

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

In an explosion which took place at Pine Knot colliery, James A. Poldi, a Minersville mine, was blown 60 feet and instantly killed.

Notice was served upon City Clerk Thomas J. Ganey, of Bethlehem, by Inspector H. F. Branson, a representative of the state department of health, to abate nuisances at both garbage dumps within ten days. City council received a notice requiring the city to bury its garbage.

Charles Dietz, charged with cashing and forging a money order at Altoona, was turned over to the United States marshal in Pittsburgh by federal agents for the Maryland district. It is alleged Dietz obtained a money order for \$14 issued to Albert Becker February 12, 1920, and cashed it the following day at the Altoona post-office.

Joe Suvello, of Ellwood City, is under arrest and Eli Wyzuk, 36, of Darlington, is in the Providence Hospital in Beaver Falls, with a bullet through the right lung; Steve Monzak, 45, of Darlington, has a revolver wound through his left side and lung, and Mike Krosins, 34, of Darlington, is confined to his home with flesh wounds in his neck and hands as a result of a row at Cannelton. Suvello is blamed with the shooting.

Mrs. Ellen Kowals, 27 years old, of Shenandoah, a mother of two children, attempted suicide by shooting and was taken to the State Hospital in a critical condition. It is alleged domestic trouble led to the attempted self-destruction.

Bondholders of the Sunbury and Susquehanna Railway company, represented by John W. Whitaker, bought the property at receiver's sale for \$55,000. This includes six miles of line operating between Sunbury and Selinsgrove, and a mile opposite the Pennsylvania railroad yards just north of Northumberland, and known as the Sunbury, Lewisburg and Milton Railway company. The property has been in the hands of receivers for eight years.

In a gun duel on Kulpmont's main street for the love of the same girl, Samuel Lucifero shot Dominick Verano, and as Lucifero ran away Verano shot him in the thigh. Verano died at the State Hospital. Lucifero is in jail.

James J. Davis, secretary of labor, has consented to visit Sharon, his old home, on May 25, and deliver an address. He will be given a big reception by his townspeople and will be the guest of honor at a meeting and banquet of the Loyal Order of Moose in the evening. Mr. Davis was a former resident of Sharon and his aged parents are still residents here.

Mahlon L. Bush, 72 years old, retired ironworker, dropped dead at Stowe, near Pottstown, while he was plowing a field. A coroner's jury gave a verdict of death from natural causes. He was an active volunteer fireman for years.

At an enthusiastic meeting, the Keystone Fire company of Uniontown went on record as opposing carnivals as a means of raising money. It is understood that the city council and local business men will contribute to the needs of the firemen.

The body of Ray Huff, 22, of Pittsfield, near Warren, was found in the waters of Blue Eye creek, between Spring creek and Garland. Huff had gone trout fishing and failing to return a searching party found his body lying face downward in the water. Acting Coroner Edward Moore conducted an investigation and decided that an inquest was not necessary, death being due to drowning. Huff was the son of Mrs. Frank Rickerson, of Pittsfield. He was a veteran of the world war, having served in the United States navy.

Frederick Seward, 15 years old, of Philadelphia, died in the Woman's Homeopathic Hospital from blood poisoning, resulting from injuries he received four years ago, when he fell on a picket fence in a school yard near his home. The boy had been a patient in the hospital ever since.

Stepping on a dynamite cap at a state quarry near his home, 11-year-old Frank Deutsch, of Harper's, lost two fingers and sustained severe gashes on the body.

A Norristown civil court jury, on which three women sat, awarded to Clara Rathieu, of Devon, \$2500 of the \$10,000 damages she asked for breach of promise on the part of Alexander Madsen, of New York and Philadelphia. Madsen has a farm of sixty acres at Red Hill. During the trial Miss Rathieu testified she advanced to Madsen \$141, of which he returned \$50, to help him defray traveling expenses. She said she met Madsen eight or nine years ago in New York, that they made love to each other in Central Park and that he had many times proposed marriage.

General Tasker H. Bliss will be one of the speakers at the seventy-fifth anniversary commencement of Bucknell University in June.

Altoona will save \$70,000 in sewer contracts just awarded, representing the reduction in the price of labor and materials within twelve months.

A permanent historical society was organized at Lewistown, with G. R. Frystinger president.

Frank A. Gable and Chester K. Robertson have been chosen to represent the Shamokin Rotary Club at the international convention at Edinburg in June.

The Scranton Railway company was authorized to establish an eight-cent fare, with four tickets for thirty cents, by the public service commission.

The Montour County Trust company, at an organization meeting at Danville, elected H. T. Hecht, president; Fred W. Diehl, first vice president and treasurer, and E. M. Applebaugh, second vice president.

Mount Carmel will install a fire-alarm system at a cost of \$13,000 to \$14,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Loughner, of Pean township, Westmoreland county, celebrated their sixty-eighth marriage anniversary.

While crossing a Greensburg street, Benton Gunnet, aged 76 years, was struck by an automobile and probably fatally injured.

Silas Kerns, 45, was killed at the factory of the Haffelinger Paper company at Hanover when he was caught between two big cog wheels. Kerns was oiling the machinery, when another employe, thinking everything was in readiness, started it. Before the wheels could be stopped, Kerns' head and chest were crushed.

The body of a man, believed to be Simon Barton, of Oil City, who has been missing since March 25, was found floating in the Allegheny river at Kennerdel.

Kenneth, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coyne, of Ann street, Bradford, was fatally injured when struck by a heavy truck while returning home from school. The accident happened in Davis street, where the lad had jumped upon the rear of a farm wagon. As he alighted he was struck by a truck of the Bissett Transportation company. His skull was crushed. The injured boy was taken to the hospital, where he never regained consciousness.

Among the forty applicants for naturalization who appeared before Examiner Lynch, of Philadelphia, at the Allentown courthouse were eighteen nuns from the parish of the Sacred Heart. They were presented by Monsignor Peter Masson, the rector. They had gone through the course of Prof. James F. Gallagher, the local Americanization chief, and their knowledge of the constitution and of America put even the examiner to blush. The eighteen sisters will become citizens.

Mrs. Minnie Douglas, 32 years old, of New Castle, died en route to the Shenango Valley Hospital. The origin of Mrs. Douglas' fatal accident is mysterious. She was alone in the kitchen at her home, and passersby, attracted by her screams, found her with her face buried in a small cot, her clothes ablaze. There was no fire of any sort found in the room.

State police and police from Monessen and Greensburg are investigating the death of Joseph Mageat, 32, a railroad employe of Monessen, whose body, with a bullet through the heart was found on a farm near there. The condition of the ground where the body was found indicated a struggle, but money and jewelry in the pockets of the man's clothing had not been removed. Two revolvers were found, one a few feet from the body and another with one chamber empty, thirty feet away.

H. A. Logan, receiver for the Warren Oil company, of Pennsylvania, at Warren, whose business is being liquidated, has petitioned the court for leave to sell the blending plant of the company, located at Star Brick. Judge Lindsey made an order setting May 9 for a hearing.

Sophia Mihalsky, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Mihalsky, of Indianola, near Parnassus, died almost instantly when she pulled a coffee pot filled with boiling liquid over her head.

W. W. Fause, Hazleton district game warden, was joined by the state police in a drive to shoot an untagged dog in that section.

For persistently watering his milk, Louis Faudel, a rich farmer, in mayor's court, Allentown, was sentenced to be put out of business. It was the third time he had been arrested. His license was revoked and it was ordered that his herd be disbanded.

Berwick may convert the recently burned tract into a memorial park.

The anthracite conciliation board is now adjusting grievances faster than at any time in its history.

While Harold Bowman, of Shenandoah, was examining a revolver the weapon was discharged and a bullet entered his head over the left eye.

Although two men who attempted to break into the bond house of the McHenry distillery at Benton, were fired at by guards and one was wounded, they escaped in an automobile.

The state is planting seed to raise more than 15,000,000 young trees, the different kinds having been obtained in state forests. They will include hundreds of bushels of black walnut, maple, pine, ash and other seeds and acorns. In addition, extensive purchases of larch, spruce and pine seeds have been made. It is expected to send out seedlings as rapidly as possible. There are heavy demands, especially for nut tree seedlings.

An explosion of undetermined origin shattered the windows of the Milton gas plant and badly damaged the building.

George Hoover, of Sunbur, was held up and robbed of \$16 and a \$50 gold watch in the center of the business district.

Joseph Wisniewski, a miner in the employ of the Cranberry Creek Coal company, was instantly killed by a premature explosion.

Members of the First Baptist church of Connellsville have voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. E. H. Stevens, of Chester, Vt.

Although his automobile turned over twice and was completely wrecked, Carroll Appleman, of Bloomsburg, escaped without even a bruise.

SENSATIONAL RECORD MADE BY JOE SEWELL

Cleveland Shortstop Displayed Unusual Ability.

Clever Alabama Youngster in One Short Season Jumped From College Team to Regular Position in World's Series.

Entering professional baseball last spring and finishing the season as a full-fledged member of a pennant-winning team and playing a regular position in a world's series, is a record in baseball probably that never will be equaled again. This record was made by Joe Sewell, the kid shortstop who played in the big series with Cleveland. Sewell hails from Titus, Ala., and is only twenty-two years old. He played football and baseball with the University of Alabama teams and he jumped into professional baseball as a member of the New Orleans team of the Southern league.

When Ray Chapman, regular shortstop on the Cleveland team, was killed by a pitched ball, Harry Lunte filled the job for a few days and was hurt. Manager Tris Speaker sent for Sewell as the last hope. The youngster hardly was expected to fill the berth permanently, but rather until Speaker could cast about for a stronger player. But Sewell made good from the start. The national commission held that Sewell was ineligible to compete in the world's series as he joined the team after September 1, contrary to baseball rules, but Charles Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn team, declined to protest and granted permission for Sewell to take part in the series. The



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youngster showed more than was expected in the big series, although he did not play the sterling game of which Chapman was capable. Sewell throws right handed and bats left handed.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Hoppe runs 500 at 18.2. Ought to make a good track man.

Many a championship boxing contest turns out to be just a bout—but not quite.

Leach Cross, who is in California, announces a desire to return to the ring.

The big splash in the sporting world comes when the swimming season opens.

A lot of players kick about golf rules and a lot of others don't know there are any.

No matter how nice a spring, the wrestler is always looking forward to next fall.

One of the major operations of the spring will be a concerted drive on the links.

C. B. Kiger, center, has been elected captain of the West Virginia basketball team for 1922.

Jock Hutchinson, Chicago professional golfer, won the north and south open championship at Pinehurst, N. C.

Even the British people have been poking fun at the Carpenter-Dempsey battle. Maybe it will be funny.

Many a boxer feints with his left and then with his right and then all over. Will the referee please count ten!

Columbia Country club, Washington, D. C., will conduct the open golf championship over its course July 19 and 22.

More students than ever before are using the athletic equipment at Harvard university. Squash has been the most popular of the sports, with baseball running next.

Hubert Beryly Davis of Weston, W. Va., has been elected student manager of the West Virginia basketball team for 1922. Clarence Clark Turley of Woodville, W. Va., was elected student manager of the 1922 wrestling squad.

BACKSTOP BILL RARIDEN SAYS RELIEF PITCHER IS VALUABLE



Bill Rariden may be old enough to retire to his farm forever, as he threatens to do, but he knows a lot of wise things. He says: "No matter how good a club's pitchers may be there are bound to be off days when they get knocked out or days when your team don't hit and it's the right move to send someone up to hit for the pitcher. If you have a good relief pitcher or two around you are fixed. A hurler who can go in there for a lead or stop the other fellows is worth more salary than any other pitcher. If you have not such an animal as a relief pitcher around you must send in one of the regulars and thus break up the regular order in which they are being worked, or worse yet, send in some pitcher who doesn't fill the bill. There's nothing more effective in a pitching way than to have four men who can be worked in regular order. A good relief pitcher enables a manager to keep his men going that way. Relief pitching is a trade all by itself. If more pitchers specialized in it or were trained in it we would have tighter baseball."

Diamond Squibs

Maranville always carries a couple of "rabbit" feet with him.

Kocher, Kirks and Schepner, former Giants, are with Louisville.

If it weren't for ifs, every big league team would cinch the flag.

Many a rookie pitcher's start in a big league ball game is also his finish.

A college star merely has to be up in his studies of baseball to locate in the big leagues.

They call Walt Johnson's hurling wing a "smoke" arm, but there's lots of fire there yet.

The American league is full of promising teams. All promise to finish in the last division.

Cobb says his Tigers left San Antonio in fine shape. Always was a pretty good place.

Manager Robbie of the Dodgers has just issued a Wheat report: "Zack is in tiptop condition."

John McGraw shipped Pitcher Reynolds Kelly to the St. Paul club as part payment for Goldie Rapp.

A chicken isn't the only bird who gets it in the neck. A lot of baseball rookies will back that statement.

Lee Fohl has picked his team and he's satisfied to let the fans pick the position the crew will land in.

A fan in the center-field bleachers will admit he can see balls and strikes better than an umpire behind the plate.

The Washington club has disposed of Outfielder Oliver Tucker of the Charleston club of the South Atlantic league.

George Moriarty says that the good decisions the umpires make are always forgotten, but the few bad ones live forever.

The baseball managers strain their eyes for material, while the youngsters strain their muscles trying to relieve the eyestrain.

Kid Gleason feels certain the White Sox have the greatest ball club since the days of the old Orioles and has said so for publication.

Ban Johnson contended certain owners in the majors must be driven from baseball for the good of the game in an address at Cleveland.

All Big Miller has to do to win an outfield berth with Washington is to beat out Sam Rice, Clyde Milan and Duffy Lewis. It is a pretty hard trio to beat.

Walter Anderson, a southpaw pitcher, who had a brief trial with Connie Mack, and who was in the Association once before with Louisville, has been taken on by Minneapolis.

TWO PHILLIES STAY ON

The Philadelphia Nationals may shift players, managers and even owners rather frequently, but there are two men who stay on. They are: Sam Payne, park superintendent, who has been with the club 24 years, and Bill Shettsline, business manager, who has been with the Phillies so long he has lost count of the years, but does remember that he has seen 14 managers come and 13 of them go.

MUST MAKE HIS HITS LONGER

Babe Ruth Will Have to Stretch Drives in 1923 Just Two and Nine-Sixteenths Inches.

Babe Ruth will have to stretch his home runs in 1923. Whether the right field stands of the Yankees' new home mean a longer drive than a similar home run wallop at the Polo grounds appears to have been the first question to Messrs. Ruppert and Huston by the fans. Colonel Huston settled the matter in these words: "At first I was under the impression that our right field would be just the same length as at the Polo grounds. I believe I may have been even quoted to that effect. However



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I find upon close examination of the engineering plans that Babe Ruth will be compelled to stretch his home runs in 1923.

"I find that our right field is longer than the Polo grounds by just two and nine-sixteenths inches."

FORM SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Institutions Included Extend From Maryland to Canada and as Far West as Kentucky.

The recently formed Southern Intercollegiate Athletic conference will be limited to sixteen institutions, extending from Maryland into the Old Dominion, over to Kentucky and to the west as far as Louisville. Of the cotton state colleges of major importance only Vanderbilt and Louisiana State university are not included.

WALTER JOHNSON TO COME BACK IN 1921

Washington Hurler Claims Arm is Strong Again.

Loss of Fast Ball Pitcher Kept Griffith's Men Out of First Division Last Year—Record Has Been Sensational.

Walter Johnson, the human machinegun of Clark Griffith's gunning corps for more than ten years, is coming back strong in 1921.

This is the threat of the greatest fast-ball pitcher that ever wore a glove, after having been forced to lay aside the uniform in the early part of 1920, due to a cold contracted in the muscles of his gun-arm.

The blow of losing Walter Johnson sent the Senators down to the bottom of the pile at the moment when it appeared as though Griffith might finish in the first division. It was shortly after the famous pitcher had hurled the first no-hit, no-run game of his entire career against the Boston Red Sox that he contracted the ailment which finished him for the year.

The arm of the pitching king became weak and he lost the terrific speed that for years terrorized American league sluggers. He tried treatments of all varieties, but none of them seemed to have the desired effect. Finally Johnson went to Rochester, where his arm was treated for several weeks. He was told to take a long rest and he followed instructions.

Now King Walter is ready for the ball once more, according to his own belief.

Johnson's record with the Washington club has been sensational in every respect. For years Griffith has been struggling along with a mediocre outfit that never was better than second division material.

In 1910 Johnson started fandom by winning 25 games with one of the poorest teams in the league. Since



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then he has bettered that record. In his entire career Johnson has never turned in less than 23 victories, and one season he established a high water mark of 36 wins.

The fast-ball king is one of the most popular pitchers in major league ball. For years he has been an idol of the enthusiasts in every American league city. They marveled at his great hurling and in turn went into ecstasies of delight when the home club managed to beat him.

Johnson joined the Senators in 1907, a green busher from the West. This season will be his fifteenth in major league ball if he comes back in the manner promised.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Lafayette has been admitted into the intercollegiate soccer league.

Lewis' head hold is probably the "squeeze play" of wrestling.

Johnny Wilson, as the middleweight crown wearer, is about as popular as a lot of foreign kings have been.

Frank Zotti, Jr., and O. H. Lewis have been respectively elected captains of boxing and wrestling teams at the Naval academy.

When Coach Bob Fisher of Harvard surveyed the Springfield football practice he said: "I see we need some line-men from somewhere."

Coach James A. Ten Eyck of the Syracuse crews reports he has the smallest squad in years. Gus Ram, the big stroke oar, is back in the boat.

Walter Eberhardt, twenty-two, has been selected captain of the Columbia University swimming team. Ralph Cooper, twenty-two, was chosen leader of the polo team.

The Harvard summer school has added classes in athletics to its curriculum. Each sporting activity will be in charge of a teacher. The school opens July 5 and ends August 11.