

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Burnham.—Council will levy a 13-mill tax on all property.

Shippensburg.—Newton Agie was arrested on a charge of embezzling in excess of \$1200 from the Shippensburg Lodge of Owls.

South Conneville.—Married teachers are to be barred from the schools here.

Harrisburg.—Governor Pinchot signed nine bills, among them that of Representative Dunn, of Philadelphia, providing enabling legislation for the payment of a soldiers' bonus to world war veterans if the proposed bond issue for \$35,000,000 for this purpose is approved by the voters. The Dunn measure would place the payment of the bonus with the adjutant general. Veterans of the state who had served sixty days or longer would be eligible to the bonus at the rate of \$10 a month for the time in service, but payments would be limited to \$200. The bill carries an appropriation of \$462,625 for expenses.

Pottsville.—A guest who was granted the usual liberty of visitors ransacked the Geist Hotel at Hegins and stole money from six rooms. Even Sunday school funds and trust funds were seized. The stranger, who registered under an assumed name, fled with his booty, which included nearly all the jewels in the hotel. It is believed he had confederates who aided his escape in an automobile.

Harrisburg.—The board of pardons refused commutation of sentence to Clarence Newson, colored, of Philadelphia, sentenced to be executed next week for killing his common-law wife, Hattie Batley, at the corner of Seventeenth and Fitzwater streets, Philadelphia, September 12, 1921.

Harrisburg.—State officers, with the exception of the secretary of internal affairs, state treasurer and attorney general, went on a summer schedule of working hours by beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning and quitting at 4 in the afternoon. This schedule adds an extra hour of daylight for state employes after quitting time, but forces them to begin an hour earlier, so that the number of working hours remain the same. Auditor General Samuel S. Lewis said the working hours in his office would remain from 9 to 5. Secretary of Internal Affairs James F. Woodward will consult his employes to find out their desires.

Pottsville.—The county commissioners have decided not to await the long legal suits against the coal companies that are refusing to pay taxes on the \$410,000,000 increased valuation on their lands, but have decided to at once use their power to enforce collections. This can be done by selling the personal properties of the companies and lands on which taxes have not been paid. Large tracts of land at Minersville already have been turned into the commissioners and proceedings will be begun to sell these as well as others which will be reported within another week. The county officials say the coal companies not only are delinquent on a whole year's taxes, but they soon will be penalized for delinquency on a second year. It is believed that before the matter can be brought before the court an adjustment will be reached.

Pittsburgh.—The bulk of the \$1,000,000 estate of the late Henry Berg, a Verona banker, will go to charity, it developed when the will was admitted to probate. After providing for the construction of a memorial chapel for the German Evangelical Protestant church, Berg made bequests amounting to \$65,000 to near friends here and in Germany. The remainder was divided into 100 parts and then apportioned among many Protestant and Catholic institutions. The chief beneficiary is the German Protestant Orphans' Asylum of Pittsburgh, which gets seventeen shares and the Meadville theological school, of Meadville, which gets four shares. Berg's only surviving relative is his mother, who is 93 years old. She is to have the use of the estate as long as she lives.

Uniontown.—There are far too many high-priced bootleggers getting away. We will have to stiffen the bond somewhat in liquor cases," were the sentiments expressed by Judge E. H. Reppert when informed that several men, convicted in liquor cases, had failed to make their appearance. Judge Reppert's statement came when he was informed that Harry Freud, of Brownsville, was missing. Further investigations show that Freud's family had departed for a tour of Europe, and it is believed that the man accompanied them. The court indicated that in cases where the "hightoned" bootlegger was arrested the bond would be doubled.

Nazareth.—As the result of a slight cut on his foot, sustained ten days ago, John Pershal, 13 years old of this place, died in the Bethlehem Hospital.

Sunbury.—While playing with her baby, Mrs. Edward Specht, of this place, fell over backward and suffered three fractures of her left arm.

Shamokin.—Caught under a fall of top at Mount Carmel colliery, Banielo Conderello, of Kulpmont, died at the State Hospital here.

Lancaster.—Raiding a crap game at the Union Stock Yards, state police arrested ten men.

Columbia.—The Lancaster county commissioners purchased the Columbia and Chestnut Hill turnpike, between Columbia and Ironville, for \$69,000.

Pittsburgh.—An information containing nine counts and charging violation of the national prohibition act against William C. Illig, of Erie, has been ordered quashed by Federal Judge Thomson. The court held that the warrant was faulty.

Berwick.—Merger of the Central Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Synods of the Lutheran church was finally approved by the Susquehanna Synod, in annual session here. Independent Lutheran churches in the territory of the two synods but members of neither will be accepted for membership. Dr. Charles Bowers, of Sunbury; William Decker, of Montgomery, and Daniel Smith, Jr., of Williamsport, were elected directors of the Susquehanna Synod. The statistical report showed seventy-nine churches with a membership of 29,000 in the synod.

Reading.—Former State Insurance Commissioner Thomas B. Donaldson, of Philadelphia, was elected president by the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania here. Gustav R. Dette, of Philadelphia, was re-elected secretary and manager of the organization. The next meeting will likely be held in Pittsburgh.

Sunbury.—Timely discovery of a broken rail on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad averted a wreck. The Buffalo-Washington express was due in another five minutes. Trains were run over the north bound track until the damage could be repaired.

Wilkes-Barre.—Charged with the theft of a truck, a touring car and twenty-eight new tires, and of having broken and entered the stock room in which the tires were kept, Dave McCormick and George Pollock, both of Plainville, were held in \$2500 bail on each of the four charges by a local alderman. The pair were arrested while transporting twenty-seven of the stolen tires from this city to Hazleton, after an exciting chase over the mountains with local detectives and state police close behind them most of the way in a high-powered car.

Uniontown.—Refused a new trial on a charge of selling liquor to minors, Thomas Solomon, a Mason town merchant, was fined \$1000 and sentenced to two years in the Allegheny county workhouse. If the fine and costs are paid within ninety days, a parole will be entered at the expiration of the first year of the workhouse sentence. Convicted of conspiracy in connection with the transportation of Jamaica ginger between Brownsville and Uniontown, Henry Freud, of Brownsville, failed to appear for sentence and his bond of \$2000 was ordered forfeited.

Norristown.—In paroling William Miller, of Bridgeport, from prison, where he served half of a two-months' term for manufacturing liquor, Judge Miller directed District Attorney Reninger to investigate Miller's story in his petition that he was induced by a public official to purchase a still to make liquor for the use of both men.

Milton.—Through the efforts of the Sunday school of St. John's Reformed church, when Clarence Hefelfinger, a teacher, returns to his school at Schenocow, China, he will take with a power plant and sufficient electrical fixtures to wire and light the entire school building.

Philadelphia.—A new code providing for protected electric lights in industries where workmen are endangered by the presence of combustible gases or explosives was adopted at the monthly meeting of the industrial board of the department of labor and industry. Commissioner Meeker presided. Commissioner Meeker stated that the new code will not affect cities of the first class. A committee was appointed to formulate plans for a campaign of publicity to educate the manufacturer to the need of proper hygienic conditions. The department expects to ask the co-operation of the moving picture industry in displaying a picture showing the latest method of improving factory health conditions.

Irwin.—Charged with having forged three checks on the First National Bank of Irwin, in February, Theodore Green, colored, of this place, was arrested at Cleveland.

Marysville.—This town has its second woman school director, Mrs. Laura Snyder, appointed to fill a vacancy.

Uniontown.—Stricken with measles, Carl Busch, aged 71, a native of Germany, died at his home here.

Hazleton.—School children are being given practical lessons in municipal government and are attending the meetings of council and police court hearings.

Audensried.—Nicholas Hilleck, aged 23, a driver in the Audensried mines of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, died from injuries received by being kicked in the abdomen by a mule.

South Brownsville.—When his raincoat caught on a switch handle, W. M. Marshall, aged 27, a brakeman for the M. R. R., was dragged under the wheels of a freight train and crushed to death.

Altoona.—Arbutus was the choice of the students in the public schools here for state flower.

Altoona.—The Rotary Club is compiling a list of the crippled children here with a view to having them treated.

Scranton.—Edwin Mills, an electrician, was killed when he fell from a crane in the Lackawanna railroad shops here.

Hazleton.—The Elks have purchased the home of Alvan Markie, Sr., for about \$100,000.

Uniontown.—With about 1000 members, the Uniontown Motor Club was organized to take the place of the Fayette County Automobile Club.

Williamsport.—George F. Vincent, aged 65 years, district circulation supervisor for a Philadelphia paper, was found dead in bed in his room at a hotel here.

CONNIE THINKS TRIS GOOD AT FIRST BASE

If Cleveland Manager's Legs Go Wrong He Would Do Well at the Initial Sack.

Connie Mack has a feeling that Tris Speaker will end up his baseball career as a first-sacker.

When he read that Guisto would start the season and Bower would succeed him in case the Californian failed to come up to expectations, Mack remarked:

"Even if Guisto and Bower fail to deliver, Speaker wouldn't worry. Have you ever watched Speaker playing the infield? Well, he puts a lot of time around first base, and plays it very capably.

"Playing center field calls for much leg work. If Speaker finds his lower limbs are bothering him, I can see no reason why he couldn't shift to first base. He is a wonder on ground balls, is a left-hander, has a fine arm and is a sure catch. Speaker has every asset of a star first-sacker and it wouldn't surprise me if he rounded out his career at that position."

There is much logic to Mack's observations about Speaker. For years the Cleveland manager has practiced a great deal at first base. He is right now capable of playing the bag. With a bit of experience he could more than hold his own.

It is possible that Speaker may be the ace in the hole for that job in case his prospects slip up on him.

However, Speaker feels that Guisto will deliver and that in Brower he has an equally capable substitute.

Diamond Squibs

The veteran Elmer Reiger has caught on again, this time with Vernon.

The Salt Lake City club had a surplus of outfielders and Bob Kinsella was the one to be discarded.

The goal of the average college baseball team should be to make the total hits keep pace with the error column.

The St. Joseph club has released Shortstop Bob Brown to Muskegoe and Pitcher Molly Meis to Sioux City.

Detroit and New York will fight it out for the American league pennant, in the opinion of Ty Cobb, manager of the Tigers.

To further brace the Joplin team the Little Rock club sent down Outfielder Kitty Wickham and Pitcher John Bogart.

Spring estimates of the relative merits of the big league ball clubs have at least eight-to-one chances of being accurate.

The Indianapolis club. It is announced, will abandon Bogalusa, La., as a training camp and go to Deland, Fla., next spring.

Donnie Bush, Washington's new manager, is expected to instill some of his pep into his collection of ball players for the coming season.

Ty Cobb and Dan Howley have put their heads together and arranged for a joint training camp for the Detroit and Toronto teams at Augusta, Ga., next spring.

The Omaha team this year is the "old man's home" of the Western league, for most of the players are of many years' experience, from Manager Ed Koney down.

Cappy Ricks, college first baseman, who had a trial with Atlanta in the early training period, has been signed by the Scranton club of the New York-Pennsylvania league.

A fan explaining why a team would not get anywhere in its league said that team had a weakness in its pitchers, a weakness in its outfield and weakness in its infield.

Paul Osborne, captain of the University of Louisville baseball team, and a big fellow who can do most anything in athletics, will join the Louisville Colonels when school closes.

Manager Jim Pierce of the Hamilton Mint team wanted no ex-managers hanging around, so he sold Ernest Calbert, last season's leader of the Hams, to the Decatur club of the Three-I league.

Pat Flaherty, left-handed pitcher famous in the old days for his quick return delivery, later scout and minor league manager, has been appointed assistant coach of athletics at Princeton university.

Frank Chance is the only manager on record in baseball who deliberately picked his own team to finish last. Chance is quoted in Boston newspapers as saying the Red Sox positively will finish in the American league cellar.

Tom Lukanovic, pitcher, is back in the Three-I league, the Terre Haute club having obtained him from Tulsa. He was with Peoria in 1919. Another new Terre Haute pitcher is Paul Stumb, who was with Decatur and Moline last year.

QUARTER OF MILLION IN PLAYERS



At the left—Jimmy O'Connell, for whom the world's champion Giants paid \$75,000. In center is Willie Kamm, who cost the Chicago White Sox \$100,000. Jack Bentley, at the right, meant another \$65,000 from the pockets of the Giants. The eyes of the baseball world are centered on these three high-priced stars of the diamond.

Bentley Improves Batting by Change

Said Jack Bentley when mention was made of the similarity of his batting position to Ruth: "I used to take the long, hard cut at the ball Ruth takes, but found myself stepping out too much. You have to take that kind of a swing to hit them as far as Ruth does, but I found out that if I wanted to strike out less and make more base hits I'd have to tighten up, and I did. It seemed to me that by making the change I was playing more for the ball club."

Makes Graceful Leap



Miss Maugars, wearing the tri-color emblem of France, gracefully jumps in the feminine sporting events recently held at Monaco.

Babe Ruth States He Made Pruett Pitcher

Babe Ruth still retains a sense of humor despite the poor season he had last summer. Recently, when asked what pitchers in the American league were hardest to hit, he replied in all seriousness:

"All of them."

Pressed for his opinion as to the hardest pitcher to hit, Babe didn't take long to answer.

"That guy, Pruett of St. Louis, has my number. I never even made a respectable foul off him. First base and I were total strangers when he pitched for the Browns."

"Say, I got a sore back, swinging and missing. If all the pitchers were like him, I could stay right on the farm as far as getting base hits."

"That bird is deadly poison for me. He has three kinds of slow balls and five or six kinds of dinky curves. He gets a fellow's nerve."

"I made a great pitcher out of that kid last season," concluded the interview with Babe.

Bentley Valuable at First or as Pitcher

Jack Bentley's batting and pitching averages for last season make it a difficult matter for a manager to decide whether the big fellow is more valuable as a first baseman and hitting them hard and often or as a pitching star. This has been quite a puzzle to Jack Dunn, manager of the Baltimore Orioles.

Bentley took part in 153 games last season, during most of which he acted as first base guardian. He was 619 times at bat, scored 109 runs, made 216 hits (of which 22 were home runs), for a .349 average. He stole six bases and ranked third in the unofficial batting league averages compiled for the International league. As a pitcher he turned in 13 victories and suffered only one defeat; Rochester administered this lone defeat.

In 1921 Bentley ranked third in the International league averages with percentage of .371.

Catcher DeVormer



Catcher DeVormer, secured from the New York Yankees, is proving to be a tower of strength for Manager Frank Chance of the Boston Red Sox.

Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Every aspirant for the heavy-weight title is tried out against Fred Fulton sooner or later.

Ralph Burrill, former assistant to Walter Cox, will train a stable at Augusta, Me., this year.

The right arm of Willie Hoppe is insured for \$10,000, and he is ordered not to do any handshaking.

Early half-mile track meetings through Ohio received big entry lists for their early closing events.

Benny Leonard has held the lightweight championship crown since 1917. He is twenty-seven years old.

A. C. Wall, 24, of West Orange has been elected captain of the Princeton university hockey team for 1924.

The Horse Review Futurity for foals of 1922 closed with 988 entries, the largest number received in five years.

Young Stribling of Macon, Ga., welterweight champion of the South, has his mother for his manager and trainer.

George T. Moeschel, veteran shortstop, who is now playing at third base, was elected captain of the Columbia university baseball team.

Fred Enke, assistant coach at South Dakota State college, has accepted the position of athletic director at Louisville university, Louisville, Ky.

The ringer score in golf is nothing like the ringer score in horseshoes. It's the low score for each hole made by each player during the season.

American ring titles are held as follows: Three by Italians, three by Irish-Americans, one by a Hebrew and one by a man of American parentage.

Thinks Tigers May Be Trouble Makers

Miller Huggins has cut the Browns out of the pennant race. In an interview the manager of the Yankees is quoted as follows:

"I think it will be a fight all the way between Detroit and New York," says he. "Just such a fight as it was last year between the Yankees and Browns. I do not think St. Louis, Chicago or Cleveland will have 'road' pitching capable of keeping them in the swim."



On the Funny Side

A HAPPY MAN

"Going to move this spring?"
"No."
"Going to decorate the house then?"
"No."
"I presume you're going to build a sleeping porch or something."
"No."
"Great Scott! Isn't your wife going to do anything unpleasant or uncomfortable this year?"

Mary's Bright Idea.
"It's no wonder you're such a sissy," declared the bad boy. "Your pa and ma were married by a justice of the peace."
"Well," retorted independent Mary, "from the noise I hear coming from your house, your pa and ma must have been married by the secretary of war."
—Pathfinder.

Provoking.
Myrtle—While I was playing whist with Mrs. Singleton last evening she asked me what the trump was at least six times.
Maude—Were you not provoked?
Myrtle—I should say so! As if I knew!

Scientific Salesmanship.
Manager—Why did that customer walk out without buying?
Saleslady—We didn't have what she wanted.
Manager—You are not supposed to sell them what they want. Sell them what we have.

Evidence Against Her.
"Don't you think Alice sings with a great deal of feeling?"
"Can't say that I do. If she had any feeling she would spare her friends."

Bathing Enough in Summer.
He—And to think that you have no bath in the house.
She—Well, you see, our circumstances permit us to spend three months at the seaside every year.

Didn't Feel the Heat.
Kit—He may be no good, but he certainly has money to burn.
Kat—Well, I never suffered with the heat when I was out with him.—Williams Purple Cow.



A SERIOUS MATTER

Neverwed—The good old mother-in-law joke seems about played out.
Longwed—The real mother-in-law never was a joke except to you guys who were never up against one.

A Possibility.
When you suffer from the asthma. Don't let it go to that; There is a chance you get that way. Because you keep a cat.

Why the Pistol?
A Chicago man fainting when he saw his wife's new hat. And yet some women insist on using revolvers on their husbands.

Too Late for Congratulations.
"Some one told me you had got married. May I congratulate you, if it isn't too late?"
"Thanks, but it is; I was married last week."—London Tit-Bits.

Qualified.
Proprietor—Have you had any experience as a waiter?
Applicant—I carried six courses at one time in college.

Daily Dialogues.
Flubb—I never could make a speech.
Dubb—That's too bad.
Flubb—So I always say "Silence is golden."

Talk.
Emily—Helen and May talked of nothing but their diamonds.
Carrie—It must have been a brilliant conversation.

Timely Advice.
The lady declared she was a lady.
Whereat the other lady said: "Now, listen. Every lady is a lady. Never start an argument about an established fact."

Kidder's Address to Fools.
"I wonder if Professor Kidder meant anything by it."
"By what?"
"He advertised a lecture on 'Fools,' and when I bought a ticket it was marked 'Admit One.'"
—London Tit-Bits.

Willing to Pay.
She—A penny for your thoughts.
Staylate—I was thinking of going.
Her Father (from head of stairs)—Give him a dollar, Margie—it's worth it.