

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Altoona.—Charged with being implicated in the murder of Antonio Signore, aged 22, here, August 23, 1915. Donato Innetti was arrested and held for further investigation. Eckley.—John Shearon, a young man, is under the care of a doctor at his home here with a severe attack of nervous prostration as a result of being falsely accused as a strike breaker. Freeland.—The Washington Silk company here has purchased an old brewery at Berwick and is installing motors and looms to run the place as a branch silk manufactory. New Castle.—Frank Di Chico, who was shot twice through the abdomen following a nattack on Rosie Cabella, his divorced wife, died in a local hospital. A murder charge will be placed against Miss Cabella by District Attorney Hildebrand. Punksutawney.—Joe Ruthkausk, who killed his mother-in-law and wounded his wife and father-in-law several days ago, and then shot himself in the head, died at a hospital here. The shooting, according to the police, grew out of domestic troubles. Bethlehem.—While picking coal along the Reading railway near here, Geza Selkobar, aged 10, was killed by an express train. Pottsville.—Frank Miles, an engineer at Wadesville, was almost blown to pieces when the turbine engine on which he was at work exploded. Several fellow workmen witnessed the sight but were not injured by the flying missiles. Officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company are investigating the cause of the accident, which none of the mechanics is able to explain. Miles was 35 years old and lived at St. Clair. Williamsport.—The Muncy State Industrial Home for Women at which one year ago last month, a dozen inmates staged a riot which led to their imprisonment in the Lycoming county jail, is offering for sale ten cages which were needed at that time to restrain the girls. The cottage in which the cages were installed now is an honor cottage, housing a dozen girls, some of whom were in last year's riot, who are enjoying almost entire liberty. Harrisburg.—Roadside booths for the sale of summer drink, ice cream and sandwiches are being inspected by agents of the department of health in a crusade to enforce cleanliness and compliance with the law requiring separate drinking vessels. The agents found 325 of 3671 eating places inspected lately to be complying with the law against common towels and drinking cups and 76 proprietors received orders to supply separate towels. The inspections included drinking glasses and similar articles were investigated. Point Marion.—Oscar Hollingswood, of Gray's Landing, and Miss Lily Little, his companion, were shot by an unidentified man near the Point Marion Coal company mine. The girl told the authorities that the man was wearing goggles, ordered them to halt and when they showed fight he fired. Hollingswood was shot in the stomach and Miss Little in a leg. Physicians said Hollingswood probably would die. Harrisburg.—Bread made from Pennsylvania wheat is superior in color and texture to that baked from patent western flour, members of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Association of Baking Industries were told by representatives of the state department of agriculture at a demonstration here of testing loaves baked in the experimental laboratories of the United States department of agriculture in Washington. The wheat from which the bread was made was milled at Chambersburg a week ago from the present season's crop. Mercer.—Official papers from the superior court upholding the conviction of J. H. Moody, former burgess of Farrel, on a charge of conspiracy to extort were received here. Moody was taken to the Allegheny county workhouse to serve a nine months' sentence. Greensburg.—An automobile overturned at Granville, near here, instantly killing Veto Sio, of Wilmerding, William Oldham, garage proprietor of Wilmerding, sustained probable fatal injuries and Wilbur Haught escaped with bruises. Harrisburg.—The bureau of animal industry has started a study of the parasites which afflict Pennsylvania poultry. A number have been identified and have been segregated for scientific study. Some of them are of types with marked disease carrying tendencies. Hillsdale.—Benjamin C. Slegle, 93 years old, Hillsdale's oldest resident, died following a fall in which he broke a leg. Uniontown.—When his arm caught on a nail as he fell from the top of a tree, Kenneth Reichmeyer, aged 7, of this city, was painfully injured. Harrisburg.—October 27 has been approved by Governor Sprout as fall Arbor and Bird day. Harrisburg.—The state forestry department will give away 61,000 young trees at fairs throughout Pennsylvania this fall, each in a paper pot printed "Help restore Penn's woods." Lock Haven.—Myriads of gnats invaded this city, making it decidedly uncomfortable for persons on the streets.

Hazleton.—Alleging that his wife, Louise, deserted him four days after he entered the world war and that he has not heard from her since, Rocco Logudice, of this city, an oversea veteran, filed divorce proceedings. Uniontown.—Shook, believed to have been due to a gunshot wound sustained when a rifle was discharged as he attempted to crawl through a wire fence, resulted in the death of John Warren Wood, aged 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Wood, one of Uniontown's most prominent families. The lad lay at the scene of the accident for some time, as Mrs. Wood, who was at the Wood summer home, nearby, did not hear the shot. As he staggered to the Wood home the youth collapsed in his mother's arms. He was rushed to the Uniontown Hospital, where he died after numerous convulsions. Pittsburg.—Officials of the Penn Paint company called in the police when a man tried to sell the firm a cash register which had been stolen from the company's office several days ago. William Baker, the salesman, said he bought the register from Walter Jackson. Both were arrested, and a police magistrate held them for court. Uniontown.—Burgess Gabriel Sullivan, of Masontown, and two members of his family were injured when their home was dynamited. The explosion was terrific and a number of Masontown residents, startled by the blast, appeared in the streets armed with rifles and pistols. State troopers and county detectives are investigating. Williamsport.—Foresters working in the mountains in northern Lycoming and southern Tioga counties have seen more bears this season than old inhabitants remember in years. The cause is believed to be the campaign against bears which has been waged in Potter county for several years. In that county hunters have been permitted to kill two bears a season and as a consequence hunters from all over the state have flocked into it. Pottsville.—Despairing because of the long idleness of the anthracite mines, George Hunter, a miner, aged 65, shot and killed himself at St. Clair, while reclining in bed. He held a shotgun close to his body and pulled the trigger with a string attached to his toes. Northumberland.—Frank Gross, Calvin Gearhart and Charles Liddington, of this place, while picking berries in the Blue Mountains, killed a diamond-backed rattlesnake that carried thirteen rattles and a button on its tail. Harrisburg.—The State Construction company, New Kensington, was awarded the contract for construction of 803 feet of road in Lower Burrell township, Westmoreland county, at \$13,504.50. Harrisburg.—An offer of 4000 acres near Roulette, Potter county, as a game refuge, has been made to the state game commission by an up-state chemical company, announcement was made. The land is offered for an indefinite period. The commission will take the matter under advisement at its next meeting. Sunbury.—Northumberland county's summer jail guests are more numerous than in half a dozen years, according to Warden William H. Calhoun. With more than forty boarders, the increase is unusual. Many of these are said to be illegal car riders who are sentenced to ten-day terms, they being taken at this junction point. For many years the county has strenuously objected to feeding this class of prisoners, they claiming that as a rule they are not criminals and that the railroads should pay for their keep. Twenty-five prisoners are on parole in the county. Hazleton.—Anthracite coal companies who permitted people to pick fuel from state banks and from strippings the past four months since the mines suspended, provided the coal was not hauled away in wagons or sold, has issued orders to their officers to drive all coal pickers off the properties and allow no more removal of the product. Harrisburg.—Appointment of former Judge Harland A. Denny, of Susquehanna county, as deputy state attorney general to fill the vacancy resulting from promotion of George Ross Hull to first deputy, was made at the capitol. Williamsport.—The twenty-seventh annual session of the Sunday schools of the Colored Baptist churches of the state came to a close with the selection of Uniontown as the next meeting place and the election of the following officers: President, William Strother, Williamsport; vice president, H. E. Corrigan, Altoona; regarding secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Hardy, Pittsburg; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Emily Henderson, Philadelphia, and treasurer, S. A. Wheeler, Washington, Pa. Harrisburg.—First blanks for information as to the number of hogs on Pennsylvania farms and the possibilities for the swine industry were distributed by agents of the state department of agriculture in western and central counties, following a meeting at Lancaster. It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 hogs on Pennsylvania farms, but there is opportunity for profitable raising of many more, as the state does not supply 75 per cent of the pork products it consumes. Williamsport.—While crossing the Reading railway tracks here, F. X. Kane, city port director, dropped dead of heart disease. Sunbury.—Sunbury Lodge of Elks was host to more than 300 kiddies at Bolling Green, a pleasure park near here. Hazleton.—A committee of Hazleton Chapter of the Red Cross has gone to Washington, D. C., to division headquarters to ask for financial assistance in keeping up local nursing work. Zionview.—Falling down stairs at his home here, Samuel Trimmer sustained injuries that may cause his death.

HUBERT PRUETT, BROWNS' ROOKIE, PROVES NEMESIS TO BABE RUTH



Former University of Missouri Pitcher Who Possesses Famous "Fade-away" Ball.

Hubert "Shucks" Pruett, twenty-one-year-old University of Missouri pitcher for the St. Louis Browns, who attracted attention by striking out Babe Ruth three times, once with the bases full, in the second game of the recent series with New York, has proved himself a real nemesis of the noted home-run king. "Shucks," who has fanned Babe Ruth five times and walked him once in six times at bat, possesses the famous "fade-away" ball that made Christy Mathewson the world's greatest pitcher, according to Manager Lee Fohl. Fohl said he believed that Pruett's "fade-away" is superior to that of the "old master," because "Shucks" throws with his left hand—"Matty" was a right-hander—which gives the ball a peculiar reverse twist. Two years ago "Shucks" applied to the Browns for a tryout, but received this answer: "We can't use kids." He was sent to the Tulsa team of the Western league, and this spring the Browns gave him the coveted trial. Now, Fohl says, he is one of the "finds" of the season.

ONE HONEST CATCHER

Talk about rather playing baseball than eating turkey. How is this? On June 11, 1912, when Yazoo City was playing Columbus of the Cotton States league and the game had gotten as far as the second inning, the catcher of Columbus was hurt and there was no one to take his place. It was up to the catcher of the Yazoo City nine to catch for both teams. All the officials agreed. It was a double-header and both games went ten innings. This hero's name was Taylor. He worked manfully and energetically and although his own team won both games his picture never graced the rogues' gallery. His was an example that's good to pattern after.

SUPERIOR AS COLLEGE SPORT

Fred Clarke Says Baseball Trains Mind of Player and Develops Courage and Skill.

"Baseball should remain as a college sport as much as any other sport," said Fred Clarke, former manager of the Pittsburgh team recently. "There has been much talk in some circles as to whether baseball is not



Fred Clarke.

too much commercialized to make it a proper sport for colleges. I do not believe the game should be passed up in the college on any such score. Baseball is a scientific game. It trains the mind of the player, gives him self control and develops skill and courage. What more does any other sport do?"

BIG ANNUAL GOLFING EVENT

Florida-Pinehurst Team Match Will Be Played Each Year—Established for All Time.

The Florida-Pinehurst team match has come to stay. This is a certainty, and it will be played each year as a curtain-raiser to the North and South Open. The event will always have to be played at Pinehurst, unless some neutral course, such as Alken or Camden, is selected. The enthusiasm in the event this year has established the affair for all time, or as long as golfers go to Florida, and others go to Pinehurst for winter golf.

SNAKES ARE GOLF AID

Blacksnakes are being offered every inducement to make a comfortable home on the links of the Coatesville (Pa.) Country club. Champions of the reptile declare that it is the most efficient enemy of the ground mole, which does so much damage to golf greens, and the club officials have started a campaign to protect and foster the growth of the blacksnake. Along the sides of the course the underbrush has been allowed to grow thick, and tempting rock piles with full southern exposures have been placed to lure the snake from near-by lands. Not only does the snake go right into the mole's boring, but it is alleged that it kills off rattlers and copperheads. It is harmless, and is not likely to disconcert a golfer by appearing silently, for the snake does its work at night.

FLETCHER IS ONE OF PASTIME'S MARVELS

He Is Thirty-Six Years Old and Still Going Good.

Ranks as One of Greatest Shortstops in National Game, Although This Is His Thirteenth Season of Activity.

Thirty-six years old and still going good. That is Art Fletcher, captain and shortstop of the Phillies. Age means nothing to the veteran infielder. He believes in the old theory that one is never any older than he feels, and right now Fletcher feels as if he were only twenty-one; at least he is striving to play like a youngster. He still ranks as one of the greatest shortstops in the game, although this is his thirteenth season of activity in the National league.



Art Fletcher.

Fletcher is one of the real come-backs of the game. There are few who have ever done as well as he is doing. He was out of the game last year after losing his father and had decided to retire from the game and take care of business left to him, but Baker of the Phillies would not let him rest and made his inducements so flattering that Art could not resist the offer. He came back and impressed upon Manager Wilhelm that he was still capable of holding a regular berth. Not only has he convinced his boss of this, but has been performing and hitting with such brilliancy that there is no chance for a youngster to replace him.

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Tennis is booming everywhere, even though it has no Babe Ruth. It isn't the bleachers that go wild at a golf game; it is most of the amateur's shots. Another fight is being arranged for Dempsey. The details as to time and place have not been decided, but the conversation has started. Bob Fowler of Boston is not only coach of the athletes of the Brazilian navy, but is to conduct a school for coaches. Fowler is at Rio de Janeiro. Billy Hayes of Springfield, Mass., has the extraordinary record of winning the 100-yard dash in the Western conference championships three times in better than 10 seconds. New York city now boasts a velodrome that will seat 15,000 and can be used for football in winter, as well as ice skating, and in summer will be available for boxing and track sports.

BEARD IN HISTORY

At Times Fashionable and Again Severely Frowned On.

Public Opinion as to the Desirability of the Facial Appendage Changes Without Seeming Reason.

The prophets of fashion in England announce that beards are to be worn once more. Upon what signs and tokens the prediction is founded does not appear. It is hardly to be contended that the beard has become a more common object, or that in social intercourse a new interest in beards is to be observed, but one must not discredit prophets. What the impulse is which inspires one century with a desire for beards is as much a mystery as that for having in Victorian England after two hundred years of shaving. It is easy to say that King Edward VII set the fashion, but that only puts the difficulty in another manner. We cannot tell why the prince of Wales of Queen Victoria's reign should have chosen to wear what no king had worn since Charles I. But the changes of fashion have been many, even in England, observes Henri Pickard in the Cincinnati Enquirer. According to the Bayeux tapestry, Edward the Confessor had a beard, but not Harold. The Normans who came to England with the Conqueror were clean-shaven, but it was a new fashion in Normandy. Though a vehement prelate called bearded men "filthy goats and bristly Saracens," there was for four hundred years no dominant fashion in England. Mustaches, beards, and shaven faces were all to be found. Henry V made shaving the rule until beards came in again with Henry VIII. But, lest any man is alarmed by that precedent, it must be said that the first defender of the faith was only following a European fashion sanctioned by Pope Julius II and the Emperor Charles V.

The Elizabethans were bearded, and very elaborately, for they cut their beards to all manner of shapes, perfumed them, dyed them, starched them, powdered them. Under the first Stuarts the beard became a chin tuft. By the beginning of the Eighteenth century every man was clean shaven. At the end of it mustaches and whiskers were coming in again. At first these decorations were military. Every Englishman remembers how Clive Newcombe, who was only a painter, amused the marquis of Farintosh by wearing mustaches. In the middle of the century Dickens went abroad cleanly-shaven and grew himself a pair. "They are beautiful, beautiful," he wrote. "Without them, life would be a blank." George IV shaved clean. In the year 1840 George Frederick Muntz, who, to be sure, was a desperate radical, brought a "huge black beard" into the house of commons, where such a thing had not been seen for two centuries, and timid folk expected the immediate end of all things. The prince consort let hair grow on his face, and whiskers became longer and longer; but even in 1857 people thought it desperately bold of Livingstone to "brave the prejudices of his countrymen" wearing a mustache, and within the last 40 years a bishop was blamed for wearing a beard. Who knows what the next turn of fashion may be? Until the war it seemed that the clean-shaven face was likely to become the rule once more. The war's crop of mustaches still flourishes and anything may happen next—even a new Dandrey.

Warship Sails Up Amazon.

The British warship Pelorus, a twin screw, protected, third class cruiser, drawing 17 feet of water, recently made a voyage of 2,300 miles up the Amazon river from Para, Brazil to Iquitos, Peru.

In traversing the upper reaches, which are uncharted, it was thought best to anchor at night; but the ship met with no accident, got back to Para in good time, and literally astonished the natives all the way.

It is said that an American and an Italian warship, small river boats, went up the Amazon years before that; but no vessel as large as the Pelorus, so far as can be ascertained, ever before penetrated so far—to within 500 miles of the Pacific coast, and the achievement gave new impetus to the hope that it will be easier to open to commerce and civilization the rich but little-known interior of a vast continent.

Japanese Honor Christians.

Japan in recent years has given more and more public recognition to Christianity. At the coronation of the present emperor several Christians were included in the list of Japanese who received honors, some of them, like Rev. Dr. Motoda, headmaster of St. Paul's college, Tokyo, and Miss Ume Tsuda, principal of a school for girls, being so prominent as Christian workers that their selection implied an approval of their work. Never before had Christians been so honored by the throne.

A Congenial Role.

"What I like about this actor is his ability to sink his identity in the part." "He's playing a hard drinker." "That's just the point." "He ought to be able to play that part well. He's been rehearsing it for 20 years."—Birmingham Age-Herald.