

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Unlontown.—A posse of fifty citizens, county officers and fire wardens, after an all-night search in the mountains near Hopwood, found William Close and Scott Robinson, Unlontown lads, who disappeared. The boys went into the mountains with a pet pony to blaze a new trail. When darkness overtook them they could not find their way out of the woodland.

Exchange.—While returning from a wedding celebration, Stanley Gen was beaten unconscious with a club and his gold watch and money taken.

Pittsburgh.—Business sessions of the annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians came to a close with the organization of the newly elected board of officers. Rev. J. J. Holloran, of Heckscheville, was appointed chaplain and Daniel B. O'Donnell, of Wilkes-Barre, chairman of Irish history. The meeting place for next year will be decided by the officers at a later date.

Pittsburgh.—Seeking to protect their employees from the operations of bootleggers who make their way into the mills and peddle moonshine whisky, officers of the Neely Nut and Bolt company caused the arrest of George Kirich. He was fined \$100 in police court. The complaint against Kirich declared that after he sold whisky in the mills one of the purchasers was seriously hurt in a mill accident.

Erie.—Vincent Mezzacato, fifty years old, shot and killed his wife, Caroline, 48, and failed in his attempt to end the lives of two of his sons, Frank, aged 18, and Thomas, 15, at his home at Kearsarg, south of this city. A posse of state police and deputy sheriffs is now searching the woods near the home for Mezzacato, who disappeared. Returning to his home after an absence of several days, he tried to force his wife to give up money she had obtained from the sale of farm produce. His two sons came to the rescue of the mother when he attempted to beat her. Pulling out a gun the man started firing at the sons, but missed. He then turned the gun on his wife, sending a bullet through her heart.

York.—Wilbur E. Slade, Philip Falasco, Henry Maul, Edward Cavanaugh, Lewis Johnson and John M. Giesey, six of the defendants implicated in an alleged attempt to rob the New Hellam Distilling company warehouse, appeared before Judge Wanner, and pleaded guilty to conspiracy. They were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of prosecution.

Scranton.—Twenty-five steel cars loaded with coal and timber, and a locomotive were completely wrecked when a Wilkes-Barre & Eastern railroad train ran away four miles down the Moosic mountain. All members of the crew escaped serious injury by jumping. The train had left Suscon, Pa., when the engineer discovered the air system would not operate. He tied the whistle down to warn everything ahead. As the train raced down the mountain it crashed into a number of empty cars at Moosic, near here. The locomotive and cars rolled down a steep embankment and piled up in a mass of debris.

Pittsburgh.—The Public Defence Association filed a bill in equity asking that an injunction be granted against the Allegheny county commissioners and the county controller and treasurer, restraining them from continuing the expenditures of money "needlessly for the maintenance of the automobile department." The bill contained the allegation that more than \$908,850.28 had been expended for the purchase of automobile trucks, maintenance, supplies and insurance, which sum, it was charged, was "unreasonable and far beyond the sum necessary and sufficient for the business of the county." The bill further asked that the court make an order surcharging the county officials with all money which has been "illegally" paid out. It was claimed that the expenditures were more than \$400,000 in excess of the money used for the same purposes during the previous administration.

New Castle.—Attacked by a negro in a South Side residence, John Bailey, of this city, owes his life to the timely interference of "Tweedy," an Alredale dog, the property of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Morosky, whose home was the scene of the attack. Bailey's throat was badly slashed, but hospital authorities hold every hope for his recovery. The dog roared by Mrs. Morosky's screams, attacked the negro with such ferocity that he was obliged to flee. He was later captured by the police while making his way to a labor camp south of this city. Mrs. Morosky was also injured in attempting to drive off the assailant.

Allentown.—While fixing his automobile, preparatory to taking a trip with his family, Harvey S. Kuhns, a telegraph operator, was fatally stricken with heart failure.

Conyngham.—What is said to be the oldest house in the Hazleton region is being torn down by Lewis Beihler to make room for a modern building. The old dwelling was put up 130 years ago by John Waechter and the heavy beams in it have shown little deterioration, being in such good condition that they will be used in the remodeling.

Mechanics Grove.—Mapleton B. Minnich, escaped death when he fell from a scaffold into the belt of a threshing machine, suffering a fractured rib, broken left collarbone and body bruises.

Doylestown.—The Doylestown Democrat, one of the oldest weeklies in Pennsylvania, suspended publication. The paper was founded in 1816, and has been published continuously since that time. Simon Cameron, well known in the politics of the last century, was the owner of the paper in 1821.

Pottstown.—J. G. Felst, a local manufacturer, will relieve the home scarcity here by constructing fifty modern homes on a large plot in the northern suburb, already provided with wide streets and beautiful trees. Each house will be in a 50 by 200 plot. Solomon Field, a Philadelphia contractor, will build the houses.

Freeland.—John Witches, a coal miner, had a remarkable escape from death in the Eckley colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal company. Working in a steep chamber, he missed his footing and tumbled to the bottom, a distance of seventy feet. When workers reached him they expected to find him dead, but were much surprised to learn that he was suffering only from slight bruises, and he went back to the job after a short rest.

Fort Washington.—Because he compelled his wife to sleep beneath a tree, refusing to allow her to enter the house, Adam Kosopsky, aged 24, a farmer, was sent to prison for thirty days by Magistrate Rhoades.

Reading.—William Adams, aged 23, was committed to Berks county jail in default of \$1000 bail on a charge of felonious assault by James Gerry, aged 23, of Pottsville, who was badly cut in a quarrel over the ownership of a nickel in an alleged gambling den here.

Pittsburgh.—Four persons were overcome by fumes and scores of others were affected when an ammonia tank in the basement of Kramer's restaurant exploded during the noon hour rush. A woman employe was rescued by firemen who were protected by gas masks and was taken to the hospital. Three firemen were overcome, but later recovered.

Lancaster.—The new \$200,000 annex to St. Joseph's Hospital was dedicated with impressive ceremonies, including an address on "Charity" by right Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg.

Easton.—When members of the Eureka Club, an old athletic association, which in years gone by placed noted teams on the diamond and gridiron, admitted women to voting rights after the suffrage amendment was passed, they did not anticipate the action which the women took at the annual gathering of the club. At the end of a day's fun, they held an election, in which the women, forming a real organization, elected women to every office in the club, with Mrs. Clark Bartholomew as president. It is the first time in the history of athletics in this region that women have controlled a men's athletic organization.

Harrisburg.—Reports of the appearance in Lower York county of the Oriental peach moth, a destructive pest from Asia, which has caused much damage in the vicinity of Washington and Baltimore, were being investigated by the state bureau of plant industry. Secretary of Agriculture Frank B. Willis received specimens of the insect, and immediately directed an investigation and inauguration of preventive measures, if the bug proves to be the pest suspected.

Quakertown.—When members of the family of John O. Michener, 80 years old, called him for breakfast, they found him dead in his old armchair, from heart failure.

Easton.—Sobbing and crying, 15-year-old Florence Siemmer, in juvenile court here, told Judge W. M. McKeen how and why she had set fire to the large barn on the farm of Harry Snyder, a Bethlehem Steel company official, two weeks ago. She said that she was tired of farm drudgery, working under her grandfather, William Christman, and how she thought that by burning the barn she could get away from a life so distasteful to her. Instead of sending her to an institution, Judge McKeen placed her under the care of Miss Carrie Riddle, probation officer.

Paxtonville.—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Attig observed the fifty-ninth anniversary of their wedding at their home here.

Pottsville.—Henry Berger, a mail carrier, was struck and seriously injured by an automobile.

Lewistown.—John Teats, of Burnham, working in Steel Foundry No. 2 had the point of his elbow clipped off when he struck against a casting.

Unlontown.—Setting fire to his clothing while playing with matches, Arthur LaClair, aged 3, is in the Unlontown Hospital, suffering from burns all over his body.

Sunbury.—Boatmen, lock tenders, collectors and grocery men and all others connected with the old Pennsylvania canal system held their ninth annual reunion at Rolling Green Park, near here.

Reading.—The playground season closed with a mammoth indoor circus attended by thousands of youngsters.

Boaring Springs.—Samuel Ware, an aged resident, was killed when he was run down by an automobile bus.

Lewistown.—A slick stranger looted the till of the little grocery of Mrs. Peter Lyter of \$25, and made good his escape.

Greensburg.—What is said to be the oldest house in the Hazleton region is being torn down by Lewis Beihler to make room for a modern building. The old dwelling was put up 130 years ago by John Waechter and the heavy beams in it have shown little deterioration, being in such good condition that they will be used in the remodeling.

FAMOUS WIMBLEDON TENNIS STADIUM



This aerial view shows the center court at the famous Wimbledon tennis stadium in England in which William M. Johnston and Francis T. Hunter, two American players, battled for the world's championship.

Ruth Is Often Passed

A baseball expert says that in his seventy-eighth game of the season, played in Cleveland, Babe Ruth received his one-hundredth base on balls. If Ruth is walked as frequently as that in the second half of the season, the Babe will receive 200 walks this year. That will establish a new record for bases on balls, but it is hardly a record that the Babe cares much about. Ruth's high run of passes was in 1920, when he walked 148 times. That record was approached only once in modern baseball, Jimmy Sheppard, former Cub lead-off man, walking 147 times in 1911. But with Sheppard walking was a science. He tried to outguess the pitcher, and when he walked it was the result of a battle of wits.

Sam Bohne Is Star



Manager Pat Moran's hustling Redlegs are playing as good a game as any other team in the National league. Sam Bohne, the sterling second baseman, has done much to aid his club.

Cobb Made Mistake in Trading Howard Ehmke

Howard Ehmke has done some great pitching for the Red Sox this season. Every time Tyrus Cobb looks at the pitching records he has a strong temptation to throw a fit. Tyrus traded Ehmke to the Red Sox last winter because he did not agree with Howard in their personal relations. Ty took Pratt and Rip Collins for Ehmke and did not get the best of it by any means. Pratt has been collecting splinters on the bench and Collins hasn't won many games for the Tigers, while Ehmke has shown form which might have won 16 or 17 games for the Tigers with the kind of support Howard would have got with Detroit.

Baseball Notes

The yellow peril manifests itself now as a yearning to kill the umpire when the home team is losing.

The Atlanta club purchased Freddie Heck from the Charlotte Sally league club and plans to use him in the outfield.

Eddie Bels, pitcher with the Toronto International league team, has been sold to Worcester of the Eastern league.

Johnny Mohardt, former Notre Dame star, didn't last long with Atlanta and wasn't worth the transportation.

The Mobile club looked over the discarded from the defunct Cotton States league and decided to take on Bill Statham.

The Detroit club is reported as having purchased Sep Good, a southpaw pitcher, from the Bay City club of the Mint league.

The foul strike rule was adopted by the National league in 1901. Two years later it was taken up by the American league.

Cleo Carlisle, brother of outfielder Hoy Carlisle of the Charlotte team, had signed a contract to play with Charlotte next season.

Bill Bailey, veteran southpaw, has been exchanged to Omaha by the Houston club for Tex McDonald, no-lose veteran infielder.

Eddie Meeks, outfielder transferred early in the season by the Louisville club to Petersburg, has been released by that club to Wilson.

The veteran Roy Mitchell of the Dallas team is again laid up with rheumatism and probably won't do much work from now on.

Harry Strohm, second baseman of the Topeka team of the Southwestern league, was sold to the Milwaukee American association club.

Reports are that the St. Louis Cardinals have purchased Outfielder Russell Scarritt from the Johnson City club of the Appalachian league.

Harry Emory, outfielder, formerly with the Birmingham and Nashville clubs, has been signed by the Little Rock Southern association club.

Richard Reichle, playing center field for the Red Sox, retired four Cleveland players in a row in the second game of a recent double-header.

To make room for Rube Robinson the New Orleans club released Pitcher Eddie Matteson, the Nashville club claiming him at the waiver price.

Pitcher Molly Craft seems to have found himself in the Virginia league and is pitching winning ball for Norfolk. Another former Southern league pitcher who is getting by is Lefty Sigman sent by Mobile to Portsmouth.

Baseball Is Officially Recognized in Yucatan

Baseball has become an officially recognized institution in the province of Yucatan, in Mexico. Recently 250 baseball outfits were purchased in the States for distribution to clubs being organized, and the government printing office in Yucatan has translated the rules of the game into Spanish. More than that, at government expense a man has been sent to the United States to study the organization of leagues and qualify himself for the duties of supervisor of government baseball in Yucatan.

Stop Watches Came Into Use Hundred Years Ago

Ever since stop watches came into use almost 100 years ago it has been the practice to record time made in harness racing in minutes, seconds and quarter seconds.

Some 60,000 harness horses have made records in the 2:30 list, and some hundreds of thousand races have been timed under this method.

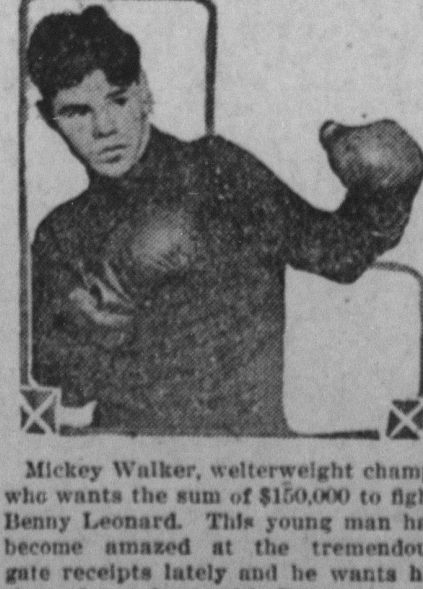
Indianapolis Has Been in Four Major Leagues

Indianapolis has had quite a career in organized baseball, the city having been in four different leagues at one time or another.

It is now in the American association and has been for 21 years.

It was in the Federal league three seasons, in the National league one and in the American league one.

Walker Wants \$150,000



Mickey Walker, welterweight champ, who wants the sum of \$150,000 to fight Benny Leonard. This young man has become amazed at the tremendous gate receipts lately and he wants his share for a bout with Benny.

College First Sackers

Several great first basemen have come from the colleges. Slaler was not the only one. Fred Tenney was the first and the pioneer of the modern methods in playing first. Cleveland has picked up Knode, former University of Michigan player. Tris Speaker says he is to be a star. Speaker should know something about it.

BEST PINCH HITTER IS MATTER OF DOUBT

Sammy Strang Loses Something He Never Had.

Samuel Strang Nicklin, owner of the Chattanooga baseball club, has lost something he never had. Nicklin, perhaps, is not particularly known to baseball fans throughout the country, but Sammy Strang, former member of the Giants, is known from one end of the country to the other. They are one and the same.

Sammy for years has been credited with a record as the premier pinch-hitter of baseball. It is alleged that he made 14 pinch hits in as many consecutive games. This record was questioned, and an investigation was made. It resulted in determining that Sammy did not perform any such feat.

That discovery really has not detracted from Strang's fame as a pinch-hitter, however. The fact remains he was a deerhound for speed and he could either hit it out or bunt. That's the kind of a pinch-hitter he was.

He undoubtedly made his full share of pinch and timely hits, and whoever started the record evidently confused the two, figuring that a timely hit when Strang was playing regularly in the game was the same as a pinch hit. That is not accurate. A pinch-hitter is one who bats the ball as a substitute for another batter. When a player is playing regularly he may make a hit in an emergency, but that fact does not make him a pinch-hitter as the term is known in baseball.

The old yarn that has lived for more than 15 years about Strang and the 14 pinch hits in succession is simply a story of baseball fiction like so many other stories of individual performance in the game which will not stand investigation when the scores are given a good raking over.

Strang went to bat as a pinch-hitter 15 times in less than one month and possibly the story that he had made 14 pinch hits in succession grew out of that fact. In those 15 times at bat he missed making a pinch hit about as often as he made one.

The claim for the pinch-hitting championship can now be put forth by some one else. Strang had been considered to be the leader for so long that the title never had been allotted to any other player. If there is one who has the reputation of having made ten pinch hits in succession he seems as likely to be entitled to the crown as anyone else.



INTELLECTUAL DISTRIBUTION

"Why do you decline to go to America to lecture?"

"I doubt the wisdom," replied the distinguished European, "of carrying my culture abroad and making it available for a mere admission fee. It will be better business to encourage tourists to come over here and pay their own hotel bills and traveling expenses."—Washington Star.

Poker Rules.

"In New York I saw a neat advertising device. Three one-dollar bills were fastened to a placard in a shoe window. The placard read: "Three of a kind takes a pair."

"Don't try that in Poker flat. You'll only start trouble. The first man in will claim that three of a kind takes two pair."

Suspicious.

Mrs. Gayback—How did the house look after you'd been away for a week?

Mrs. Gayboy—Just the same as when I left it. I don't believe my husband was home a single minute.

Quite Smart at That.

He—Oh, I know well enough that you think I'm an idiot.

She—What, you know that? Well, then you're not as crazy as I thought you were.



COMPLICATED

"This bit of literature hasn't any plot to speak of, but it's got one guessing."

"Detective story, eh?"

"Nope, time table."

Some Difference.

When into life's mysteries you delve, The chances are you'll discover That the little faults you have yourself Are the big ones you see in another.

Goes the Limit.

First Clubman—It's so nice to have one's wife take an interest in one's business.

Second Ditto—Um! Mine takes the capital.

Softening the Blow.

"Did you tell Blabbsley that I was a big fool?"

"We-e-l-l, I don't believe so. I never thought you were so large."—Farm Life.

The Peaceful Angler.

Don't think of your business or profession while fishing. Forget your desk, your pen, and also your debts and your enemies, if you have any.

Yes, Why?

He—Why do you girls enjoy weeping at the matinee?

She—I don't know. Why do you men enjoy raving at the umpire?

Feline.

Madge—Mrs. Swellington has invited me to her big dinner tonight.

Marie—I wonder who disappointed her?



BABEL.

Everybody at the party was talking at once. They were quite right. Everybody might as well talk. There was absolutely no fear of interrupting anything worth listening to.

Rustic Confusion.

A city lass once heard the moan Of a sad cow by chance. She thought it was a saxophone And started in to dance.

Wondered Why.

Wife—The doctor inquired particularly about what we eat.

Hub—Wonder if he expects us to invite him to dinner?

Not Interested.

Mrs. B—John, I think there's a man under the bed.

Mr. B—Well, you talk to him, and let me sleep!

Pedestrian's Consolation.

"What are those square places marked off in white paint in the square?"

"They are safety zones."

"How's that?"

"Well, if you stand there and are run over by a motorcar, your heirs can recover from the driver."

Waste.

"How did you find things in Egypt?"

"Slow, slow. There's enough stonework tied up in them pyramids to build a city."

INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Many golfers, no doubt, would be much happier if mere self-respect didn't require them to lie about their scores.

Ed (Strangler) Lewis, heavyweight wrestling champion of the world, is 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighs 230 pounds.

With the increase in the popularity of tennis throughout the country there is some talk of a professional tennis league.

The federal treasury expects to have a good year. The receipts from the taxation of boxing exhibitions are the largest in history.

The efforts being made in Spain to supplant the toreador with the ball player will simply move the bull throwing to the stands.

The national body governing professional boxing was formed in 1921 in New York. Fifteen states are represented in the organization.

Pat Ryan, world's champion hammer thrower, is practicing for the Olympic team. Ryan can throw the hammer for an average of 175 feet.

The executive committee of the United States Olympic games is composed of prominent sportsmen, numbering, all counted, 80 members.

It is said that about nine of every ten big league ball players are superstitious in one way or another, and almost all believe in some "sign."

At the present tax of \$10 on each billiard table throughout the United States, the government receives more than \$4,000,000 a year in revenue.

Nearly all the larger government schools in China have American coaches for baseball, track and tennis and English coaches for soccer football.

Some tennis critics object to Miss Willis wearing an eye shade while playing. They point out that the best players in the past have not needed headgear, but have appeared in conservative costumes.