first; Edith Brown Dr. Chas. H. Hale, Middleburg, Va., second; Sydney Johnson, A. T. Hudnell, Linden, Va., third.

Open steeplechase under rules of National Steeplechase and Hunt, Liverpool jump—Geo. Atwell, Roger Bros., Hamilton, Va., first; Southwest, C. C. Saffern, Aldie, Va., second; Kangaroo, E. Kingston Salisbury, Linden, Va., third; Cossack, L. G. Lackey, Happy Creek, Va., fourth.

Hits and Pickups

Hobbs!
Colts get the first.
But how about the second?
There are only three games in the series.
"Big Bill" Otey will probably not work until Saturday.

Jordan or Bertram will be the Colts target to-day. Yesterday's batting, duplicated, will turned the trick.

Pitcher Walsh, of Danville, evened up with his old Trucker comrades yesterday. In fact, he is a bit more than even.

Richmond is now tied for fourth place instead of being a fourth decimal behind the Worms. Lynchburg has a small lead, which to-day may wipe out.

The Shoemakers and Magicians had a rainy day rest yesterday. It looked very much like Richmond and Norfolk would have one, too, until nearly 4 o'clock.

Pitcher Loucks, formerly with Danville, may be given a trial in this series against the Colts. The big fellow is not a bad pitcher, and is a good hitter.

Owner Bradley has his weather eye open for bargains, and is hunting for several good pitchers and another catcher. Nothing more has been heard as to Catcher Hobbs, but he is expected to show up about September 1st.

Umpire Byron made his 1907 debut yesterday. He was a bit off once or twice, but no man can please everybody, nor prove infallible. Two players umpired in Danville yesterday. Handiboe is out.

Umpire Cauliflower and Messrs. Truby and Byron will do the bulk of the indicator work for the rest of the season. Changes have been made so fast that it is hard to keep track of them. It is bad policy to change so often.

Lefty Hallman got his bumps in Danville yesterday, the Worms stinging his delivery an even dozen times and coming off with six runs.

But fifty-three percentage points now separate the leader from the fifth place club in the pennant race. Yet baseball writers say it is all over but the shouting. Roanoke is twenty-seven points behind Norfolk and Lynchburg twenty-one points behind Roanoke, while Richmond and Danville are just 5 points in rear of the Hillites.

The American League pennant race is a beautiful one indeed. Four clubs are hustling down to the finish just noses apart, and any of the four may land the bunting. The Athletics have a lead of just four points, and Chicago in third place is just eleven points behind the leaders, and Cleveland in fourth place, just eighteen points away from the top-notchers.

Rube Waddell, the eccentric pitching artist, handed the White Sox a package yesterday containing just two little hits and nine goose-eggs. He saved the lead for his team, too.

New York and Pittsburg tied up for second place in the National walkover, a mile behind the Cubs. The Pirates made the season's batting and large score record yesterday at the expense of the Giants.

Wilson Hobbs pitched a steady and heady game yesterday, in which his superb control was the most striking feature. Not a man walked and none was hit, and Hinton's single was all the Crew got.

Norfolk played twelve men yesterday, owing to the retirement of Fox and Pender near the close and Manion's being benched. Just what Manion did or said to justify such summary action by Byron is not known, but it was the bench for his.

Richmond's outfield had little work yesterday. Titman had two chances. Owing to Hobbs's speed those who connected sent them to the right corner.

Rain at Lynchburg.

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 22.—Rain prevented the opening game to-day of the series with Roanoke, and a double-header will be played to-morrow afternoon.

FORFEITS RACE BY FOULING ANOTHER

Jockey Swain, on Mark Antony, is Disqualified by Stewards.

FAVORITES GENERALLY WIN

J. C. Core, Even Money Choice, Outfoots Field in Seneca Stake.

SARATOGA, August 22.—On a slow track J. C. Core, the even money favorite, won the Seneca selling stakes to-day. Don Enrique, a 20 to 1 shot, was the early pace-maker, but in the stretch J. C. Core came strong and won by three lengths.

After Mark Antony had finished first in the first race, Henry, on Sir Toddington, made a claim of foul against Swain, on Mark Antony, and after a short deliberation the stewards disqualified Mary Antony. Summaries:

First race—three-year-olds and upwards, seven furlongs, selling—Sir Toddington (7 to 5) first, Security (4 to 5) second, East End (2 to 1) third. Time, 1:30.

Second race—steeplechase, handicap, four-year-olds and upwards, two and a half miles—Rocket (even) first, Garrett (2 to 5) second. Time, 5:28. Two starters.

Third race—two-year-olds, selling, five and a half furlongs—Martha Jane (7 to 1) first, Thomas Calhoun (8 to 5) second, Miss Catesby (25 to 1) third. Time, 1:10.

Fourth race—the Seneca, selling, three-year-olds, six furlongs—J. C. Core (even) first, Don Enrique (7 to 1) second, Aletheuo (3 to 5) third. Time, 1:14 4-5.

Fifth race—mares, all ages, handicap, one mile—Zienap (2 to 1) first, Clare Russell (out place), second, Seawall (out), third. Time, 1:44 3-5.

Sixth race—maiden two-year-olds, six furlongs—Miss Delaney (15 to 5) first, C. J. Cella (6 to 5) second, Dark Night (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:17.

WASHINGTON GETS OTEY.

Norfolk's Crack Southpaw Did Not Sign With Pittsburg Team.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 21.—By the time the Nationals return home for the closing games of the season, Manager Cantillon will have enough youngsters signed up to make up almost an entire new team. Yesterday he closed negotiations with Pitcher Otey, of the Norfolk Club of the Virginia State League, and he will report here when the club returns home. Otey is conceded to be the best twirler in the Virginia League, and has won something like twenty games out of thirty-two in which he pitched. Manager Cantillon has had an option on Otey for some time, and he would have reported to Washington several weeks ago, but for the fact that Pender, of the Norfolk Club, was afraid to let him out on account of his great work, and for fear of displeasing the thousands of "fans" of the Terrapin City.

Several days ago a telegram was sent broadcast from Norfolk to the effect that Otey had oigned with the Pittsburg club, but the news was false, as he hed been tied up to the Washington club for several months. President Noyes and several other officials of the local club have received letters from friends in Norfolk speaking in the highest terms of Otey and urging the Washington magnates to sign him. These foreign friends of the Washington club were doubtless disgruntled when they read the telegraph report that Otey had been signed by Pittsburg, but they will be more than satisfied when they learn that their favorite has "hooked" up with the Nationals.

REVELLE MAY BE MEMBER OF TEAM

Owner W. B. Bradley, of the Richmond baseball team, stated to The Times-Dispatch yesterday, that he was negotiating with Owner Charles T. Bland, of the Portsmouth Club, for a deal whereby he offered Portsmouth two pitchers and a considerable cash bonus in exchange for Pitcher "Dutch" Revelle, of the Truckers. While Mr. Bradley did not state positively just which pitchers are offered, it is understood and he tacitly admits that it is Carter and Cassidy, neither of whom has been in their best form recently. Both are excellent men and may do brilliant work next season, but Mr. Bradley wants an effective pitcher right now in order to make a strong bid for the pennant, which is now a possibility. He has seen Revelle work and is highly pleased with the Portsmouth boy, whose smiling face and wizard arm are familiar to Richmond fans. Revelle is a Portsmouth boy who made a reputation in amateur and semi-amateur games before he entered the professional ranks. He has speed, control and a puzzling assortment of curves and with it all he has a good head, which he uses effectively in disposing of opposing batters.

Mr. Bradley was in negotiation with Captain Bland by long-distance 'phone last night, but the deal has not yet been closed. It probably will be to-day.

Annual Tennis Tournament.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., August 22.—The annual tennis tournament of the Hampton Roads Golf and Country Club, open to residents of the Virginia Peninsula and officers of the United States army and navy, will open on August 31st. Dr. J. R. Bagby, of this city, now holds the handsome silver challenge cup of the club.

Neur Goes to Yankees.

SAVANNAH, GA., August 23.—Neur, the star southpaw of the local South Atlantic League team, has been sold by Savannah to the New York Americans. He left here to-night to join the Highlanders, and will finish the season. The price paid for Neur is not given out.

2,000 Indiana Saloons to Close.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 23.—Under an agreement entered into by nearly all the brewers of Indiana, which is to be perfected by the signing of articles, they will cease the establishment of saloons in nearly all the cities of the State, and the saloons now in existence will be closed as soon as the licenses expire.

DUMMY THROWN INTO SEA CAUSE OF PANIC

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 22.—Practical jokers, who tossed a straw-filled suit of clothes off the end of the pier and yelled "Man overboard!", tonight started a panic among the thousands of persons on the structure. The police spent half an hour quieting the crowd, and half a dozen women fainted. Detectives are looking for the jokers.

Boy, 11, Rescues Girl From River.

PITTSBURG, PA., August 22.—Leslie Herdt, aged eleven, to-day rescued six-year-old Marie Wilson from certain death in the Allegheny River. Marie fell from a log while attempting to coax her pet dog from the water. Leslie jumped into the water and grasped the child as she was sinking the third time.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Gill Matter Now Assumes Another Phase—Shed Being Erected.

TO BE REPORTED TO POLICE

Conference Committee Recommends Granting of Permit. Grounds to Be Beautified.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The Conference Committee, appointed by the City Council to consider the granting of the permit to Gill Brothers for the erection of an engine and woodshed at the corner of Ninth and McDonough Streets, met last night, and, after only a moment's session, a vote was taken and the matter was referred to the Council, with the recommendation that the permit be granted.

It did develop, however, that Mr. Hooker, a member of the committee, stated that he had been informed that the shed was now in the course of construction. It now appears that the matter is up to the police department, since the permit has not been granted, and the work is being done contrary to the ordinance.

Chairman Jones stated last night after the meeting that he would notify Chief Lipscomb of the situation.

Just what turn the case will then take is hard to determine, but it is probable that the matter will be taken to the higher courts, should the concern be stopped from erecting their shed.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. R. L. Brown, B. M. Robertson, H. A. Lindsay and Captain Tillery.

When the vote was taken it was four to one for the recommendation to the Council.

To Beautify Court Square.

At the meeting of the Building and Lands Committee, held last night, it was decided that a hedge should be placed around the court square, to take the place of the fence, which is in a dilapidated condition. Bids will be gotten, and it is probable that the cuttings or plants will be set out this fall.

Bids will also be gotten for repairing the roof of the court-house over the Clerk's office. The porch of the building will also undergo improvements.

Owing to the fact that only one bid for fuel was received, bids will be advertised for again. Other routine business was transacted and the committee adjourned.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. M. A. Campbell, T. E. Taylor, L. R. Brown, B. M. Robertson, J. W. Moore and O. L. Godwin.

Victor to Build Dwellings.

Among the building permits before the Fire Committee last night was one from E. K. Vietor and Company, who wish to erect three dwellings upon their property, adjoining the factory. It is presumed that these will be for employes. The permit was granted.

Other permits that were granted are one from A. C. Jones, for a two-story frame dwelling at Eleventh and Perry Streets; one from Mr. Brinser, for the erection of a double tenement at No. 1300 and 1302 Decatur Street. Those present at this meeting were Messrs. C. C. Jones, A. R. Hooker, B. M. Robertson and T. E. Taylor.

James W. Martin Dead.

James W. Martin died at the residence of his brother, No. 310 West Thirteenth Street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He had been sick for some time. Mr. Martin was thirty-nine years of age, and had been employed as an engineer on the Farmville and Powhatan Railroad until he was taken sick. He is survived by his wife and two children and three brothers, who live in this city. His remains will be shipped to Skinquarter for burial on Saturday.

German School Picnic.

The German School at Bon Air will give its annual picnic at Bon Air on September 4th, and the affair, as usual, will be most enjoyable, and it is thought that the crowd will be large, as it has always been.

As is customary, Brunswick stew and "German tea" will be among the attractive offerings at the dinner. Wagons will meet the Forest Hill cars every half-hour. The committee in charge of arrangements is as follows: Joe Schutte, Henry Billey, C. Middendorf, S. Schutte, Joseph Raddle, William J. Miller, John B. Billey and Ed. Schutte.

Mrs. J. W. Bottoms Dead.

Mrs. J. W. Bottoms died Wednesday night at 12 o'clock at the residence of Mr. B. M. Wilkinson, near Beach, Chesterfield county. She was eighty years of age. Mrs. Bottoms had been sick for about three weeks, and her illness, coupled with old age, was the cause of her death.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The interment will be made in the family burial plot.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Hyde, of