

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

Thomas Bolavage, Jr., 20 years old, of Girardville, near Shenandoah, decided to give a shotgun loaded for some time a tryout. He pulled the trigger and the shot struck the trolley tracks, lanced back and struck the Misses Coleman and McDonald, passing at the time. Both young women were painfully but not seriously injured about their heads by the charge of scattering birdshot.

Governor Sprong granted a respite staying the electrocutions of Charles C. Reinicker and Clarence R. Collins, youthful Adams county murderers, from the week of April 5 to that of April 25. The men were refused commutation of sentence by the state board of pardons after extending hearings. Their case has attracted much attention because of the youth of the convicted men and the circumstances of the crime, as they had killed a man close to the Adams-Cumberland border line.

Berwick business men have started a movement to have the site of the big fire made a public park.

So numerous have goats become in Shamokin that council has decided to employ an official goat tender.

By agreement of counsel D. D. Phillips, former Sunbury hotelman, was awarded a verdict of \$1200 against Lewis Rice, a department store owner, for failure to have a hotel leased to him by Phillips kept in proper repair with the result that Phillips lost his license. Phillips more than a year ago won a jury verdict of \$3000, but a new trial was awarded him. Since then the Volstead act went into effect and the offer of a settlement of less than half the original verdict was apparently thought good business to accept.

A burglar broke into R. E. Harris' home in Duncanville, stole \$275 in gold and silver from a desk drawer, but overlooked a roll of bills.

Leon J. Russell, first assistant to Dr. Lee Driver, director of rural education, committed suicide with a revolver at the home of his uncle, U. G. Russell, in Windham township, near Towanda. He had been suffering with melancholia resulting from a nervous breakdown which developed soon after he took up his work in Harrisburg last October. Professor Russel was 59 years old, and is survived by his widow and two children. He was superintendent of Bradford county schools from 1916 until he accepted the state position.

Lebanon has awarded contracts for the construction of the third unit in the municipal sewerage system at a cost of \$335,122.20.

With the honors of war, the body of Lieutenant Ralph White, killed in France in July, 1918, was buried at his old home at Osceola.

A trainman's lantern exploding set fire to the bed on which George C. Bromall, 49 years old, railroad conductor, at Altoona, was sleeping, and before he was aroused sufficiently to escape, Bromall was burned from head to foot.

Chief of Police Fiest and Patrolman Oliver swooped down on the home of Michael Roder, on West Center street, Shenandoah, confiscated a still and a quantity of whisky and placed Roder under arrest. He will be turned over to the federal authorities.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Friedlander, at Hazleton, was robbed the night they returned from spending the winter in California.

Two-year-old Ruth Simon, 2842 Germantown avenue, Philadelphia, was killed when she fell through the skylight of a building in the rear of her home, where she was playing with another child. She was taken to Samaritan Hospital, where physicians said she was probably killed instantly.

Jacob Haycock, 72 years old, dropped dead from heart disease while digging a garden at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Graham, on Second street, North Wales. The daughter was sitting on the rear porch and saw her father throw up his arms and fall. She rushed to his side and he died in a few minutes.

Bertie Woiks, driver of an auto which ran down and killed Carroll Austin May, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. May, of Connelleville, was held to await the action of the grand jury of the June term of court, following a coroner's inquest.

Mrs. S. H. Miles, mother of Arthur C. Miles, 16, of Altoona, has asked aid in finding him. He left home on March 24, presumably for Philadelphia, to enlist in the navy. She directs the authorities to take him into custody and wire her at 1422 Eighth avenue.

John Brocius, 31, farmer near Pittman, who was married several months ago and was to have gone to house-keeping, met death when repairing a barn roof. He fell from it and broke his neck.

John Sokasky, of Nuremberg, was so badly crushed under a fall of coal in the Gowen colliery of the Lehigh Coal company that he died at the State hospital without regaining consciousness.

Temporary organization of a new state bank has been effected at Boiling Springs.

Freeland constables will patrol the streets with shotguns to kill unlicensed dogs.

A fall on the sidewalk in front of her home caused the death of Daisy, 3-year-old daughter of Alfred Naus, of Berwick.

Eleven friends of George L. Johnson, late of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, were remembered in his will.

Caught in a scraper line at a Mount Carmel colliery, Joseph Smith was killed.

A purse of gold and large quantities of flowers were showered upon Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shirey, of York, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

TOM CONNOLLY CHASED MAC AS CHEER LEADER

Bill Friel tells a good story on Jack McAllister, first lieutenant to Tris Speaker of the Cleveland Indians.

According to Bill's story the Indians were engaged with the Browns in a warm series in St. Louis. The players of both clubs were keyed up to a high pitch and there was much talking from the bench, which in the American league is taboo.

Finally Umpire Tom Connolly, who is a strict disciplinarian, motioned for Jack McAllister to heat it. After the game Friel approached Connolly and asked the reason for Jack's dismissal. "I didn't see him do anything," explained Friel, "and he's not a player and he's not the manager so I don't know what right you had to chase him."

"Well," explained Connolly in an irritable voice, "he's the cheer leader for that bunch; that's why I canned him."

Baseball Notes

Syracuse will get the surplus from the Cardinals this spring.

Philadelphia scribes claim that the big trouble with the Athletics is lack of morale.

Lee Fohl is hard up for a second baseman to take the place vacated by Joe Gideon.

Many a youthful sandlot ball star gets his spring training on mother's new mattress.

Yale will play 46 baseball games. That's a good starter for a major league schedule.

Owner Shibe of the Athletics didn't want to go to training camp. Mrs. Shibe did. They went.

Just 17 pitchers can spit on the ball this year. Eight in the American and the rest in the National.

Jack Wisner, the tall heaver with the Pirates last year, has been turned over to the Rochester club.

The Pittsburgh club announces that it has released Pitcher Fred Blake to the Rochester Internationals.

Now the story going the rounds is that Connie Mack intends to retire from baseball after this season.

Tommy Sheehan, veteran infielder of many minor leagues, is managing a baseball team in the Canal Zone.

Fred Luderus is slated to perform at first base for the Toledo club of the American Association this year.

The Pittsburgh club has released Lt. Stoner to the Oklahoma City Western league club for the season, under option.

The Salt Lake club announces that it has disposed of Pitcher Miles Main to the Joplin club of the Western league.

Dope shows George Sisler hit better at home by 100 points than when on the road. George does best when encouraged.

Justin Fitzgerald, the San Francisco outfielder, is trying to find some club that will pay him what he thinks he is worth.

Jess Tannehill, former big league pitching star, has signed to coach the baseball team of Centre college at Danville, Ky.

And now Babe Ruth thinks he'll pitch for a change. Says he's got about all the change he can get out of home-run swatting.

Babe Ruth says that if Frank Baker can get back his home-run form, he'll furnish him bats from his own private stock of wood.

Pitcher Molly Craft, recently assigned by Washington to Reading, is laid up with a couple of broken ribs, suffered while playing basketball.

Third Baseman Bill Conroy, with St. Joseph last year, will be called by the Minneapolis owners of the St. Joe club for a trial with the Millers.

"Two meals a day for the Cubs?" says Babe Ruth. "That wouldn't bother me, for I eat my heaviest meal at midnight, which is not in the daytime."

Wesley ("Moose") Englehorn, one of Dartmouth's greatest tacklers, will coach the team next fall. He was line coach at Boston college last season.

Every baseball rookie is sure to get his name into the newspapers twice during spring training—when he reaches camp and when he is shipped back home.

Commissioner Landis plays no favorites. Having agreed some time since to be present when Cleveland raises its flag he has now promised to attend the pennant celebration at Brooklyn.

PRESIDENT GRANT ONCE HELD MARANVILLE TO BE PRICELESS



The sale of Rabbit Maranville by the Boston Braves is an example of how quickly the value of a man, quite the same as that of any other commodity, can change with circumstances.

Was Beyond Price.

Last summer Barney Dreyfuss of the Pirates wanted to buy the Rabbit, George Washington Grant, owner of the Braves, laughed the proposal to scorn, neglecting to put a price on the player and declaring that he was beyond price. He said the Rabbit had become an institution in Boston and could not be allowed to depart.

In explaining the apparent fickleness of his attitude, Mr. Grant said that Maranville had violated club rules and got the impression that he was a privileged character.

"When an employee tries to run your business it is time to shift him to other scenes," said the Boston owner.

Value Began to Cheapen.

In other words, according to Grant, as soon as Maranville learned that Grant held him to be priceless, his value began to cheapen because of the acts of the player. As soon as that happened a price was put upon him very quickly.

How eloquent is this little baseball deal of the fact that we are what we make ourselves.

NEED MORE THAN BIG VOICE TO BE "UMP"

When Harry Howell, one-time splendid Brown pitcher, quit the game as an active participant, he tried his hand at umpiring and broke in on the Texas league circuit. Harry possessed an excellent voice, one that was compared to that of the late Silk O'Laughlin.

In a battle at Houston, Howell was behind the bat and announced the batteries of the two teams brilliantly. His voice was fute like and created a splendid impression.

The game started, and, according to the Houston catcher's idea, Howell missed many of the balls and strikes. Finally, he could stand it no longer. Turning his head half around and growling through the lattice-work of mask, he said:

"You can't get by on that voice alone, Harry; you've got to have an eye, too."

Diamond Yarns

Ought to be interesting to watch Babe Ruth and Frank Baker.

Jeff Tesreau, coach of the Dartmouth nine, has many veterans under his command.

It takes a big man to see another draw down \$42,500 a year without feeling envious.

When Hooper of the Red Sox was traded to the White Sox it apparently made him feel blue.

Some New Yorkers say it is wrong to build a home run home for Babe. Can't please everybody.

Major league diamonds are on the square, but some of them not on the level, say the surveyors.

Roy Corhan, veteran shortstop of the San Francisco club in the Pacific Coast league, has retired from baseball.

New York critics are beginning to systematically boost Pat Shea, the young pitcher the Giants bought from Toronto.

The more they investigate Judge Landis the bigger the czar of baseball looms up as the right man for the job.

The Charlotte club of the Sally league has sold Catcher Meese Marshall to the Charleston club of the same league.

Pitcher Zachary held out until Griff put a bonus clause in his contract. He's got to win 20 to get it. Griff is a good business man.

The Memphis club has purchased Aubrey Henshaw, a left-handed pitcher, from the Okmulgee club of the Western association.

The Oakland club has captured the Los Angeles club's trainer, Dr. Alexander Finlay, who has been with the angels for 11 years.

Wilbert Robinson will bank about \$20,000 as leader of the Dodgers this year. His salary is \$15,000 plus bonuses for good behavior.

Nick Dobsa, younger brother of Manager John Dobsa of New Orleans, will get a tryout this spring as a catcher with the Chattanooga team.

Roy Patterson, veteran pitcher, never will run down. The Minneapolis club has brought him back again, signing the old-timer to coach young twirlers.

Art Wilson, able backstop, well known as a one-time member of the Giants, Cubs and Braves, has been sold by Fred Mitchell to the Columbus club.

Cliff Blankenship, who managed the Spokane team in the Pacific International league, has been signed to manage the Victoria team of that league this year.

The biggest day of the baseball year in Pittsburgh will be July 7, when the New York Yankees, featuring Babe Ruth, will play an exhibition against the Pirates.

Morris J. Archdeacon, one of the eight candidates for a berth in the Boston National outfield, is reputed to be the fastest man that ever hauled on a baseball shoe.

The Athletics have three Walkers on the club this year. Tillie plays the outfield and so does Frank, while Johnny is the youngster purchased from the International league.

Connie Mack says he will have a team that will give any club in the American league a real battle if he can develop one more infielder and one outfielder who can crash the apple.

One Eastern critic picks the five greatest drawing cards in baseball, although his choice is practically the same as that of the other experts. He names Ruth, Cobb, Speaker, Sisler and Hornsby.

CHENEY BEATS FATHER TIME

Former Major League Spit-Baller Had Exceptionally Good Year in Southern Circuit.

Larry Cheney, the moist ball pitcher, who had a long siege of service in the majors, refuses to be counted out by Father Time. Larry was let out by Brooklyn to the Boston Braves and finished his major league career with



Larry Cheney.

PITCHER WAITE HOYT AGAIN IN HOME TOWN

Youngest of Big League Hurlers Returns to Gotham.

Has Been Termed One of Most Promising Right-Handers in American League—Began His Career With New York Giants.

Waite Hoyt has gone back to Greater New York. The Brooklyn lad, who as the star pitcher of the Erasmus ball team was signed by John J. McGraw, was shifted to the minors and then came back and made an enviable record for himself in the big-time circuit, was traded by Harry A. Frazee of the Boston Red Sox to the New York Yankees.

Hoyt has been called one of the most promising right-handers in the American league, and although he has only just turned twenty-one he has been taking his turn on the mound for the Red Sox with the veterans and has been handling in a good share of winnings, despite the fact that he is the youngest twirler in either of the big leagues.

Boston, it must be admitted, was dubious as to Hoyt's future, for last year he was put out of the running in midseason when he seriously strained an abdominal muscle. His youthful



Waite Hoyt.

Squibs of Sport

Philadelphia boasts 19 basketball leagues, comprising 106 teams.

Jay Gould has lost his squash title, but he's still got his bank roll.

Copenhagen will stage the world's cycling championships this year.

Joe Beckett won't know whether to box Martin or Brennan when he comes over.

Ted Ray will return from England to defend his national open golf title this summer.

Scotty Hough has been re-elected captain of the West Virginia University wrestling team.

Twenty-round bouts are now legal in the Philippines. As yet no island promoter has gotten in touch with Rickard.