

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Pottsville.—Stanley Mease, aged 19, was instantly killed by being dragged and kicked by a mule in West Schuylkill. Mease was employed by Edward Reher, a farmer, and was warned against the young mule, which was unbroken and was being used to plow with horses. There was no witness to the accident. Mease being found with his neck broken and skull crushed, in a position showing the desperate fight he made for his life.

Northumberland.—When a bat slipped from a batsman's hand at a game of base ball Eugene Sweeney, aged 8, sitting 30 feet away, was struck squarely between the eyes. He suffered a badly broken nose and it is feared his sight is impaired.

Greensburg.—The directors of the chamber of commerce elected Frank B. Miller president.

Hazleton.—Citizens of Italian descent held a parade in commemoration of the anniversary of Italy's entrance in the World War.

Altoona.—Altoona school teachers who resign to get married or accept more lucrative offers from other districts will forfeit \$100 to the local district. The school board has decided to require each teacher to provide a bond of \$100 for the faithful compliance with the terms of his or her contract to remain on the teaching corps for the full nine months, unless incapacitated through illness or other disability. Altoona employs 300 teachers, most of them young unmarried women.

LANCASTER.—Albert G. Bowers, of this city, who is stationed at Chefoo, China, has been decorated by the Chinese government with the highest award of valor of the republic, known as the Decoration of the Felicitous Grain or Beautiful Crop. Bowers is an engineer and was constructing a breakwater to protect vessels from the dangerous reefs of Chefoo Bay when a Japanese steamer, the Han-kaku Maru, was wrecked. With one companion, in a frail boat, Bowers weathered a storm and rescued all of the crew and passengers, many of whom were women. Just before the ship sank. The steamship company and grateful passengers presented him with two gold lined silver vessels.

Chester.—Arrested on suspicion of having committed arson, Walter Gibbs, Linwood, confessed that he had set fire to the store of Benjamin Freed, in Linwood, on May 8. He declared under oath that he had received \$150 from the proprietor for committing the act. Freed also was arrested and with Gibbs committed to the county jail on the arson charge. The incendiary blaze caused damage to the store property to the extent of several thousand dollars, and but for the arrival of firemen would have destroyed a number of dwellings.

Hollidaysburg.—Miss Annie M. Steele, who sued W. N. Levy, an Altoona pawnbroker, for damages for detaining her in his store and forcible confiscation of property, was awarded a verdict of \$3000 by a jury in the Blair county court. Miss Steele formerly was employed by Levy.

Pottsville.—A special investigation was made by Coroner Dierscheld and a jury of the death of Fire Warden William Rismiller, of Port Carbon, who was found dead at the bottom of a mine cave-in, 200 feet deep, where he had fallen while fighting forest fires. Witnesses testified that Sharp Mountain, south of Port Carbon, is honeycombed with mine breaches and that, even where the surface looks safe, it is apt to cave in suddenly and engulf pedestrians. This makes it very dangerous for hunters and berry-pickers.

Harrisburg.—Contracts for 13 1/2 miles of state highway, to cost more than \$900,000, were awarded by Commissioner Saylor, and work will be started immediately. The state will pay the cost except where roads in boroughs exceed 18 feet. The projects include 8706 feet in Downingtown to M. & T. E. Farrell, east Chester, at \$154,313.85; 3740 feet in Merrillville to Joseph Jangalo, Trenton, at \$51,370.75; 25,400 feet in Morris township, Clearfield county, to Avery & Bailey, Phillipsburg, at \$307,036.00; and 2,984 feet in Derry Township, Westmoreland county, to Zambrano, Ringer & Milligen, Pittsburgh, at \$400,358.10.

Greensburg.—Fire is raging in the "crop" coal mines under the upper end of the Boggs farm adjoining the Westmoreland County Home property. During the World War, when the demand for fuel was so great, the "crop" coal was removed, leaving large holes where rubbish was deposited. This has been ignited and the fire has communicated with the coal deposits. It is feared if not checked it will eat its way into the poor farm coal.

Jeddo.—Coal and iron policemen are hot on the trail of a "Jack the Huger" in and about this town for the past week.

Altoona.—Forest fires are raging around Wopsonock, north of this city, and between 500 and 600 acres of timberland have been burned over.

Brownsville.—Run down by a motor car, Edward Buttermore, aged 31, a butcher of LaBelle, was so badly injured that he died a few hours later in the General Hospital.

Mount Carmel.—West End Fire company has ordered a new truck to cost \$9000.

Erie.—An unidentified man, apparently 35 years of age, and poorly dressed, was found hanging from the limb of a tree at the bay front in a small woods near the Pennsylvania railroad tracks. The suicide used his belt as a substitute for a rope and his first attempt appeared unsuccessful, as one branch used was found broken off. On his person were found the names of J. O. Keene, Kinzua, Pa., on a time card of the Central Lumber company and on a paper the name of Jim Crook.

Greensburg.—As the result of shock following burns he received when he came in contact with a high-tension power line of the West Penn Electric Company on May 2, Harry D. Goehring, aged 21, died at his home here.

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Hazleton.—Dr. W. W. Pealer caught a brown trout, twenty-three inches long and weighing more than four pounds, in the Tobyhanna creek. The catch is one of the biggest of the season.

Greensburg.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Gaither, of this place, have been notified by the war department that a vessel of that department in the Panama canal, operating under the coast artillery service, has been named for their son, Lieutenant Wilcox B. Gaither, who was killed in action in France, October 17, 1918.

Harrisburg.—Pennsylvania bees, which were encouraged as a means of furnishing an auxiliary supply of sugar during the war and the months of high prices that followed, are in danger of starving because the late frosts killed off so many blossoms and the weather conditions have retarded development of flowers which furnish the insects with a share of their food supply. Conditions in some sections of the state have become so serious for the bees that the state department of agriculture is about to issue a bulletin urging farmers to feed the bees if they would prevent them from starving or deteriorating in quality.

Berwick.—When a truck that was to place oil on East Third street appeared to apply the oil, a dozen women protested that repairs were needed before the oil was applied, and they compelled the truck driver to wait until the repairs were made. Knowing it would take an hour or two to get employees of the borough to do the work at the very least, the women took things in their own hands, quickly secured shovels, hoes and rakes, and put the street in condition. They raked off the stones, filled in the low spots and cut down several high places. Within an hour the job was completed.

Altoona.—While Rev. and Mrs. Alfred J. Lewis were on their way with a party of missionaries to the Mayne Mission Station in Portuguese South Africa, Mrs. Lewis narrowly escaped death when a hippopotamus rose suddenly under the boat in which some of them were riding on the Zambesi river, throwing the occupants into the water, according to a letter just received by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, of Juniata. Natives accompanying the missionaries set upon the hippo and killed it and that night feasted on the carcass. Rev. and Mrs. Lewis were on a 2000-mile journey from Cape Town to the mission station.

White Haven.—The distance between Wilkes-Barre and Philadelphia will be shortened eighteen miles by the repair of a four-mile stretch of road from White Haven to the Carbon county line beyond Weatherly. The Luzerne county commissioners have decided to put it in good condition.

York.—Charged with killing Guy Searle, a former soldier, John Bude-sheim, 16 years old, has been committed to the house of detention pending an investigation by local authorities.

Pittsburgh.—Accidents resulted in the death of three persons, James Laughlin, an engineer, died in a hospital from shock resulting from burns received at the Continental Works of the National Tube company; P. McGrath died in a hospital from injuries received when he fell from a street car, and John Cheswick died from injuries received at the Allegheny county workhouse. Cheswick, it was reported to the coroner, was caught in a heavy door.

Bethlehem.—Seven automobile accidents of a more or less serious nature occurred in this city over the weekend, the most serious being at Wyndor, when a heavy truck belonging to the Meyer Heiberger Ice Cream company got beyond the control of the driver and dashed over an embankment into a tree, three men being hurt. The injured are: Earl Diehl, fractured right leg above the knee and bruises; Charles Venninger, fractured leg and lacerations of the shoulder; Leon Rand, abrasions of the body and possible internal injuries.

Danville.—Mrs. Sallie Hendricks, a highly esteemed Danville woman, bled to death here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ione Arley. Six years ago Mrs. Hendricks suffered a slight injury which resulted in a sore leg that never properly healed. The wound broke open, and though a doctor was called at once, she bled to death before he arrived. She was 57 years of age.

Lancaster.—Policeman Charles Weish rescued a sleeping baby from the home of Dominic Steffart, which was on fire.

Altoona.—Four business houses were entered by burglars using skeleton keys on the doors and \$33 stolen from cash registers which were pried open. They ignored \$ between 300 and 400 pennies at one store.

Fountain Springs.—Unconscious for four days from a compound fracture of the skull and nose, John George, 50, Ashland, who was caught in a rush of coal at the mines, died at the State Hospital.

TO DISCOURAGE GAMBLING

In an effort to discourage gambling, Manager Tris Speaker of the Cleveland Indians will not announce his pitchers overnight during the regular season, as had been his policy.

Diamond Squibs

Southern league club managers are planning to take out rain insurance.

Jim Dunn of the Indians spent \$7,500 for baseballs winning a pennant.

They'll soon be calling Babe Ruth the George Kelly of the American league.

The Giants have Dutch Reuther of the Dodgers pegged as a deceitful pitcher.

Fifty-two players reported for tryouts with the Grand Rapids Central league club.

Nick Altrock is selling himself as good as ever around the American league circuit.

Ball clubs usually play best on their own diamonds. That's a good ad for home cooking.

Total home runs made by Babe Ruth will soon pass the mark of 117, set by Gavy Cravath.

Connie Mack has signed up one more collegian. He's still looking for another Eddie Collins.

Leland Stanford university is having a baseball pavilion to accommodate 3,000 spectators built.

A scattered few can pity the baseball "umps," but think of serving as referee in a chess match.

St. Louis fans are now wondering why two ball clubs from the same town play the same kind of ball.

National league pitchers have figured out a way to stop George Kelly's home run streak. They'll walk him.

Get a chance to play regularly. Art Phelan has shown the Fort Worth management what a valuable player he is.

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JAPANESE COLLEGE BASEBALL TEAM



The Waseda university, Tokio, baseball team photographed on their departure from Tokio for Honolulu and the United States. They are making a tour of the United States, playing the best of the American college nines.

JACK QUINN CLAIMS "SPITTER" IS FAIR

Pitchers Using Moist Ball Have Not Been Invincible.

Yankee Hurler Decries Abolishment of Spit Ball and Says Arguments Against It Are Not Sound—Walsh Was Effective.

"The spit ball," declares Jack Quinn stoutly, "is no more a freak delivery than the curve ball." The Yankee pitcher, an exponent of the spit ball, soon to be extinct, seems to be sincere in his belief that it is all right. He decries its abolishment and holds that there is no good objection to it.

"It is no more a freak delivery than the curve ball," he repeated, "not a bit more. It never hurt anybody, and no spit ball ever was invincible. Those are the objections raised against it by the baseball people, and not one of the arguments is sound."

"There never was an invincible spit-ball pitcher, never one to threaten the extermination of the hitter, which bugaboo was raised against the spit-ball pitcher. The nearest to invincible we ever had was Ed Walsh, but

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INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Toronto cricket council includes 23 clubs.

The "floating" golf ball is causing a lot of floating talk.

The army may establish a big polo center at Camp Dix, N. J.

Being a sparring partner for Dempsey gets publicity with the reverse English.

University of Santa Clara, California, will drop intercollegiate athletics this year.

Chick Evans' stories on the golf matches in England should read like an autobiography.

John F. Martin, former Oberlin college athlete, has been named as coach of Wesleyan university.

Cornell's sophomore eight has led the varsity crew home on every practice brush this spring.

Doctor Spaeth, Princeton's crew coach, said he had the best crew he ever saw in a Tiger boat.

Princeton has doled out 129 athletic insignia, exclusive of class numerals, in the last year of school.

If brain is superior to brawn, Capablanca should challenge the winner of the Carpentier-Dempsey fracas.

Johnny Dundee claims the Italian lightweight championship since he put the spaghetti sign on Rocky Kansas.

Melville P. Dickenson, who will captain Princeton's basketball team next year, has been a regular for two years.

Chauncey Simpson, brother of the famous "Bob," is glistering on the Bosworth (Mo.) high school track team.

Students at Northwestern university will have to swim for their diplomas in future. It's a new athletic requirement.

We don't know whether Porky Flynn bothers with a knockout schedule, but if he has one he is ten years behind it.

President Millerand of France donates a vase to be given the winner of amateur lightweight championship bouts. In America they give 'em belts.

AGAIN IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Umpire Bill Brennan Who Jumped to Federal Organization Secures His Old Position.

Bill Brennan, after an absence of six years from the major circuits, is again on the staff of the National



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league umpires. Brennan jumped from the National league to the Federal league at the time of the baseball war. Though regarded as one of the best umpires in baseball, he had been unable to find a place in the major circuits.

With Frank Brower on the pitching staff and Big Miller and Hank Shanks doing utility duty, Manager McBride of the Washington team will have a nifty lot of batters on the bench to pick pinch hitters from. Besides those named there'll be Pat Gharity, extra catcher, and Pitchers Zachary and Courtney, both of whom can whale the ball.

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CARL MAYS SAYS:

Pitcher Carl Mays, Yankee submarine pitcher who threw the ball that beamed Ray Chapman, Cleveland shortstop, says: "Fewster crowds the plate too much for his own safety. "He makes the pitcher take all the risk. "The pitcher has the right of way to the space above the plate and does not like to have a batter crowd close. "No pitcher can throw the ball where he wants it all the time. "I admire Fewster's nerve. "But he's too nervy."

Baseball Notes

The Cards are being shuffled roughly in the National league.

Whether he wears red or white Sox, Harry Hooper can still sock the slug.

Jim Dunn, owner of the Indians, admits he has the best team in baseball.

Dopesters who picked the Yankees to win are offering to sell out with no takers.

Infielder Carl Schmebl has been released by Cincinnati to the St. Paul A. A. club.

Hughey Duffy doesn't deny that Jimmy Burke is an assistant manager, not a coach.

The White Sox have signed Francis Frait, shortstop of the University of Alabama nine.

Bill Rumber, barred from organized baseball, is handling an independent team in Minot, N. D.

Walter Johnson's smoke and Babe Ruth's swing make a home-run combination in any park.

Indianapolis A. A. Club has purchased Pitcher Johnny Enzmann from the Philadelphia Nationals.

Eastern league critics are beginning to refer to Arthur Irwin's team as the "Hopeless Hartfordis."

Cleveland fans are taking Owner Dunn at his word. They keep balls batted into the stands as souvenirs.

Bill Donovan has accomplished something with the Phillies, even though they haven't been winning regularly.

Cobb's Tigers are still showing the same new spirit that characterized their opening games with the White Sox.

The tax on sporting goods is making a lot of male stenographers and ribbon clerks out of embryo Ruths, Dempseys and Tildens.

Pittsburgh will have to build a bigger park if the Pirates keep on winning. The Smoky City is a good town for a winner.

Goldie Rapp gets the first part of his name through having a half pound of yellow ore battered in his doctor's hands.

The "Rice" market has gone up since Sam went on a rampage with the Washington club and started to hit homers.

Mal Barry, who played first for Hartford last year and acted as captain of the team, won't play for Arthur Irwin.

Manager Hugh Duffy of the Red Sox says he has a real star in the making in Clark Pittinger, the Mint League infielder.

Ralph Doyle, former Holy Cross College third baseman, is expected to join the Springfield Eastern league team for a trial.

Babe Ruth will never be arrested for speeding on the base lines this year—unless he limits himself to about three meals a week.

The Southern league season is really on. Kid Eberfeld was chased out of the ball park the other day by Umpire Jack O'Toole.

Wilbert Robinson is a fat prophet. He told the world that the Robins were a ball club when his "Big Six" pitching staff hit its stride.

Last spring Doc Johnston hogged the limelight by his hitting. This spring it's his brother Jimmy. "See difference. 'Sall in the family."

Pig Bodie may have his faults, but he can boast that there is nothing wrong with his knees, something that Babe Ruth and Bob Roth can not say.

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