

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Altoona.—Judge Baldrige has appointed Adam Leake, of this place, a stipstap in the Blair county courts.

West Newton.—James C. Allen, 61 years old, of this place, was killed by a train within 100 feet of his home.

Mahanoy Plane.—Edmund Murphy, Earl Moyer and Joseph Flynn, of this place, were seriously injured at Lawrence colliery, when a rope broke, allowing heavy iron plates to fall on them.

Quarryville.—Mrs. Emma F. Groff, 76 years old, died here from a stroke while talking to relatives.

Pottsville.—Compulsory vaccination of pupils under orders from Harrisburg was bitterly opposed in the sessions of the Pottsville school board, directors declaring that mid-winter is no time for it because of the disposition of delicate children taking dangerous colds.

Harrisburg.—The first execution date fixed by Governor Pinchot was set for the week of March 17, when the execution of David Disque, of Philadelphia, is to take place.

Uniontown.—Charged with manslaughter when it was alleged he was intoxicated when his truck collided with a car in which Mrs. Elizabeth Waukshaw, of Greensburg, was riding and killed the woman, Martin Sisler, of Mount Braddock, was acquitted, after a trial which lasted several days. The question of Sisler's condition centered around a jug of cider found in his machine.

Altoona.—For the twelfth consecutive time Ed J. Bigley of this city, has been elected president of the Blair County Road Drivers' Association.

Suburby.—The Six County Firemen's Association convention will be held here June 18 to 20.

Carbondale.—Three men were seriously scalded when the flues of a Delaware and Hudson locomotive burst and showered them with steam and cinders from the fire-box. The three men, all of Carbondale, are Engineer Harold Boliver, Fireman Anthony H. Thomas and Trainman Thomas Kerins. All were riding in the cab at the time of the accident.

Pittsburgh.—Eleven persons in humble circumstances will share in the large estate left by Martin Burke, the wealthy bootlegger who was murdered in his own doorway here several weeks ago. The known value of the estate, as revealed by application for letters of administration, is \$350,000, but members of his family place the amount at about \$1,500,000. The heirs are a brother living in Greenville, two places at Grove City, another niece at Newton Falls, Ohio, and seven nephews and nieces in Pittsburgh.

Lancaster.—Jay Dupler, 2 years old, died in a hospital as a result of burns suffered in a fire which destroyed his father's home near Elizabethtown. The child was trapped in a room of the house and Clayton Dupler, the father, who made a desperate attempt at rescue reached him only after the boy had been severely burned. The father succeeded in rescuing his wife and three other children uninjured, but seriously burned himself. He jumped to the ground from the second story window and his wife lowered the youngsters to him and then leaped herself.

Franklin.—Acting on a report that the body of John Ross, a Franklin soldier, who was killed in France in 1918, had arrived at Hoboken, a committee has been named by the Rotary Club to communicate with the war department, as a soldier said to be Ross was buried with military honors two years ago. Members of Ross' family were notified last week that a Franklin high school class pin, said to be the one which Myrtle Ross had given to her brother before he went overseas, had been found on the coat of a soldier when a casket had been opened at the Hoboken terminal. One of the last letters received from Ross was written to his sister, and in it he said he still was wearing her pin on his coat.

Scranton.—A mile of city thoroughfares, in the vicinity of Washington avenue and Pine street, was under five inches of water, damage estimated at several thousand dollars, was caused and three fires started when a high pressure water main burst. Parts of the Pinebrook section were flooded and water fronts blown out of stoves in a score of homes. Firemen extinguished the fires resulting from the bursting of the water fronts on stoves before any damage was done. No one was injured.

Harrisburg.—Governor Pinchot told state police captains who had a conference with him in company with Superintendent Adams, to proceed with prohibition enforcement and remarked that what he had said on the subject "goes the same as when it was said."

Bainbridge.—Charles Benner, a carpenter here, was badly injured when he fell twenty feet and a hatchet struck him on the head.

Buttonwood.—Stepping off his train in front of an express in the yard here, George C. Krohn, aged 49, a Pennsylvania conductor, was killed.

Hallam.—Peter R. Craley, 76 years old, a retired farmer here, was found dead in bed by his daughter-in-law.

Wilkes-Barre.—Alfred H. Coon, of this city, has been appointed a captain of artillery and assigned as adjutant of the first battalion of the 109th artillery.

Richland.—This place has been chosen for the first convention of the recently organized Lebanon County Firemen's Association.

West Hazleton.—Leaving twenty years ago with the expectation of spending the remainder of his life in Germany, Carl Eishman, of this place, has returned.

Shamokin.—Mr. and Mrs. Vito Kendale, of this place, sued the Reading railway for \$50,000 for injuries sustained by the woman in the Port Clinton wreck last month.

Reading.—Many leading iron men were present when the furnace of the Thomas Iron company near Hokendauqua resumed operations after a long idleness. The stack, now owned by the Reading Iron company, is one of the largest in eastern Pennsylvania, producing 450 tons a day. Miss Mary Thomas, of this city applied the match.

Erie.—Coroner Cardot has ordered an investigation into the deaths of Mrs. Cliff Houghton and her husband, both of whom were found dead in their home within twenty-four hours. Mrs. Houghton operated what is known as "Aunt Nina's Inn," a road house, just outside of the city limits. An autopsy of the bodies will be made to determine if poison had been swallowed.

Harrisburg.—Appeals involving thousands of dollars of state anthracite tax for 1921 have been taken to the supreme court from the judgment of the Dauphin county court in the recent cases by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, Alliance Coal Mining company and Cranberry Creek Coal company. The appeals will be urged for the state by the attorney general's department.

Pottstown.—A deal was completed for the sale by the Pottstown Cemetery to the Reading Mausoleum company of a tract of 10,000 feet fronting Hanover street on which will be constructed a handsome stone mausoleum containing 350 crypts and a chapel at a total cost of \$150,000.

Pottsville.—Although he dodged to one side of the state highway to escape an automobile, the machine coming at high speed, swayed and killed Michael Motto, aged 41, of New Philadelphia. After striking him the automobile driver dimmed his lights and went full speed ahead, without offering any aid. His identity is unknown, but an investigation is in progress by state police. Motto was a miner employed at the Silver Creek colliery, and is survived by a widow and family.

Allentown.—Nearly 150 nurses from Lehigh, Berks, Carbon, Lebanon, Monroe, Northampton and Schuylkill counties attended the sessions of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the Second district, which closed here, following an inspection of the Allentown Hospital. Mrs. Anna Barlow, of Reading, was elected president.

Pittsburgh.—Policeman John Novak, attracted by an explosion in a watchman's shanty on the North Side, ran into the burning building and dragged Angelo Demerilo, whose clothes were on fire, to a place of safety. He died in a hospital later. The policeman and four other men, who hastened to his assistance, were burned. Police are investigating the cause of the explosion.

Harrisburg.—First respites by Governor Pinchot have been issued to permit the cases of Floyd Smith, of Bradford, and John Shields, of Philadelphia, to come before the board of pardons again in February. They were ordered to be executed this week, but have been given stays until the week of March 5.

Reading.—A verdict of \$4000 for the wife and \$500 for the husband was returned by the jury in the damage suit of Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Miller, of Boyer's Heights, against Solomon Butz and George H. Clader, Allentown contractors. The suit arose out of injuries sustained by Mrs. Miller, who fell into a ditch near the corner of Fourth avenue and Franklin streets, West Reading, during the building of the foundation of the annex of the West Reading high school. Her right arm is useless.

Sunbury.—Thirty years' service as a crossing watchman, without an accident at his job, is the record of John W. Kelly, who rounded out that long term of service with the Philadelphia and Reading Railway company.

Uniontown.—Weighing 30 pounds less than his 170-pound wife, Edward Stickle, of Dunlap, Fayette county, obtained a divorce when he proved to the master in the divorce suit that he was cruelly and barbarously treated by Myrtle Stickle. He testified that she threw a skillet at him, seized a butcher knife and threatened to kill him and many times said she would poison him. On account of the difference in their sizes he was unable to protect himself in a manner that insured his safety. The Sticklees were married July 17, 1919, in Pittsburgh.

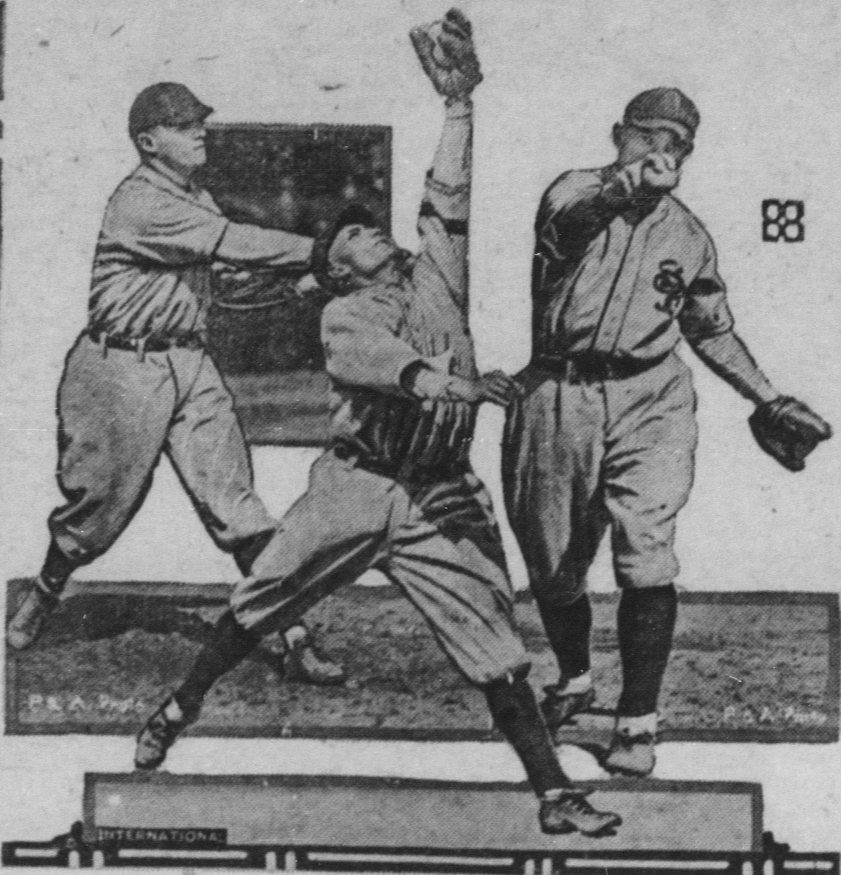
Harrisburg.—Under an opinion by Deputy Attorney General Collins, the mother's pension bureau has been informed a mother may be given aid where one of her children had been adopted, but was returned to her by the adopting parent.

Pittsburgh.—The body of a man who committed suicide recently in a New York hotel was identified as that of Jacob Malakoff, of this city.

Hazleton.—A demand has been framed by the painters' and paperhangers' union here for a five cents an hour increase in wages. Carpenters and bricklayers have also asked for higher wages and indications are that all of these increases will be granted by the contractors.

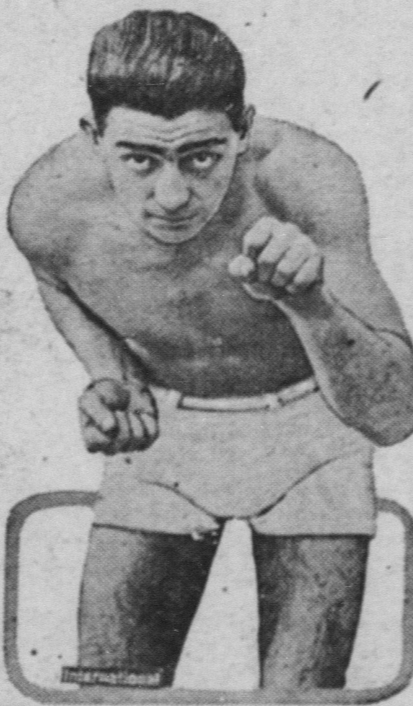
Columbia.—Henry B. Clepper was elected secretary of the local board of health for the twenty-fifth consecutive term.

RECRUITS STAR IN OWN LEAGUE



High batting percentages were made in 1922 by three Pacific Coast Baseball league stars, William Kamm, Jimmy O'Connell and Sam Hale, who go to the majors next spring, at high sale prices. Kamm, San Francisco third baseman, led his club with an average of .342. He was seventh among the league hitters. Kamm was sold to the Chicago White Sox for \$100,000 cash and players worth \$20,000, the highest price ever paid for a minor leaguer. Hale, Portland third sacker, who goes to the Philadelphia Athletics for \$75,000 cash and players, was third among the league hitters with a percentage of .358. O'Connell, San Francisco outfielder, who was sold to the New York Giants for \$75,000, was tenth on the list with an average of .335. The photograph shows, left to right, Willie Kamm, Sammy Hale and Jimmy O'Connell.

French Boxer Coming.



Francois Deschamps has another prospective boxing champion in the person of Paul Fritsch, shown here. Fritsch has won the national French amateur championship, as well as the Olympic and Army championships, for his class. He has just turned professional, and will come to the United States under the guidance of Deschamps, manager of Carpenter.

CONTEMPLATES TRYING AGAIN

Charles Toth, Crack New England Swimmer, Plans Another Attempt to Cross Channel.

Charles Toth, one of the New England swimmers who failed to swim the English channel, contemplates trying again. Discussing conditions there Toth said: "The tide runs apparently east and west at Dover, but until one swims out a mile and a half is the current felt. At five miles off the English shore the currents are very strong and the swimmer is carried many miles off his course, sometimes five to ten miles. This is so even in a calm sea, and in a rough, choppy sea characteristic of the channel, it makes the swimmer's task very discouraging, even in the first half. The cold is hardest to endure."

BILLY LAVAL IS NOW SCOUT

Veteran Manager Signs With Atlanta Club With Southern Colleges to Pick From.

Billy Laval, veteran manager of minor league teams in the South and of late years college football and baseball coach, has been engaged by the Atlanta club as a scout, with colleges of the South his special pickings. President Jack Corbett thinks that the major league clubs are snaring too many of the South's college diamond stars and that it is time clubs closer to them should grab some of them off.

Picking Football Stars.

Selecting the All-American teams may be largely a matter of guess and, except for those players who stand out prominently like Kaw of Cornell, Locke of Iowa and Muller of California, one man's guess is as good as another. The football season is so short and the games are so numerous that any one man can see but a small fraction of the contests. The best thing about Camp's selection is that it seems the finale of the football year.

Syracuse to Improve.

Syracuse is about to add to its athletic equipment. The new Hendricks field will include twelve acres and consists of a baseball section, quarter-mile running track, practice football field, increase field, several tennis courts, women's hockey field, outdoor basket ball rectangle and several field houses. The improvements will cost \$300,000.

FALK HAS MADE FANS FORGET JOE JACKSON

Southpaw Leftfielder of White Sox Is Hard Hitter.

Famous Expose of the 1919 World's Series Gave Young Texan Opportunity to Display His Ability as a Slugger.

Just because he could hit, he lost a chance to become a great southpaw pitcher.

That's the story of Bib Falk, the square-shouldered Texas lad who stepped out of college into a big league berth.

For those who don't recall at the moment and don't follow baseball regularly, it might be added Bib is the southpaw leftfielder of the Chicago White Sox. He made his first appearance as a regular at the start of the 1921 season and has never been considered other than a regular since that time.

Falk's case is a peculiar one. He faced the toughest obstacle that could confront a youngster when he reported to Gleason. This was late in 1920, when the Sox were then the world's greatest baseball combination. In reality it was the baseball scandal which subsequently wrecked the South side team that afforded Falk his opportunity to win a berth.

Before Falk came to the White Sox he was the rage of Texas university. "Falk and baseball" were synonymous terms around the college town of Austin. When Bib wasn't holding some other student team to a couple of hits and striking out fifteen or twenty, he was hitting triples and home runs and playing either first base or the outfield.

For three years the Sox had a string



Bib Falk.

on the kid and every month reports would reach the South side offices of his wonderful pitching exhibitions.

In the spring of 1920 Gleason got his first real look at Falk in the role of a hitter when the Sox were playing an exhibition game with the University of Texas. Bib was on first base and he faced the shoots of Claude Williams. He had no trouble with the assortment of the then American league ace.

Late in the season, when he reported, he was used occasionally as a pinch hitter. He worked out at first base and for a time the Pale Hose manager had plans of developing him into a first-sacker. But he rarely got a chance to participate for a full contest and, as a result, his ability was uncertain.

Then the famous expose of the 1919 world's series occurred. The club that was once great was wrecked. The big chance was at hand for the utility men, and those included the Texas recruit.

During the winter of 1920-21 Gleason again had plans of making a pitcher out of Falk. These calculations were quickly dispelled when the training season got under way. Falk hit at a terrific clip from the outset and displayed pleasing ability in the position held by Jackson. When the season opened he was in left field and his pitching ability had been forgotten.

BOOK GAMES FOR ROCHESTER

Easter Sunday, First Holiday of Season, Club Hooks Up With St. Louis Cardinals.

Secretary Walter Hapgood of the Rochester Internationals is out with some definite announcements of spring bookings. The first holiday of the year—Easter Sunday—will find the Rochester team playing an exhibition game at Pensacola with the St. Louis Cardinals. The Pensacola Chamber of Commerce gives a guarantee for the game.



A QUAKER REBUKE

"I have been up and down the world a great deal," observed a knowing young man in a certain Pennsylvania town, "and mixed with all kinds of people, and I have mighty little faith in preachers or any other kind of reformers. People are all alike. I know them. I've cut my eye teeth." Among those present happened to be an old Quaker, who remarked to the blase young person: "Thee doesn't seem to have cut thy wisdom teeth yet."

A Desperate Ruse.

"Well, did you collect that bill from the Scatterbys?"

"No, sir," said the new collector. "I saw a piece of crepe on their door and I didn't want to intrude on their grief."

"You go right back there and get the money. Those people hang a piece of crepe on their door on the first of every month."

An Era of Publicity.

"You don't mind having the name of your automobile painted in box-car letters on the cover?"

"No," said the motorist, "although it's true that I'm a rolling advertisement for the manufacturer who made it, but I have to draw the line somewhere. If my tailor ever asks me to wear his label where all who run may read, I'm going to refuse."

A Natural Choice.

The motor car had skidded on the wet road and upset. An Irishman came up and said to a friend in the crowd, "What's the excitement, Pat?"

"Shure, it's an automobile that's turned turtle."

"Turned turtle, is it?" said the newcomer. "Bedad, that must be the reason it chose a mud puddle."

Hoping for the Best.

"Brother Jones, on de last great day de sheep will be separated from de goats."

"Dat dey will, Brother Jackson, an' I'm prayin' might an' mornin' dat de good Lord put me on de woolly side of de fence."

Quick Turnover.

Nephew—What I want to get into, uncle, is some line where one can make a quick turnover.

Uncle—Well, you might get a job frying griddle cakes.

DIRECTIONS WANTED
Occultist—Drop a little of this into your eyes three times a day.
Patient—Before meals or after, doctor.

Glad Words.
Of all the words of tongue or pen The gladdest are these: "I own a hen." Especially if you can further say: "She lays an egg 'most every day."

Tactful Postponement.
"Blithersby has inherited a fortune."
"If that's the case his greatest gift will no longer be of any use to him."
"What is it?"
"The ability to make a bill collector think his next visit is bound to be his last."

Necessity.
Man in Need—Lend me \$20. I have to go to Boston.
Friend—Why must you go there?
Man in Need—Just received a contract to deliver a series of lectures there on "How to Succeed in Life," and I haven't the fare.

Just the Thing.
Elderly Gentleman Customer—I want a dainty scarf for a lady, in some pretty color.
Clerk—Certainly. We have them in mud, rust, clay and old brick.

Unfortunate Word.
"You appear to have offended the grass widow."
"Sorry! I merely remarked that she was in her heyday."

Too Late.
Tom—I say, introduce me to Miss Van Coyne, will you? I'd like to marry that girl; she's a perfect bank in herself.

Jack—Sorry, old man but she has just gone into the hands of a receiver.

That's Where Stars Are.
Julia—I think I'll go into the movies.
Jack—Fine, I know you'll be a star.

Julia—What makes you think so?
Jack—Well, whenever I get near you I seem to be in heaven.