

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Towanda.—Narcotics and syringes valued at more than \$400 were stolen from the Towanda office of Dr. George E. Boyer.

Monessen.—Reprimanded because she stayed out after midnight, Miss Mary Davidson, a 19-year-old domestic at the Grand Hotel here, attempted suicide by swallowing four bicloride of mercury tablets.

New Castle.—John F. Miller and Pete Kelon, farm hand at the Miller farm are now taking pasture treatment here, as a result of being bitten by one of the cows in the Miller herd recently attacked by a mad dog, and now being treated.

Gettysburg.—The battlefield commission has been notified by Colonel Lewis R. Stegman, chairman of the New York monument commission, that the legislature of the state has appropriated \$12,000 to erect a statue to General Barlow on Barlow's Knoll along the first day's fight.

Greensburg.—More than 400 taxpayers from Cook, Donegal and Ligonier townships appeared before the county commissioners to urge the improvement of ten miles of highway between Ligonier and Stahlstown.

Pittsburgh.—Two of the heaviest sentences imposed here for thefts from interstate freight shipments were imposed by Judge Orr on Carl Smith, to serve five years and Nelson Foster to four years in the federal penitentiary. Chester Green was sentenced to two years. Green was charged with having in his possession leather which Smith and Foster were found guilty of stealing from a railroad car of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

Mount Carmel.—Mrs. Frank Trocki, Kulpmont, died at the Shamokin hospital from severe burns. Last Tuesday, when boiling whisky and honey her niece's wedding celebration the whisky boiled over, ignited and fired her clothing.

Greensburg.—Nick Dorazio and Tony, his brother, of Millwood, are prisoners in the county jail, charged with having sent threatening letters to Philip Perry, of Millwood. Three other residents of the town are alleged to have received letters also.

Wilkes-Barre.—While playing near her home on Moffitt street, Plains, Mary Kotzik, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kotzik, was struck by an automobile, driven by James Frail, a mine foreman for the Conlon Coal company, and instantly killed.

Wilkes-Barre.—By his presence of mind Michael O'Brien, a stereotyper on a local paper, saved a 6-year-old boy from death. The boy's clothes were ignited by a sparkler and Mr. O'Brien hurried to him and smothered the flames with his coat. The boy's burns are very painful.

Altoona.—Beginning at once the front brakeman of 27 trains on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, including all solid Pullman, mail and express trains, will be taken off. Twenty regular men will be reduced to extras and 20 extra brakemen will be laid off.

Pittsburgh.—Frank Scardamaglia and Fernando Colielli, who have been on trial in the federal district court, were found guilty of forging, using and having in their possession, passing, buying and receiving forged internal revenue stamps used on bonded whisky bottles.

Bethlehem.—Bethlehem council has received an official communication from Allentown council threatening to lay water mains in the Rittersville section of Allentown, now supplied by water from mains owned by Bethlehem, on the allegation that the water is poor and the rates high. Bethlehem council denied both charges, and said that the mains cannot be sold to Allentown because the city must derive enough revenue from its recently-purchased water plant to satisfy the purchasers of \$1,700,000 worth of bonds.

York.—Brought here to answer for the murder of Gabriel Perrachia and James J. Critchelow, fellow-workmen, at Cly, years ago, Curtis C. Sipple is said to have recanted to local officers his confession previously made to the state policeman who arrested him near his home in Kentucky. To District Attorney Rochow, Sipple said that the past two years, in which he was a constantly haunted man, had been like a bad dream. He displayed no emotion when shown photographs of his alleged victims, taken a short time after the finding of their bodies.

Hioonsburg.—A county organization of American Legion posts was formed here, with A. W. Dug, Jr., chairman.

Hazleton.—Chief of Police George W. Brownson announced that he will recommend to city council changes in the traffic ordinance in effect here, so that its provisions will conform with the standard regulations adopted at the national conference of police department officials held recently at New York.

Lock Haven.—The Lock Haven Rotary Club was organized with W. T. Griffith temporary chairman and Norman L. Hecht temporary secretary.

Towanda.—Samuel Mazzo, convicted here of violation of the Brooks license law, was fined \$900 and costs and given four months in the county jail.

Altoona.—The Central Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association elected Homer F. Tobias president.

Hazleton.—Only 13 of Hazleton's 167 teachers failed to reapply for their positions when the school board elected for next year all who wanted to return.

Conshohocken.—The curfew ordinance adopted by town council at the April meeting will be enforced this week. The Conshohocken Washington Fire company will sound its siren at 9.15 each evening, after which all children under 16 years of age, unless escorted by parents or guardian, must be off the streets. Children unescorted will be detained by the police unless the child bears a note of permission from a parent stating that the bearer is upon a necessary errand. If, after being notified the parent does not appear the child will be taken to the house of detention by the policeman.

Harrisburg.—The new state inheritance tax law, which doubles the levy on collateral inheritances, has been ruled to be effective as of May 1, the date when approved by the governor. No change is made in the state tax on direct inheritance, which remains at 2 per cent.

Sunbury.—The Northumberland County Mothers' Pension Board met here and considered the business of the month, including the granting of 68 orders for pension for deserving widows. The county now disburses \$15,000, half of which is paid by the state, and could very easily use twice as much, giving it all to persons who are entirely deserving, it was said.

Sharon.—After being knocked senseless, gagged, bound and tied to the safe in his store, N. S. Klein, a Farrell clothier, was robbed of \$1087 by three strange foreigners. Klein had just opened his store when one of the men entered and made a small purchase. While he was making change the other bandits, heavily armed, entered and forced him to throw up his hands. A blow from the fists of one of the trio knocked him unconscious. The robbers then took \$887 from his inside coat pocket and \$100 from the safe. Klein was able to give the police a good description of the men, but they have not yet been apprehended.

Brownsville.—When Frank Remphish, 46 years old, and Jerry Brenick, aged 36, failed to turn over their money and valuables as quickly as five young burglars thought they should, they were shot down in their home at Allison, near here. Remphish was instantly killed and Brenick is in the Brownsville General Hospital with a bullet wound in his abdomen. According to the story of the shooting as told by Mrs. Brenick, five men broke into their home and ordered Remphish and Brenick to throw up their hands. As they did so the quintet opened fire and Remphish fell dead.

Altoona.—Falling down stairs, James Morgan, 79, retired merchant, suffered concussion of the brain and died. He was a Civil war veteran.

Harrisburg.—Bids for construction of about eighty miles of state highway will be opened by the state highway department this week, including some projects on which bids were asked last year, but considered too high. This will be the third largest letting this year, and it is hoped at the department that the decline in prices will be reflected in advantageous bids for the state.

Carbondale.—Joseph Colandro, 45 years old, known as "Black Joe," and alleged to be one of the most important members of a black hand society here, was arrested. The police had been told by several of the black handers rounded up last week that Colandro was high up in the "order." Colandro walked into police headquarters with two friends to obtain information relative to a business matter and was placed under arrest. Several additional arrests will be made within a few days.

Boyetown.—Levi D. Gresh, of this place, has been appointed valedictorian, and Miss Adelaide M. Kerchner, of Lineboro, Md., salutatorian of this year's class at Gettysburg College.

Red Lion.—Rev. Dr. A. G. Fasnacht was re-elected treasurer of the West Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran church for the twenty-fifth term, and Rev. C. F. V. Hesse, of this place, president.

Harrisburg.—Members of the public service commission will formulate procedure in the enforcement of regulations governing manning of trains, the commission having been charged with the duty of inquiring into complaints relative to the safeguarding of trains in the bill signed a few days ago by the governor repealing the full crew law. The commission has decided a number of cases in which questions were raised as to the interpretation of the full crew law, and under the new act will have jurisdiction just as it has in other public utility cases.

DuBois.—Miss Bertha Heifer was crowned queen of the May at Wilson College, having been elected by the seniors.

Altoona.—Colliding with a railroad telephone booth while alighting from a moving freight train near Windber, Charles C. Shingle, 33, brakeman, of this place, was knocked under the wheels and so mangled he died several hours later.

Ligonier.—Using kerosene oil to make a fire in the kitchen stove resulted in the probably fatal burning of Mrs. William Albright, of this place.

Westmoreland City.—Harry Krolick, aged 5 years, was killed by a passenger train while playing on the tracks.

Greensburg.—Four murders were committed in Westmoreland county during the month of April, according to the monthly report of Coroner James K. Harkins.

Farrell.—Council voted to cut the wages of all borough employees 10 per cent.

Shamokin.—John Erra, of this city, was stopped by a lone highwayman, who robbed him of \$80, then beat him.

FIRST TRIPLE PLAY.

Altrock, pitcher clown, policeman, cobbler, and at last the hero of a triple play, first of 1921; Washington was playing against the Phillies, Wrightstone and Miller were on first and second bases, Jack Miller of New Jersey and elsewhere lined the ball to Altrock. Nick, playing first, touched it with one hand, grabbed first and threw to second for the third out. All that the Phillies could say was that when Altrock began to make triple plays there was hope for "Cap" Anson to return.

Baseball Notes

Kansas City (Mo.) Sunday School Athletic league will foster baseball.

The Detroit club has released Pitcher Charles Benton to the Bloomington Three-I club.

Every time a major club lets go of a player some minor crew benefits. It's an ill wind, etc.

Cliff Lee, catcher, has been released by Pittsburgh to the Philadelphia Nationals.

Toronto gets Vernon Spencer back from the New York Giants, along with Jesse Winters.

Johnny Lees, brother of the Chicago White Sox catcher, is proving a star pitcher for Lehigh.

Miller Huggins insists that he has speeded up his Yankees even if Ruth isn't down to weight.

Most every ball player who lands in Judge Landis' court comes out with a claim he can't prove up on.

The California assembly has passed a bill which makes bribery in connection with baseball a felony.

Enthusiastic boosters with the Chicago White Sox are saying that Bib Falk may prove "another Sisler."

The Detroit Elks lodge has made Ty Cobb a life member and presented him with a gold membership card to prove it.

Judge Landis will never feel like excusing a poor baseball player because his wages are not more generous.

Connie Mack promises early shower baths to his pitchers who walk the first man they face. He's superstitious.

Tommy McCarthy, veteran catcher, has been engaged by the Brooklyn club to act as coach for Uncle Robby's pitchers.

Connie Mack seems to pick pitchers for height. Of the 13 he now has, the shortest is 5 feet 11. The tallest is 6 feet 6.

Bill Guthrie of Chicago, former National and Coast umpire, has been added to the Western league's staff for this year.

Outfielder Bill Stebbauer, "sold" to the St. Louis Cardinals by the Houston club, was promptly turned over to Nashville.

Should Walter Johnson's arm really be as good as the Senators claim, American league batters will need windshields.

Bill Southworth, formerly of the Pirates and now with the Braves, has been appointed captain by Manager Fred Mitchell.

Ty Cobb will work his new pitchers often while they are enthusiastic over their new jobs. That suits the oldsters who have sore arms.

The Toledo club announces the release of Pitcher Kirk Heatwole to the Richmond club and Catcher Siner to the Spartanburg club.

Connie Mack is all packed up to get out of the cellar while Wild Bill Donovan is preparing to make himself as comfortable as possible.

Detectives are to be assigned to the Philadelphia National league baseball park with instructions to arrest persons who attempt to gamble.

Shannon, a new man in the Columbus lineup, answers to the name of Mickey and played last year with Akron in the International league.

Big league outlaw players may organize a team to play semi-pro teams near Chicago. But would people pay their money to see their brand?

The Rock Island club of the Three-I league retains but five of last year's team. All the others George McQuillan has in training are newcomers.

Josh Devore, manager of the Grand Rapids team of the Central league, has signed Otto Meller, a Milwaukee semi-pro pitcher, who wears glasses.

Pat Moran declares that he will enjoy himself with his new Redleg rookies this season and that they fans will soon forget the holdout brigade.

"THAT SHRIMP," SAID JOHN M'GRAW



MILLER HUGGINS

When John McGraw was manager of the Orioles some twenty years ago his friend, Buck Ewing, nonpareil of catchers, recommended to him three players from the Shamrocks of Cincinnati. The three were George Rohe, the third baseman; Jack Pfeister, the pitcher, and Miller Huggins. Let McGraw tell the rest:

"I looked them over and took Rohe and Pfeister. 'That shrimp,' I said to myself as I sized up Huggins, 'he's too little ever to be any use as a big leaguer.' So I passed him up, and he turned out to be the best of the three."

SOTHORON IS GIVEN NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Without Spitball Brown Pitcher Was Failure.

Regain of Confidence Makes St. Louis Tosses Think That Former Skill Was Returned—Held Cardinals to Four Hits.

Allan Sothoron, Brown pitcher, is blooming again. He's got his spitball and his old confidence back.

Giving spitballers a continued lease on life meant more to Sothoron possibly than to any other of the 16 major league pitchers now qualified to use the moist delivery. Without the spitball Sothoron was a failure.

He was started against the Cleveland Indians in the opener last year without his spitter. They peppered



Allan Sothoron.

him off the hill. Later in the season he was reinstated as eligible to throw the wet ball, but he made a poor comeback. That one game turned him from a winning pitcher into a loser.

His pitching average for 1920 was .324 as against .625 for the year before, when he used his pet delivery all season.

"When Cleveland beat me in that game I got the idea in my head that I wasn't there as a pitcher without a spitball," says Sothoron. "I had depended upon it too much. The spitball isn't the only ball I throw, but it fits into my system."

"After that disastrous game with the Indians I couldn't regain my old confidence, even after they gave me my spitter back. Confidence is a thing that any winning pitcher must have."

"A pitcher might have a fadeaway as good as Mathewson's, the speed of Walter Johnson and the control of Babe Adams, but unless he thinks he can master the batters who face him he is helpless. I'm going to be all right again this year."

The fact that Sothoron held the Cardinals to four hits and beat them in an exhibition game indicates he is his old self.

With the apparent comeback of Sothoron the Browns' pennant chances are looking up.

Toronto Obtains Boehling. Joe Boehling, former National, has been bought from the Oakland club by the Toronto Internationals.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

A golfer likes a whole loaf—not a slice.

More than 50 candidates have reported for the Penn State lacrosse team.

Two hundred candidates have reported for outdoor track practice at Harvard.

Johnny Wilson is now called a scientific champ instead of the trimmings for apple-pie.

Allison Murray has been elected captain of the University of Pennsylvania hockey team.

Plans are being made for the reorganization of the University of Minnesota athletic system.

A no-decision fight between a champion and a challenger is about as interesting as near beer.

High runs of 200 in 18.2 billiards have become so numerous that fans don't applaud such figures.

Benny Leonard is using the old gag about "going to retire at the end of the year." It gets him publicity.

Massachusetts Golf association will handicap over 7,000 players rated from scratch to 24 strokes for the season's play.

More than 500 golf clubs are affiliated with the Ladies' Golf Union of England, having a membership of over 50,000.

Chicago is to witness a series of good races for powerboats in connection with the pageant there, July 31 to August 13.

Chick Evans is worrying because he'll have to wear a coat while shooting golf in the British open during May weather.

Ira J. Rogers and Ward Lanham have been engaged as assistants to Head Coach Spears of the University of West Virginia.

John Lees, brother of George Lees, catcher on the White Sox, has been elected captain of the Lehigh university basketball team for next season.

FRANK LOOMIS AS COACH



Frank Loomis, holder of the world's record for the 400-meter, three-foot hurdles, and a member of the Chicago Athletic association field team for ten years, will become athletic director at Hastings college of Nebraska.

WON'T LOAN HIS GLOVE.

Superstition plays a big part in the pitching of Jake "Jerky" Northrup of the Milwaukee club.

Northrup thinks all his luck is tied up in his glove. He won't lend it to any of his teammates.

He thinks that if somebody even touches his glove during the game he's pitching he'll lose. After pitching he carries his glove up daintily and carries it to the bench with him.

To him his glove is a precious treasure. He treats it as though it were a personal friend.

Many ball players are superstitious about lending their bats. Northrup is the first one who ever treated a glove from the same angle.

Diamond Squibs

Ruether appears to be coming through for Wilbert Robinson.

Judge Landis may be the cause of Homerun Baker returning to the farm.

The Pirates are all set to hold other crews up, in the race for pennant gold.

Toledo A. A. club has released two players to the clubs of lower classification.

'Twould be a blow to the Washington team if Nick Altrock sprained his funny bone.

Outfielder Johnny Frierson has been given his unconditional release by the Memphis club.

The Chicago Americans have turned Catcher Clarence Jonnard back to Nashville.

The Pirates have sent Shortstop Harold Traynor to Birmingham of the Southern association.

The Atlanta club has claimed Infielder Eddie Manning from the Little Rock club on waivers.

The Houston club has released Catcher Leo McConnell to Sweetwater, under option of recall.

Few big league ball players eat more than two squares per day, but those are not canary bird lunches.

Herman Harvey, center fielder for Pennsylvania, has been elected captain of the team to succeed Joe Strauss.

There was considerable shock in St. Paul when it was announced that Connie Mack had recalled Frank Brazill.

Jim Bradshaw is on the Chattanooga ineligible list for jumping. He pitches for an independent team in Memphis.

Sometimes a new manager will make a new ball club. There ought to be seven in the major leagues this year.

Kid Gleason, in spite of all his worries, is certainly in a jovial state of mind these days. The club looks great.

The Kansas City club has sold Eddie Wright, third baseman to the Oklahoma City club of the Western league.

Ban Johnson, president of the American league, believes the race for the pennant in both leagues will be tight.

George Torporcer, the Cards' bespectacled second baseman, can face spitball pitchers without getting tears in his eyes.

Earl Brown, pitcher from the Pittsburgh Collegians, has been given his unconditional release by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Herb Hunter, who played last year with the Boston American league, has been signed with the Greenville South Atlantic club.

The St. Louis Cardinals have turned over young Adolfo Pireotti, pitcher, and Gillham, a young catcher, to the Houston club.

The Phillies will not return to Gainesville, Fla., next spring unless the town furnishes a better ball yard to practice in.

Manager Ty Cobb finally made up his mind and decided to send First Baseman Ben Smith, the Three-I recruit, to Joplin.

Leo Hanley, who was with Binghamton in 1919, is getting another trial in the International. The Rochester club has signed him.

Manager George McBride of Washington declares Bob Lamotte, his young shortstop, is the best shortfielder in the business.

The Detroit Tigers are wearing the English "D" on their uniforms this year. This style of letter carried them through three pennant years.

The Tulsa club, which has secured Phil Todd from the St. Louis Browns, plans to play the sensational Mound City youngster in the outfield.