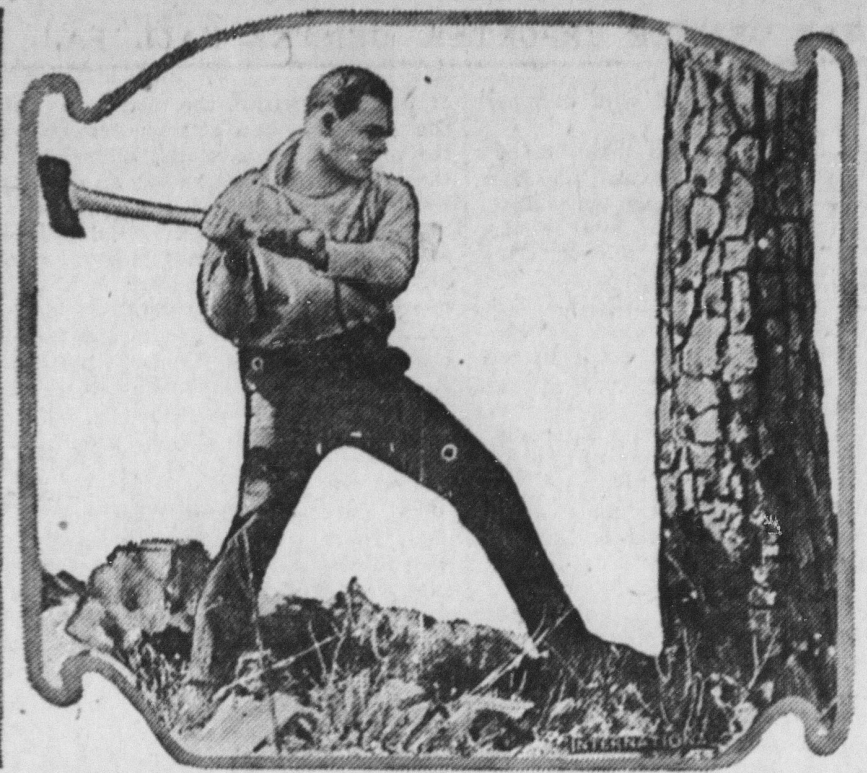


PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Mt. Carmel.—While on his way to work at the Greenough colliery, Andrew Toth, of this place, dropped dead.
York.—Fifty-five members of the York County Bar Association attended a dinner at the York Country Club.
Lancaster.—A wage increase to employees of the Conestoga Traction company was announced here.
Altoona.—Success attended the drive for \$50,000 to build a permanent home for the local American Legion.
Mountville.—Miss Mary Musser, of this place, a teacher in the Parkesburg schools a number of years, has been chosen principal of the Parkesburg high school.
Pittsburgh.—The police trial board exonerated Lieutenant Albert Burris and Sergeant Howard Gaiser of any blame in connection with their alleged failure to extend protection to Jerome Archie, whose father killed Mrs. Archie and then committed suicide on April 4. Jerome Archie charged that the police refused to respond to a call before the shooting occurred.
Wilkes-Barre.—Paul Donah, leading man and director of a stock company playing in this city, was held in \$3000 bail, charged with failing to turn over about \$2100 in war taxes to the government. The company is said to have failed to pay 10 per cent of the receipts for November, December and January, and Donah was taken before United States Commissioner Smith, where he waived a hearing.
West Chester.—Truman D. Wade, counsel for Mrs. Julia Upton, brought a suit in the common pleas court to recover the equivalent of 25,000 Belgian francs, which it is alleged, she lent to Daniel Daley, of Stratford, in 1921. At that time Daley, who was traveling abroad, met Mrs. Upton. Their friendship grew, and when Daley told her he was short of cash, Mrs. Upton furnished the amount now sued for, taking his note. This was dated September 1, 1921, and was made in Brussels. Daley returned to this country and not long ago married the widow of Horace Pettit, of Stratford. Mrs. Pettit's first husband was counsel for the Victor Talking Machine company, of Camden, who left her \$300,000.
Harrisburg.—Governor Pinchot appointed Howard F. Marsh, of Wellsboro, judge in Tioga county, to fill a vacancy. He is the first judge appointed by the governor and is a native of Tioga county, 69 years old. He practiced law in Wellsboro and later engaged in newspaper work in New York. He returned in 1897 and has been practicing law there since.
Pittsburgh.—Christmas trees for the Pittsburgh market will be grown in this district, if plans of H. R. Eby, Allegheny county farm agent meet with approval of the farmers. Mr. Eby will conduct experiments in Butler county to demonstrate Scotch pines can be grown on barren hillsides and other waste lands unsuitable for cultivation.
Wilkes-Barre.—The failure of John Dickson, of Wyoming, to appear at the appointed time for his marriage to Miss Anna Rinkus, of Extra, prompted the parents of the disappointed bride to have a warrant sworn out for the missing bridegroom. The ceremony was to have been performed in St. Casimir's church, at Pittston. Everything was in readiness for the affair, the bride and bridal party were at the church, but the prospective bridegroom interfered considerably with the program by failing to appear.
Reading.—General George Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, has notified city officials that he will make an inspection of the plans for the elimination of the Seventh street grade crossing, preparatory to deciding whether or not he will become the consulting engineer on the problem.
Philadelphia.—Matches are the chief cause of fires in this city, as shown by the report of the Fire Insurance Patrol. There was an increase of 672 fires in 1922 over 1921, according to the report, and there were in all 5658 fires here during the last year. The report fixes the losses to insurance companies for the year 1922 as \$4,335,108, as compared with \$5,641,943 in 1921. The fires are divided in the report as follows: Stores and warehouses, 329; printers and publishers, 11; metal workers, 44; wood workers, 25; textile workers, 47; miscellaneous, 2799, and dwellings, 2403.
Bethlehem.—The New Jersey Zinc company, which abandoned zinc ore mines a few miles below this city nearly a generation ago, is now making a careful examination of the mines there and may resume operations. The mines were closed down years ago when the cost of production became more than the market value of the product, but zinc ore is now so high in value that it is thought the old Friedensville mines can be profitably worked.
Lewistown.—The school board has ordered the Wayne street building remodeled at a cost of \$7500.
Pittsburgh.—Western Pennsylvania cases will be heard by the superior court when it convenes here.
Pittsburgh.—Fifteen persons, charged with illegal use of railroad passes, were fined \$100 each in federal court.
Lancaster.—Frank G. Betterline, 51 years old, fell dead as he was on his way home from a quarry near here.
Altoona.—Twenty-five Chinese have been put to work on track repair work in the Pennsylvania yards at East Altoona.

Phoenixville.—Intense excitement was caused when the walls of the high school building on Nutts avenue sank, windpanes crashed to the floor and several window cords broke. A thorough investigation has been started by the school board. The director of recreation was putting a number of pupils through their exercises when the crash came and a panic was barely averted.
Reading.—The Reading Transit and Light company advanced the wages of its 500 motormen and conductors four cents an hour on its entire system, which includes Reading, Norristown, Roxborough and Lebanon. This raises the wages of its car service men from forty-six to fifty cents an hour, except the operators of one-man cars, who will receive fifty-five cents an hour, their pay always having been five cents an hour more than the others.
Danville.—A libel suit asking \$5000 damages was filed here by Miss Viola Vought, teacher of the River School, in Mayberry township, against Mrs. Ada Loreman, a resident of the district from which pupils attend Miss Vought's school. The plaintiff bases her charges on a letter alleged to have been signed by Mrs. Loreman and sent to Mrs. Madison Vought, the plaintiff's mother. The letter, according to the plaintiff's statement, read in part: "We beg you to look into Viola's health and sanity, as she is continually causing trouble in school and outside with her framed-up lies and slurs. Her scholars are taught to be a set of liars and tattletales, ending in cursing and fighting."
Harrisburg.—Ten persons were killed and 45 injured in 77 railroad grade crossing accidents during February, the bureau of accidents, public service commission, announced. This is an increase of two and 29 respectively, in the number killed and injured compared with the same month of 1922. The report showed 65 automobiles involved in the accidents with seven of the occupants killed and 40 injured. There were 48,305 industrial accidents during the first three months of this year compared with 35,608 for the same period of 1922, the workmen's compensation bureau announced. Compensation paid during the first quarter year amounted to \$2,270,344, of which \$688,433 was for fatalities.
Harrisburg.—Provision for the non-partisan election of judges is contained in a bill which Attorney General George W. Woodruff is having drafted for introduction in the senate this week. The measure is designed to re-establish the system set aside by action of the 1921 legislature. The bill now in preparation would do away with all party election of judges and require that they be on non-partisan tickets entirely. The measure, according to Attorney General Woodruff, has the support of the administration.
Pittsburgh.—One man was killed at Kendall station, Moon township, during an argument as to whether it was time to go to bed. Carmine Boccia was the victim of the shooting. James Pellazzar, alleged to have fired the shot, escaped. According to county detectives, Boccia and a party of men visited Pellazzar's home. At 1 A. M. the host suggested it was time to retire. Boccia said it was too early to go to bed, and the argument ended in the shooting.
Bloomsburg.—Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, the oldest resident here, celebrated her 98th birthday.
Altoona.—Stella Shuptr, 2 years old, died at a hospital here from scalds received when she fell into a pan of boiling water at her home.
Marietta.—Stephen Debnar, a farmer, in twenty-four hours had his right foot mangled by a heavy wagon passing over it and his left foot scalded when an oil stove upset.
Berwick.—Orders for 1000 steel hopper cars for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company have been received by the local plant of the American Car and Foundry company.
Pottsville.—Collection of Sunday mail was restored here, as the post-office department agreed to allow \$300 for this work until the end of the fiscal year in July. This is the exact amount which Postmaster Krebs turned in as a surplus last year. At Minersville the department has allowed an appropriation for auxiliary work.
Shenandoah.—The Shenandoah Construction and Supply company let a contract for 400 modern homes on Shenandoah Heights, a new section recently purchased from the Girard Estate, of Philadelphia, on Locust Mountain, overlooking this town.
Hazleton.—Fortune tellers and phrenologists will not be permitted to do business here, according to a ruling by Mayor James G. Harvey.
Lancaster.—Robert S. Hoffman, aged 12 years, of Little Britain township, this county, had his left hand mangled when a cartridge exploded while in school.
Mowry.—Milton Wolfgang, of this place, was instantly killed by a car on the Locust Spring rock bank that was knocked off the track by another car that struck it.
Altoona.—After fifty years of service, Christopher J. Cassidy, foreman of the wheel shop at the Pennsylvania railroad shops here, has been retired on a pension.
Uniontown.—There were more than 200 prisoners in the Fayette county jail, the greatest number of the year.
Uniontown.—Fayette county set a new record in March for violent deaths when fifty-one were reported to the coroner.
Wilkes-Barre.—Plans and specifications for the Luzerne county tuberculosis hospital have been approved by the commissioners.
Hazleton.—An automobile stolen from William Caso, of this city, was found on the Nescopeck mountain, burned so badly it could not be salvaged.

FLOYD JOHNSON READY FOR FIRPO



Floyd Johnson, who meets former champion Jess Willard at the New Yankee stadium in New York on May 12, is hard at work at Hot Springs, getting into shape for the bout. Johnson says he's ready at any time to take on Luis Firpo, who recently knocked out the ancient Bill Brennan.

Has Much Confidence in Catcher Devormer

Frank Chance, having been a catcher himself, thinks he knows one when he sees him, and it was his liking for the work of Al Devormer when Al was playing in the Coast league that caused the new Red Sox manager to seek the player's services. No sooner had Chance got his bearings as the Boston boss than he began angling with the Yankees for a deal. Devormer is not to be classed as a veteran, but he has had enough experience to make him a wise and reliable backstop, and with Harold Ruel gone from Boston, Al probably will do the bulk of the team's catching, for he is big and strong and can stand the work—work he never had a chance to do with the Yankees. Devormer got his early training under such a wise manager as Bill Essick, in the Central league. When Essick went to the coast as manager of the Vernon team he took Devormer with him, and he immediately made good in class AA company. He finished out the year of 1918 with the Chicago White Sox, spent the next two seasons back in Vernon and was sold to the Yankees at the end of 1920, after which followed two years of decorating the bench under Miller Huggins. Now he has a chance to work again and is happy.

Claude Jonnard



Claude Jonnard, speedball artist, is expected to be a great help to the McGraw pitching staff this season. Jonnard has a staff of speed and controls it well, but he is trying hard to develop a hook on his fast one, as well as acquire a change of pace that is needed to fool the opposing batsmen.

Chief McGraw Likes to Boast About Irish

John McGraw likes to boast about the part the Irish have played in developing baseball. He is wont to remark that baseball would never have gotten anywhere but for the Irish. That is, he used to. But one day he was telling a fat German-American about the power of the Celts when the fat chappie interrupted him with: "What about those Irishers? You had Donlin and a lot of Kerry patchers and you got badly trimmed by a team that had Pfeister and Reulbach and Steinfeldt and Huffman and—" But John was on his way out and did not hear the rest of it.

Announce Harness Card

A one day's harness-horse racing program will be held at the new Grandwood track on Decoration day, when the new plant will be dedicated. Three races, each for \$1,000, will make up the program. Over 25,000 invitations will be sent out. The first scheduled meeting will commence on June 25 and last six days.

POLO FORERUNNER OF BALL TYPE OF SPORT

Game Is Progenitor of All Pastimes Played With Bat and Is 2,000 Years Old.

To many Americans, says a writer, baseball seems to be the oldest living inhabitant and polo the rank intruder, the exotic importation of its rich patrons. They forget that polo is the progenitor of all games played with a bat and a ball, and that the young heroes who disport themselves in the world series are but continuing one variety of play which existed as much as 2,000 years ago on the plains of Persia. Polo, the recreation of Persian horsemen of the days of Julius Caesar, the sport of Indian gentlemen of the time of Charlemagne, the game of the Chinese before Alfred the Great, is still much the same. Baseball, golf, tennis, squash, the humble shinny hockey, lacrosse, perhaps even basketball, are the offspring of this original invention, or at least such are the probabilities of history. Who first contrived polo is uncertain, but it is known that before the Christian era, in the higher civilizations of Asia, men raced their horses about an oval plot of ground, chasing a small ball toward a baffling goal. It might have been supposed that pedestrians would have invented the sport before cavaliers took it to themselves, but this seems not to have been true. The man on horseback was the originator. Perhaps it was because in the olden time in Persia only the rich and the great were permitted the luxury of play. If that be so, the modification of polo to meet the requirements of men with lean purses is a part of the democratization of sport. At any event it is true that millions participate in baseball, tennis, golf, and hockey, while those who practice polo can only be numbered by dozens or, at most, hundreds. But the thrill remains unabated. In recent years race horses have gained speed and broken old records. Men can run faster and jump higher than ever before. Team play in many sports has been developed marvelously. Athletic records exist only soon to be broken by oncoming generations, and yet in its fashion polo remains supreme. Nowhere else is the strength and swiftness and intelligence of finely bred horses so perfectly blended with man's deftness and courage. No other game has the dash and brilliance. It is football and horse racing and golf combined into a very acme of sport.

Millions in 1923 for Thoroughbred Owners

Purse distribution by race-track owners in North America will exceed the unprecedented total of \$10,000,000 in 1923. The existing record is \$9,000,215, made in 1922. Of that sum the tracks in the United States paid over \$6,000,000 to winning horse owners. The Canadian track paid out more than \$1,750,000, and the rest of it was made up by purses donated in Cuba and Mexico. In 1905, which was considered by many as the "golden age of racing," the total money paid out was \$5,601,557. That remained a record until 1920, when the figures went to \$7,773,407. In 1921 they jumped close to \$8,500,000. The ebb year in racing was 1911, when the horses were not active in New York state, and the total paid out in North America was only \$2,337,957.

Knox College Team Is Most Versatile

Knox college has what is probably the most versatile basketball team in the country. Of the ten men on the Knox squad every man is active in at least one other major sport. The team has three captains of other varsity organizations. Albro, captain of the college football team; Rhind, captain of the track team, and Ludwig, captain of the football eleven. Five of the other men are regulars on the Knox football team, and one other is the best intercollegiate golfer in that part of the map centering about Galesburg.

Walter A. Kinsella



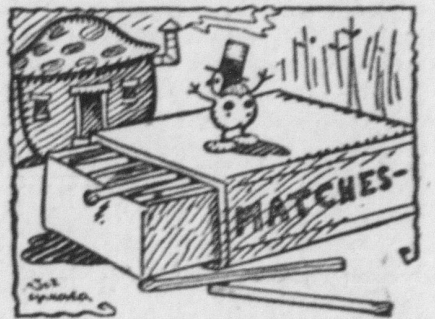
Walter A. Kinsella, American professional champion who made an unsuccessful bid for the world's open-court tennis title in England last year, is to meet George P. Covey, titleholder, again this season. The match will take place at the Princess club, London, in May.

Wit and Humor



THE RIGHT VIEW

"So it was once your ambition to have a business of your own."
"Yes."
"But your ship didn't come in, eh? That's too bad!"
"Oh, I don't know. I found that there was plenty of stevedore work unloading other people's ships, so I've got along pretty well."



GOOD LUCK

"Look Maria, some one has left a nice load of cord wood for us."

Moribund.

A bullfrog sat on a lily pad
A sobbing fit to choke;
"Kind friends," says he, "I feel so queer,
I know I'm going to croak."

Travel Rather Uncertain.

"I want to know how to get to Springsville."
"Yes, ma'am," said the clerk at the information window. "You take a train that leaves here in half an hour over the Juniper Junction line."
"And then?"
"And then you trust to luck."

Educated.

Simple—I say that if a jane is beautiful, the higher education is unnecessary.
Simon—Yes; and if she isn't, it's not enough.

Some System.

"My husband is strong for system."
"System?"
"If I am sitting in that chair, he kisses me. If not, he kisses whoever is sitting there."

A Cynic's Explanation.

"Wonder why women kiss when they meet?"
"I guess it's a sort of apology in advance for what they intend to say about each other after they part."

Not a Mere Superstition.

The Apprentice Seaman—Do you believe that a woman aboard ship brings bad luck?
The Old Salt—Yep. Same as she does ashore.

Not an Agreeable Prospect.

Closeman—If anything should happen to me, dearest, you will be all right. I've just insured my life.
Mrs. Closeman—But suppose nothing does happen to you?

Well Timed.

Miss Catt—Their honeymoon ended on Ash Wednesday.
Miss Nipp—What an appropriate day to begin to repent!

Better Than Most Voices.

Reginald—They say the violin is the nearest approach to the human voice.
Lillian—No, really? I thought the gramophone was.—London Punch.



BECOMES CONVINCING

"Do you believe everything you hear?"
"Not until I have repeated it a few times."

Too High Up.

He loved a girl,
Who surely was a peach;
But found, alas!
She was beyond his reach.

To Be Preserved.

"Before I consent to marry you Jack, I must tell you that people say I have a temper."
"I don't mind that. All you need is to take care of it—don't lose it, that's all."

Improvements.

Young Lady (stopping near subway entrance)—Little boy, does your father know that you smoke cigarettes?
Urchin—Now I No more'n yers knows you talk to strange gents on the com mon widout de proper introduction.

Hand Painted.

Mrs. Housey—Fred says he admires me because I am the picture of health.
Miss Green—Yes, the foolish fellow was always crazy for anything hand-painted.