

August 11, 1906

Inshoot Fatal

INSHOOT WAS FATAL.

Thomas Burke of Lynn
Ball Team Dies in Hospital.

Struck by Pitched Ball in Game
Thursday---East Boston Boy

Twenty-six-year-old Lynn Shoemaker outfielder Thomas Burke dies two days after being hit in the temple with a pitch thrown by Fall River Indians pitcher Joseph Jerger in a New England (B) League game eventually won by Lynn, 2-1, in 12 innings.



Burke never regains consciousness and despite the efforts of several specialists from Boston. In his first season of professional baseball, the Boston University product is hitting .278 with 75 hits in 270 at bats at the time of his injury.

Ten days after Burke's death, Jerger (or Yeager) is exonerated in Burke's death after a court hearing in Lynn.

The 28-year-old German-born Jerger, who begins the season with the Wheeling Stogies of the Central (B) League, finishes the 1906 season 17-20 and will pitch four more seasons in the minors.