

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Harrisburg.—Mayors and solicitors of a number of third-class cities discussed drafts of a bill to carry out the provisions of the "home rule" amendment of the constitution ratified last month at the offices of the bureau of municipalities. The conference was a continuation of that held recently in Philadelphia.

Altoona.—While crossing a street in the business section here, Mrs. Esther Johnson, aged 80, was killed by a milk truck before the eyes of scores of shoppers.

Pittsburgh.—Nomination of Colonel Frederick F. Schoonmaker, of Bradford, to be United States district judge for western Pennsylvania, has been confirmed by the senate and he will be sworn in.

Harrisburg.—Forty-two bids were received at the highway department for construction of four sections of roads in Mercer and Beaver counties.

Beaver.—Protection for the public is needed more than damages for individuals in cases where persons are injured by automobiles, said Judge Reader in court here, when called upon to sentence Frank Stanley, of Woodlawn, who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of a boy. The lad was killed by a truck operated by Stanley. Stanley was sentenced to four months in the workhouse and fined \$2000 and costs.

Harrisburg.—The public service commission has designated Chairman Alney and Commissioner James to represent the state in the conference of the interstate commerce commission and other state commissions in discussion of a new express rate structure. The commission has refused a certificate of convenience to Roy Welker, who sought a right to operate a bus service between Harrisburg and Pottsville. Earl Wagner, Hanover, and Adam Rock, Mont Alto, have been ordered to stop operating jitneys following hearings on complaints, while John B. Haag, Howard H. Naftzinger and others are given rights for one year in Reading.

Bethlehem.—The state has been enriched to the extent of \$5380.88 through proceedings by the attorney general's office to enforce the law of 1919, providing that all moneys on deposit in banking institutions remaining unclaimed after a certain period shall be escheated to the state treasury. The banks which have turned over unclaimed deposits and the amounts are as follows: First National, Bethlehem, \$255.23; E. P. Wilbur Trust company, \$508.47; Easton National, \$201.20; First National, Easton, \$1391.52; Lehigh Valley National, Bethlehem, \$1190.60; First National, Pen Argyl, \$1100.89; Bethlehem National, \$547.08, and Easton Trust company, \$117.25.

Clifton Heights.—George, 12-year-old son of David Kerr, of Adlington, was saved from drowning in the Darby Creek near here when the ice on which the boy was skating with a number of playmates broke under him. His companions were some distance away and none heard the splash, but John Crosby, who also lives in Adlington, was walking along the road near the creek and was attracted by the boy's cries. He raced to the bank of the stream and, walking with caution on the thin ice, lifted him clear of the water and, with the ice dancing up and down under the combined weight, carried him to the bank. After reviving him, Crosby carried the boy home, where he was soon none the worse for his icy bath.

Harrisburg.—Attorneys for Floyd Smith, of Bradford county, who has been respited from the electric chair five times, after both the supreme court and the board of pardons have rejected appeals in his behalf, have begun preparation of a new appeal to be taken before the first meeting of the new board of pardons under the Pinchot administration. Smith's respite expires January 23 and a request will be made of the new governor, shortly after he takes office, for a sixth stay of execution until the new board can act.

Pittsburgh.—Prompted by the killing of a Pittsburgh Coal company paymaster and the theft of a \$20,000 pay roll here, Superintendent of Police Calhoun invited bankers to confer with him on plans to prevent such hold-ups in the future. The superintendent urges that banks and business houses use large automobiles, painted in some bright color which could be distinguished from other machines to transport money. The machines should be geared to make only fifteen miles an hour, should contain safes built in the tonneau and controlled by both key and combination. Different routes should be taken every day, he says, and should be followed by a high-powered machine carrying four armed guards.

Greensburg.—The jewelry store here owned by Louis A. Grillo was robbed of approximately \$500 worth of watches, rings and chains.

Harrisburg.—The highway department opened the main route between Liverpool and Sunbury on which extensive reconstruction has been done.

Shenandoah.—Peter Patawakas was killed by a trolley as he stepped out of the way of an automobile.

Claysburg.—James Moore is in the Roaring Springs Hospital and Sherman Cratzky is in the Holidaysburg jail as a result of a Christmas shooting affray here.

Hazleton.—Confessions obtained here by Lehigh Valley railroad police are said by the officials to clear up the mystery of the slashed air hose on trains at Mount Carmel. In September and October seventy-six hose connections on air brakes were cut in the yards at that town. The trio involved are Charles Strohl, Lester Frey and Samuel Hosler, who are in the group arrested last week charged with blowing up the dam of the railroad near Packerton. Hosler is said to have given the officers a detailed statement filling many typewritten pages and to have involved many in the plots. Investigation of his story is under way.

York.—After serving for twenty-five years as president of the York Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association, Martin L. Van Baman declined reelection, and Frank H. Heckert succeeded him.

Lewistown.—John Robinson, aged 60, dropped dead at the home of his brother here while butchering hogs.

Pittsburgh.—Deputy coroners are investigating the death of 9-year-old John Warganich, Jr., of Homestead. According to reports to the coroner, the boy suffered from a rare disease, known as tetany, a disorder of the nervous system, causing muscular contraction. John's mother, the reports said, tried to relieve the boy from an attack, but in manipulating one of his legs a large bone snapped and the lad died a little later.

Harrisburg.—Prosecution under the Woner act has been ordered by District Attorney Moyer against the 38 Dauphin county hotel and saloon-keepers from whom he collected samples of beer on the eve of the annual licence court, which, when analyzed, are said to have been found to contain more than the legal limit of alcohol. The licenses of all have been held up by the court. Bail of \$1000 in each case will be asked.

Harrisburg.—The forest commission has rejected an application from the Morris Run Coal Mining company, of Wilkes-Barre, for a mining right for bituminous coal from 3000 acres of state forest in Tioga county. It was held that the company was not operating to the full extent its present holdings, and that the commission was not certain there were urgent demands for such coal in this region at this time.

Altoona.—A woman shopper lost a pocketbook containing \$175 in a store here and raised considerable fuss about it. Joseph Folk, aged 16, walking through the store found the pocketbook on the floor and returned it to the woman. "Thank you," she said and disappeared.

Pittsburgh.—Fire, believed to have been started when a still exploded, caused the death of two men at Milltown, near North Bessemer. Members of a Union railroad freight train crew discovered the blaze. They stopped the train and tried to extinguish the fire, but the house was destroyed. When the walls caved in the railroaders searched the ruins. They found the body of George Petrowacz lying over the copper "worm" of a still. John Bunko also was burned to death.

Pittsburgh.—Absent-mindedly stepping on the gas resulted in instant death to Claude Miller, a chauffeur, when his new car crashed through the iron fence guarding the subway entrance at the Pennsylvania station and dropped twenty feet to the concrete driveway. Miller, who was 23 years old, had driven up the broad approach to the station and was getting into position for parking when the accident occurred. Witnesses said he had the car headed toward the fence, when it gave a sudden leap forward, tore through the fence and turned a half somersault, landing wheels up. The driver was caught beneath the car and was dead when spectators extricated him.

Washington.—Police were investigating a "pistol duel" in which James Sparano, of Washington, was shot and instantly killed here. Leo Leonard, according to the police, told them he shot Sparano in self-defense. He is in the county jail here charged with murder. The killing of Sparano, county officials and state troopers say, will clear up the murder of Frank Misarauca seven months ago. In Sparano's room they said, they found a letter from Misarauca's wife, saying she would return to Washington and "tell" if Sparano did not join her. Sparano was a boarder in the Misarauca home.

Norristown.—Not in a quarter of a century have there been so many houses in Norristown under quarantine, thus putting a quietus on much of the merrymaking of Christmas. Several hundred homes are quarantined because of measles, an epidemic of which began three weeks ago and continues unabated.

Beaver.—E. E. Etter, former chief of police of Midland, was found guilty of extortion before Judge E. F. Reader. The indictment against Etter charged that he extorted money from certain persons in return for police protection while they manufactured moonshine whisky. Last week Thomas R. King, a former Midland policeman, was found guilty on a similar charge.

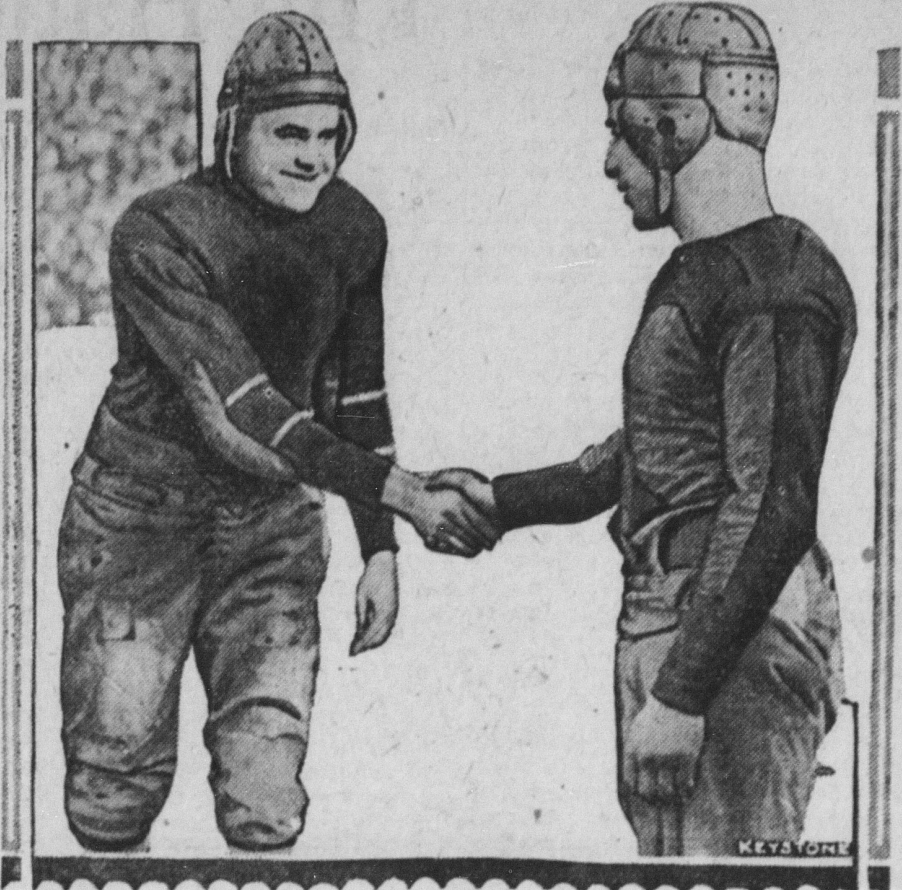
Quarryville.—While cutting wood in his home here, David E. McGuigan, aged 48 years, fell over dead with apoplexy.

Wilkes-Barre.—Impaired eyesight caused Jewell E. Bentz, 72 years old, to take carbolic acid in mistake for medicine, causing his death.

Sunbury.—With his wife in the hospital after swallowing poison with suicidal intent, W. J. Whiteleather brought suit for absolute divorce.

Stroudsburg.—Clarence Eddinger was appointed associate judge of Monroe county by the governor to fill a vacancy.

KAW DIDN'T PLAY IN COLUMBUS GAME



Surprise and indignation were expressed in Cornell athletic circles at published reports from Columbus, O., that Capt. Eddie Kaw, Cornell's brilliant leader and halfback had participated in a charity benefit game there between teams of Western and Eastern stars, says an Ithaca dispatch to the New York World. Kaw was described as having played a "wonderful game."

As a matter of fact Kaw was in New York while the game was in progress and he never had any intention of going to Columbus. After the Thanksgiving day victory over Penn, which closed his college football career, Eddie went to New York and spent Friday and Saturday with his parents, arriving in Ithaca on Sunday morning.

The whole story was a fake. Kaw is busy with his books. He probably will make his final appearance in athletics at Cornell on next spring's baseball team. The photograph shows Kaw shaking hands with Pos Miller, captain of the Penn team.

New Kentucky Thrill.

"Kaintuckyites" had a new thrill recently when the Blue Grass Country club at Cave City was formally opened by a group of Chicago golfers. On the opening day the visitors paired up for foursomes and each one of the quartet carried a gallery which furnished amusement to the players. Settlers from a 50-mile radius came to see the new-fangled game, having loaded their families in buggies, buckboards and wagons to get there. A young army of mountaineers were lined up at the first tee to have their first try at caddyding.

Noted Poloist Sails.



Capt. H. H. Holmes, noted international poloist and referee, sailed on the S. S. Mauritania to referee polo matches at Cannes between teams captained by Lord Rockingham of Great Britain and the king of Spain.

SPRING ITINERARY FOR REDS

Cincinnati Team Will Assemble at Orlando on March 10—Play Many Exhibition Games.

Cincinnati club is the first one in the majors to announce its spring itinerary in detail as to dates. The Reds assemble at Orlando March 10. Four games in camp are booked with the Cleveland Indians. Two games will be played with Washington in Orlando and Tampa, two with the Athletics in Montgomery on the way North and one in Atlanta with the Yankees. Then the Reds will fill one-day engagements at Chattanooga, Knoxville and Indianapolis and close their schedule with a series with Detroit in Cincinnati.

BLAME TONSILS FOR FIZZLE

Failure of Catcher Garrity to Play His Usual Good Game Caused Senators' Poor Showing.

One of the chief reasons for the failure of the Washington team to make a better showing in the American league last season was the failure of Catcher Eddie Garrity to play his usual brilliant game. An attack of neuritis in the right shoulder caused Garrity to suffer with a lame arm all summer, which naturally affected his play in other departments aside from mere throwing. Recently he underwent an operation for his tonsils which the doctors claim will eliminate the neuritis and restore the arm to old-time form.

McGraw Opposes Union.

Attorney Ray Cannon, who is organizing the ball players' union, has been called again. He was quoted as saying players of the New York National league club had enrolled in the new organization, "with the consent and approval of Manager McGraw." And John McGraw, who ought to know, lets it be known that he gave no such "approval and consent." While President Stoneham of the New York club intimates rather strongly that he doesn't "approve" of the union idea at all, from what he has heard of it.

ROGERS HORNSBY HAS AIM TO BREAK MARKS

National League Slugger Believes Record Will Go.

Home-Run Champion Expects to Surpass Total of 42 Four-Baggers and Possibly Beat Babe Ruth's 59—Hits Carefully.

Rogers Hornsby, of Fort Worth, 1922 home-run champion of the major leagues and a king of bat wielders in the National league, believes he will even surpass the mark of 42 four-baggers he set this year and possibly beat Babe Ruth's world record of 59. Hornsby, considered one of the greatest right-handed batsmen of all time, entered the select circle of 400 bat-



Rogers Hornsby.

ters this year. His batting, he says, is due to his study of hitting the ball, and not wild swinging. Hornsby declares that he did not shoot for home runs every time he "got on the sacks." His home runs, he said, were made by a swing that he developed during the off-months before the start of the season. He compared the baseball swing to golf stroke and said that in the execution of both, concentration was necessary. Hornsby also knows the importance of "stepping in" to meet the ball and declared that half the major league players are unable to establish a good batting reputation because they are afraid to extend their left or right foot, according to whether right or left handed, to hit the ball squarely.

EUROPEAN FIGHTERS BALKING

Great Difficulty Experienced in Inducing Boxers to Come to the United States.

There seems to be great difficulty in luring Europe's crack boxers over here although they can make more money in American rings in one month than a whole year of battling in Europe will net them. Georges Carpentier put off coming so long that he got himself licked and no longer is a card. Jimmy Wilde has been bombarded with tempting offers ever since he was over here three years ago, but nothing will budge him. Joe Beckett has threatened to come over many times, but he always changes his mind at the last moment. Eugene Criqui would be a great attraction here, but he, too, continues to postpone his visit. Those four are the only European boxers wanted over here, now that Siki has been barred. Strange to say, they are the only ones who do not want to come.

WONDROUS WAYS OF OWNERS

Brooklyn Club Drafts Stuff Stewart From Birmingham—Was Up Ten Years Ago.

It's wondrous the ways of major club magnates. Here, for instance, is Brooklyn drafting Stuff Stewart from Birmingham. Stuff was up a year or so ago with Pittsburgh; before that, some ten years ago, he was up with the St. Louis Cardinals. He is a fast little ball player, though aged somewhat, but he can't hit enough to make the major grade.

Current Wit and Humor



LAW OF COMPENSATION

"I had no mother's voice to lull me to sleep when I was a boy," sobbed the first man.
"And I had no father's voice to call me in the morning," chuckled the second.
Thus we see nature's wonderful law of compensation applied to the human equation.

The Verdict.

"We find the prisoner not guilty by reason of insanity."
"But the plea was not that of insanity," remarked the court.
"That's just the point we make," rejoined the foreman. "We decided that any man who didn't have sense enough to see that an insanity plea was the proper thing must be crazy."

A New Law Enforced.

"I'll just fine ye \$25 for speedin'."
"All right, squire. I'll pay it, but I wouldn't have been in such a hurry to get through your burg if I hadn't thought it was the sorriest looking town I ever laid my eyes on."
"And \$10 for contempt."
"Contempt of what?"
"Our town."

There Might Be.

"There are specialists who will design you a coat of arms."
"So I've heard."
"And there are other specialists who will provide you with a family tree you can flaunt in anybody's face."
"Well! Well! Do you suppose there are filling stations where blue blood is pumped into piebald veins?"

Logical.

"Can I interest you in automobile insurance?"
"I haven't an automobile on my place."
"Well-er-what of that? You have burglar insurance, I presume, and yet you have no burglar on your premises."



THE ANSWER

"Strange, Edith should invite that horrid grass widow to her wedding; she has such a disagreeable past."
"Yes, my dear, but she's rich enough to furnish a very agreeable present."

Our Prescription List.

No friend of mine
Is Horace Hoop;
He always wants
To borrow dough.

Exhausted Her Interest.

Her Husband—But why should we move? We were perfectly delighted with this neighborhood when we came here a year ago.
Mrs. Chatterton—I know I was, but I'm tired of talking about the same old neighbors for a whole year.

Trained.

"Jones, I don't understand that man Spiffums. He used to be absolutely dependable, and now you can't believe a word he says."
"Yes, poor boob; he married a woman who requires detailed explanation of trivial events."

That's Different.

"What's all the row?"
"It's a two-family house."
"That need not cause a continuous disturbance."
"Ah, but it is occupied by a young married couple and their parents, her family and his."

Correct Diagnosis.

Doctor—Your loss of memory is due to cigarettes.
Dub—Aha, that's just it, doctor. It was cigarettes that I was supposed to bring home to the wife and I forgot them.

Unanimous Opinion.

The Senior—Professor Letterkink is very broad-minded, don't you think?
The Sophomore—Yes, I've always considered him rather thick witted.

Old-Fashioned Wit.

A young man at a party was urged to entertain the company with a song.
"But I can't sing," he said rather testily. "You only want to make a out of me."
"Not at all, old man," returned the other. "We merely want to get a stove out of you."

Confirmed.

"What? You! The woman later married! How you have changed!"
"On the contrary, I am now a greater woman later than ever before!"