

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Erie Statement For a Year.

The Erie railroad issued yesterday its statement for the year ended June 30, which was decidedly favorable in comparison with reports for other roads and in striking contrast with the position of the Erie two years ago, when the late E. H. Harriman rescued the road from an impending receivership.

For the past fiscal year the Erie railroad, after providing for all its fixed charges and after allowing a substantial sum for improvements and betterments, shows a surplus equivalent to the full 4 per cent, on both classes of the preferred stock and to more than 2 per cent, on the \$112,000,000 of common stock. There was a large increase for the year in the gross earnings of the property, which amounted to \$54,866,190 for the twelve months ended June last, compared with \$50,441,161 earned during the previous year. The net earnings showed an increase of \$2,228,981, and the income from other sources and operation an increase of \$1,095,614. Charges for interest, rentals, etc., showed an increase of only \$465,695. The net income showed the large increase of \$2,859,839. The sum left after meeting charges was \$5,806,543, and from this was deducted \$737,086 for additions and betterments, compared with \$381,926 similarly expended the previous year.

After these deductions there was left \$5,069,456, compared with \$2,565,717 in 1908, while in 1909 there was a deficit of \$2,199,226. Compared, then, with 1908, the Erie shows a recovery of \$7,250,000 in surplus earnings.

Not the least striking feature of the excellent report that the large surplus shown above all charges was earned in the face of conditions surrounding railroad operations which many railroad men have been predicting would embarrass the railroads, particularly the weaker railroads, with which the Erie was classed.

These conditions include the increases in wages which the railroads had to grant this spring, and in another direction the closer regulation of railroad affairs by the government, which lately has prevented the application of a general increase in freight rates.

The rescuing of the Erie railroad from impending receivership in the spring of 1908 by the late E. H. Harriman is one of the spectacular events in Wall street history, and already the benefits the Erie railroad has been deriving from its improvements are bearing out the view which Mr. Harriman took when from a sickbed he raised overnight the \$8,000,000 which was needed to save the Erie.—New York Times.

BENNET A BUSY MAN.

Some of the Dates Already Made for the Congressman.

Congressman William Stiles Bennet arrived in town last evening, and will remain over Sunday with his family and relatives, says Saturday's Port Jervis Gazette.

The New York Tribune today says the boom of Congressman Bennet for the nomination for governor is moving along. Mr. Bennet has a number of dates to speak to update audiences, and more are being made. On Wednesday he speaks at the Allegheny county convention at Belmont, and the following day is to make an address at Richmondville, Schoharie county. On Saturday of next week he returns to the city to attend the picnic of the 19th assembly district Republican organization at the Manhattan Casino. He said yesterday that at least 11,000 persons would be present in the afternoon and evening.

On August 23 Congressman Bennet is to speak at the Tioga county fair, and he has promised to speak at Lockport at a date yet to be named.

The Best Water.

A writer in Vim does not think highly of mineral waters. He says: "The best water is the water containing the least mineral matter in it. The nearer you can come to getting absolutely pure water to drink the more easy it will be to keep in good health. The simplest form in which absolutely pure water is found is in rain. And rain-water collected from off a clean surface and stored in a clean reservoir is as good as anything one can find. The best substitute for rainwater is good distilled water. In fact, distilled water may be somewhat preferable, as it is not subject to accidental contamination in the many ways rainwater is. To argue that absolutely pure water is not helpful is equal to saying that the addition of pollution improves it—a proposition that will not stand the test of hard common sense."

Where Eyesight is Good.

The best eyesight is possessed by those people whose lands are vast and barren and whose obstacles tending to shorten the sight are few. Eskimos will detect white fox in the snow at a great distance away, while the Arabs of the deserts of Africa have such extreme powers of vision that on the vast plains of the desert they will pick out objects invisible to the ordinary eye at ranges from one to ten miles distant. Among civilized people the Norwegians have better eyesight than most, if not all, others, as they more generally fulfill the necessary conditions. The reason why defective eyes are so much on the increase in England and in America lies in too much study of books in early life and in badly lighted rooms.

Isabelle Lengel, Strong Girl and Sunday School Member.

Claiming that Isabelle Lengel, aged 17, is the strongest girl in the world, her father, William Lengel, of Keyser Valley, near Scranton, offers to back his claim with \$200. Miss Lengel weighs but 117 pounds and lifts almost six times her own weight or, to be exact, 675 pounds. She practices daily with heavy dumbbells and has entered enthusiastically into athletics since early childhood. She has reached a remarkable point of development for a girl of her years.

However, Miss Lengel does not let the development of her physique interfere with womankind's heritage—an aesthetic nature. She takes much interest in religious work and is a member of the First Baptist church Sunday school. She is pretty and comes of an athletic family. Her father, William Lengel, has also a considerable reputation as a strong man. Two years ago he lifted a weight without harness totalling 1,367 pounds.

HIGH PRICED BALL PLAYERS DON'T ALWAYS TURN OUT WELL.

Simply because a ball club pays a big price for major league ball players, it doesn't mean that they're going to set the big league on fire. History has proved this. Take "Rube" Marquard of the New York club, for instance. The Giants are said to have paid \$11,000 to the Indianapolis club for his release. That's a big price for a minor league ballplayer, but he hasn't been a howling success.

Then Garry Herriman paid \$7,500 for "Rube" Benton, and he is a bloomer. Manager Mack's \$12,000 pitcher, Russell, may be in the same class. Comiskey's shortstop, Blackburn, the \$8,500 player, is a failure, while some other minor league youngsters, who didn't cost \$750 are a success.

Picking up youngsters is the biggest lottery in baseball. If the recruits make good the manager is lucky.

M'FARLAND AFTER WOLGAST.

Chicago Pugilist Anxious to Get Crack at Lightweight Champion.

It now looks as if the next big pugilistic battle will be between Ad Wolgast, the champion lightweight of the



PACKEY M'FARLAND, WHO WANTS TO MEET WOLGAST.

world, and Packey McFarland of Chicago. The latter has been hotfoot after a crack at the champion since he arrived from Europe, where he defeated Freddie Welsh, England's best lightweight. Promoters on the coast are after the contest and are willing to offer a big purse for the go.

The only obstacle in the way of the match is that Wolgast wants McFarland to make 133 ringside. This McFarland will not agree to, but is willing to weigh in at 133 six hours before the fight. However, it is likely that the differences will be adjusted and that the pair will meet on Labor day. If they clash it should result in a good contest, as McFarland is one of the cleverest boxers that ever pulled on a padded glove and would no doubt make Wolgast extend himself to the limit.

Pitcher Johnson's Great Speed.
Catcher Charley Street of Washington, whom many believe to be the best catcher in the league, is suffering from too much Johnson. Street catches Walter in most of his games and as a result is usually suffering from a bruised or ripped finger. The big Swede has terrific speed, and if he throws a ball wide it is no pleasant job for any catcher to stop it.

RABBIT ACTED AS BASE-BALL.

Pitcher Jack Krause of the Upland "Big Four" team should play in phenomenal luck during the balance of the season if there is anything in the rabbit foot superstition. In a practice game held on the grounds of the Media (Pa.) Delaware County League club a rabbit jumped out of a clump of grass and started across the diamond. Krause did not see it, but was endeavoring to catch a ball thrown in from the outfield.

Before the ball arrived, however, the rabbit jumped into his hands, and, thinking he had the sphere, he threw the animal to the second baseman to catch the runner. The latter ducked, and the rabbit made its escape.

HOME RUNS

Washington critics say that Henry, the Amherst college catcher, is the most promising player corralled there since Johnson was landed.

Rariden of the Boston Nationals is the most improved catcher in the business. He was very punk last season, but now sizes up impressively.

Joe Birmingham of the Cleveland Americans undoubtedly earns the distinction of being the greatest throwing outfielder in the American league.

It is a peculiar feature about the play of the New York Nationals that they cannot steady themselves when their pitchers start to go up. The rest of the team just simply has got to go up too.

The veteran Cy Young is using the spitball every now and then. When he finds himself in a tight pinch, the veteran resorts to the moistened delivery. It is but recently, however, that Young has acquired the spitball.

Has Connie Mack a dope box? He must feed his athletes something. Cy Morgan was just an ordinary dud with Boston, yet when he reached Philadelphia he perked up and is now one of the star performers of the American league.

VETS MAKING GOOD IN MINORS.

Ex-Big Leaguers Stirring Up Things in Smaller Circuits.

HOBE FERRIS IN GREAT FORM

Former St. Louisan Leading Third Sackers in American Association. Old Timers Helping Minneapolis Win Pennant in Chivington's Circuit.

It is doubtful if there has ever been a season when so many players turned down by the major leagues the year before have shown such remarkable reversal of form in the minor leagues. Take, for instance, the members of the Minneapolis team in the American association. The grand showing of the Millers in this year's race is due solely to the star playing of the major league castoffs—Ferris, Altizer, Rossman, Cravath, Williams, Owens and Tom Hughes. The Chicago Americans thought Owens and Altizer were not good enough and sent them back to the Class A league. Rossman was sold by Detroit to St. Louis, but he refused to play there and consequently was hurried off to the minors. The St. Louis Americans also fired Hobe Ferris and Jimmy Williams, believing that the pair had seen their best days. But it's dollars to doughnuts that Manager Jack O'Conner would give anything to have the pair back. Rossman would also help the Browns considerably.

It is due to the work of these veterans that Minneapolis is in line for the American association banner this season. The men are setting the league afire with their sensational batting and fielding. There is Jimmy Williams. Jamesey hit just about .220 last season with the Browns. The wonderful life renewer, release to the American association, has brought James back to the .300 brigade. He is now hitting .322. Cravath had two chances to make good in the majors and failed because he was unable to swat. Now he is batting .352, according to the latest American association marks.

Otis Clymer was hammering somewhat like .108 last year with Washington. It is .298 with Minneapolis this season.

Altizer was another .105 swatter with the White Sox. Now it is .291 with Minneapolis. Tom Hughes' arm was in such poor shape that Washington sent him to Minneapolis last fall. His work this season has been so good that Manager Cantillon has advised Jimmy McAleer of the Senators to give him another trial in fast company.

Hobe Ferris is leading the third sackers in Chivington's league with a



(Rossman and Ferris.)

TWO VETERANS WHO ARE PLAYING GREAT BALL FOR MINNEAPOLIS.

high percentage. He is also batting like a streak. Last year he hit around .216 for St. Louis. This season Ferris is walloping the sphere at a .280 clip.

Here is a list of others who are doing wonderful work and who were failures last year in fast company:

Ach Loole Ritter of Kansas City was released by Brooklyn because he was hitting nearer .100 than .200. He is batting .325 in the American association.

Cheerful Charles Hickman had slowed up in his hitting years ago and was released by Cleveland. Now he is batting .319 for Toledo.

Batting averages of the other ex-big leaguers are: Jerry Downs .204, Hayden, .205, Charlie Jones .286, Josh Clarke .281, Frank Bowerman .378. They all look strange to us who were used to their .250, .240 and .150 averages with Detroit, Boston Americans, Cleveland and Boston Nationals.

Dutch Koehler, who hit .220 when with St. Louis, is batting .299 for the South Bend Central league club. Dutch is again wanted by Bob Hedges.

Jimmy Barrett, while we are talking of "vets," can be spoken of. Last time in the big arena Jim hit .200 or thereabouts. Now he has a sticking mark of .394.

Martin J. Sheridan, the best general athlete in the country, has declared he will not take part in the all around championship event of the A. A. U. to be held in Chicago. Sheridan says



his duties as a New York policeman are going to keep him busy, but his friends declare that he is "miffed" over some of the actions of A. A. U. officials. The fact that Sheridan will not take part leaves the contest open, and as a result a much larger field than usual will take part.

This is Scuffling de Luxe.

Alexander McCulloch, the English sculler who contested for the Henley Diamond sculls, is one of the wealthiest scullers in the rowing game, being a landowner of a big estate in England.

He moves to his rowing quarters in the morning and has two men look after his work. His trainer sculls with him, each being in a single shell, and when they are through McCulloch walks out of his shell and leaves it there for his boatman to clean, polish and put away. He takes his auto, collects rents, has luncheon and, after a ride about the country, goes for another row on the river to get an appetite for dinner.

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The last speed wonder to show up in California is the golden Chiquito, by Diabolo. He is said to have paced an eighth in 12 1/2 seconds (at the rate of a mile in 1:40) and a quarter in 27 1/2 seconds (a 1:50 clip).

MINOR LEAGUE NOTES

The Athletic recruit now with Baltimore, Ben Egan, has developed into the best catcher in the Eastern league and also into a terror with the stick.

Manager Ganzel of the Rochester (Eastern league) club announces that he has sold pitcher Ed Lafitte to the New York Americans for cash and other considerations. Lafitte will finish the season with Rochester.

Jesse Tannehill, the veteran pitcher of the Minneapolis (American association) club, has quit the Millers. Jesse figured that he was not earning his salary. He is seeking a managerial berth with some minor league team.

President T. M. Chivington announces that the appearance of the name of Ralph Glaze as being released by the Indianapolis club in the last American association bulletin was a clerical error. Glaze is still a member of the Indianapolis club.

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8:30	10:00	4:30	6:05	Albany	2:00	10:50	10:50	10:50	10:50
10:00	10:00	6:05	6:45	Binghamton	12:40	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45
10:00	2:15	12:30	8:30	Philadelphia	3:53	7:31	7:31	7:31	7:31
1:20	7:25	4:40	1:30	Wilkes-Barre	10:20	4:05	7:15	2:25	10:05
2:08	8:15	5:30	2:05	Scranton	9:37	3:15	6:20	1:35	10:05
5:40	9:05	6:20	2:05	Carbondale	4:05	1:35	5:40	12:15	8:25
6:30	9:15	6:30	2:15	Kingston	2:54	1:25	5:30	12:05	8:15
6:40	9:25	6:40	2:25	Whites	2:50	1:21	5:24	12:03	8:13
6:54	9:39	6:54	2:39	Parville	2:55	1:26	5:29	11:58	8:08
7:11	9:56	7:11	2:56	Waymart	3:01	1:32	5:35	11:54	8:04
7:17	9:42	7:17	2:52	Keene	3:07	1:38	5:41	11:50	8:00
7:23	9:48	7:23	2:58	Lake Lodore	3:13	1:44	5:47	11:46	7:56
7:29	9:54	7:29	3:04	Waymart	3:19	1:50	5:53	11:42	7:52
7:32	9:57	7:32	3:07	Keene	3:22	1:53	5:56	11:39	7:49
7:35	10:00	7:35	3:10	Steen	3:25	1:56	5:59	11:36	7:46
7:38	10:04	7:38	3:03	Prompton	3:28	1:59	6:02	11:33	7:43
7:40	10:06	7:40	3:05	Fortuna	3:31	2:02	6:05	11:30	7:40
7:42	10:08	7:42	3:07	Scranton	3:34	2:05	6:08	11:27	7:37
7:44	10:10	7:44	3:09	Scranton	3:37	2:08	6:11	11:24	7:34
7:46	10:12	7:46	3:11	Honesdale	3:40	2:11	6:14	11:21	7:31
7:48	10:14	7:48	3:13	Honesdale	3:43	2:14	6:17	11:18	7:28
7:50	10:16	7:50	3:15	Honesdale	3:46	2:17	6:20	11:15	7:25
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