

LOCAL ANGLERS PREPARE FOR BUSY TROUT SEASON---PENNSY SHOOTERS LOSE

SNOODLES—Slew Tries to Recruit a New Piece of Artillery.

READING TEAM STARTS SEASON AT MERCERSBURG

Local Players Put Up Crack-crack Game in Spite of No Practice

To the Philadelphia and Reading railway baseball teams belong honors for being first in the field. This aggregation opened at Mercersburg on Saturday, losing by a score of 5 to 4. Notwithstanding that the local team had no practice, Mercersburg found their opponents a hard team to beat. The Reading boys lacked only in timely stick work. Manager Johnson started the season with a time-z-three-bagger. He pitched in old-time form, fanning five batters. Geary put up a good game at third. The score follows:

AB. R. H. O. A. E.					
Sipe, 2b	4	1	1	0	0
Spilling, 1f	4	0	1	0	0
Geary, ss	4	1	1	3	1
Thompson, cf	4	1	2	1	0
Walters, lb	3	0	0	4	1
Heiney, rf	2	0	0	0	1
Vinters, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, 2b	2	0	0	1	2
Peters, c	2	0	0	1	2
Johnson, p	3	1	2	1	5
Totals	27	4	7	20	11

LOCAL SHOOTERS WIN OVER P. R. R.

H. B. Shoop Is High Gun in First Match in Team Series

Pennsylvania railroad shooters lost the first team match Saturday in the series with members of Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association. The victors scored 223 out of a possible 250, the Pennsy shooters running up a total of 211.

Shooter	Total	Percentage
Harrisburg	223	89.2%
Worden	23	9.2%
Martin	24	9.6%
Shoot	23	9.2%
Roberts	23	9.2%
Freelamp	23	9.2%
Total	293	117.2%

Harrisburg—Worden, 23; Martin, 24; Shoot, 23; Roberts, 23; Freelamp, 23. Total, 293. By not counting, Roberts, 38; Wilson, 39; Heiges, 36; E. W. Shank, 46. (not entered in team race).

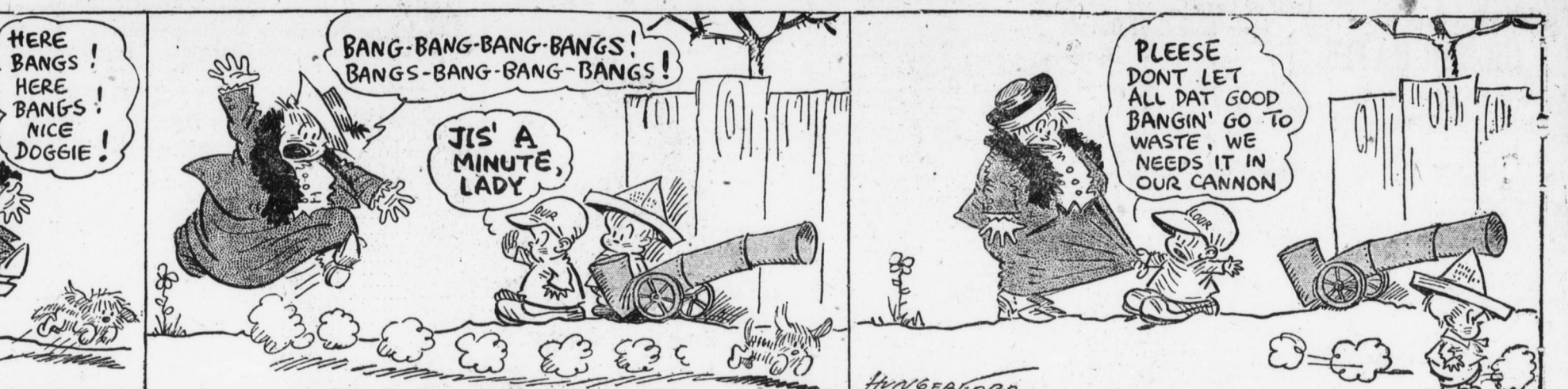
Penny Shooter Hanks Up New Railroad Record

Philadelphia, April 1.—With a total bag of 428 targets out of 450, Harry H. Sloan, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Gun Club, not only won the shooting championship of the Philadelphia Trap Shooters' League Saturday, but as well broke the record held by Harry B. Fisher, of the Clearview Gun Club, who in 1917, shot 421 out of 450. These records were compiled on nine shoots.

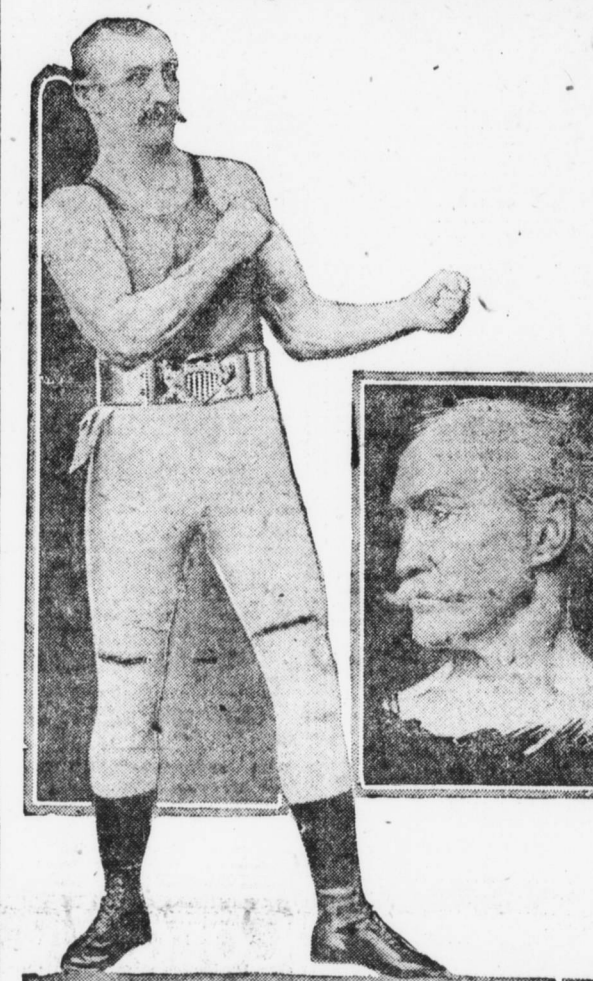
Only one competitor gave Sloan cause for worry in Camden. He shattered the same number in five shots.

Brand Baseball Managers as Slackers of Worst Brand

Washington, April 1.—“Slackers of the worst brand,” was the stamp placed by Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the National War Garden Commission, upon organized baseball managers who are said to have decided to start their games an hour later under the daylight saving plan.



Man Who Taught Roosevelt to Box Dies



PROF. MIKE DONOVAN

For many years he was the boxing instructor at the New York Athletic Club, and there he taught many millionaires and their sons how to put up their hands. He is almost the last of the bare-knuckle fighters of prominence. In fact, Jack McAuliffe, once lightweight champion is the under the London Prize Ring Rules, only one of his time left.

Jack Wise Is Busy Teaching Aviators' Art of Trapshooting

Jack Wise, well known to local shooters, is making good at Kelley Field, Texas. He is drilling the aviators in shooting at movable objects. He is a member of the Harrisburg and West Fairview Sportsmen's Association. He has been made a corporal and expects promotion to sergeant in the very near future.

“Well, I am some busy boy these days, and they are good hot ones at that. I hardly know how far back to go in telling you my doings, but will start with January 5th. On that day I was made instructor of trapshooting at Kelly Field, and since then my time has been entirely taken up. I have had but one half-day off since I started on the job, and this afternoon makes the second.

Instructs Aviators “My duties are to instruct the future aviators and those who have received their commissions, along with about thirty majors and as many captains and a few of higher rank, along with hundreds of lieutenants, the art of trapshooting. It also gave me, during the first month, some work on the machine gun range, with the Lewis gun. I suppose, if this war ever ends, we will have to get a machine gun and mow down the rocks in the old Susquehanna.”

“I have taught over 600 future

Wilkes-Barre Is Out of Baseball During War

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 1.—If there is to be another minor league formed in these war-times, Wilkes-Barre nor Scranton will not be members. Here it is emphatically stated by local club owners that this town is through with professional league baseball until the war is over.

The situation in Scranton is the same as here. Owner Robert Allen today reassured the baseball world that Scranton will have no professional league baseball this season at least. Scranton fell a few thousand dollars behind last season. Elmta is not anxious to join and Owner

TROUT ANGLERS AWAIT OPENING

Season Starting April 15 Gives Promise of Being a Record-Breaker

Only two more weeks and the trout season starts. Anglers are anxiously awaiting the arrival of April 15. Already there are elaborate displays of fishing tackle in the windows of sporting goods stores.

Indications are that this year will be productive of good catches. The weather during the winter was greatly in favor of the trout and beauties. Old veterans of the game predict a better season this year than has been enjoyed for a number of years.

The reasons for these predictions are based upon the fact that during the fall the water in the mountain streams was reasonably high, which prevented predatory animals such as coon, skunk, etc., from fishing successfully.

Trout Destroyers These little animals are the best fishers in the world, and they are said to destroy more trout than any other source. When the water is low they get down along the edge of a riffle and reach under the stones and pull the trout out and eat them. With their sharp claws the catching of the little fish is an easy matter while the trout are taking protection under the stones.

National League to Work by Clock, Says J. K. Tener

New York, April 1.—“There will be little difference in the time of starting ball games in the National League under the daylight saving plan,” said President John K. Tener when told that baseball owners who planned to start games one hour later had been branded as slackers by Charles L. Pack, of the National War Garden Commission.

“Mr. Pack is evidently anticipating a condition that will not come about,” continued Tener. “The time for starting games is up to individual club owners, but speaking for the National League, I do not expect there will be more than fifteen minutes difference. People will not change their dinner hour under the new plan. We could not expect baseball fans to get home at a time at 7 o'clock. We will all work by the clock just as we have before.”

OAKLAND CLUB GETS STUMP Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1.—The National Commission on the subject of the National League, handed down awarded Player William Stumpf, to the Oakland Club of the Pacific Coast League, but made a provision that the Oakland Club dispose of his services to the Pittsburgh Club, of the National League.

INDEPENDENTS	FG.	F.	Pts.
N. Ford, f.	4	0	8
Wallower, f.	11	0	22
Frank, c.	4	12	28
G. Ford, g.	4	0	8
Coolestock, g.	0	0	0
Totals	23	12	66

READING	FG.	F.	Pts.
Dietrich, f.	1	0	2
Snyder, c.	0	0	0
Phelan, c.	2	12	18
Gaul, g.	1	0	2
Fisher, g.	0	0	0
Totals	4	12	28

All International Players Declared Free Agents

New York, April 1.—The national baseball commission has announced the following ruling on the collapse of the International League: “The commission rules that through its (the International League) neglect to reorganize and protect the national agreement rights of its players, all rights to reserved players have been forfeited and that all players of its respective clubs are, therefore, free agents and eligible to contract with other national agreement clubs, except those drafted or recalled by major league or purchased by minor or major league clubs.”

“Contracts for 1918 entered into by other clubs before the collapse of the International League before the promulgation of this ruling are declared void.”

In explaining its ruling the commission stated: “As a result of the failure of the International League to arrange its circuit and adopt a schedule for 1918 many of the reserved players of its clubs have applied to the commission for a ruling relative to their status.”

In some instances it is represented that the respective clubs of complainants are in arrears to players for 1917 salaries, and in other cases the retaining clubs have failed to tender contracts for the coming season up to date. Investigation establishes that many of the complaints are true. In the meantime players of the International League teams who have received offers from other national agreement clubs have been unable to accept them.”

Red Sox Purchase Old Dodger Star, Bob Fisher



“BOB” FISHER

Ed. Barrow, manager of the Boston Red Sox, is well supplied with second basemen. He has just secured Bob Fisher, one-time Brooklyn, Cub and Red infielder. Johnny Evers was only recently signed by the club, but evidently Barrow is looking ahead in case Evers fails to make good. Fisher can also play short and third.

MARCH OUTPUT IS 36 U.S. SHIPS

Fleet Corporation Launchings at Rate of 3,000,000 Tons a Year Washington, April 1.—Figures made public by the Shipping Board indicate a greatly increased ratio of ship launchings and ship completions. In all thirty-six vessels of all types were launched in March, with a total deadweight tonnage of 223,756. If this monthly rate is maintained—and officials of the Shipping Board says it will be greatly exceeded—this year's construction will be around 3,000,000 tons deadweight.

Incomplete figures show that eighteen vessels of 162,200 total tonnage were turned over ready for operation. With two exceptions these were vessels being built on private orders and commanded. Delivery of two additional vessels was expected soon.

Launchings in March were considerably more than twice those of February and over twice those of January. January launchings were sixteen ships of 112,500 tons, and those for February fifteen ships of 77,500 tons.

Of the thirty-six vessels launched in March six were contracted for by the Emergency Fleet Corporation, with a tonnage of 51,600 tons, which were requisitioned vessels of 149,636 tons, and nine were wood and composite vessels of 31,500 tons.

The March launchings were 52,000 tons in excess of those predicted the first month by the Shipping Board. Officials are not optimistic as to a higher rate of production in April, however. Shortage of steel and lack of other materials have seriously hampered the building program.

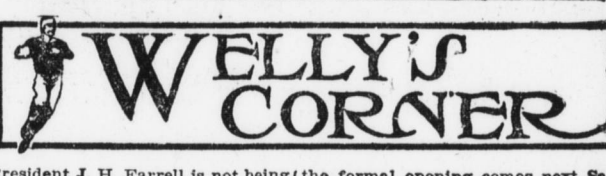
PAY MORE FOR GAS

Residents of Lykens and Williams-town will pay fifty cents for gas, effective today. Tariffs filed by the Williams-town Gas Company with the Public Service Commission show the increase in rates to be from thirty to fifty cents.

MEN'S MEETING HELD DR. REED'S ADDRESS

Dr. George Edward Reed addressed the men's Sunday mass meeting in Pannestock Hall yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Central Y. M. C. A. His subject was “Playing the Game.” Dr. Reed was former president of Dickinson College, and also, former state librarian. Dr. J. George Becht, executive secretary of the State Board of Education will address next Sunday's meeting on the subject, “Our Thirteenth Year.” Dr. Becht is a member of the Braves team, who is in charge of the clan, was the authority for the statement that Herzog will sign up.

REDUCE CHURCH DEBT Members of Messiah Lutheran Church celebrated Easter in a novel way yesterday, when \$10,217.59 was contributed through free will offerings, to decrease the indebtedness of the church. The total cash offering for the day was \$10,622.44. Eighty-seven new members were admitted to membership in the church.



President J. H. Farrell is not being rushed with applicants for his new league. There are a lot of towns that would like to get into the game, but after figuring the cost dropped the proposition. Baseball that will pay must be good sport. Material for a class AA league is scarce.

The next team shoot between Harrisburg and Pennsylvania railroad trapshooters will be held on the Philadelphia Division Gun Club field, probably April 13, until that time special efforts will be made to assure a larger railroad representation.

Soldiers at the aviation depot at Middletown have organized for the baseball season. There will be several teams in the field. A diamond and field has been laid out and games will start next week. The boys need baseball bats and other equipment. Give them a boost.

Increased baseball activity is looked for in this local area. On Saturday the sandlots were occupied and twilight practice is now in order in preparation for an early start.

Dickinson is ready to begin the spring work. A first string nine has been picked, the trackmen are putting in long hours of practice and

Sammy Schiff, a local boxer, is no slacker. He is employed at the enclosed house No. 1, Pennsylvania railroad and works twelve hours each day. Five nights out of six he can be seen at the Peerless Club gymnasium. Boxing Club “Sammy” likes the ring game and is anxious to make good. In his bout with Jack McCarron last week, this boy showed a big improvement in his work.

Sunday School Sessions Open in Middletown

A conference and convention at Middletown in the Methodist Church this afternoon opened the series of district conventions being held by the Dauphin County Sabbath School Association. The convention will continue at Middletown to-night.

The theme of the various gatherings is “Efficiency.” The week's schedule follows: District No. 2, Monday, April 1, Middletown, Methodist Episcopal Church; conference 2 p. m.; convention at 7:30 p. m. District No. 4, Tuesday, April 2, Oberlin, Neidig United Brethren Church; conference 2 p. m.; convention, 7:45 p. m. District No. 7, Wednesday, April 3, Linglestown, Union Chapel; conference, 2 p. m.; convention, 7:30 p. m. District No. 6, Thursday, April 4, Steelton, Centenary United Brethren Church; conference, 2 p. m.; convention, 7:45 p. m. District No. 3, Friday, April 5, Hummelstown, Zion Lutheran Parish Church; conference, 2 p. m.; convention, 7:45 p. m. District No. 9, Saturday, April 6, Dauphin, Methodist Episcopal Church; conference, 2 p. m.; convention, 7:45 p. m. District No. 1, Sunday, April 7, Swatara Hill Meeting House; 2 p. m., Bachmansville Meeting House; 7:15 p. m., Hillside United Brethren Church.

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CLERKS TRAINING HARD
Altoona, Pa., April 1.—Clerks and officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad office here, first to answer the call the Altoona committee of the National Security League, have begun to make themselves more physically fit, as a wartime measure. Five hundred office men are being given once a week, under the direction of the physical directors of the high school and the Y. M. C. A., and are limbering up their muscles by setting-up exercises and drills.

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