

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

**Halifax.**—Professor Ira Hoffman, of this place, Dauphin county, has been elected principal of the Maytown high school.

**Pittsburgh.**—August Peterson, a farmer, was shot and killed by his son, Eric, aged 20 years, at his home near Carnegie when the man attacked his wife, who is ill, the police reported. The son was arrested pending an investigation. Peterson, according to the police, seized his wife by the throat and threatened to kill her when the boy shot him. The wife was convalescing after an operation.

**Lancaster.**—Fored by an infuriated bull, Isaac Stoltzfus, 67 years old, a farmer living near Strasburg, died. The animal attacked the farmer while a herd of cows was being driven to the barn. He was saved from being trampled to death by his son, who drove the bull away with a club.

**Harrisburg.**—The twelve applicants who received the highest grades in the examination for scholarships in the State Forestry School at Mont Alto were announced by Secretary of Forests and Waters Stuart. Those who were awarded scholarships are:

Charles Goodrich, Edinboro; William B. Seagraves, Scranton; Charles W. Eldredge, West Chester; D. Y. Lenhart, New Cumberland; Roland J. Riebold, Hazleton; Donald W. Beck, Renovo; Thomas C. Williams, Pottsville; Russell M. Ziegler, Port Carbon; Carl Watson, Philadelphia; W. W. Walton, Lancaster; William Oettmeyer, West Chester; and W. H. Redding, Stewartstown.

**Lewisport.**—Charles D. Vandalman, 18 years old, died at the Lewisport Hospital from scalds sustained at the Standard Steel Works on June 17. Vandalman was assisting pipe fitters at the plant when he slipped into a pit filled with hot water, sustaining scalds from his ankles to his hips.

**Uniontown.**—In order to bar the township pupils from the high school so that the city pupils will have ample accommodations, the Uniontown board of education has raised the cost of tuition to out-of-city pupils to \$12 a month, the highest figure ever attained. Tuition in the fourth grade was increased to \$5 a month and the fifth and sixth grades to \$6. It is hoped in this way to keep out several hundred pupils who attend the Uniontown schools from the outlying districts.

**Harrisburg.**—The close of June business in the state treasury showed a balance of \$24,470,561.30, Treasurer Snyder announced. Total receipts for the month were \$3,877,986, and the payments were \$4,443,968. The month closed with a balance of \$456,302 in the general fund, \$11,389,554 in the motor fund, \$8,534,127 in the state bond road fund, \$65,288 in the state school fund, \$557,325 in the gasoline fund and \$381,709 in the dog fund.

**Wilkes-Barre.**—Wives drinking intoxicating liquor in side rooms and husbands doing the same in saloons made up the bulk of the charges before domestic relations court here. Judge Woodward sent for police officials of the communities from where the cases emanated and asked what measures were being taken to enforce the law. He was informed that raids and arrests had been made, but that here, as in Lackawanna county, all prohibition cases had been ignored by the grand jury.

**Harrisburg.**—Pennsylvania's national guard mustered 11,712 men at the close of June, Adjutant General Beary said, summarizing his report to the militia bureau of the war department showing the strength of the state's armed forces. These figures include 798 officers and 10,944 men, divided as follows: Infantry, 209 officers and 5465 men; cavalry, 92 officers and 1381 men; coast artillery, 41 officers and 732 men; field artillery, 197 officers and 2615 men; medical corps, 86 officers and 764 men; quartermaster corps, 17 officers and 299 men; engineers, 34 officers and 526 men; ordnance, three officers and 47 men; signal corps, five officers and 53 men; staff, 23 officers and 22 men.

**Bellefonte.**—Marcus A. Newman, colored, of Allegheny county, was electrocuted at the Rockview Penitentiary. He was attended by Father William J. King, of Pittsburgh, as spiritual adviser. Newman was convicted of killing James L. McCullough, a railroad postal clerk, during a hold-up and robbery of a mail car in the railroad yards at Pittsburgh in February, 1921. Newman's relatives have asked for the body.

**Pittsburgh.**—The action of the workmen's compensation commission in awarding compensation to Katherine Michalec, a resident of Czecho-Slovakia, for the death of her husband in 1918 while he was working for the Coalmont Mashannon Coal company was sustained in common pleas court here. The coal company denied liabilities.

**Hazleton.**—Council passed an ordinance issuing \$120,000 in bonds to finance extension of the sewer system in Hazleton Heights.

**Freeland.**—Edward, 8-year-old son of Peter Carey, of this place, died after drinking a poisonous cleaning fluid in mistake for medicine.

**Upper Lehigh.**—John Geiz, while while cutting the tip of a dualla cap, lost a thumb and three fingers when the cartridge exploded.

**Red Lion.**—A memorial shaft in honor of the soldiers of the borough who lost their lives in the world war was unveiled here.

**York.**—Mrs. Edna Klock, 43 years old, formerly a teacher at Shenandoah, killed herself with a shotgun at a health school near here.

**Pittsburgh.**—Senator Reed retired as a director of the West Penn Hospital here and was succeeded by his father, Judge James H. Reed.

**Lancaster.**—State police arrested George A. Brown, aged 18, of Oak Hill, and W. S. Supplin, aged 20, of Virginia, on charges of violating the liquor law. Ten gallons of liquor and an automobile were confiscated.

**Chester.**—Mrs. Mary Meredith died in the Chester Hospital from carbolic acid swallowed at her home. She was unconscious when found in the bathroom by one of her children. It is believed that the woman took the poison by mistake, as a glass filled with water was near the one that had contained the acid.

**Bethlehem.**—Twelve of fifteen women and children had narrow escapes from asphyxiation when a cylinder at the air reduction plant at Hellertown exploded and escaping chlorine gas engulfed the vicinity. Members of the families of Joseph Scrogan, John Noah and Stephen Martin, living nearby, were attracted by the explosion and were greeted by a cloud of gas, and fell where they stood. Considerable excitement reigned in the vicinity as one after another of the on-lookers dropped. The company officials sent a call for physicians and in a short time many of those affected were recovering.

**Harrisburg.**—The labor shortage in Pennsylvania was placed at approximately 60,000 men and women by the department of labor and industry. The department's employment officials declared the situation in the state is serious with "white collar" workers and those who will not accept work as virtually the only classes affected by unemployment.

**Harrisburg.**—The appointment of Glenn D. Meyers as highway superintendent for Greene county was announced by the highway department.

**New Hope.**—Caught in currents in the Delaware river near the bridge here, Miss Unina Lewis, 18 years old, was rescued by William Walker.

**Uniontown.**—Charging that eight women of Crystal Works called at her home and threatened to tar and feather her unless she left the town immediately, Mrs. Pearl Graham filed suit of peace informations against Mrs. Esther Wilkes, Mrs. Andrew Matway, Nell Laughner, Mrs. Earl Blevens, Phoebe Blevens, Mrs. Novaty, Mrs. Carl Lyons and Anna Novaty.

**Pottsville.**—Because an immense amount of mine water containing acid and other germ-destroyers is poured into the Schuylkill river here, thus automatically purifying the river of sewage, this city will escape spending about \$1,000,000 for the erection and maintenance of a sewage disposal plant, for the present at least. Coleman B. Mark, district engineer of the state department of health, so notified city council.

**Pottsville.**—The Tidewater Pipe Line company, which lost an important suit against J. J. Bell in the Schuylkill county courts, appealed the case to the supreme court and the county court increased the bond from \$500 to \$5000 and made the appeal a supersedeas. This will prevent Bell from tearing up the company's pipe lines extending over his property until the higher court acts in the case. The company claims that the oil supply in seven states will be cut off if Bell tears up the pipes. Bell, who is a lawyer, claims the company had no legal right to place the lines on his lands in Union township.

**Scranton.**—Samuel B. Crowell, of Philadelphia, was elected president of the National Retail Coal Merchants' Association at the sixth annual convention here to succeed Home D. Jones, of Chicago. Joseph E. O'Toole, of Washington, D. C. was elected resident vice president, and Richard J. Wulff, of Brooklyn, N. Y., treasurer. Oil is rapidly replacing coal as fuel in cities of the west and also is being used freely for the same purpose in the east. E. J. Wallace, of St. Louis, told the convention.

**York.**—After a hearing before Alderman Owen, on a charge of aggravated assault and battery made by his wife, Harrison Lewis, of York Haven, was committed for examination by doctors as to his mental condition. Mrs. Lewis said that on two occasions her husband made attempts to hang her in the cellar of her home.

**Reading.**—By a coincidence Governor Pinchot was in Reading while the state police raided some twenty saloons under the Pinchot dry law. No attempts were made to seize any wet goods. The officers simply walked into the saloons, read the warrants to the proprietors and requested them to post bail for hearings. All had ample bondsmen.

**Bethlehem.**—Struck on the head by a piece of pipe falling from a crane at the Bethlehem Steel Works, Andrew Woosert, aged 47, suffered injuries that resulted in his death.

**Altoona.**—To protect life and limb here, a Citizens' Safety Council has been organized.

**Hollidaysburg.**—Blair county farmers are suffering from the most serious shortage of labor in their history.

**Perryopolis.**—Left on the doorstep of Mrs. Allen Galley, here, two weeks ago, an unidentified infant died this week at the Children's Home in Uniontown.

**Scranton.**—Six hundred employes of the Scranton Railway company were granted an increase in wages from three cents an hour to a flat 7 per cent in an award handed down by the arbitration board. Conductors and motormen received from three to five cents an hour more, while dispatchers and trackmen were included in the other advance. The new scale is retroactive to April 1.

## WILLIE RITCHIE TO TRY COMEBACK



Ritchie and His Two Little Daughters.

Willie Ritchie, who for two years has been threatening to come back again, has announced his intention of trying his luck in the ring.

This will be the former lightweight champion's first attempt. His first was not exactly a success, nor was it a complete failure.

Stopped by Leonard. Ritchie was stopped by Benny Leonard in the final period of a bout scheduled to go eight rounds. With but a few seconds to go the referee interfered while Ritchie was still on his feet, although in a decidedly groggy condition.

Although Ritchie was stopped, he put up a remarkable battle. He forced Leonard to put up the best fight of

his career to win. Ritchie did not show any signs of age. He was just as good as he was the night he fought his sensational affair with Leach Cross in New York a few months after he had won the title from Ad Wolgast.

In Good Condition. Ritchie is only thirty-two, and he has taken good care of his condition. There is no reason why he should not be able to fight almost as well as ever. The trouble is, Ritchie never was a great fighter, although a pleasing one to watch in action. He was lucky enough to catch Wolgast when the Michigan Wildcat was in poor shape. He had no one to beat until he faced Fred Welsh and ran second to the light tapping Englishman.

### Time for Ice Cream

One night recently Tris Speaker, returning to his hotel, met Tommy Connolly on the street. Tommy asked Tris where he was going.

"I'm going to get a dish of ice cream; come along and I'll buy you one," invited Speaker.

"I didn't know you ever indulged in ice cream," observed Connolly.

"Oh, I always like to eat a dish before I go to bed; it cools me off," explained Speaker.

"Then why don't you eat it during a game?" inquired Tommy. And there was nothing to say in reply.

### Home-Run Record



Achieving the startling record of five home runs in six times at bat, Right Fielder Pete Schneider of the Vernon club in the Pacific Coast league has set a new world's record for professional ball players, and one which it will be difficult to beat.

### University of Illinois Star Is Heavy Slugger

One of the most promising of the recruits in the big leagues this year is Dick Reiche, the University of Illinois lad who has won a place on the Boston Red Sox.

Reiche, who hails from Clinton, Ill., is not only one of the greatest diamond stars produced by the Illini in recent years but also holds the reputation of being a scintillating football performer.

At Illinois Reiche had the advantage of working under both "G" Huff and Carl Lundgren, two of the best college baseball mentors in the country.

### Ed Reulbach Shuts Out Dodgers Twice

Edward Reulbach, former pitcher for the Chicago Nationals, is credited with being the only pitcher in organized baseball who pitched both contests of a doubleheader and was able to blank the rival team each time.

Reulbach beat Brooklyn twice September 20, 1908, when the Cubs were making their great drive for the pennant. At that time the Chicago pitching staff was in poor condition and Reulbach volunteered for the doubleheader. Accounts of that game say Reulbach was better in the second game than in the first.

## Diamond Squibs

The Flint club has returned Pitcher George Oeschger to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Vernon club shipped Outfielder Perry O'Brien to Grand Rapids of the Mint league.

Lutzke, the new Cleveland third-sacker, is a good fielder but is weak at the bat.

Outfielder Fitzgerald, recruit from the Chicago Cubs with the Decatur team, is playing hangup ball.

Pitcher Bill Ross, brought down by Shreveport from Milwaukee, has been turned adrift. He couldn't win.

Rip Wade, outfielder of the senators, has been sold to the Nashville club in the Southern association.

The Oakland club sold the veteran outfielder, Dennis Wiley, to the Little Rock club of the Southern league.

Dan Griner, veteran pitcher, who is managing the Fulton team in the Kitty league, is an ace in that company.

The world's record for throwing a baseball is 331 feet 2 1/2 inches. Top record for batting a ball is 354 feet 1 1/2 inches.

John Campbell of Elnora, Ind., pitcher on this year's team, has been elected captain of the 1924 Purdue baseball team.

Cadet G. W. Smythe, '24, of Norristown, Pa., has been elected captain of the United States Military academy baseball team for next season.

If anybody is hurt on the Mack team the betting is 8 to 5 that it is Sammy Hale. He doesn't seem to be able to play five straight games.

Some men were born years too soon. Wonder, at present salary rates, what Hans Wagner and Napoleon Lajoie could command today?

Babe Ruth is making good the boast of critics, who predict he will overtake "Cy" Williams of the Phillies for the home-run honors of the majors.

The thing that makes the Athletics, says a baseball observer, is that in his whole athletic population Manager Mack has nothing but star ball players.

George Foster, who used to pitch for the Red Sox, has been given an opportunity to try a comeback with the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league.

Competition in major league baseball is keener right now than it has been at any time so far this season, and the edge is getting sharper in both leagues every day.

Charles "Babe" Adams, a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, is forty-one years old. He has been playing baseball 20 years, during which time he has won more than 130 games as a professional.

"Irish" Meusel of the Giants, by cracking out a brace of successive homers off Grover Alexander, accomplished a feat which no other player has ever been able to do during Alex's career in the National league.

### Biggest Boy Athlete

Ralph Edmonds, a student in the Ridgefield (Wash.) high school, is said to be the biggest athlete in the world.

He stands 6 feet 3 inches, weighs 225 pounds, and is only fourteen years old. Edmonds plays a good game of football.

## NICKNAME ALWAYS IS DIFFICULT TO SHAKE

Once Applied in Sport It Remains for Long Period.

There is nothing in the world more difficult to detach than a nickname or a first impression.

When Ivan Olson of Brooklyn, once an erratic infelder, but now a conscientious and reasonably steady player, first brought the wrath of the bleachers on him he little realized the tenacious curse of the fumble.

From the orthodox sobriquet "Ivy" the rabid rooster soon conceived the humiliating "Ivory" and "Ivan the Terrible." They hurl them at him today, although Olson is playing good ball. It is an injustice, of course, but the roots of the nickname grow deeper with the years.

Take the case of the Pittsburgh Nationals. Do you know why they are called the "Pirates" today?

In 1891 "war" was declared between the then existing American association and the National league. The cause of the conflict was the signing of one Louis Bierbauer by the Pittsburgh Athletics. Bierbauer had "jumped" the Athletics for Brooklyn in the National league. When peace was made all the Amer-



Ivan Olson.

ican association "jumpers" were ordered back to their respective clubs. Although the Athletics had disbanded, the association rightfully laid claim to Bierbauer as one of their own, although the association had unwittingly neglected to reserve him.

When Pittsburgh went after the player the association raised a howl. The matter was submitted to a board of arbitration. This board upheld the action of Pittsburgh. The association withdrew from the national agreement, and the strife was on.

"The American association then conferred the current nickname on the Pittsburgh club. It termed this club's signing of Bierbauer as "piratical." Since that day—33 years ago—Pittsburgh has never been able to shake the sinister appellation "Pirates."

## Sporting Squibs of All Kinds

Jack Kearns, manager for Dempsey, was at one time a boxer.

The weight of a jockey is usually between 85 and 125 pounds.

Horse racing is held Sundays and holiday afternoons in the Argentine.

Athletes from Turkey will be represented in the Olympic games in Paris next year.

There are no fewer than 850,000 members of golf clubs throughout the United States.

More than 5,000 horses take part in racing programs throughout the United States in a season.

Of the 7,965 students enrolled at the Ohio State college 3,324 are entered in athletic competition.

Present-day pugilists employ experienced chefs to prepare their food while training, but the old-timers were not so particular.

Soccer players in England get \$20 a week—that's the top pay. And \$50,000 was paid recently to see the play-off in Wembley stadium.

By running 100 yards in 11 1/5 seconds, Miss Katherine Steinmetz of Norfolk, Va., a member of the 1925 class at Bryn Mawr, now holds the world's record for women sprinters.

## CAP AND BELLS



DON'T WORRY THE COOK

Mrs. Gadups—I gave the cook a lecture about stealing today. Why, she made off with a fine set of china the other day, and I sure told her about it, too.

Mrs. Sububs—How did she take it? Mrs. Gadups—If you mean the china set, she took it in her suit case, and if you mean the lecture—she didn't.—Columbia State.

Others Were False Alarms.

Mrs. Crabbmoore—Why are you home so late? Mr. Crabbmoore—I played a hand of poker at the club, dearest.

Mrs. C.—A hand? You've been gone more than six hours. C.—Well, dear, it took me that long to get a hand.—American Legion Weekly.

STRINGING HER BOW



"She must be on the warpath." "Why?" "I see her stringing her beau."

Alternate Insomnia.

"You look tired this morning, Bill," said the head bookkeeper to one of the office clerks. "Don't you sleep well?"

"No. My wife and I suffer from alternate insomnia!" "Alternate insomnia! What is it?" "Whichever gets to sleep first keeps the other awake all night."

Guess Who.

Friend—I've seen a tall man going to your studio every day for a week. Is he sitting for you?

Imprecious Artist—No, he's laying for me.

A Gentle Reminder.

Mrs. Benham—Do you remember when you kissed me under the mistletoe?

Benham—I remember it every time one of your bills comes in.

Away Ahead of Him.

Phelon—Did you ever try making a comrade of your boy? Phogie—Yes, but it didn't work. I found he was too old for me.

WELCOME STRANGER



The Nurse—A little boy has just arrived.

The Father (who is an absent-minded office manager)—Take his name and address and put him to work at once. We need help badly.

Little of Both.

"Jack is perfectly devoted to that blonde. His family thinks it is a case of hypnotism."

"Hub! Seems to me more like chemical attraction."

Doing Well.

A news item says that American women spent \$150,000,000 last year on cosmetics.

"Her face is my fortune," says the manufacturer.

Keeping Young.

"Your account is getting old." "All right. Suppose I put a little young blood into it by adding a few new purchases."

Signs of Wear.

"What do you think of your new mamma, Elsie?" "Well, papa, if you took her for new, I fink you got cheated."

Summer Hotel.

"This room is small and seems poorly furnished—one chair and a folding bed."

"That, sir, is the telephone booth."

TRUE, IF UNPLEASANT



"I've heard you made a very unpleasant remark about my hair, and I want to tell you it's false!" "Well, then, my remark was at least true—if unpleasant."