A'S START "SOUTHERN" TRAINING IN NORTH

SOUTHERN SUN GREETS MACKS

Warm Weather for A's in First Practice of 1919 Season

14 PITCHERS REPORT

They're off!

C. Mack wiped the cobwebs from his eyes and looked over his squad of fourteen pitchers and three catchers. They were the advance guard of the 1919 season in the first practice of the year at Shibe Park. The sun shone brilliantly on Shibe lawn and overhead a clear sky looked down on the ball players, the battery candidates for the 1919 A's. C. Mack was happy.

The first day of spring practice in the North was a success. Better wearher could not have greeted Mack in the South than was on tap for the A's.

There was no real hurling at the Shibe home this morning, due mainly to the cautioning of the tall tutor. The men took things comparatively easy and confined their practice to limbering up. The drill started at 10:30 and continued for an hour and a half.

From now on two practices will be staged daily. The first will begin at 10:30 a. m. and the second at 1:30. Each drill will last ninety minutes.

The following exhibited their ability before the lean leader:

Pitchers—Scott Perry, Jing Johnson, Harry Seibold, Johnny Watson, Bob Geary, Lefty Anderson, Bill Kiney, Dave Keefe, Longacre, Grevell, Pierson, Holmes, Baker and Gullman.

Catchers—Ralph (Cy) Perkins, Jim McAvoy and Berger.

Mack was prepared for rain. If the well-known J. Pluvius should decide to toss a few drops on our town during this northern training period, there will be no halt in the drilling of the battery candidates, although it will stop the practice of the other candidates if it should come after next Monday. In case of rain, Mack intends to have his men throw baseballs about on the upper pavilion.

PHILS' SQUAD LEAVES HERE FOR CHARLOTTE

Ten Ball Players Depart for Training Camp in South

Ten ball players in charge of William J. Shettsline, the business manager, will make up the Phillies' squad which will pull away from North Philadephia station at 5:40 this afternoon for Charlotte, N. C., where Jack Coombs and his aggregation will hold their spring practice.

In the Phil party to steam out of this city on its way south of the Dixie line today will be Pitchers Joe Oeschger, Mule Watson, Woodward, Cazauza and Stringer; Outfielders Whitted and Callahan and Infielders Pearce and Munch and Catcher Bert Yeabsley.

A majority of the Phil personnel will go direct from their homes. Included in this list are Gavvy Gravath, Mike Prendergast, Ray Morgan, Bradley Hogg, Captain Fred Luderus, Gene Packard, Forest Cady, Douglas Baird, Elmer Jacobs, Cy Williams, Elmer Brandell, F. R. Wallace, Walter Roesinger and Faircloth.

JOE BUSH SIGNS

Former Mackman Comes to Terms With Red Sox

Tampa, Fla., March 24.—Manager Edward Barrow, of the Boston Americans, announced here last night that Joe Bush, pitcher, had signed a Boston contract in New York and is en route to the training camp here.

This, he said, left only one player unsigned, Carl Mays, who has arrived here for a conference. Manager Barrow announced definitely that the offer made by the Havana interests for a five-game series there between the Boston club and the Havana team would not be accepted, as the time before the opening of the regular season would not permit the trip.

GIANTS' BATTERY REPORT

Barnes and Smith Report to Jawn McGraw

Gainesville, Fla., March 24.—It requires but the presence of the illustrious Benjamin Franklin Kauff and his blushing bride to make a fair field and no favor for the candidates of John J. McGraw's 1919 challengers for National League honors.

Jess Barnes, already recognized as one of the most formidable right-handers in his league, and Catcher Earl Smith, for whom McGraw paid Rochester a royal ransom in cash and players, reported this morning.

LACEY HIGH SCORER

Harlan Star Has Tallied 171 Points in Ship League

Lacey, of the Harlan quintet, is the leading scorer in the Delaware River Shipyard Basketball League. He totaled 171 points in 16 games, tallying 72 field goals and 27 points from the 15-foot mark. Costello, of Pusey & Jones, is second best scorer with 123 points, having 57 field goals and nine foul goals in 11 games.

Amateur Baseball Notes

The Thompson B. C. has reorganized and is ready for the coming season. The team has been fully uniformed and is open to meet all seventeen-year-old teams. Dutch Engle and C. Freeman will form the battery. Manager Freeman would like to hear from such teams as Mantua, Rally, Ritner, Essex, Walton, Franklin, Progressive and Sheehan. Address Manager Freeman, 920 Chestnut street.

The Fairhill B. C., a first-class traveling nine, would like to hear from all home teams, especially Wildwood, Shanahan C. C. and the Men's Friendly. Address Plutich, 518 West Allegheny avenue, or phone Kensington 5660.

Delmar A. A., of South Philadelphia, a traveling nine, wants to arrange games with all first-class teams in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, especially Logan, Warwick, Turner F. C., Melrose, of Atlantic City; Wildwood, Cape and Pitman. Address Alfred H. Ostrand, 2319 South Chadwick street.

Any first-class pitcher desiring to affiliate with a strong New Jersey traveling team kindly will communicate by letter only, with Mr. Vogel, 555 Haddon avenue, Camden, N. J., stating experience and terms.

Sacred Heart L. I., a fifteen to seventeen year old nine, would like to arrange games during May and June. Address Joseph Harrigan, care of Sacred Heart L. I., 514 Dickinson street.

First Dutch, one of Philadelphia's foremost semipro professional teams, will be in line for the coming season and is scheduling games with many of the leading teams. The team would like to arrange games with all home clubs, either local or out of town, offering a fair guarantee. Address Edwin S. Ritter, 2407 North Park avenue.

A fast infielder would like to connect with a fast semipro team paying a fair guarantee. Address W. J. Burns, 66 North Thirty-fourth street.

Vim A. A. will start the season with a first-class semipro team; willing to play in Pennsylvania or New Jersey with any first-class home team offering a fair guarantee. Address F. J. Dollard, 2446 North Mascher street.

Maxwell to Write Who's Who in Major League Training Camps

With the departure of the teams for the South the 1919 baseball season has officially started. The great national game is awakening from its three-year war period of hibernation, and the result will be history's greatest revival of sports.

There is unusual interest in baseball, and the fans are eager for news, not only of the Phillies and Athletics, but the other big league clubs as well. The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, with its usual enterprise, will furnish its readers an expert review of every big league ball club in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, and has sent **Robert W. Maxwell**, sports editor, to seven training camps.

He Will Visit

Tampa, Fla.—To size up the Boston Red Sox.
Gainesville, Fla.—To run his eye over the New York Giants.
Jacksonville, Fla.—To see the New York Yankees and Brooklyn Nationals.
Augusta, Ga.—To inspect the Washington Americans.
Macon, Ga.—To pass judgment on the Detroit Tigers.
Columbus, Ga.—To study the Boston Braves.
Charlotte, N. C.—To analyze the Phillies.

From each of these camps he will send a story, setting forth in his pungent, humorous style what the club in training has to offer in its chances for the 1919 pennant. Each article will carry the opinion of the manager, captain and trainer of the club as well as the views of Mr. Maxwell himself.

The first story will appear in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER next Saturday, March 29, and will be continued daily.

Order your copy from your newsdealer NOW.

CENTRAL CREWS ON RIVER TODAY

Coach Oellers Selects 22 Men for Outdoor Practice

ARRANGING DUAL RACES

By PAUL PREP

The Central High School' first and second crews will take their first workout on the Schuylkill this afternoon. The candidates for the Crimson and Gold eights have been drilling daily on the machines in the gym for the past three weeks and rapidly are rounding into a smooth working combination.

Twenty-two men have been selected by Coach Dick Oellers to report at the Undine Boat Club today. Of this number six have had experience on Central crews. The others are newcomers, many of whom never have been in a shell before. The veterans will instruct the others how to act like regular oarsmen.

First Boat Seating

Although the seating of the first boat hasn't been settled definitely, it is quite likely that the men will row as follows: Stroke, Bennett; No. 7, "Blondy" Jones; No. 6, Dick Oellers; No. 5, Eddowes; No. 4, Fuhrman; No. 3, Siddeman; No. 2, Webster; bow, Gordon; coxswain, Coughan.

Manager Jack Blessing has written for dual races with the Penn Freshmen, Princeton Fresh and Annapolis Plebes. He expects to receive a reply from each some time this week.

Southern After Pitchers

Coach Mueller, of the South Philadelphia High School baseball team, is still on a hunt for pitchers. Each day he gives the downtown students the double O. O. as they pass through the school corridors, and the likely looking ones are told to report after school for the team.

Captain "Lefty" Bernstein, a veteran of three years, is the only member of the squad who has had any previous pitching experience. But Bernstein also is an outfielder of note, and Mueller is perplexed as to where he should be used to best advantage. Goldblatt and Olander are the only ones who have shown any pitching ability.

PICKS PENN QUINTET

Quaker Five Selected for All-Collegiate Team

Fred Leuhring, coach of the Princeton basketball team, has selected the Penn quintet for the All-Intercollegiate team. The Tiger coach believes every man on the Quaker five is better than any other man in that position in the league. Leuhring's choices follow:

First team: Stannard and Sweeney, forwards; Davis, center; McNichol and Peck, guards. Second team: Van Slyck, Yale and Ople, Princeton, forwards; Hammill, Yale, center; Kendall, Cornell, and Stradelia, Yale, guards.

The Penn champions will be dined at Kugler's as guests of the Athletic Association. Lon Jourdet, who has coached Red and Blue teams for five years, will speak. Lawson Robertson and Major Pickering also will orate. The captain for next year's aggregation will be selected at the banquet. Mike Sweeney is the leading choice for the post.

Local Gunners Win at Harrisburg

Harrisburg, March 24.—Despite the crosswinds excellent scores were recorded over the Conewago range, in the Keystone Rifle Club's rifle match. H. H. Appleton, of Philadelphia, carried off the honors, with 229 out of a possible 250 with E. L. Watson, of Philadelphia, the runner-up.

SERVICE TEAMS IN FINAL CLASH

Naval Training Will Meet Camp Stewart, of Newport News, Tonight

CITY TITLE IN DISPUTE

The final game of basketball for the season will be played tonight at the Y. M. C. A. recreation hut at League Island, when Frank Poth's League Island Naval Training five meets the service club representing Camp Stewart at Newport News.

The visitors are headed and managed by Walter Keating, the former coach of Northeast High. Keating has a good club, but it will have to be so in order to defeat Poth's aggregation. He plays a forward position and has as his running mate Mann, of the Scranton club of the Intercounty League. The center is Bill Wood, an old C. H. S. star on the team with Bill Butler, Dave Kerr and Jimmy Usilton.

The guards are said to be exceptionally clever. They are Niederman, formerly of Bodine College, and Wood one-time sub at Penn. The substitutes are Fishman, of the College of the City of New York, and Harvey, of the University of Illinois.

The series being played between Stetson and Keystone for the city title has elicited the following remarks from the Mount Carmel team:

McCarmel After Title

"Having noted with interest several articles appearing recently in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER regarding the championship aspirations of various teams, the Mount Carmel Catholic Club takes this opportunity of stating that it is desirous of engaging in a series with either St. Columba's, Stetson Mission, New York Ship or the American Bridge basketball teams to determine the independent champions of the city.

"Mount Carmel has by its great work this season fully justified its claim to participation in a championship series. So far this season Mount Carmel has defeated nearly all of the leading teams in and around Philadelphia. Among these were Keystone A. A. (Mount Carmel stopped this team's streak of twenty-two consecutive wins, and this game was a big boost for Mount Carmel, as Keystone prior to this game had been termed the independent champions of Philadelphia), Incarnation C. C., Sylvan A. C. (of the Gloucester City League), St. Ann's C. C., Annunciation C. C. and many other first-class teams.

Yours in sport,

"JOHN J. KENNILLY."

Still Another Claimant

There is still another claimant to the title in the 3-6 Club of the First Christian Church and they write as follows:

"The 3-6 Club of First Christian Church of Philadelphia disputes the claim of American Bridge to play the winner of the games between Keystone and Stetson for the independent basketball title of Philadelphia, as we have defeated some of the best teams in the city and Camden, such as Pier No. 19, United States Navy, Fourth Naval District, St. Paul's and Dover, of Camden.

"We were beaten by Keystone and Stetson by the scores of 40 to 35 and 21 to 19 on their floors. Before we played on their floors we had games with both teams at our hall, but for some unknown reason they did not appear, so we would like to arrange three games with American Bridge to determine who is entitled to meet the winner of Keystone and Stetson games, as I think we are entitled to it." H. Hunt, manager, 1530 Venango street.

JOHNNY KILBANE WILL BOX MEALY

Champion Denies That He Called Off Olympia Match. Root vs. Brown Tonight

JOE BURMAN TRIUMPHS

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

Johnny Kilbane will appear at the Olympia on the evening of March 31 against Johnny Mealy. Saturday it was circulated that the featherweight champion had called off both matches in this city—the second against Artie O'Leary at the National on April 15—and had retired from the boxing game.

Yesterday Acting Manager Leon Rains had Kilbane on the long distance phone's and received Kilbane's word that he would fill his scheduled engagement at the Olympia with Mealy.

Kilbane has no intention of quitting the game now. What he really wanted, according to Mr. Rains, was to have the date set back a week to April 7, as he was anxious to appear in Buffalo on March 31. Last night Promoter Rains forwarded Kilbane transportation, which virtually assured the appearance of the champion here.

Brown vs. Root

Kilbane's conqueror of two weeks ago, Frankie Brown, of New York, will be one of the finalists at the Olympia tonight. Archie Root, Kilbane's hometown boy, will be imported to oppose Brown.

Brown is a good boy, but Root is far from an inferior promoter. It will be recalled that it was Root who outclassed Mealy after Johnny had knocked out Artie Strawhacker. Root also surprised by beating Willie Jackson, just when Willie was on his way to a big match in this city.

It was also announced that Joey Fox meets Joe Tiplitz at the Olympia on April 7.

Brown and Joey Fox mingle at the National Saturday night, but much depends upon Brown's work against Root. The rugged New Yorker surprised Kilbane. He now must beat Root.

Burman Triumphs

Joe Burman again was returned a winner over K. O. Joe O'Donnell in the National wind-up last Saturday night. O'Donnell gave a much better account of himself and at times made it very interesting for the clever Chicago boy.

Burman upset the dope in the second round when he shot a right cross to the chin and sailed O'Donnell for the nine count. It was a clean knockdown, but failed to harm the Jersey boy.

O'Donnell punched well to the body and connected with many hard smashes to the abdomen. Burman, however, always was on top and battered O'Donnell freely.

Mahoney Scores

Johnny Mahoney came down from Hazleton to register his second consecutive knockout win. This time he forced the referee to halt the fray with John Lundy in the third round to save Lundy.

Benny Kaufman came back, but failed to register a victory. He fought well and showed good form, but the aggressive, clever and youthful Patsy Johnson, of Trenton, earned the verdict. Johnson forced all the fighting and did most of the battling.

Kewpie Calender made his professional debut here and earned an even break with Young Merino. Kewpie was a poor defensive fighter, but at long range nailed the veteran Merino freely.

In the opening bout Billy Hines lost to Johnny Myers.

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LEBANON TO HAVE TEAM

Steel Town Still Retains Some of Major League Players

Lebanon, Pa., March 24.—The Bethlehem Steel Baseball League has passed into history. Lebanon, however, expects to have a plant team with Charley Kelchner at its head. Babe Ruth, Roger Hornsby, Del Pratt, Joe Shultz, Stanley Coveleski and Sam Agnew have returned to organized baseball, but Jim Shaw, Eddie Murphy, Hale, Pitt, Ritter, Stowe, Mowrey, Eddie Miller, Babbington, Hobey Light, Clauser and Potteiger, of last year's team, continue in their old posts at the Lebanon plant, and, with the possible exception of Shaw and Murphy, will remain here.

MERCHANTS DEFEATED

Eliminated by Paterson From American Cup Competition

Paterson, N. J., March 24.—The Paterson F. C. defeated the crack Merchants' Ship soccer team by 3 to 2 at Olympic Park yesterday in the semi-final of the American cup competition before 5000 spectators.

The visitors were first to score, Fidler netting ten minutes from the kick-off. Paterson tried hard to get on even terms and managed to score the equalizer through Archie Stark just before half time.

After the interval Paterson had most of the play and scored two more goals through A. Stark and Bielch. With four minutes to go, Duggan reduced the lead.

Big Inning Defeats Cleveland

New Orleans, March 24.—Amassing twelve runs in the second inning on wild pitching by Engle, the New Orleans baseball team in the Southern Association yesterday defeated the Cleveland Americans in the opening game of the exhibition season here, 14 to 10. Feidler, a Cleveland recruit, got four hits out of five times at bat.

Al Tearney Re-elected President

Chicago, March 24.—Reorganization of the Three I Baseball League was effected at a meeting here yesterday, when Al R. Tearney, for nine years president of the league and newly chosen president of the Western League, was elected president, and plans made for a six-club circuit.

National Bowling Leaders

Following are the leaders in team, doubles and individuals at the national bowling congress:

FIVE MEN

Lincoln Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne	2959
Birk Brothers No. 1, Chicago	2930
Potter Shoes, Cincinnati	2921
Schwabl No. 1, Buffalo	2918
St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis	2906
Burrs' Belting Company, Chicago	2890
Bicycle Playing Cards, Cincinnati	2889
Kramer Atlantic Garden, Pittsburgh	2880
General Electric, Chicago	2875
Marotti Shoe Shop, Indianapolis	2873

TWO MEN

Pekin-Lellinger, Chicago	1258
F. Schweegler-F. Kartheiser, Madison	1255
Dalker-Wetterman, Cincinnati	1248
Heller-Bugenhagen, Chicago	1247
Miller-Schmalz, Hamilton	1239
E. Hess-F. Geisler, Chicago	[illegible]
Moses-Hagerty, Toledo	1226
Verkes-Reuterkamp, St. Louis	1224
Jones-Trapp, Chicago	1223
Votel-Thomas, Pittsburgh	1220

INDIVIDUALS

H. Cavan, Pittsburgh	718
D. Davis, Chicago	709
P. Miller, Toledo	688
F. Peifer, Chicago	683
H. Yockey, Cincinnati	672
J. Shaw, Chicago	664
M. Middaugh, Omaha	662
K. Tiedge, Akron	660
A. Theobold, Cincinnati	660
F. Snerber, Cincinnati	658
F. Kryg, Milwaukee	658
J. Mislon, Jr., Passaic	657
E. Stapper, Denver	656

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

SAMMY GROSS has broken into the managerical end of the boxing game. Always a great boxing booster, Sammy concluded that it was time to have an entry of his own. Sam learned of Jack Weinstein's success with Eddie O'Keefe, resented Weinstein's rapid advance and imported a regular fighter from Milwaukee.

Sammy refused to announce the name of his entry. His "masked marvel" is a 122-pounder with plenty of class. Sammy insists, however, that his boy will not prove to be another Schwartz, the westerner imported by Herman Taylor.

Manager Gross has his boy working at the Bingham A. C. and within two weeks expects to have him in condition to make his Quaker City debut.

A good card will support the Brown-Root bout at the Olympia tonight. Joe Welsh and Charley (Kid) Thomas will open the show. Thomas and Welsh have met before and thrilled. Harry (Kid) Brown meets Battling Lahn in the semiwind-up. This should be a real test for Brown. In the other bouts Max Williamson meets Jack Eile in return engagement and Sammy Schiff opposes Dave Meter.

Memphis (Pal) Moore and Champion Pete Herman clash in Memphis tonight. This will be an important meeting. Moore earned more publicity through his win over Jimmy Wilde than Herman did in beating Williams. This will be a real chance to get a line on the class of the leaders.

Jack Britton and Jack Perry come together in Pittsburgh tonight. Tommy Duquesne A. C. will stake the battle. This will be Britton's first bout since dethroning Ted (Kid) Lewis in Canton one week ago tonight.

Joe Christiana announces that his protege, Jack Russo, has been matched to meet George Chaney, of Baltimore, in the feature at the National on April 12.

Joey Fox is doing some regular work for his scheduled six-round bout with Frankie Brown at the National Saturday night. This will be Fox's third appearance in this city, and will be against a real foe.

Dave Meter, the New York boy, has been signed by Johnny Burns to oppose Joe Koons in the Cambria wind-up Friday night. This will be Meter's first battle at the Kensington club.

A few more big bouts are on tonight's card. In Montreal Irish Patsy Cline will celebrate his return to the ring against Lockport Jimmy Duffy. In St. Louis this evening Dick Loadman meets Abe Kabakoff. In Trenton Tommy Robson battles Frank Carbone.

Joe Borrell will work in the wind-up at the Pennsgrove A. C. Friday night. Ben Taylor will be the opposition. On April 2 Borrell meets Herman Miller in Steelton.

Willie Jackson is on his way East. Following his knockout victory over Frankie Farren on Friday night, the hard-hitting lightweight departed for home. This information was contained in a message from "Doc" Bagley, Jackson's manager, to Nate Smith, the captain of the Olympia guides.

Benny Leonard has started home. The champion will stop off in Joplin, Mo., for a scheduled twelve-round battle at with Harvey Thorpe, of Kansas City, Wednesday night. Benny's next bout will be with Jack Perry in Pittsburgh April 5.

Joe Welling and Paul Doyle have been matched to appear before a New England club next month. This will be Welling's first bout since his defeat at the hands of Tendler in Newark a few weeks ago.

Willie Ritchie Breaks 82 of 100 Clay Targets

Great Neck, L. I., March 24.—William C. Poertner won the 100 clay bird handicap at the traps of the Great Neck Golf and Country Club yesterday when, on a handicap of 18, he returned a score of 96. Willie Ritchie, formerly lightweight boxing champion, tried his hand at the trap-shooting game and broke 82 out of 100.

BRUNO DUKE

Solver of Business Problems

By HAROLD WHITEHEAD

THE PROBLEM OF THE EMPTY MANSION

A Successful Representation

ONE day early in August I had a telegram from Bruno Duke which did me that he and two other men would be at "The Barracks" that afternoon for a few days.

Rooms were, fortunately, vacant, so I had their quarters fixed up and put in good shape for I guessed, rightly, that the men were prospective buyers of "The Barracks."

In the afternoon a powerful car drove up to the house and Duke, with his two friends, alighted. My! but it was good to see him. Just to know he is near you is a source of relief, for you feel there is a strength of mind and clearness of vision for immediate use that will not fail.

The two men he introduced were a Mr. Paul Carpenter and Mr. O. G. Blood. Carpenter was a well-to-do Wall street broker, while Blood was an experienced hotel man.

I noticed with pleasure the glance of appreciation Blood gave to the appearance of the place and the more he saw of it the more pleased he appeared to be.

Carpenter was also impressed, but he seemed afraid to express any feeling on the matter—I guess he'd make a good poker player.

It was a glorious day when they arrived and "The Barracks" was certainly looking beautiful. The guests walking to and fro gave the place quite a gay look. The lawns were freshly cut and many flowers and shrubs were at their best.

I could not help comparing "The Barracks" on that glorious August afternoon to the appearance it made the first time Duke and I saw the property.

Duke told me afterward that he'd planned the day and hour of arrival. He chose a day that gave every promise of being bright and he chose the hour just before dinner when guests would be near the house, waiting the dinner hour and while still light—the light was sufficiently mellow so as to soften the appearance of the place.

"First impressions are all important, Peter," he explained later, "and in a deal of this size too much care cannot be given to make the first impression a decidedly favorable one.

After a jandunty dinner, Carpenter, Blood, Duke and I strolled around the grounds. We walked to the high rocky land overlooking the little bathing beach. There we sat down and chatted, while the glory of the open sea, shimmering like silver in the moonlight, made a feast for the eyes of those two New Yorkers.

Blood was charmed with the beauty of the place. He commented again and again on the shadowy outline of the rocky rugged coast-line and twinkling lights of houses, which appeared as fiery jewels of light set in a perfect nocturn.

Even Carpenter was impressed and gave cautious comments of approval.

Then we returned to the house and sat on the broad piazza where coffee and cigars were served.

We all sat in silence until Carpenter said:

"This piazza to be screened?"

"No," I answered him. "I've never seen a mosquito here. We are so high and have sea water on three sides of the house."

Then again Blood gave a sign of content and drawled:

"This sure is great after 10 old Broadway in August."

After they had retired Duke came to my room and said:

"You've done splendidly, Peter. So far everything is fine. We've made a very strong, favorable impression on Carpenter and Blood, but tomorrow is very important. We must help to make them as pleased with "The Barracks" in the bright daylight as they were with it in the glow of evening."

TODAY'S BUSINESS QUESTION
What is "commission"?
Answer will appear tomorrow.
ANSWER TO SATURDAY'S BUSINESS QUESTION
A "bill" is a statement of accounts due; general terms for all negotiable paper.

In this space Mr. Whitehead will answer readers' business questions on buying, selling, advertising and employment.

Business Questions Answered

Could you advise a man aged fifty-six, active, capable and willing to do either clerical or office work, selling or handling merchandise, etc., how to secure employment?

For many years I have been in the importing business. At present I am in the life insurance business, but am not able to accomplish much, and would prefer employment in some commercial business.

If you could advise me how to find such a position I would be grateful to you. S. H.

Could not the insurance agent you work for get you some insurance clerical position? If not, could you not be useful to some other insurance company?

Without knowing more of what your experience has been, it is almost impossible to give you worth-while suggestions. If, however, you were to choose some line of business that you like—manufacturing, wholesale, the dry goods business and such like—and then if you were to call on the leading jobbers in that line, I feel sure that you would be able to make a connection. If you do not know the technical side of the business you will probably get little salary to start with, but your experience and energy, and I presume, executive ability will quickly get you to the position that your abilities warrant.

Deaths of a Day

GEORGE J. POLLOCK

Clerk in Register of Wills Office Dies at His Home

George J. Pollock, aged sixty-two, 1640 Moore street, was attacked with heart trouble at his home on Saturday and died in half an hour. He had spent the morning at his desk in the Register of Wills office where he was a computer clerk and returned home at noon apparently in good health. He was stricken soon after.

Mr. Pollock held clerkships in the Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills offices twenty years. He was a member of the Twenty-sixth Ward executive committee twenty-six years and was active in the Twenty-sixth Ward and East End Republican Clubs. He also was a member of the Seasons, Knights of Pythias and Red Men. A widow and two daughters survive.

Mrs. Nellie Dale

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Dale, widow of Fulton W. Dale, will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Oliver H. Bair Building, 1820 Chestnut street. Since the death of her husband, a prominent business man of Savannah, Ga., twenty-five years ago, Mrs. Dale had spent most of her time with her sister, Miss Mary Keiterborn, until she died four years ago, at 4147 Girard avenue. She also traveled extensively. Mrs. Dale died in Los Angeles, Cal., March 12, while undergoing an operation.

Fred W. Taylor

Fred W. Taylor, well known in maritime circles and before his retirement, a few years ago, as head of one of the largest shipping firms in this city, died Saturday at his home, 239 Gowen avenue, Mt. Airy. He was president of the Charles M. Taylor's Sons, Inc., ship brokers and general agents. He succeeded his father, Charles M. Taylor, who established the business. With him was associated his brother, James S. Taylor, vice president of the corporation, who died last December, at his home, 154 East Mt. Airy avenue.

Three years ago the business, one of the largest at this port, was taken over and continued by Furness, Withy & Co., Ltd. Both firms operated from offices in the Philadelphia Bourse.

Mr. Taylor's death was due to acute indigestion, with which he was attacked Friday night. He was seventy years old and a member of the Society of Friends. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Emily H. Taylor, and a daughter, Miss Florence E. Taylor. Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11:30 a. m. at his late residence. The interment will be private.

Charles Devlin

Charles Devlin, president and founder of Charles Devlin & Sons, Kensington avenue above Allegheny, died Saturday night at his home, 4127 North Broad street. His death was due to a complication of diseases resulting from old age. He was in his seventy-fifth year. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Knights of America, and took an active part in building and loan association activities.

Henry Martin Blossom

New York, March 24.—Henry Martin Blossom, author and playwright, died here last night of pneumonia. Mr. Blossom, who was fifty-two years old, was born in St. Louis, and his wife is on her way to New York from that city. Among the musical comedies Mr. Blossom contributed to the American stage were "The Yankee Consul," "Mlle. Modiste," "The Red Mill," "The Slim Princess" and "The Only Girl."

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning under the auspices of the Lambs Club, of which he was a member.

John O. Shultz

John O. Shultz, who, during the Union's most critical days in the Civil War, was responsible for the safety of President Lincoln in secret trips over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, died Saturday night at his home, 2266 Croskey street, at the age of eighty-six.

On a number of occasions when it became necessary for President Lincoln to leave the capital, Mr. Shultz, then in the Federal service on the B. and O. Road, was in charge of the presidential train. He often spoke of a certain secret journey on which he accompanied the President during the North's darkest hours of the war. Washington was believed to be endangered by an enemy advance and a train was hurriedly made up to carry Lincoln to Baltimore. All the railroad bridges across the Chesapeake were burned as soon as the President's train had crossed.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Shallcross

Mrs. Phoebe A. Shallcross, widow of John H. Shallcross, died in her eighty-sixth year yesterday at her home, Bridge and Mulberry street, Frankford.

STATE TAX WAS $107,068,567

Sum Represents First Quarterly Receipts on Incomes

First quarterly receipts under the income tax law from sixty-three districts, compiled as of March 21, amounted to $1,001,244,076, of which sum Pennsylvania alone contributed $107,068,567, according to the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Only in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh districts of Pennsylvania, and in the states of West Virginia, New Mexico and Minnesota did the collections for the first quarter show a decrease from the collections for the first quarter of last year, which totaled $750,000,000.

These figures, says the bureau, indicate that the estimate of Congress for total collections of $4,500,000 from income taxes this year will be realized.

On the basis of last year's collections Philadelphia should have turned in $41,000,000, as against the $38,000,000 reported. The actual decrease for Philadelphia as shown in the comparative table issued by the Revenue Bureau amounts to $3,746,148. While Pittsburgh should have collected $20,000,000, the amount reported was $20,512,335.

ITALIAN GENERAL ACQUITTED

Rosso Freed of Charges Arising From Caporetto Disaster

Rome, March 24.—(By A. P.)—General Rosso, who was in command of a part of the Italian line along the Isonzo River in October, 1917, when the great German-Austrian attack was launched, has been acquitted by a court-martial of a charge of having abandoned his position too soon before the enemy attack.

This was the first trial arising from the Caporetto disaster.

VILLAGERS FIGHT FOREST FIRE

Two Settlements Face Destruction in Cumberland Valley

Harrisburg, Pa., March 24.—Forest fires in the South Mountain district of the Cumberland Valley have swept over hundreds of acres of timber lands the last few days and, fanned by a heavy wind, are still burning fiercely. Small buildings in the path of the flames have been destroyed.

More than 10,000 acres of the best timber land in Cumberland County already has been burned over and the fires show no sign of abatement. Large quantities of cut timber have been destroyed.

Five hundred fire fighters are trying to keep the flames from reaching Toland, a village of thirty houses, controlled by the Philadelphia Clay Company, and Gardener's farm, where six families reside. Both settlements are in the path of the fire and seriously threatened.

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