

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Harrisburg.—Assistance is being given 2450 families, with 9015 children, through the mothers' pension system in Pennsylvania, and there are 4500 families with 17,000 children, on the waiting list, according to a statement made at the office of the mothers' assistance bureau of the welfare department. Fifty-four counties have organized such work, contributing in the aggregate \$1,000,000 to match what the state appropriated last year.

Uniontown.—Fire did damage estimated at \$15,000 in the business district here. Originating in a building occupied by the Uniontown Furniture company, it spread to the Titlow Hotel on one side and a building occupied by the Long Furniture company and living apartments on the other side. Many guests in the hotel were taken down fire escapes by firemen, but none was seriously injured. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

Chester.—At the close of a big day's business in his grocery store a strange negro walked into the store of John Foraker, pulled a revolver in the face of Foraker and demanded his money. Foraker reached down, as the hold-up man thought, to get the cash box, but instead he brought forth a large butcher knife and slashed the bandit across the face and throat. The man fled from the place and was traced two blocks by the trail of blood. The police have notified all hospitals and the police of nearby cities.

Pottsville.—The water supply continues to diminish in this section and even the Pottsville Water company, the best equipped corporation in the southern anthracite region, issued a warning that the danger point had been reached. The company has prohibited the washing of automobiles in Pottsville. Only one water company, the Girard, backed by the Girard estate, has greater water capacity in the anthracite region than the Pottsville, which not only supplies the city but half a dozen other towns and a number of coal companies and railroads. Hauling of water to keep the collieries at work will be undertaken on an extensive scale, but relief cannot be furnished this way long, as no water is obtainable near by. The Schuylkill river water is unfit for steam purposes here, because of the highly acid mine water poured into it, and relief cannot be obtained as readily as for those collieries near the Susquehanna.

Pottsville.—Tamaqua borough won a long legal fight in court for the annexation of 750 acres of rich coal lands in Schuylkill township to that town, part of the area to be used as a public park. The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, owners of most of the annexed tract, fought the annexation in court on account of the increased taxes it will have to pay in the town, as compared with the township. The coal company alleged that the desire to get increased coal land taxes was the principal reason for the desire of Tamaqua to annex the new territory, and contended that the consent of a majority of the property owners had not been secured to the change. The company was unable, however, to fully prove its charges, and John F. Whalen, attorney for the Reading, agreed in court to have the case stricken off the list.

Philadelphia.—Suburban banks and trust companies in Bucks and Montgomery counties, principally in the suburban district north of Philadelphia, began to distribute about \$1,250,000 in Christmas funds to more than 20,000 persons. The funds this year, according to bankers, are far in excess of the figures of any previous year. The largest single community distribution will be at Jenkintown, where the Jenkintown Bank and Trust company will mail checks for \$138,000; \$132,000 will be distributed in Lansdale by the First National and the Citizens' National; Bristol residents will have \$78,000 from their savings in the Bristol Trust, and Telfordites will get \$67,000 from Telford National.

Swarthmore.—At the Thanksgiving community church service President Aydelotte, of Swarthmore College, made the principal speech, in which he urged greater participation in European affairs by the United States. "At a time when the world is suffering for want of leadership," he said, "a tariff wall which shuts off the importation of a neighbor's goods, the highest ever made by any country, is preventing the economic readjustment of the world." President Aydelotte closed his speech with an appeal "to translate the best of our private thought and feeling into public act, to forget our selfish safety and material benefits, and dedicate ourselves to the task of expressing the greatness and idealism that is inherent in America."

Wilkes-Barre.—Three masked men held up George Alexander, proprietor of a chain of candy stores here, and relieved him of \$150 and his watch.

Sunbury.—The Welfare Association elected Dr. J. B. Cressinger, president, and D. N. Gardner, treasurer.

Harrisburg.—Governor Sproul has appointed John A. Fritch, Mountain Hill, as a member of the state Washington Crossing Park commission.

Bellevue.—A memorial tablet, bearing the name of Walter Dutcher, one of Bellevue's war heroes, has been stolen from the base of a tree in the borough park.

Pittsburgh.—Jacob Petry, convicted a year ago of practicing dentistry without a license, was fined \$500. In the trial, which was looked upon as a test case, Petry was accused of holding himself before the public as a dentist, although he never had graduated from a school of dentistry and had not been licensed by the bureau of medical licensure. He was well known to dentists, being in active practice for about thirty years.

Harrisburg.—Since 1917 nearly 100 dangerous grade crossings on main thoroughfares have been eliminated, the highway department announced. These were on 44 steam or electric railroads, and the total cost of the elimination was \$3,711,400. Of the more than 11,000 grade crossings of railroads in Pennsylvania approximately 6700 are unprotected. Among the more dangerous of the crossings eliminated were those on the Lackawanna Trail, at Elmhurst; on the Sunbury-Wilkes-Barre road, at Shickshinny; on the Easton-Stroudsburg road, at Martin's Creek Junction, and on the Reading-Philadelphia pike, at Douglassville. The public service commission has ordered the elimination of 44 additional dangerous crossings on state highway routes, but the work has not yet been performed. There are now pending before the commission proceedings which contemplate the elimination of 59 such additional crossings.

Uniontown.—Fayette county, with liquor valued at about \$250,000 on its hands, is face to face with a problem of its disposition. Three rooms in the basement of the courthouse are filled with all sorts of booze confiscated in the hundreds of liquor raids in various sections of the county. The keys to the valuable storeroom are held by the county detective, and the assistant county detective. It seems that no one knows just how much liquor is in the courthouse cellar, and rumor has it that some of the booze has "evaporated." Just who is responsible for this "evaporation" is not known. To prevent outsiders from raiding the booze cellar, the place is wired with electricity and burglar devices. In addition, the county employs a guard during the still hours of the night.

Pittsburgh.—To be robbed while a prisoner in a cell at Central Avenue police station was the unusual experience of W. A. Thalford, he told the magistrate. Thalford declared that after being locked up on a charge of drunkenness his cellmate, Frank Croskie, robbed him of \$8. Croskie was fined \$25 with the option of thirty days in jail. The night sergeant, who answered Thalford's screams of "robber," said he found the man's purse on Croskie.

Pittsburgh.—Mrs. Johr Postucha, of Glassmore, near here, was being held for the coroner, charged with killing her husband. After she surrendered to the police the woman told the authorities that several months ago she left her husband. The police said she tried to enter her house, and when he tried to break down the door she fired through a panel, the bullet striking him in the stomach.

Harrisburg.—Some of the eel racks or fish baskets operated in the Susquehanna river basin under permits from the state yielded, as high as 4000 pounds of eels, according to reports made to the department of fisheries. The season for such devices, including spears, gigs, out-lines and the like, expired on the 15th of November. Only burr hooks and loops and snares are now in season, and they cannot be used after New Year's unless the applicant takes out a 1923 fisherman's license. Bradford county eel fishermen have reported the largest catches, a total of 52,000 pounds being already listed, while the Dauphin county eel fishermen have reported over five tons in the aggregate. The great majority of fishermen have not yet reported.

Northumberland.—Although he suffered much pain, Edward Miller, of this place, did not discover that he had a broken shoulder in a football game Saturday for thirty-six hours.

Scranton.—Frederick W. Nicholson, chief clerk in the office of the city solicitor here until a month ago, when he resigned, was arrested by city detectives on a charge of embezzlement. Nicholson, who is widely known, is alleged to have embezzled city funds totaling \$9000.

Easton.—Intoxication of undergraduates and graduates will not be permitted, either at open or closed functions of Lafayette College, according to an announcement made by the Lafayette Student Council of its interpretation of its powers outlined in the student government constitution with reference to intoxication. The resolution adopted by the council, the thirteen members of which pledge themselves to support the rule by personal example, follows: "All undergraduates appearing at an open or closed function of the college in condition favoring of intoxication, shall be requested to leave the affair immediately. Any undergraduate so requested shall be summoned before the Student Council and action relative to the gravity of his offense shall be recommended to the faculty."

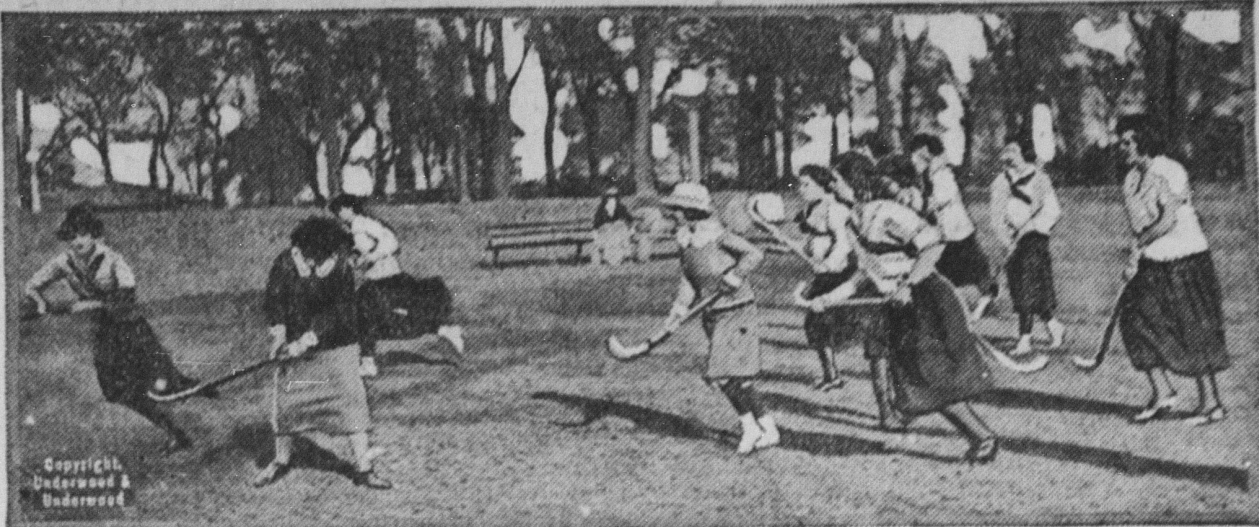
Catawissa.—A Bible printed in English and published in Dublin, in 1768, was used in a special service in St. Matthew's Lutheran church here.

Mt. Carmel.—Falling on her way home from school, a crocheting needle penetrated the body of Adnin Dekatap, and broke off. The child was removed to a hospital.

Harrisburg.—Harrisburg Lodge of Moose has announced it will build a \$150,000 home next spring.

Altoona.—Frank G. Fisher, of this place, was appointed Blair county's first assistant district attorney at a salary of \$2000.

SCHOOLGIRLS TAKE TO HOCKEY AS EARLY WINTER SPORT



Hockey is the early winter sport. No need to fear inertia after the tennis season is over. Just get a club and a puck and turn out. It is predicted that hockey as a girl's pastime will gain formidable popularity now that numerous athletic organizations are sponsoring it. The photograph shows Lakeside schoolgirls in a hockey session in Lincoln park, Chicago.

Extra Seats Needed.

The heavy attendance at the world's series baseball games is sometimes puzzling to those who do not observe the situation closely. They overlook the tickets that may be counted a year before the event. For instance, there are the 1,933 fans who were off baseball for life when Judge Landis suspended Babe Ruth the last time. Added to the 1,253 who said they would never go to another game because the suspension was not serious enough, these insured a heavy demand for box seats. They arrived at the first game soon after the gates opened, but they found ahead of them the 5,000 disgruntled patrons who swore last year that they knew the series was fixed. Just behind these sat the 5,000 others who had argued the question with them as they fought their way going home on the cars.

In the less expensive seats at the first game were 10,000 fans from other big league cities who were so sore when their own clubs did not win pennants that they said they would never spend another dollar on baseball. Scattered through the stands were 15,000 home-town fans who last July asked high heaven to witness that their team was the worst collection of ivory-headed bushers ever assembled, and asked Providence to strike them dead if they ever attended another game.—The Saturday Evening Post.

Britton Loses His Title



Jack Britton, aged forty, the oldest man to hold a world's boxing title, surrendered his crown as welter-weight champion to Mickey Walker after 15 rounds of grueling boxing at Madison Square Garden.

VACHE 13 NO YOUNGSTER

Big Outfielder Bought by St. Louis Browns is Smart Ball Player, but No Spring Chicken.

Commenting on Ernest Vache, the outfielder with Charleston the past season and bought by the St. Louis Browns for a trial in the spring, a Charleston critic writes: "He is a pile driver at bat; in the outfield fast for a big fellow, smart and knows how to shift for utters." It doesn't seem that much else could be said in favor of a ball player, except that "he is young and ambitious." Vache may have the ambition, but he is no spring chicken.

DISCOVER NEW LIGHTWEIGHT

Battling Budd of Georgia Has Been Traveling Along at Remarkably Fast Pace.

In Georgia a new lightweight has sprung up in the person of Battling Budd, discovered by Walk Hiller, a well-known sporting man of Atlanta. Young Budd has been traveling along at a fast pace and defeating all the good boys of the South. It is evident that he is not a false alarm, for anyone who can hand a defeat to Mel Coogan and Joe Welling must have considerable class.

INTERESTING GOLF CHAMPIONS DO NOT LAST VERY LONG

Business is dull. Miller Huggins hasn't been fired for a week.

Poland will enter the soccer competition at the Paris 1924 Olympics.

Dartmouth and Pennsylvania nines will play at Atlanta April 2 and 3 next.

Syracuse university admits boys under sixteen years of age free to its football games.

George Cuthshaw is likely to be seen playing second base for the Vernon Tigers next season.

The race track boob won't keep warm this winter on the hot tips he played last summer.

William H. Clafin of Boston was appointed hockey coach at Harvard for the fourth season.

Toronto barred the rumored Willis-Dempsey fistcuffs, which almost makes it unanimous.

An attachment was served on Jack Dempsey in Toledo by a man only five feet high, who still lives.

Mr. Carpenter thinks he will whip Mr. Siki the next time, but that's what he thought the first time.

Fred Luderus, former big leaguer, will manage the Oklahoma City team in the Western league next year.

Willie Kagan has been insured for \$100,000, but no method as yet has been devised to insure a pennant.

The Canadian Lawn Tennis association has issued a new booklet on the laws of the game, regulations and by-laws.

The Dempsey who can't find anybody to fight is the Dempsey who some years ago couldn't be found fighting anybody.

All athletic relations between Akron university and the Case School of Applied Science of Cleveland have been broken off indefinitely.

The latest revival announced in Chicago will involve construction of a \$1,500,000 race track and a \$100,000 American Derby every June.

The Women's Swimming association of New York city has enrolled 200 members in the last few weeks and may soon need new quarters.

Association football is profitable to the English government, for last year it received \$332,000 from five clubs in respect to "entertainment tax."

Albert Leon Marnaux, erstwhile pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, is doing a turn in vaudeville this winter with Jimmy Rule, a song writer.

The Browns are carefully nursing a young prospect named Cedric Durst. Name sounds too cute for baseball—he must be intended for the movies.

California has a college of baseball for young Americans, and next year we may hear that some one out there has opened a swimming school for fish.

Pancho Villa, the Filipino boxer and holder of the flyweight title, has shown in his recent bouts that he is one of the speediest champs who ever pulled on a glove.

Pitcher Mike Pendergrast, former Philly player, has been reinstated. Pendergrast was suspended for playing with illegibles. He will be returned to the Philly reserve list.

Walter Mills, the big southpaw who helped the Indians win the American league pennant and the world championship in 1920, will not appear with the tribe next season.

They seem to be presuming in the Eastern league that Chief Bender is done with the Reading Internationals, for he is being mentioned as successor to Billy Gilbert at Waterbury.

Baseball rumors may be laughed at, but they often develop into facts. Take, for instance, the sale of Helne Groh to the Giants. For eight years that sale was announced each winter—and was laughed to sleep—but in the ninth year it happened, didn't it?

Few Retain Titles for Two Years in Succession

Jerome Travers Was Amateur Champion in 1912 and Again in 1913—No Other Player Has Ever Been Able to Repeat.

Retaining a national golf championship is not the easiest thing in the world. Way back in 1911 Jack McDermott, the youngster who learned his game while a caddie at the old Aronimink Golf club in West Philadelphia, won his first open championship. The next year he repeated. But since that time no amateur or professional has been able to win and hold an open championship.

Miss Margaret Curtis won her second national title in 1911 and repeated in 1912, but it was not until Miss Alexa Stirling won her first championship in 1916 and repeated in 1919 and 1920 that any other woman could duplicate her feat.

Jerome D. Travers was amateur champion in 1912 and he won again in 1913. No other player has been able to repeat, although both Bob Gardner and Chick Evans have won the title twice.

Last year the national champions were Jesse Guilford, Jim Barnes and Miss Marion Hollins. Jesse Sweetser is the new amateur title holder. Gene Sarazen succeeded Barnes while Miss Hollins lost in her first round of match play.

In golf, the champion has a hard row to hoe from the first. He has to qualify, for if he fails to get in the championship fight the fact that he is the champion does not help him. Then for a solid week of 36 holes a day he has to play and if he wins all

his matches, on the last day he is opposed to another player who also has gone through the tournament without defeat. Is it any wonder that a champion, either in the national open, amateur or women's championship rarely ever retains the title?

Miss Hollins has just recovered from an illness that kept her out of tournament play and while she is in fine physical condition her lack of practice resulted in an easy victory for Mrs. Feitner, better known as Lillian Hyde, the former metropolitan champion and one of the longest drivers playing.

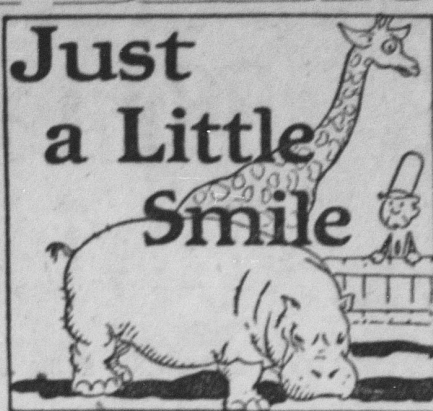
These two have played in many matches in the metropolitan and national championships and in only one of them was Miss Hollins successful.

WALTER HAGEN IS UNDER 72

Won British Open, Finished in First Four at Skokie and Lost to George Duncan.

In the rounds he has played this year, Walter Hagen has averaged less than 72. He won the British open, finished in the first four at Skokie, lost to George Duncan in the New York state championship and was beaten in his 72-hole match with Sarazen at Oakmont and Westchester-Biltmore. The baseball fan would put his average at 250.

John B. Pettis sued the Washington baseball club for \$10,000, after being struck by a batted ball. Justice Hitz of the District of Columbia Supreme court dismissed the case, saying the baseball fan is assuming the risk in being hit at a ball park.



Just a Little Smile

INTENSIVE FARMING

"How are you making out with that abandoned farm you bought?"
"Fine! I sold the quarry rights to one crowd, and rented the surface to another as a golf course. Now if I can lease the air to some wireless company I'll have about everything under cultivation. Who says intensive farming doesn't pay?"

Told With Regrets.
Mac—Jack was over to see me the other night and I kept telling him what a reputation he had for being a devil among the women.
Mary (animatedly)—And did he live up to it?
Mac—No, he just sat there like a perfect boob and kept denying it.—Miehgian Gargoyles.

Terrible.
Grace—Mabel is sorry now that she married that foreign nobleman.
Gwen—Why? How do you know? Did she tell you?
Grace—She says that he talks in his sleep.
Gwen—How interesting.
Grace—But it's all in his native language.

Close Communion.
"You say the play was gripping?"
"It was. There were two clinches in the first act, three in the second and in the last act the heroine spent approximately 20 minutes in the hero's arms."

Simple.
Trainer—I have only one friend! Yes, only one friend on earth, and that's my dog.
Stranger—Why don't you get another dog?

A FIRE FLINGER
Salesman—A smoking jacket? This way, madam. Would you like a smoking jacket in half wool?
Customer—Haven't you one in asbestos? My husband is learning to roll his own cigarettes.

No Time to Whistle.
Let poets sing their ditties
Of the men they most admire
Give us the man who whistles
While he's putting on a tire.

A Perfect Foil.
She gets plenty of invitations to house parties and the like.
"Yes, she is so homely that every girl who sees her wants her to come and spend a week or two."

Tiresome.
"Why do you avoid Flubdub?"
"Well, if you ask him how he is, he'll expect you to listen to the details."

May Come to That.
"I don't like this barefoot dancing."
"Shut up, Fred. First thing you know we'll have to do 'em socially."

Point of View.
"Now, Mr. Smith," said the law professor, "will you please tell the class what weight you would give to circumstantial evidence?"
"I will, sir," said the student. "If you will tell me whether I am supposed to be prosecuting attorney or counsel for the defendant."

Only Engaged.
She—I hope you like my new hat. I bought it on your account.
Flance—On my account? Not yet, my dear; this is still on your dad.

Trained for It.
Visitor—I don't understand how these chorus girls have the courage to appear so negligee.
Stage Manager—The producer makes them work in a laundry for six months. By that time they hate the sight of clothes.—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

A Small Capacity.
"Do you know what I think?" said Goslin to Gazzam.
"No," replied Gazzam, "but I have five minutes to spare. Tell me all."

Qualified.
The County Commissioner—I'd like to recommend you for the job of superintendent of the poorhouse, but what experience have you had?
Mr. Longsuffer—Ever since I've been married I've run a small poorhouse for the benefit of my wife's relations.

The Plain Truth.
"So that young fool wants to marry you, does he? What does he expect to live on?"
"You, I think, father."