

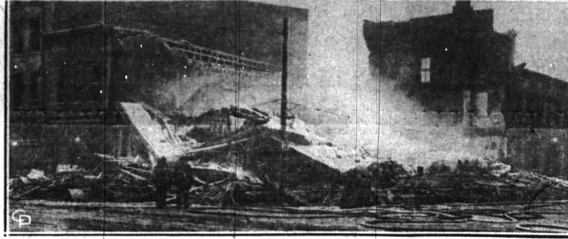
Interesting Current Event Features Illustrated

STANDARD BOARD BACKS STEWART



Led by Edward G. Seubert, president of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, the eight other members of the board of directors have announced they will support Col. Robert W. Stewart, their chairman, in his battle with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who demanded Stewart's resignation last May. In a signed statement they have declared they were convinced of "his honesty and loyalty" and believed his retirement would be detrimental to the company. Above, left, Rockefeller; upper right, Seubert, and below, Col. Stewart.

THREE DEAD, SEVEN HURT IN BUILDING EXPLOSION



Killing three persons and causing injuries to seven others, a gas explosion in the basement of a three-story building in Terre Haute, Ind., is believed to have been caused when a coal hauler broke the gas main while shoveling coal. Photo shows one building practically demolished and a number of nearby structures badly damaged.

SIAM TO SEE RED-HEADED BEAUTY



Because red-headed femininity is unknown in Siam, King Praja Dhipok has invited Peggy Blake, recently glorified on the New York stage by Florenz Ziegfeld, to show the native dignitaries a type of foreign beauty with which they are unfamiliar. Peggy accepted the mission and is shown here at left leaving Los Angeles on a Pacific steamship with Helen Herr, a friend, en route to Bangkok.

O. S. U. Picks Coach



Following wide speculation as to who is to succeed Dr. John W. Wilce as football coach of Ohio State, and announcement has finally been made by the university athletic board that Sam Williamson, assistant grid mentor of the Buckeyes, has been named for the post. Williamson, who played with Ohio State under Wilce in 1912, has been the latter's assistant for the past three years.

He would have liked to have kept O'Neill with him this season for his value as a coach, but when the chance came for the backstop to branch out on his own hook, Howley was only too glad to give him a boost to the Toronto owners.

So Steve's a manager, now. The United States has about 5,000 landing fields available to aviators, California leading with 115 and Texas being second with 90.

Mrs. Hannah Howley, aged 105, of Jamestown, N. D., makes her own bed and sews steadily every day.

Speaks to Lawyers



Judge Mary O'Toole. The first woman judge of the municipal court of Washington, D. C., Judge Mary O'Toole, recently addressed the Cleveland Bar Association at the first dinner arranged by the women members, the chairman of which was Miss Lillian Westropp, president of the Women's Savings and Loan Association, said to be the only loan association in the country directed and run entirely by women.

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CHILD-WIFE, BLIND PASTOR PARTED



A strange contract rivaling the child marriages in India has been annulled at Herrin, Ill. Little Sarilda Clendenin, 11-year-old wife of the Rev. Joseph Milton Benton, 64-year-old blind preacher, has been freed from her husband by court order as the result of a social worker's diligence. The little girl was given in marriage to the preacher by her parents so that she might be "sanctified forever" and guide him in his earthly trials. Search revealed that the child was 11 years of age, not 16, as her father had sworn. Above, the bride, her mother and the Rev. Benton.

MEET THE NEW PILOT Steve's Ears Failed With Runner On Third

By NORMAN E. BROWN Sports Writer for Central Press and The Eccentric

Steve O'Neill, rated as one of the great catchers of baseball, will make his debut as a manager this year as pilot of the Toronto club of the International league. In addition to being famous as one of the best backstops the diamond game has ever produced, Steve may well be pointed out as one of the best listeners in baseball.

Keen Ears Steve had one of the keenest pair of ears in the pastime and made good use of them. That's one of the reasons why he became one of the best stoppers in baseball. There was only one thing that Steve never could hear in a ball game. That was the warning cry of a base runner to get out of the way at home plate. Steve's ears became so sensitive to the runner on third base—or rounding third. The surest thing in that day's ball game was that Steve would catch the runner a few feet in front of the rubber with his (Steve's) knees, backed by 185 and later 185 pounds of good solid meat—and the ball, provided somebody got it to Steve in time. He will go down in history, without a doubt, as the greatest blocker the game has ever known.

This wasn't his only asset, however. A keen baseball brain (which absorbed much in the listening here), a good arm, and the ability to hit in the pinches, added to O'Neill's worth as a player. O'Neill spent 13 years with the Cleveland club, a year with Boston, a brief spell with the New York Yankees, and a base hit meant a turn in the tide of battle. It is interesting to note that the first year he ever hit above .300 was the season in which the Cleveland club won its first and only pennant. That year O'Neill caught 149 games. His brilliant work behind the plate was, in itself, enough to stamp him as a valuable member of that team.

It was he who caught the great Stanley Coveleskie in the three-victories that the calm Pole turned in the world's series that followed—a feat that placed Covey among the ranks of the hurling immortals. But in addition to his work with the mitt, O'Neill hit .321 for the season and in the series with the Brooklyn Dodgers collected seven hits in 21



STEVE O'NEILL

times at bat in the seven games played—for a batting average of .333. Signed With Toronto The Yankees obtained O'Neill at the waiver price from the Red Sox after the 1924 campaign. The Huggins, however, finally let Steve go, and not a major league club seemed anxious to acquire him. Steve was called "through." He had had a couple of poor years. He had taken on weight. He was peevish, however, at the time of the moguls Dan Howley, then managing Toronto, signed O'Neill to catch for him for the season of 1926.

"I'll sign on the understanding that if I get a chance to go back up you'll let me take it," said Steve. Howley agreed. O'Neill proceeded to help Howley win a pennant that year. The following year Howley was named manager of the St. Louis Browns. Two or three major league clubs sought O'Neill's services. Howley wanted him, too, but told O'Neill to follow his own desires. O'Neill chose to stick with Dupper Dan. And Howley frankly gives O'Neill credit for a large part in the sudden revival of the rebuilding of the Browns, with his astute handling of the young pitchers and his general spirit. Toronto remembered him as a heady catcher and a popular chap. The chances are good that Howley

Tiny Bandit Victim



Even if Betty Hoyt Hamilton, of Kansas City, Mo., is only four years old, she knows how to treat a robber. When a man snatched her purse containing 20 pennies, as she sat in her aunt's automobile, she screamed and fought him. However, when her aunt returned the thief and the purse were gone, although Betty still clutched the chain.

Another Double Play



Carl Lind, second baseman of the Cleveland Indians, and holder of the world's record for double plays, is scheduled to make his most important double play Jan. 30, when he takes Miss Elmer Rooney, of New Orleans, for his bride. Arraigned for public drunkenness, Charles Conklin of New York pleaded that he had taken the liquor "to cure his rheumatism." As George R. Grayson of Racine, Wis., laughed at a good joke he felt his jaw snap. It had broken in two places. Hungary's oldest and most widely known actor was recently found dead in a coffin made by himself. He slept in this coffin for many years waiting for death.

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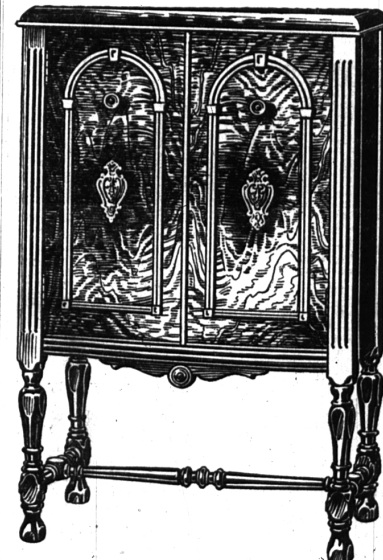
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