

### Star Pitcher's Two Hobbies



During the off season Joe Bush, star pitcher, recently traded by the New York Americans to St. Louis, divides his time between bowling and music. Bush is an expert bowler and an accomplished musician.

### ATLANTA'S SAD PLIGHT

Philadelphia Record.  
The city of Atlanta, Ga., as is generally known, contains the headquarters—the Klionclium, the conjoinium, the pan-jandrum, or whatever else the central authority may be called, in the barbarous jargon of the Ku Klux Klan—of that illustrious order. Ordinarily when a small city is honored in this way it takes pride and solid satisfaction in the fact, because the possession of such an institution brings not only prestige, but substantial trade as well. But Atlanta, once hailed as the most progressive city of the South, is not happy in the K. K. K. Instead of booming, as so many other southern communities are doing, it is said to be actually retrogressing. So alarming has the situation become that the other day seventy-five of the leading business men of the city, representing thirty-eight civic organizations, met to consider the matter. They came to the unanimous conclusion that "something is radically wrong with the city," and they appointed a committee of five to submit reform recommendations at a meeting this month.

From The Atlanta Constitution we learn that these are some of the ills that affect the Georgia metropolis:

"Lawlessness is driving hundreds of citizens and industries from Atlanta and keeping as many more from coming here to make a home.

"It was a question of who belongs to the 'secretest' order as to who stands the best chance to get elected at public office in Atlanta and the State of Georgia.

"A big secret organization is running politics and ruining Georgia. Our mayor, our governor and our secretary of agriculture openly admit being members of the order.

"One of the largest corporation in Atlanta is planning to move to another city because of exorbitant taxation and the manipulation of this taxation and the tax laws.

"There are 5,443 vacant private homes in the city of Atlanta. There are 443 empty apartments. There are 1,212 vacant stores in the city. From the Aragon Hotel to Ponce De Leon Avenue alone—this right in the heart and show-place of the city of Atlanta—there are 49 vacant stores. This is the largest number in the civic annals of Atlanta.

"Public schools—police, city, county and State—are subsidized. It is not so much the extremely heavy taxation,

but the manner in which the tax laws are manipulated. There have not been six men who have served in the city council of Atlanta who ever saw \$2,000 in cash all at one time."

There is no reference here to the K. K. K. beyond the allusion to the "big secret organization that is running politics and ruining Georgia." But it is very clear, tired of seeing its prosperity and population wane, is disposed to take drastic measures to correct the existing evils. Thus a spirit of lawlessness may be bred to check that which has already done so much harm.

This is not a pleasant picture of the plight to which an American city may be reduced, but it seems to be a perfectly logical consequence of allowing an irresponsible organization to usurp the functions of the courts, and the other duly constituted offices of civilized government. There is a warning here to other communities which may have fallen into the same error as Atlanta.

### The Court House Bell

Lexington Dispatch.  
Senator Woodson, according to The Salisbury Post, is worried because there is no bell on top the Rowan county court house to announce to the world the working of the processes of justice or summon the citizens to public meeting. The senator has started an agitation to have the need supplied. He is not one of these who enjoy seeing a town put on such hisalutin airs that it discards all the old customs.

Of course, the court house bell is no longer needed to notify the folks of the village that someone has killed a beef and that they can come and buy by the quarter or the hunk. All of our country seat towns have gotten too large for that. Most of them, however, have gotten the new court house fever and a whole lot of the new buildings are without belfries.

It may be old-fashioned to be clanging a bell to announce the convening of court or a public speaking, but we are with Senator Woodson on the proposition that court houses ought to have bells. In fact, we'd almost as soon live in a town where no one gets excited when the firm alarms sounds as to live in one that gets so doggedly bigoty it wants to get rid of the court house bell.

USE PENNY COLUMN—IT PAYS

### DREAMS HE IS FIGHTING AND AWAKENS AND KILLS

Vision Is So Real Postmaster Arms Himself Before Battle With Two Safe Burglars.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 8.—A safe robber, believed to be John Wallace, of Oswego, N. Y., was shot to death early today by Postmaster Herbert Park, of Gibsonia, who surprised two men in the act of robbing the post office, so he opened fire with a rifle. The men ran from the building and made a stand behind a pile of cinders, returning the fire. After an exchange of shots lasting several minutes, a bullet from the postmaster's rifle found its mark in the chest of one man, who was killed instantly. The other escaped.

The postmaster told county detectives that he was awakened by a vivid dream that he was battling with a negro robber. Leaping from his bed he discovered a light burning in the post office building. He armed himself and as he approached the office a shot greeted him. After killing one robber, the postmaster went to his office, where he found

the men had knocked the combination knob from the safe and had prepared to blow it open with nitroglycerine. Valuables in the safe, including \$800 in cash, \$650 worth of stamps and a registered mail pouch, were untouched.

### TEXTILE WAGES REDUCED FOR NEW ENGLAND MILLS

40,000 Workers to Feel Force of 10 Per Cent Cut, Effective January 14.

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 9.—The New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers association voted this afternoon to reduce wages in the cotton mills 10 per cent, the cut to become effective January 14. The reduction will affect approximately 40,000 operatives in this city alone. Following the announcement of the pending cut, a union official stated that the various labor organizations will call meetings of their members within the next few days to vote upon the question. Each union will report the result of its meeting to the textile council, the governing body of the labor organization which in turn will report the final outcome to the cotton manu-

facturers association. At present the mills are operating on a scale that is 80 per cent normal. This is said to be 10 per cent better than the scale on which they were operating last Monday.

### Mount Shasta's Mud River

One of the most curious events of glacial history, which occurred recently in California, is described in The Scientific American. A warm and dry season, unusually prolonged, so melted one of the large glaciers on the south side of Mount Shasta as to set in motion a river of mud and rubble, which in two weeks completely altered the topography of an entire valley. We read: "Glacial motion is ordinarily infinitely slow and its visible effects are the result of years and centuries rather than of days and weeks, but this recent flow was so rapid that it endangered the little town of McCloud, south of the mountain.

Owing to the geologic formation of the mountainside, composed largely of a combination of volcanic ash, sand, and pumice, the moving stream gathered in

its passage a tremendous accumulation of debris. As the body proceeded down the steep slopes, it cut channels through the deposits of crumbly ash left by a former volcano, creating deep, miniature canyons. The walls of these were continually undermined and frequently caved in, temporarily clogging the flow. The banked-up accumulations became so heavy as to break through these dams, releasing thousands of tons of mud and giving the entire mass fresh impetus.

"Mud was deposited over an area ten miles long and about three-quarters of a mile wide. Vegetation was submerged. Small animals, such as squirrels and chipmunks, were trapped and buried.

"As the deposit hardened the hot sun is solidified to a jelly-like consistency, and would support the weight of a man. Later it dried and hardened into a firm, pumiceous earth. Owing to the large percentage of sand in its composition, the new floor of the valley is brittle and can easily be crumbled in the hand. It probably never will support so varied a vegetation as the richer earth it covers.

"The south slopes of the mountain from an altitude of about 10,000 feet,

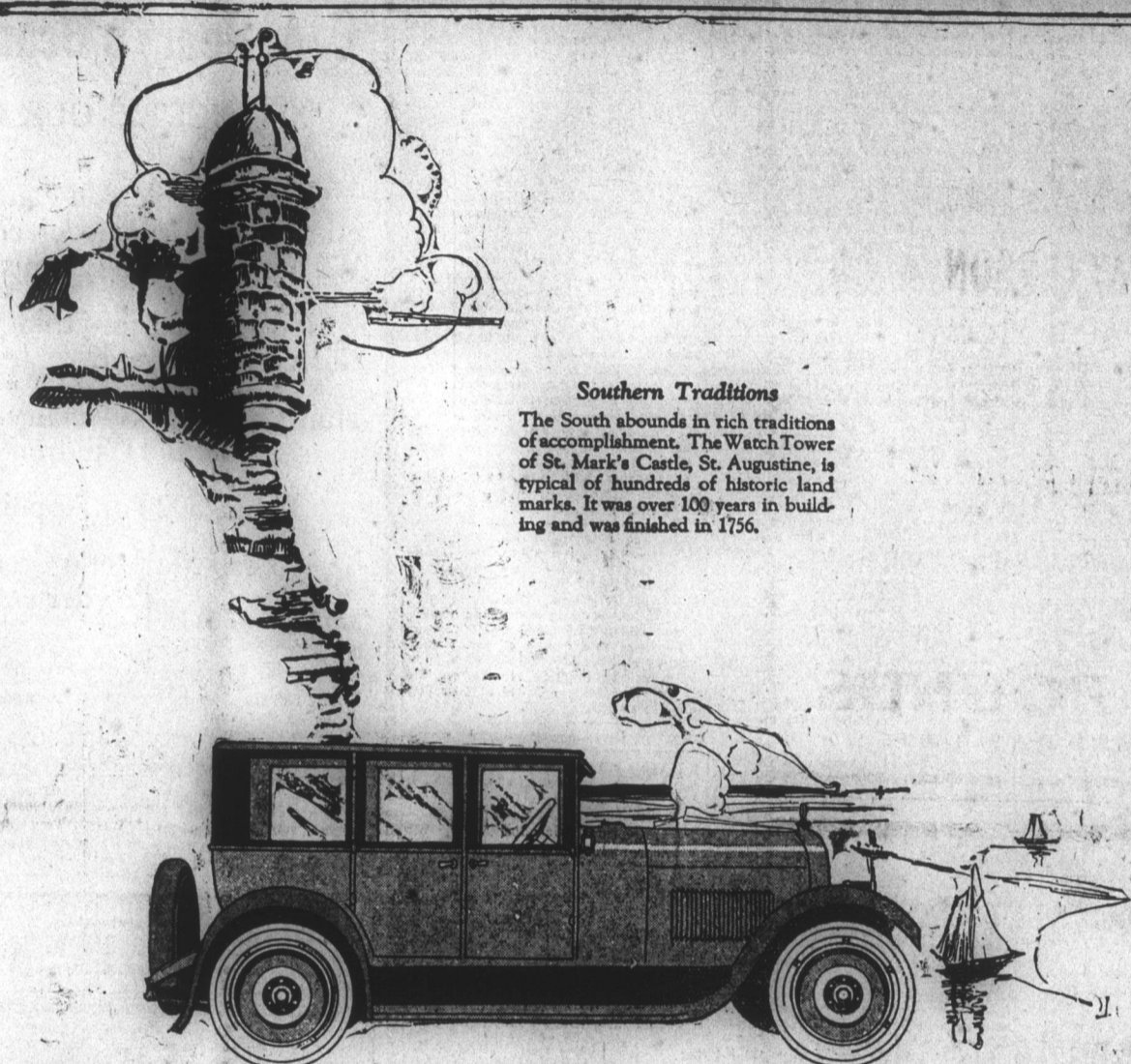
where Whitney glacier lies, were considerably altered during the period of the flow. Observers say that repeated winters of light snowfall, combined with hot summers, inevitably will change the aspect of the entire mountainside and cause similar flows from the glaciers reaching into the higher altitudes."

### K. K. K. to March Masked in Mardi Gras Festival

Shreveport, La., Jan. 9.—Masked parades in full regalia will be held in the principal cities of Louisiana by the Ku Klux Klan on Feb. 24, Mardi Gras Day, it was announced today. This day has been exempted from the State Anti-Masking Law. The parades will be held at Shreveport, Monroe, Baton Rouge, Alexandria and Lake Charles.

Mardi Gras Day is celebrated in Louisiana, especially by the French Catholic population, with carnival parades, masking, street dancing balls and general frolicking.

Last season, for the first time in five years, no American league club batted .300 as a team.



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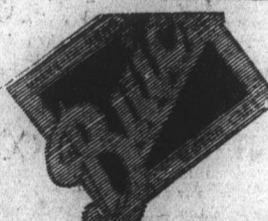
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