

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Fire destroyed the plant of the Slatington Umbrella Company, entailing a loss of nearly six thousand dollars.

Owing to the scarcity of coal cars on the Reading Railway in the Scranton region, many collieries were compelled to suspend operation for a day.

Joseph Stancovick was swept fifty feet down a chute at the Susquehanna Coal Company's Cameron Colliery by a run of coal and probably will die.

Joe Remanuski, of Ernest, was killed when pushed backward from a porch, it is alleged. He fell twelve feet, breaking his neck. Two men have been arrested.

Joseph A. Berrier, chief clerk of the Board of Censors, caused the arrest of eight motion picture men of Scranton on the charge of showing pictures not bearing the stamp of the board.

Mrs. William Gordon was burned to death and four other persons were injured, two probably fatally, by a fire which for a time threatened to destroy the Borough of Wesleyville, four miles east of Erie.

A revival is in progress in the Schuylkill county jail and scores are hitting the trail. Charles Carpenter, a Quaker evangelist, of Brooklyn, is being assisted by Warden James Walton and Major H. D. Hainley.

Vasile Mantaen, who was held for Court on the charge that he had murdered his sweetheart, Mrs. Mabel Van Loan, hanged himself with his belt in his cell in Erie county jail. Mantaen was alleged to have shot the woman after a quarrel a month ago.

William B. Palmer, a real estate broker, member of the Clifton Heights Fire Protective Association, was run over by a hose cart while running to a fire. The wheels passed over Palmer's legs, causing severe contusions and lacerations.

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Y. W. C. A. of Reading, Miss Mabel Fowler, of Wilmington, Del., was elected to the position of general secretary, which had been vacant about six months. Miss Fowler formerly was general secretary of the Wilmington Y. W. C. A.

J. H. M. Andrews, of Philadelphia, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State College. Mr. Andrews was graduated from the college with the class of '08, and has been chosen an alumni representative, filling the vacancy created by the death of James E. Quigley, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Andrews is engineer of distribution for the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Burned to a crisp, the bodies of two girls, five and seven years old, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Ostrom, were found in the remains of their bed at the Ostrom home, Pittston, following a fire in the double dwelling, part of which the family occupied. The fire started in the section of the house occupied by the family of Peter Poplar when the parents of the Ostrom children were visiting friends.

A difference of opinion as to the propriety of keeping pigs in pens near homes likely will cause a division of Port Carbon Borough. Police Chief Robert F. Jones notified residents of Schoentown, an outlying section of Port Carbon, that raising pigs within the borough limits no longer would be tolerated. Many families in Schoentown raise their own pork and are so incensed at the order that counsel was engaged to have Schoentown taken out of Port Carbon and annexed to Norwegian Township.

Christmas clubs in the Pottsville section will distribute \$600,000 to members this week. This is the amount with interest saved during the last year. The Schuylkill Trust Company of Pottsville, has \$130,000 of this money which will be distributed to 4,900 members. At Frackville, Schuylkill, Haven, Tamaqua, Cresconsa, and mining towns in the northern part of Schuylkill county, proportionately large amounts have been saved. These savings will give an impetus to business during the Christmas season.

Reports from the Conneville coke region show that, while 31,700 ovens are in operation, with a rated capacity of 460,000 tons per week, production was only 433,000 tons. This, the operators say, was due to the insufficiency and inefficiency of labor. Plant managers are aiming to keep their operations at six days a week but many ovens continue to be lost because workmen fail to report regularly for duty. Two hundred ovens were added to the active list this week.

HUNTERS URGED TO PROTECT HEALTH

Dixon Calls On Sportmen To Look After Waste In Forest Camps. Calls Attention To Law.

Harrisburg.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, called upon the hunters of Pennsylvania to take steps to protect the public health while they are in the woods after deer next month. It is estimated that about 7,000 persons will go deer hunting on State lands alone, and the commissioner has sent this letter to every one receiving a State permit, asking them to take care of waste at camps, so that streams may not be polluted.

The commissioner's letter is as follows:

"I note that you have been granted a permit by the State Forestry Department to erect a camp within a State forest reservation. In this connection I wish to call your attention to Rule 3, of the regulations printed on the back of your permit, which stipulates that 'springs and streams must not be contaminated.'

"This rule is inserted to emphasize the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly approved April 22, 1905, which prohibits the discharge of any sewage into State waters. This law was made necessary because the discharge of sewage from camps, private homes and publicly and privately owned sewer systems, not only caused obnoxious conditions, but largely was responsible for the spread of various forms of water-borne disease by the pollution of streams used as sources of public or private water supply. Among these forms of disease which cause the death of thousands of our citizens annually may be mentioned typhoid fever and epidemic dysentery.

"In order to comply with the provisions of this law, it is necessary that all sewage from your camp be destroyed in a sanitary and safe method and not discharged into a stream or left on the ground. Garbage also should be included with sewage. You probably will find that the best method of disposal will be by burying. The pit for garbage and sewage should be at least two hundred feet from any well, spring or stream and should be on level or only gently sloping ground. The accumulations in the pit should be covered each day with a thick sprinkling of chlorinated lime or hypochlorite of lime (bleach), and a layer of earth not less than three inches in thickness. When the deposits in the pit have accumulated to within eighteen inches of the surface of the ground, the dirt should be replaced and a new pit dug.

"When you abandon the camp, you must be sure that all the pits are refilled with earth and any excess neatly banked or spread over the top."

State Will Guard Munition Plants.

Every plant in Pennsylvania manufacturing explosives, shells or other munitions of war, now is under special inspection by State inspectors. Reports on conditions in every plant have been made regularly for the last year and a half, but recently steps have been taken to improve the safety arrangements and to avoid as far as possible the accidents which statistics sent to the Capitol have shown probably are due to the "speeding up" of plants on war orders or the careless handling of dangerous substances.

The despatch of two of the experts from the Department of Labor and industry to the Bethlehem Steel Works, is only part of the State campaign, as every works manufacturing munitions is to be visited by experts and supervisors in addition to the regular inspectors, and the preventive work organized as far as possible. The plan of the State officials is to insist upon strict inspection and rigid compliance with the regulations of the factory inspection, but to go beyond that by asking the co-operation of employees in making conditions safe.

Safety Devices Lessen Liability.

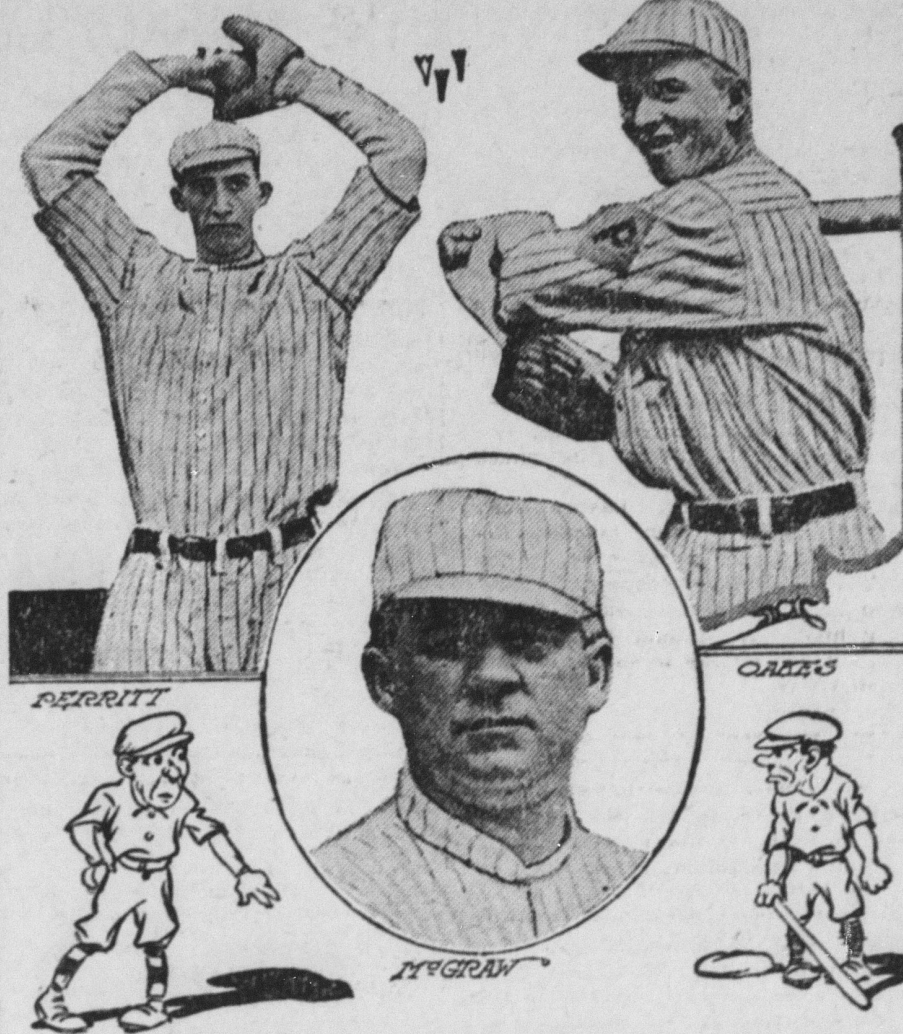
"Safety devices and precautions in an employer's plant reduce compensation liability. The more safeguards in a plant of an employer, the cheaper will be that employer's insurance. The less an employer must pay for insurance, the lower will be his manufacturing cost," is the warning given in Bulletin No. 1, of the State Workmen's Compensation Commission, just issued.

The bulletin also states that the fundamental principle of compensation "is that the cost of industrial accidents should be added to the selling cost of the product and be distributed among the consumers," and that "personal loss of the employee is as legitimately an element of the fair money cost of the production of the commodity as are expenditures for raw material for machinery or wages."

Validity Of Public Service Act Upheld.

The Dauphin County Court in a brief opinion refused to grant a preliminary injunction restraining the Public Service Commission from passing on the contract for street lighting between the City of Williamsport and the Locomotive Edison Company. More important than the matter involved is the intimation of the Court that if the case is carried farther the constitutionality of the Public Service law, which is attacked in the petition, filed by Abraham Fisher, a resident of Williamsport, will be upheld.

"POL" PERRITT PROVES TO BE A GOLD BRICK



(By FRANK G. MENKE.)
New York.—The country person who bought a gold brick didn't feel half as badly after he discovered his error as Jawn McGraw does these days whenever he thinks about that "Pol" Perritt deal.

Jawn got a gold brick in "Pol"—which is bad enough. But the worst part of it, from the McGrawian viewpoint, is that Jawn spent hundreds of dollars and many anxious hours in trying to keep "Reb" Oakes, the manager of the Pittsburgh Feds, from outbidding Jawn for the gold brick.

This is the yarn: Perritt used to pitch for the Saint Looie team and Jawn decided that he'd do a heap better in a Giant uniform. So at the end of the 1914 season Jawn entered into negotiations with Miller Huggins, the "David Harum" of baseball, and Miller lived up to his nickname by letting Jawn have "Pol" for a considerable bit of booty.

Well, springtime came in due course, but "Pol" didn't come to the Giants. Instead, "Pol" began flirting outrageously with the Feds. Oakes wanted him. He asked "Pol" how much Jawn wanted to pay him and "Pol" told him: "I'll boost that total \$1,000 per season," said Oakes.

"Oh, very well—I'm yours," quoth "Pol." "Pol" left his home for the purpose of reporting to the Pittsburgh Feds. In the meantime, Jawn McGraw began to wonder why "Pol" didn't put in an appearance at the Giants' camp. In the nick of time, as the dime novels put it, Jawn learned that "Pol" had been quite untrue to him—that he had been lured away by Federal coin.

"Go thou and head him off," wired Jawn to Dick Kinsella, the Giant ivory hunter, who was then in Mississippi.

HARRY HOOPER SOLD FOR \$25

Showed as Much Resemblance to Ball Player as One Is Apt to Find in Barrel of Sparrers.

How much would you figure Harry Hooper is worth to the Red Sox? Well, there was a time when title to Hooper's person changed hands for the magnificent sum of \$25.

Bill Curtin, who bossed the Sacramento club some year's back, was one



to a ball player in him as one is apt to find in a barrel of sparrers. He was on the point of releasing the future world's series star when Curtin heard about it. "No, don't do it," said Bill. "Sell him to me. I'll give you \$25 for him." The deal was made, and Hooper started on the road to fame. The world's series stuff must have been nice reading to McMenomy.

FINN RUNNER NEAR END

Hannes Kolehmainen Is Showing Signs of Going Back.

Hero of Stockholm Olympiad Falling to Display Old-Time Form Because He Is Too Much Engaged in Business to Train.

Is Hannes Kolehmainen slipping? That is the question that is agitating amateur track circles at present and there are as many opinions as trainers, runners and experts who can crowd into the discussions. It is a fact that the great Finn distance runner has been showing very poorly in his recent races, and in his last two endeavors he has stopped and left the track before the finish, a most unusual proceeding for the hero of the Stockholm Olympiad.

There is a day in every runner's career when he is absolutely at his best, and in the Kolehmainen case this day was the one in July, 1912, on which Hannes and the lamented Jean Bouin met at 5,000 meters in the Stockholm stadium. The wonderful Finn may train forever, but he'll never be the runner he was on that day, or, better yet, those ten days of Sweden's great Olympic festival. In that wonderful duel of speed and grit with Bouin, Koly passed the three miles in 14:09. Hannes will never equal these figures again; therefore, it may be truthfully stated that he's not as good on the track as he once was.

Some eastern experts are holding that Kolehmainen is failing to show



Hannes Kolehmainen.

his old-time form because he has been too much engaged in business to train properly, because he has attempted to lengthen his natural stride of late, and because he is growing older and stiffer in the joints. It is also reported that Cupid is claiming some of his attention and interfering with his training.

The Finn's efforts to lengthen his stride were first noticeable in the 10-mile A. A. U. championship last fall, and the longer steps have resulted in the loss of the tireless rhythm that marked his Olympic running. It is certain that the new idea has not done him any good. Lawson Robertson, his trainer, admits that Koly is losing form in the two-mile distances, but insists that he is still as good as ever when it comes to taking off the five-mile.

New Track at Weequahic.

Work has been started on the new athletic track at Weequahic park, just outside of Newark, N. J., where the national track and field championships will be contested next summer. When completed the field will be one of the most complete of its kind in the country, and will have a quarter-mile cinder path that will have no superior. The field will be laid inside the trotting track and every point of the quarter-mile track will be within view of the spectators. A steel grandstand will seat 10,000. There will be a 220-yard straightaway, three jumping pits, for the running high, running broad and hop, step and jump events, and special circles for all the weight events.

Pat Moran's Predecessors.

The men who preceded Pat Moran as managers of the Phillies include eminent figures in the national game's development. The list is Bob Ferguson, Harry Wright, Arthur Irwin, William Shettsline, George Stallings, Hugh Jennings, Chief Zimmer, Hugh Duffy, Billy Murray and Charles Doolin.

Hall Wins Titular Trophy.

Walter Merrill Hall, former middle states titleholder, won the championship of the Hamilton Grange Lawn Tennis club for the third successive time, and thereby became permanent owner of the titular trophy. He defeated James S. O'Neal, a former Columbia pitcher, in three straight sets, 6-4, 6-2, 8-6.

Browns Sign Cleveland Boy.

The Browns have signed Louis Crowley, the big right-handed pitcher of the champion White Auto team from Cleveland. Crowley pitched his team to victory last summer and is said to be a real wonder.

PANIC CAUSED BY WARNING SHOT

Submarine Saves Many From a Watery Grave.

STEAMER ALLOWED TO GO ON.

Thrilling Story Told By Mrs. Egan, Who Was a Passenger On the British Steamer Barulos Which Was Halted By a Turkish Submarine Commanded By a German Officer In the Mediterranean—Most of Those On Board Were Orientals and Greeks—When Shot Was Heard Passengers Became Panicky—250 Saved.

New York.—A Turkish submarine stopped the British passenger ship Barulos in the Mediterranean and after 25 persons had been drowned assisted in rescuing many of the 250 passengers who had gone overboard in a panic, according to Eleanor Franklin Egan, an eye-witness, who arrived here on the steamship New York.

The Barulos, according to Mrs. Egan, who is a writer, returning from a six months' trip through Southern Europe, left Piraeus for Alexandria on October 2. Although the ship flew the British flag, her crew was Greek, the passengers, a majority third-class, being chiefly Greeks and Orientals. When about five hours south of Crete the ship picked up three boats containing the crew of the British steamship Sailor Prince, which had been sunk by a submarine a few hours previous.

The Barulos, Mrs. Egan said, carried only four lifeboats, each with a capacity for 30 people. The picking up of the crew of the Sailor Prince created a feeling of excitement which was at fever heat, when suddenly a submarine came to the surface about two miles distant and fired a shot over the Barulos, evidently as a signal for her to stop.

In Wild Panic.

"Instantly a wild panic broke loose," said Mrs. Egan. "The four lifeboats of the Barulos were resting in their chocks, while swung alongside were the two boats in which the men from the Sailor Prince had made their escape.

"Led by the crew and the fireroom force, the passengers rushed for the boats. Women, unable to get to the boats, threw their children into the sea and jumped after them. Frightened sailors cut the ropes holding the small boats, and when the latter crashed into the water three of the six were swamped and emptied of their human loads.

"I was at the rail when the submarine appeared, and I started back toward the stairs leading below, with the idea of helping to quell the panic. I was caught in the rush and literally forced over the side into the sea. I had a hard time to keep above the water, my difficulties being aggravated by the struggles of others trying to catch hold of me.

"It seemed that I had no sooner struck the water than the submarine appeared under the bow of our ship. On her deck I saw a number of men with an officer, whom I took to be an Austrian. The submersible had her collapsible lifeboat out and the submarine crew were pulling people out of the water onto her deck.

"The officer was holding up his hands shouting to the people in the water to be calm. I heard him say in perfect English: "For God's sake, go back to your ship, we are not murderers."

"LIFE BOATS NOT STRUCK."

More Detail On Ancona Disaster From Ambassador Page.

Washington.—Ambassador Page, at Rome, forwarded to the State Department further fragmentary reports on the torpedoing of the Italian liner Ancona.

He transmitted the statements of the liner's captain and first officer, who declared that while the Ancona at first made efforts to escape, she halted on being shelled. The firing did not cease after the Ancona came to a stop, he said, shells striking the ship while passengers were being lowered into lifeboats. None of the shells struck the lifeboats.

TOBACCO BAN LIFTED.

England Will Let Us Ship To Neutral Nations.

Washington.—Great Britain has yielded to the American representations for removal of all restrictions on the shipment of tobacco to neutral countries. Word of this reached here from the American Embassy at London. The Netherlands Government also has removed similar restrictions.

CARRANZISTAS EXECUTED.

New Rulers Of Mexico Punish Own Men For Looting.

Nogales.—Word was received here that seven men were executed at sundown at Nogales, Sonora, by the Carranza authorities for looting. They included a Carranza captain and three soldiers.