

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Shamokin.—Members of the Lincoln Street Methodist church here celebrated its eighty-fourth anniversary by raising \$3000 for building improvements.

Sunbury.—Miss Sophia Carelas and Peter Papadopolus, of Wilkes-Barre, sweethearts in their childhood days in Greece, were married at the home of Christ Callmeres. The girl traveled 7000 miles to wed the boy to whom she had pledged her love when she wore platts down her back and he knickerbockers. He came to America, amassed enough to start a store and then sent for the girl.

Wilkes-Barre.—For eighteen years Joseph Shepski, 60 years old, has been living like a primitive man. A cave had been his home, and had not the fires he built endangered coal property he might have lived to the end of his time in seclusion. When food and money became scarce Shepski obtained employment in the mines. When he got some money ahead he quit work. Special policemen of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company crawled through a small hole into the cave. There they found Shepski and dragged him out into daylight. His hair was long, his beard untouched for years and his clothing scant. In the cave was found \$50 in money. His abode was near a vein of coal. It was feared the fires he made would ignite the coal. He was sent to the county poor farm.

York.—Freedom of worship is the basis of a charge of surety of the peace brought by Mrs. Frances Morningstar, against her husband, Henry Morningstar, a civil war veteran, who, she claims, has barred the doors of their home to her because she insisted on attending the meetings of a religious sect, the Holy Rollers. Mrs. Morningstar says she found the doors locked when she came home from a meeting of the "rollers" one night recently and the persuasion of a policeman who she enlisted on her side were not sufficient to cause her husband to admit her. The defendant entered bail for a hearing.

Harrisburg.—Governor Sproul announced the appointment of the members of the commission to inquire into a plan for the reorganization of the state government, under the provisions of the Woodward bill, passed by the last legislature. The law provides that two members of the senate, two of the house and three citizens be appointed to make a study of the organization of the state government and to report to the next legislature plans and suggestions for necessary changes in the financial system and the reorganization of the departments to prevent overlapping and to effect economies. Those named by the governor were Senator Woodward, of Philadelphia, and Senator Smith, of Dauphin county, a business man, as representatives of the senate; William J. McCraig, of Allegheny county, chairman of the house appropriation committee, and John M. Flynn, of Elk county, Democratic minority leader, as representatives of the house; Mrs. John O. Miller, of Allegheny county, chairman of the League of Women Voters; Leonard P. Fox, of Dauphin county, director of research of the state chamber of commerce, and Harry S. McDevitt, of Philadelphia, secretary to the governor and chairman of the former economy and efficiency commission.

Marietta.—Adam Reese, Jr., of Mountville, became ill while driving an automobile, and died before a physician arrived. He was 28 years old.

Pittsburgh.—Cosmer Fadale, who was captured by a marine guarding a Baltimore and Ohio railroad mail train near Washington Junction, Md., and brought to Pittsburgh was arraigned in police court and sent to jail for ten days, pending investigation of his story that he was only trying to make his way to Pittsburgh and was not trying to rob the train.

Uniontown.—Leaving his home one evening three years ago to go to Adah, Greene county, William Baker Williams, formerly a prominent electrician of this city, never returned and his wife, Mrs. Mary Lillian Williams, has just been granted a divorce. Mrs. Williams, who at present lives in Connellsville, says that her husband's disappearance was most mysterious and that there yet is some suspicion of foul play. Local and county officers made an investigation but failed to find any tangible clew to his whereabouts.

Hazleton.—Two couples here who celebrated their golden weddings by holding reunions were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason.

Hazleton.—Council has set February 21 for a special election on the purchase of Pardee Square, in the heart of the business district, for park purposes.

Belleville.—Professor James F. Willis has resigned as superintendent of the Burnham schools to become postmaster of this place.

Allentown.—Struck by an automobile driven, it is alleged, by Benjamin Laster, a local bond dealer, Harry Gackenbach, aged 75 years, a street cleaner, died at a hospital. His skull was fractured and a leg broken. Laster is under bond.

Harrisburg.—Thirty national guardsmen took examinations at the capitol for the nine West Point appointments allotted to the Pennsylvania guard.

Reading.—While changing tires on the outskirts of Hamburg, near here, a Philadelphia motor truck containing six barrels of whisky consigned to a Pottsville firm was seized by the state police.

McAdoo.—Mrs. Andrew Patton dropped dead here from heart failure after returning from the funeral of Frank Baranosky, a neighbor.

Brownsville.—Caught under a fall of slate just at the close of his day's work in the Denbo mine, near here, Charles Parkage, for many years an employe at the mine, was instantly killed.

Brownsville.—Becoming letting postmistress when the Democratic postmaster here, O. K. Carmack, acted his hip, Miss Willa Saylor, Republican, 28, has been notified that her appointment as postmistress has been sent to the senate by President Harding.

Hazleton.—Railroad detectives arrested David Reinmiller, Llewellyn Remold, Arthur Hampel, Harry Brill and Joseph Dudeck, charged with robbing freight cars here.

Marietta.—As a result of his right hand being caught in a corn shucker, Jacob K. Farmer, 45, died of lockjaw.

Dunbar.—J. L. Keffer, a well known resident of this place, has just picked a crop of strawberries from the vines in his yard.

Pittsburgh.—A verdict of second-degree murder was returned by a jury in criminal court here against John W. Miller, who was indicted in connection with the death of 8-year-old Nadine Kramer. The jury recommended that Miller be given the extreme penalty. The body of the child was found in a stable, covered with boards. Miller, who worked in the stable, was arrested the day the body was found.

Centuria.—Engaged in robbing pillars at the Potts colliery, Wellington Gilton, aged 37, was instantly killed when he was caught by a rush of coal when he attempted to start a battery. He was a resident of Locustdale, and is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Uniontown.—When an oil lamp which he had placed under a robe to keep his feet warm ignited the gasoline tank of his automobile, Charles Lowe, aged 52, of Fairchance, was so badly burned that he died in the Uniontown Hospital. He had failed to put the cap on his gasoline tank and it exploded. Lowe's clothing was almost entirely burned from his body and his automobile destroyed by fire.

Latrobe.—Edward Grant, a New York negro, is a patient in the Latrobe Hospital, suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg, a number of broken ribs and cuts on the head and body. He had been looking for work and, being unsuccessful, had started to walk from Chicago to his home, when an automobile struck him and dragged him about fifty feet.

Danville.—At a single service in St. Paul's Methodist church the congregation raised \$1050 for repairs to the church and parsonage.

Sunbury.—Turkeys were offered on the market here for 60 cents a pound, alive, and all were sold to raffles, punch board and dice game operators.

Berwick.—Returning to his home, near here, in the rain, Cameron Hildebrandt was probably fatally hurt when his wagon skidded to the side of the road and his team ran away.

Sunbury.—Because he has a wife and several children that taxpayers of a borough must feed while he is in jail, Harry Derr, of Milton, was paroled by Judge Moser. Derr was convicted at the September term of Northumberland county court of chicken stealing and sent up for six months. When the reckoning was figured it was found that the county was not only paying his keep but the borough of Milton was providing for his flock of little Derrs. Judge Moser couldn't see it that way and paroled Derr.

Pottsville.—Henry T. Callen, formerly assistant in the office of the auditor general at Harrisburg and now expert clerk for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company at Tower City was appointed postmaster at Tower City. Callen was one of the three men who passed the necessary civil service examination.

Hazleton.—In appreciation for the work the Red Cross has done in Poland and in New York for Polish immigrants, the priests of the Polish Catholic churches in the Hazleton district are devoting unusually strenuous attention to the fifth annual recall of Hazleton Chapter, now in progress, and are urging every Pole to join the organization.

Pittsburgh.—Miss Mary Johns, 23, died in a hospital here of burns suffered when gasoline, which she was cleaning clothes in her home, exploded.

Allentown.—After lingering nearly forty-eight hours, Henry H. Albright, of Norristown, who was stricken on the grand stand on Muhlenberg field while watching the football game between Norristown and Allentown high teams, died at the Allentown Hospital. Albright, 43 years old, brought his wife and two daughters here by auto for the game, and was keenly interested in the play when he collapsed in his seat near the end of the first half.

Flowing Spring.—While George Powell as loading a car at a lumber operation a mine prop fell on his head, and he died in half an hour.

York.—Seven-cent bread was sold by the majority of grocers for the first time since the war.

Coaldale.—Struck by a heavy chain at a colliery, John Jacobson, of Bridgeport, Conn., was taken to the State Hospital with a fractured skull.

Lancaster.—Trying to climb a fence while hunting for rabbits, Roy S. Weidman, of Stevens, near here, was shot through the right wrist and forearm.

WILLIE HOPPE'S SUCCESS DUE TO GREAT POWER OF CONCENTRATION



Willie Hoppe, Champion Billiard Player.

William Hoppe of New York has been the billiard champion so long that people almost forget when he first won the title. However, it was in 1906 when he defeated Vignaux, in Paris, for the 18.1 championship, and Hoppe was just eighteen years old at the time. He has not held the championship uninterruptedly all this time, though pretty near it. He has held the 18.1, 14.1 and 18.2 professional championships.

Never Takes a Chance.
Hoppe is a careful player who never takes a chance. He frequently refuses to play a difficult shot that would give him theoretically a perfect position, but plays instead the shot that is the easier, content with a less perfect position. Making the shot is paramount in his mind. This is what makes him such a good match player. If he is weak at any part of the game it might be the masse, as he frequently refuses that style of shot to play a bank shot. He is deadly accurate on

a one-cushion shot. He excels over the other players on a dead ball.

Willie's power of concentration is remarkable. During a game the world does not exist beyond the limits of the brass rail surrounding the table. He uses a short cue weighing 20 ounces and about 53 inches long. He has a short stroke, depending more for most of his play on a snappy wrist motion rather than upon the forearm. Yet when occasion requires he can carry his forearm well forward, giving a perfect follow-through stroke.

Always in Condition.
Hoppe is well built, almost stocky, quick and muscular. He always seems to be in perfect condition and has never smoked or used liquor. Some little discussion has arisen from time to time as to the relative abilities of Hoppe and the late Frank Ives, but it seems to be the opinion of the majority of billiardists who have seen them work that Hoppe is the greatest billiard player that ever lived.

800 in Chess Match.

Details of a monster team chess match, arranged to establish a new world record, have come to hand from London, where 800 players sat down in a contest, 400 on a side, between the North of the Thames and South of the Thames. The North won by a margin of 35 games on totals of 217½ to 182½. Comparatively few games were adjudicated.

LIPTON TO SEE YACHT RACES

Noted Sportsman Sends Word That He May Visit the Coast Next October.

Sir Thomas Lipton may visit the Gulf coast next October, to attend the fishing yacht races for a trophy offered by the famous sportsman. In a



Sir Thomas Lipton.

telegram of congratulations to Commodore Edward B. Overton of the Eastern Shore Yacht club, winner of the fish class boat races at Pensacola, Sir Thomas said:

"Heartfelt congratulations on your victory in the Lipton cup competition. Wish I had been present, but look forward to this pleasure next year."

GOLF GAINS IN POPULARITY

Fifty-two Clubs Elected to Membership in United States Association in 1921.

Golf is becoming more and more popular each year. Fifty-two clubs were elected to membership in the United States Golf association during 1921, bringing the total membership of the parent organization of golf in this country to 529. Twenty clubs were transferred from the allied to the active list, making the total active membership 194.

Three New Stadiums.

Columbia university plans to have three stadiums on its new 26-acre athletic field at Two Hundred and Eighteenth street and Broadway, New York city. The football amphitheater will be the largest of the trio, having a seating capacity of 56,000. The track stadium will seat 10,000 and the baseball stands 7,000. Ground will be broken early next year. It is announced, provided sufficient funds are provided by that time.

O'NEILL ASPIRED TO BE VILLAGE BUTCHER

Became Big League Football Coach by Accident.

Started Career as Target for Battering Rams of St. John's Military Academy—Coached Syracuse and Colgate.

Frank J. ("Buck") O'Neill is a big league football coach by accident. If he had followed his boyhood ideal, he'd have been a small-town butcher at Manlius, N. Y., where he grew up.

"When I was a boy," said "Buck," "I thought a butcher was the greatest man in the world. I determined to make that my life work, and got a job at the village meat market."

"One day St. John's Military academy ran shy of scrub football talent.



"Buck" O'Neill.

They asked my employer if he could spare his husky apprentice. He was good-natured, and let me go.

"I tagged around all afternoon as a target for the battering rams of the cadet varsity. It was rough work. But I liked it. And I went back."

"When the varsity fullback left school, the cadet coach had a hunch. He suggested that I enter school and plug up the hole in the back field."

"That's how I got into football." "Buck" played at Williams and later at Syracuse. He took law with his football. "Couldn't help taking law," says "Buck." "There's so much practice in it, like football."

He coached Colgate and Syracuse elevens before going to Columbia. Winning teams follow in his wake.

ELECT CARR FOOTBALL HEAD

Professional Game to Be Conducted Along Lines Observed by Organized Baseball.

Joseph F. Carr, former president of the Ohio State league, and who expects to have the league in action again next year, has been elected president of the American Professional Football association. His headquarters are at Columbus, O. The professional footballers will conduct affairs along the lines observed by organized baseball, with contracts containing reserve clauses and everything, including rules as to eligibility. Professional winter football is developing into quite an affair and owners of baseball parks are being tipped off to the revenue that is to be derived from renting their plants for the games.

TO ACCOMMODATE MORE FANS

Seating Capacity of Polo Grounds, Home of Giants, to Be Increased to 50,000.

Plans for renovation and enlargement of the Polo grounds, Manhattan's great baseball park, which will increase its seating capacity from 38,000 to 50,000, have been completed under the direction of Charles Stoneham, president of the New York National league club. The work will be completed in time for the opening of the 1922 league season.

DUANE HONORED AT HARVARD

Philadelphia Elected President of Minor Sports Council—Bemis Is Secretary.

Morris Duane of Philadelphia was elected President of the Harvard Minor Sports Council. He is captain of the tennis team. George Bemis of Chestnut Hill, captain of the cross-country team, was elected secretary. Both men automatically become members of the student council.



PLENTY LIKE HIM.

"That man never does a thing around this office for all his hurrying and fussing."

"I know it, but he carries the biggest bunch of keys of anybody here, and when he hurries they jangle and it's very impressive. Bluff is what gets you by, anyhow, these days. Didn't you know that?"

Baffling Visitor.
"Who's the mysterious stranger in town?"

"I hear he's a propagandist," said Squire Witherbee.
"For what?"

"I dunno. He ain't tryin' to box 'ow any money, he don't get no mail in th' clerk at th' Eagle house hasn't been able to draw him out yet. Blamed if I see how we're goin' to find out what th' cuss is up to."

Habitual.
"That fellow over there somehow reminds me of an old hen hovering a bunch of chickens."

"I suppose you naturally mean the one brooding over there by the companionway?"
"Oh, no; I mean the one sitting on the hatch."—Judge.

Gifted Orator.
"Senator Shortsworth says we must save the country."

"Has he any ideas about the best way to do that?"
"No, but he can make a speech on the subject that will hold an audience spellbound for an hour."

TRY AGAIN

MISS
Mr. Hardfax—
If you don't think two can live as cheaply as one let's try it.

Miss Man-chaser—Oh! This is so—?
Mr. Hardfax—
You name one woman and I'll pick out two men and lay you two to one on the men.

Liberal Education.
Regardless of a caddy's years. He's always worldly wise. Considering the talk he hears. That should not cause surprise.

"Most Unique."
"I met with an unusual experience today."
"That so? What happened?"

"I upset an ink bottle on a clean tablecloth."
"Nothing unusual about that."
"Yes, there was; the bottle was empty."

On One Condition.
"You believe in giving the public what it wants?"

"Of course," replied Mr. Stormington Barnes, "always assuming that the public wants myself and co."

Interested in Real Estate.
Mrs. Reading—I admit I prefer the old things. I just dote on "The House of Seven Gables."
Mr. Flathunter—Never heard of it. What does it rent for?

Spring Fashions.
A countryman went to a shop, and after wandering round for some time he went up to one of the assistants.
"I want a mattress, if yer please!" he said.

"Yes, sir! Spring, or ordinary?"
"Well, I didn't want one exactly for the spring, in particular; I want it for all the year round!"—Answers.

The Early Applicant.
"That's what I call luck," said Ben Franklin as he got an electric current over his kite string.

"Is your experiment a success?"
"Yes. It shows the advantage of getting in before conditions become crowded. I haven't been told once that the line is busy."

A Modern Diagnosis.

Doctor Karr.—What are your symptoms?
Mr. Gorman—Lassitude, doctor—a feeling of fullness and a general disinclination to do anything.

Doctor Karr.—I see; you've been exceeding the feed limit.—Boston Transcript.

Sufficient Proof.

"What reason have you," the judge asked, "for thinking your husband is no longer of sound mind?"

"He was in an automobile smashup the other day," she replied, "and admitted that he was to blame."

The Hilarious Rustic.
"Aren't you going to have any merry villagers in your show like they used to have in the old operas?"

"No," replied the musical comedy manager. "They're supposed to be in the audience."