

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Weatherly.—Hugo Paul has just completed fifty-two years of service with the Lehigh Valley railroad, which is a record on the Hazleton and Mahanoy division.

Marietta.—John K. Stoner has twenty White Leghorn hens which during the year laid 3406 eggs.

Greensburg.—Burglars who entered the home of Mrs. Francis Povlak stole \$2500 in Liberty bonds and steel securities.

Hazleton.—Each member of St. John's Primitive Methodist church will be asked to give a day's wages for liquidation of a debt.

Harrisburg.—Engineer Charles A. Ahn, of Allentown, was killed and two men were injured when a west-bound Philadelphia and Reading freight engine and twenty-two freight cars went over the bank at the Hershey station, eleven miles east of Harrisburg.

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Pottsville.—County Commissioner W. R. Adams, of Mahanoy township, was sued for \$50,000 damages by School Superintendent Joseph F. Noonan, of the same township.

Wilkes-Barre.—Charged with assaulting two little girls, one 13 and the other 10, George Hopple, aged 64, of this city, was arrested by local police and is being held pending further prosecution of the case.

Bethlehem.—Receiving a report from R. Dornblazer, of Milford, N. J., that his store was robbed of \$90 by a gypsy gang who were headed this way, the local police apprehended the party and took them to police headquarters. There they left \$90 and were allowed to go. Dornblazer later claimed the money, alleging he was hypnotized and then robbed.

Lancaster.—Twenty-three automobiles were burned in a fire which destroyed the garage of S. S. Nolt, at Akron, this county. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. The fire, of unknown origin, threatened the central section of the village.

Latrobe.—When a crowd of men gathered about the city jail, Chief of Police Michael F. Early feared for the safety of two negroes who were arrested in connection with the shooting of Michael Moran, a world war veteran. The chief spirited the prisoners from the jail and took them to the county prison at Greensburg. The suspects are John Smith and William Harrington. According to the police, the negroes shot Moran during a crap game. Moran is in a critical condition.

Pittsburgh.—Arrested in California on a warrant charging violation of the Mann act, Dr. Helen Bertrand Allen, "father of fifty-seven children," was brought back to Pittsburgh for trial at the November term of federal court. Dr. Allen is charged with transporting a girl from Washington, D. C., to Pittsburgh late in 1922.

Harrisburg.—Postmaster Charles E. Pass, of this city, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Postmasters' Association at the closing session of the annual convention. Other officers elected were W. H. Yoden, New Kings-town, first vice president; Howard Weiss, Northampton, second vice president; Joseph A. Buchanan, Ambler, third vice president; Harry A. Thompson, Tyrone, fourth vice president; Joseph Hadley, Erie, fifth vice president; and James Hewitt, Pen Argyl, secretary and treasurer.

Marietta.—A man giving the name of George Smith and signing a check on the First National Bank of Baldrige with the name of Frank Brown, "worked" a number of Marietta business men. At one place he received a gold-plated safety razor and several dollars in cash.

Corry.—A touring car driven by Edmund Cullanan, of Philadelphia, and owned by Attorney Henry McSweeney, of Atlantic City, left the paved highway north of here while being driven at high speed, struck a signal post and was ditched. The post came down through the top of the car and killed Cullanan and Mrs. Wallace Turner, the latter of Corry. Four others from Corry in the party were not hurt seriously.

Hazleton.—Steve Marginyak, a laborer at the plant of the Hazleton Brick company, was killed when hit by a motor truck while at work.

Uniontown.—Stricken with embolism, following his removal to the Uniontown Hospital when he broke a leg, Huston S. Williams, of Fairchance, aged 62, register of will of Fayette county and renominated by the Republicans for a second term, died.

Erie.—F. P. Fieger, a beverage dealer, fled a voluntary bankruptcy petition, listing liabilities as \$107,161 and assets at \$60,395.

Tamaqua.—The Schuylkill county commissioners decided to build two miles of concrete highway between Tamaqua and Hometown.

Uniontown.—With the election of a city treasurer only a few weeks off, council cut the salary of the office from \$8000 to \$5000.

Pottsville.—Dr. F. H. McCarthy has been appointed chief veterinarian for the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company.

Pittsburgh.—Mrs. Rose Mary, of Charleroi, a patient at Mercy Hospital here, was killed when she leaped from a window on the sixth floor.

Sunbury.—Harry, 15-year-old son of John Krumbine, is believed to be recovering, after having been in a serious condition, as a result of being kicked in the abdomen while playing football. Several weeks ago he was run down by an automobile and was unconscious for forty-eight hours. Four years ago he fell under a street car and lost an arm.

State College.—An additional class of 100 freshmen is to be admitted to the college at the beginning of the college year in January to keep the college going at full capacity, and to maintain 100 per cent teaching efficiency.

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Shamokin.—The J. H. & J. C. Silk corporation, employing 3000 persons in Shamokin and Knipmunt, suspended operations until Monday because of the inability of the company to get a sufficient supply of raw silk. Mills at Bethlehem, Phoenixville, Bellefonte, Gettysburg, Mechanicsburg and Austin also are affected by the suspension order.

Brownsville.—William J. Stewart is dead and Clark Moore is in a serious condition as a consequence of inhaling fumes in a garage here. The boys, both of Luzerne township, decided to spend the night in the garage where Stewart works. It is believed they started a motor to keep warm and were overcome.

Hazleton.—John Krecoskey, a miner in the service of Harwood Coal company, consulted officials of that concern as to whether he could recover the price of a coat and a silver watch which he claims were eaten by a mule. The coat and timepiece had been left hanging on a nail in a gangway while Krecoskey was at work in his chamber. He reported that when he came back, he found the mule chewing on what remained of the garment and also thinks he swallowed the watch, of which no trace could be discovered. Krecoskey told the foreman that last week the mule devoured a pair of gum boots belonging to another man.

Shenandoah.—John Gaulis and Joseph Stancavage were seriously injured at Indian Ridge Colliery by a fall of rock, while Matthew Long met with similar injuries at Knickerbocker Colliery.

Carlisle.—Colonel Gilbert E. Seaman, of the Wisconsin national guard, was elected president of the Association of Medical Surgeons of the United States, meeting here.

Connellsville.—Miss Amanda Stafford minus one dime equals nine months in the workhouse. At least that's the way Mayor Mitchell figured it when three negroes, charged with stealing a ten cent piece from the girl, were sentenced to three months each. The defendants were Charles Henry, Marshall Rollins and Edward Mattes, all of Elk Ridge, Md.

Carlisle.—The American Association of Military Surgeons selected this city as the place for its annual meeting.

Altoona.—This city will vote at the general election on the question of imposing a one-half mill tax for a free public library.

Pittsburgh.—An increase of 60 per cent in child labor in this city last month as compared with September, 1922, was reported by the attendance department of the public schools.

Abbeyville.—Samuel F. Welsh, 72 years old, died from injuries received in a fall.

Blandburg.—Crushed between an automobile and the brick wall of the school house here, Rudy Arnold, 8 years old, was killed.

Pottsville.—Just as he began his day's work at a colliery here, John Warbon was caught by a fall of coal and killed.

Altoona.—Frank A. Griffin, formerly of Long Branch, N. J., ended his life with a revolver in a boarding house.

Vanderbilt.—Discovery of a man's arm along the Baltimore and Ohio railroad resulted in the finding of the body of Henry Cramer, of this place, in a nearby creek.

Greensburg.—Westmoreland county had twenty-nine fatal accidents in September, sixteen of those killed being women or girls.

Ephrata.—J. Stanley Cooper was rendered unconscious when struck with a wrench and may have a fractured skull.

RULE AGAINST ONSIDE KICK HELPS FOOTBALL

Should Have Tendency to Make Game Much Stronger.

Elimination of the onside kick after the ball has been booted past the scrimmage line should have a tendency to make defensive football stronger, with the consequent result more stress must be placed upon the development of powerful offensive formations, writes Walter Eckersall in the Chicago Tribune.

Years ago the onside kick was considered one of the most dangerous weapons in football. With the coming of the forward pass back in 1906 the play was discarded until Robert Zupke pulled it out of his chest of formations a few years ago. Since that time practically every team in the country has attempted to execute it, with the result the defense had to be on the alert every time a punter assumed the kicker's position.

In the course of hard-fought games defending players would shout onside kick, with the result players of the kicking team who were thought to be onside had to be covered. This weakened the defense to a perceptible degree, because as many as three defending warriors covered the supposedly onside player.

When the onside kick was in effect it placed a great burden of responsibility on the defense fullback or any other player delegated to catch punts. The punt catcher always had to make sure of the catch, no matter where the ball was booted, and he was al-



Coach Robert Zupke, Who Resurrected Onside Kick.

ways in deadly fear of the onside player beating him to the ball.

Doing away with this dangerous football weapon will eliminate to a certain degree the large number of fair catches. When the onside kick was in effect, coaches instructed their players to make fair catches whenever in doubt of catching the ball. Catches of this sort have been made in all parts of the field and at times when runs could have been made after the catch.

However, the fact must not be lost sight of that an outside kick still can be executed from scrimmage. Section 8 of rule 18 defines the play thoroughly in that it states the kicker himself, or any other player who was behind him when the ball was kicked, may, however, recover a kicked ball which has not crossed the line of scrimmage.

It will be readily seen that formations can be evolved which will call for a kickoff to either side of the field with an interference restraining defending players from getting at the ball, while the onside warriors can be placed in positions where they can reach the ball quickly and before it crosses the scrimmage line.

In this connection it should be stated that on a kickoff or free kick after fair catch players of the kicking team are onside and can recover the ball, providing it is kicked ten yards before touching an opponent.

The onside kick after a fair catch has many possibilities, any of which may be sprung during the course of a hard-fought struggle.

Fails as Pitcher, Stars in Cleveland Outfield

Charley Jamieson, classy outfielder of the Cleveland American league club, broke into professional baseball as a pitcher but, like many other aspiring young hurlers, soon learned that pitching was not his forte and made good in another department.

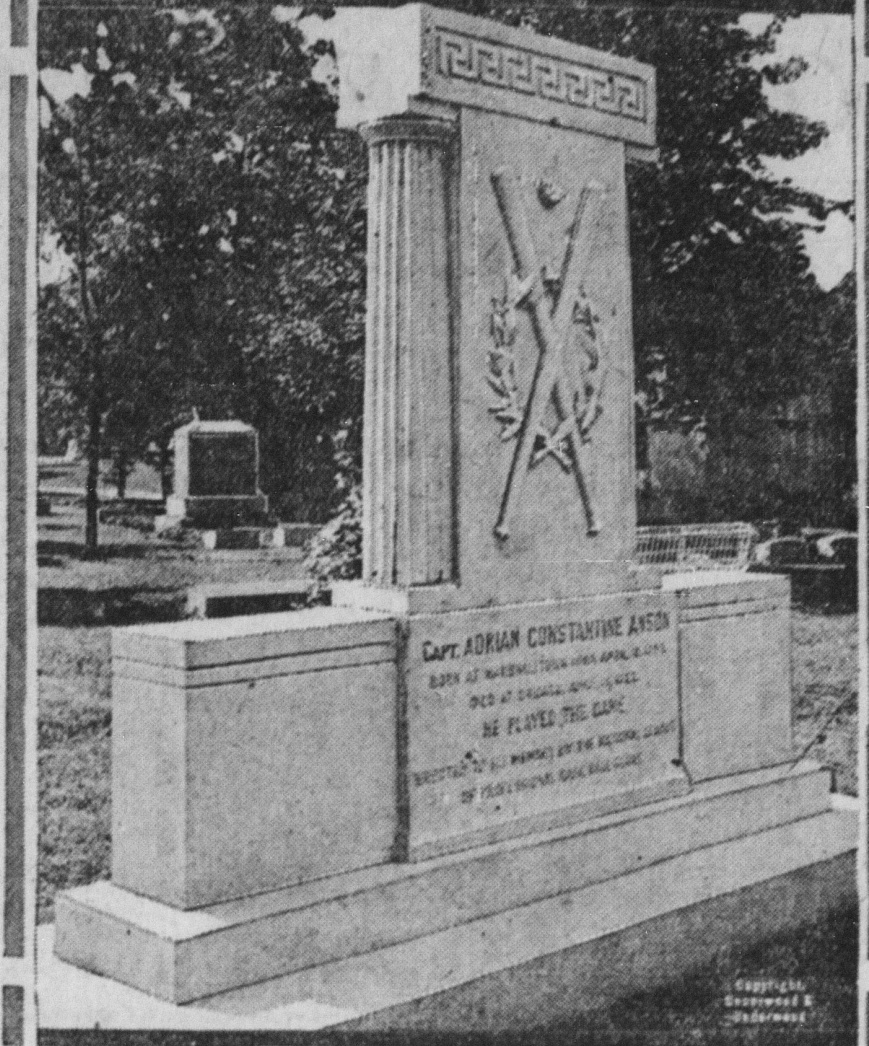
Connie Mack of the Athletics and Clark Griffith of the Senators tried out Jamieson for pitching purposes, but gave him up as a hopeless task.

Under the able tutelage of Tris Speaker, Jamieson has developed into one of the best outfielders in the major leagues. He can go and get 'em in any direction, is fast on the bases and bats around .360. He can do anything a good ball player is supposed to do and do it well.

Training in California by Major League Clubs

It is settled that the New York Giants will do their spring training in California, according to a report from Los Angeles, which has it that Maier park, former home of the Vernon team, has been leased by a representative of John McGraw for next spring. The Cubs will be close by the Giants on Catalina island, the Pirates are expected to do their training near Oakland, and there is talk also that the White Sox will do their work at some point on the Pacific coast. The plan is to get two other American league clubs out there and then arrange for an inter-league schedule between the three National and three American teams.

"CAP" ANSON MEMORIAL UNVEILED



One of the largest gatherings of famous baseball players in the history of the game witnessed the unveiling of the "Cap" Anson memorial in Oakwoods cemetery, Chicago. Ex-Gov. John K. Tener of Pennsylvania was the principal speaker. The inscription reads:

Capt. ADRIAN CONSTANTINE ANSON Born at Marshalltown, Iowa, April 16, 1852 Died at Chicago, April 14, 1922 HE PLAYED THE GAME Erected to His Memory by the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs

Chance Hit Often

Frank Chance, who is trying to build up the Boston Red Sox, stands out as one of the three men in the history of the game who were hit by more pitched balls than any one else. The other two were Hugh Jennings and Curtis Welch.

Chance has taken as much punishment as any of them. He is the Joe Grim of professional baseball, except that Husk's keen mentality was never blunted by the pounding he took.

Jennings stood up well under the mashing, too, and no one ever noticed that he was less keen than his rivals when it came to directing ball players.

All three of them were splendid hitters, and the fact that they became known as human targets never made them "plate shy." More than one youngster has been driven out of the big league by being badly hurt by a pitched ball, but it never bothered the "targets."

Landis Plays Golf



Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of baseball, recently tried his hand on the city golf links at New Orleans, with Col. George R. Shanton, chief of the Louisiana department of justice, for his opponent.

Pass Batter Purposely When No Player Is Out

Batters are often purposely walked when a decisive run is on the base. But Christy Mathewson, when manager of the Cincinnati Reds, once ordered a man passed when nobody was out and nobody was on base.

Cincinnati was a run ahead when it came to the ninth. Cactus Cravath, slugger of the Phillies, had already made two triples and a double that afternoon. So when he appeared first to bat, Mathewson, sitting in the Red's dugout, held up four fingers, indicating his pitcher was to purposely pass Cactus. So far as we know this is the only case of its kind on record.

Bambino Sticks to His Usual Style in Games

Babe Ruth has practiced some as a right-handed batter, but the Bambino sticks to his usual style in games.

Occasionally, he stands right handed at the plate, but steps across to the other side before he makes an attempt to connect.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Either way you take it, a heavy-weight champ's money is in his sock.

Of the ten ranking tennis players in the United States only two are left-handed.

Professional boxers and wrestlers must pay a license fee of \$5 in Pennsylvania.

A fellow pugilist says Mr. Firpo is tender-hearted. That won't get him anything.

Another strange feature of the Firpo fight is that it goes down in the book under the head of boxing.

A "medley race" is usually made up of five quarter-mile events—run, bicycle, horseback, row and swim.

Mr. Dempsey is very effective in short fights. Not so very conspicuous in those that last four years.

V. W. "Fish" Condon, captain-elect of University of Illinois swimming team, will not return to school this fall.

Bay City, in a close finish with Saginaw, won the pennant for the 1923 season of the Michigan-Ontario baseball league.

Sir Thomas Lipton regrets that America has nothing to put in the America's cup. Well, as Sir Thomas well knows, there is tea.

St. Paul has been awarded the 1924 tournament of the International Bowling association. The dates will be February 9 to 17, inclusive.

Eddie Coons, star of the University of Cincinnati baseball team of 1921, has been offered a contract to play with the Boston Red Sox next season.

Jim Bagby, former star pitcher for the Cleveland Americans, who has been released as a free agent after 10 years of major league service, has been signed by the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league.

Michigan Grid Captain

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She said: "I am sorry I disturbed you. I thought there was sky enough for everybody."

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LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



MY DOG.

The beautiful movie queen was obdurate.

"I will not jump off that cliff." Her press agent attempted to reason with her.

"Why, you have risked your complexion a thousand times in worse jumps than that."

"But this director is a brute," she explained.

"Huh?" he asked.

"He wants me to jump with my dog in my arms."

Trouble. "Oh, my! Isn't it awful!"

The worried woman rubbed her head frantically.

"What's trouble?" asked her friend.

"Oh, I've saved up just enough money to get a divorce, but it'll take at least six months to get it, and then I'll need a fur coat!"

Modern Complexities. "John, our new maid is leaving because we don't like the things she likes."

"Good heavens! It's got so that one has to consider not only a girl's references, but her preferences as well."

A Sufficient Task. "Do you enjoy playing the new Chinese game?"

"I haven't thought of learning the game," replied Miss Cayenne. "I am merely trying to master the vocabulary and the scoring system."—Washington Star.

TOO PERSONAL. "My personal property was greatly over taxed this year, was yours?"

"Yes, the doctor told me I had a severe case of over taxed nerves."

Mysteries of Credit. A man whose credit is n. g. Is sure to pine and fret: With too much credit, soon he'll be In grief because of debt.

Long Skirts. "I hope the women won't let their skirts mop the sidewalks."

"Sah! Don't irritate 'em. First thing we know every wife will wear a street train, and every husband will have to quit work to carry it."

At the Antiquarian's. Customer—What? One thousand dollars for this chair? Last time I asked the price it was only \$900.

Shopkeeper—That's true, sir; but remember labor and material have gone up a great deal since then.

An Explanation. A new suburbanite was asked why he didn't make a garden.

"I prefer," he replied, "to depend on the grocer for my vegetables. When I ask him for beans he doesn't give me Jimson weed instead."

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