

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Monessen.—Caught under a stream of molten metal in the Pittsburgh Steel company plant here, two cranes were burned to death and another man was injured seriously. The dead are David Fitzgerald and Angelo Guerra, both of Charleroi. Fitzgerald was operating the crane and Guerra and Samuel Underwood were his helpers. They were placing a ladle when a furnace broke through before it was in position. In an effort to save his fellow-workmen, Fitzgerald tried to swing the ladle out of the way, but it struck a "table" and the men were caught under the shower of hot metal.

Pittsburgh.—The body of Claude T. Callow, of Butte, Mont., with a bullet hole in the head, was found on a playground.

Altoona.—Chemists who examined samples of ice cream in Pennsylvania found only two which were listed as unlawful this year, Director Foust, of the bureau of foods, told delegates attending the annual convention of the Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The director reported "great progress" in the bureau's drive for "purity of ice cream." Laws recently passed by the legislature governing the sale of milk, cream and ice cream are more comprehensive than the old laws, he said.

Harrisburg.—Members of the state highway patrol were sent to the state barracks at Pottsville, Butler, Greensburg and Harrisburg, after having been in camp at Mount Gretna for three months. They will continue training at the barracks until their uniforms are received.

Harrisburg.—The net gain in receipts for general fund purposes for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1922, from the 1922 fiscal year, was \$6,349,823 on November 9. Auditor General Lewis announced. The total receipts were \$53,635,414, a gain of \$5,387,915. In the year \$2,281,988 was collected from the Pennsylvania railroad for delinquent taxes, which made a gain from ordinary and normal sources of \$7,619,603. From the gross gain the auditor general deducted \$769,780, the amount received in the 1923 fiscal year in account of the increase in the gasoline tax from one to two cents a gallon.

New Castle.—Mrs. Mary Farax, aged 60, a Syrian vendor of needlework, was found in the pantry of a negro boarding house, apparently strangled to death. There were no marks on the body excepting a slight discoloration about the throat. Her purse, secreted within her clothing, had been ripped open and two small change purses were lying beside her empty. She was known to have had much money with her.

Pittsburgh.—A railroad brakeman was injured seriously and 400 passengers were shaken when the Braeburn local on the Pennsylvania railroad was derailed at the south end of the Aspinwall bridge over the Allegheny river here. Brakeman George Patterson, of Blawnox, suffered a fractured skull.

New Brighton.—Wounded by the same bullet, Joseph Patuhi and Clifford Wallace are in a hospital. Wallace, owner of a pool room, was shot in a leg in a fight in his establishment. The bullet, after passing through his leg, went through a door and struck Patuhi, a pedestrian, in a thigh.

Wilkes-Barre.—Armed with a revolver and wearing a belt filled with cartridges, John Keto, 33, ran amuck in Nanticoke and vainly endeavored to shoot a girl whose identity is unknown to the police. He was held under \$1000 bail, and in default was sent to jail.

Pittsburgh.—Louis Berez, an official of a paper company, had a premonition that his safe was not safe, so he deposited \$1700 in a bank. That night burglars entered the building and knocked off the safe combination knob with a sledge hammer, but the strong-box was empty.

Burnham.—The combination high and grade school was partly destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$50,000. The grade section of the building was destroyed and the high school section flooded by water. Five Lewistown fire companies responded to a call for help.

Mercer.—James M. Hoimer, Democratic candidate for sheriff of Mercer county in the recent election, will contest the election of W. A. Bone, Prohibition candidate, who won with a majority of twenty-five votes. Hoimer announced that he will base his contest on the returns from the second ward of Grove City, home of Bone. He charges that the election board in that ward failed to make returns to the county seat within the time set by the election laws. In event the vote of the ward is thrown out, Hoimer would be the winner by 280 votes.

Middleburg.—Harry Perdix, Jr., aged 9 years, lost two fingers and the thumb of his left hand while playing with a dynamite cap.

Dupont.—Falling beneath a moving freight train, George Strelsh, aged 16, lost his right hand.

Williamsburg.—Alfonso Veglia and Joseph Dellich, employed in limestone quarries here, were critically burned from head to foot by a premature powder explosion.

Marietta.—Thomas T. Bangert sustained a broken right arm and other injuries when a stone fell and hit him

Sunbury.—The new \$150,000 ninth ward public school was dedicated.

York.—More than 90 per cent of the depositors of the City Bank have signed up to take stock in the reorganized institution, according to a statement given out by George L. Stallman, chairman of the depositors' committee. Members of the committee are making a canvass of those who have not subscribed and the success of the reorganization is said to be assured.

Pittsburgh.—Fourteen-year-old William Underwood, an inmate of St. Paul's Orphan Asylum, died of injuries sustained when he fell from the top of a cabinet. The lad, it is said, was re-enacting a scene he witnessed in a motion picture when the accident occurred.

Bethlehem.—The building of the First Reformed church, on Fourth street, and that of the Grace Reformed mission, on Broadway, will be put on the market for sale in order to arrange for a merger of the two congregations. This decision was reached at a meeting of the consistories.

Tamaqua.—The explosion of a condenser at the gas plant here wrecked the building and shattered hundreds of windows.

Tamaqua.—Struck by an automobile while crossing a street near his home, Paul Christ, aged 5, sustained a fractured skull.

West Reading.—Irving Hoyer was robbed of \$24 and so badly beaten he had to be taken to a hospital as the result of showing fight when held up by three men near his home.

Brownsville.—Local, county and state officers have joined in a search for a gang of burglars who have been operating in this district and who, within five weeks, have entered about twenty-five homes. Thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry, clothing, provisions and cash have been taken. In virtually every instance entrance was gained by prying open windows.

Pittsburgh.—A man giving the name of Robert Snyder, of Phoenixville, was fined \$50, with the option of spending thirty days in jail, by Magistrate Richards, when Miss Vivian Kramer, a maid in the Hotel Henry, accused him of attacking her.

Altoona.—Most of the bituminous coal mines in central Pennsylvania are being operated but two and three days a week, owing to the dullness in the coal market. Operators say there is a large amount of distress coal in the east. This accumulates as a result of the cancelling of orders after the coal is shipped and can be purchased at a low figure because of demurrage charges. So far in November the daily loadings in the central Pennsylvania field have averaged 2275 cars, as against 2875 cars in September. Prices range from \$1.75 to \$3 a ton.

Cochranon.—Charles Teber, aged 18, shot off his left hand near the wrist while hunting near his home.

Harrisburg.—The identity of Smull's Legislative Hand Book will not be lost through the purchase of the copyright by the state, Director of Publications Diethrich said. Although the reorganization code provided that in the event of the purchase of the copyright, the name was to be changed to the Pennsylvania State Manual, Governor Pinchot approved the retention of the former name.

York.—The liabilities of the William E. Duff company, machinery, adjudicated bankrupt by the United States court at Scranton, are very much tied up, as there is only \$2.01 cash on hand, according to the schedule returned to William H. Kurtz, referee. The assets are \$408,910.06, while the liabilities are \$1,012,538.29.

Altoona.—Dispute over a crap game in a negro restaurant here resulted in J. B. Horning, Altoona, and J. H. Smith, Tyrone, both white, being shot in the legs by Thomas Overal, Washington, D. C., who is under arrest. Leroy T. Banton, colored laborer on road construction, went to the restaurant to find the man whom it was alleged was connected with the affair, and in a quarrel, was shot in the back by an unknown negro, who escaped. The wounded will recover.

Harrisburg.—Hunting accidents and careless shootings are occurring in larger numbers this year than are warranted, Seth E. Gordon, secretary of the board of game commissioners, said. He declared there was no occasion for anybody to mistake a person for a squirrel or rabbit, and said that "persons who have injured others in this way will be prosecuted to the limit under the drastic law of 1921 imposing heavy penalties and imprisonment upon hunters who shoot others in mistake for game." Gordon said the property damage law, passed in 1923, is "already bearing fruit." He cited one case in Bucks county, where a game protector arrested two men with eleven dead guineas in their possession.

Chester.—An abandoned baby girl was found on the steps of St. Michael's parish house, Edgmont avenue near Seventh street. She was well dressed, with two heavy blankets wrapped around her to prevent death from exposure. The waif was discovered by William Reynolds, who was on his way home, and it was taken to the Chester Hospital.

Uniontown.—Suddenly stricken in the office of the St. Charles Hotel here, where his son is proprietor, William C. Gregg, aged 78, fell dead.

Pittsburgh.—Wille Smith, held here for investigation in connection with the slaying of Thomas Rowland, an aged man, was released.

Sunbury.—Stricken with paralysis while seated in a chair at his home, T. Daniel Shipman, aged 56, died.

Bethlehem.—St. Peter's Lutheran church observed its sixtieth anniversary and the twenty-second anniversary of its pastor, Rev. J. O. Liebenberger.

"RUSHING SWEDES" OF SAME NAME



Illinois Wesleyan university of Bloomington, Ill., has nearly enough Andersons upon the team to play the game alone without calling upon outsiders. Earl L. Anderson of Elkhart, Ind., is quarterback; Harold Anderson of Robinson, Ill., is guard; Ross Anderson of Fairbury, Ill., plays end; Lyle Anderson of St. Paul, Minn., is a tackle, while Carl Anderson of Sibley, Ill., is manager.

Heart Was of Concrete

An old-time ball player now has a job as ground keeper for a minor league team. He says the owner of this club has a heart of reinforced concrete. The kids had been busy all winter enlarging knotholes in the fence. Noting this recently, the owner called the attention of the superintendent to it. "Shall I plug 'em up?" asked the ground keeper. "Not now!" directed the owner. "Let the kids be happy until the season opens. Then we'll plug 'em up."

Joy in Coat of Arms



Luis Angel Firpo now has a coat of arms and a family tree that dates back to the Twelfth century in Italy. As long as Luis Angel was a bottle washer in the Argentine he was not worried about his ancestors. Now that he is a celebrity it is different. Some time ago the wild bull put a firm which specializes in the ancestor business to work on his case.

Recently he received this firm's report, along with a handsome copy of the family coat of arms. According to the investigation, the Firpo family played a prominent part in events in Italy in the Twelfth century, many of its members shedding their blood freely on the field of battle. Luis Angel appeared highly pleased with the ancestral records.

Slow Timing Method in Olympic Games in Paris

At the Olympic games in Paris in 1924, the track events will be timed by the fifth of a second system instead of the tenth-second system in vogue in the United States.

Slow motion pictures of the various events will be taken, and in addition to helping decide winners in close finishes, they will be distributed throughout Europe. They will thus be valuable from an instructive standpoint.

Capablanca Challenged for Chess Championship

On the strength of his defeating Lasker and sharing first prize with Kupchick in the tournament at Lake Hopatcong, Frank J. Marshall, the United States chess champion, has decided to approach Jose R. Capablanca of Havana for the purpose of arranging another match for the world's championship.

Paris Is Ready for 600 Reporters at Olympics

Newspapers all over the world will be represented at the Olympic games of 1924, now little more than six months away. The committee in charge is arranging to care for 600 reporters. Two hundred applications for telephones at the Colombes Stadium have been made already and 100 more are expected.

Umpires Fail to Notice

When a batter hits the ball with one foot out of the batter's box, the penalty prescribed by the rule book is out. In recent years batters seem to be getting away with it and have been stepping up to hit the ball before it breaks.

GEORGE SISLER ONE OF YOUNGEST PILOTS

One of Greatest Players Game Has Ever Produced.

George Harold Sisler, star first baseman of the St. Louis Browns, who has just been appointed manager of that club, is one of the youngest pilots of major league ball clubs. He was born at Manchester, Ohio, March 24, 1883.

Sisler is one of the greatest players baseball has ever produced, writes Lillian Leacock, in the Chicago Post. He was adjudged the most valuable player in the American league for the season of 1922, leading the batters with a mark of 420, the highest average ever attained in the league; he also led in number of hits, runs, three-base hits, singles and stolen bases.

Sisler graduated from the University of Michigan in June, 1915, and Branch Rickey, under whose coaching Sisler became a star ball player in college, persuaded the collegian to sign



George Sisler.

a contract to play with the St. Louis Browns, of which team Rickey had become manager.

Although he had no minor league training except a few months' summer ball he indulged in while still in college, Sisler immediately became a regular after joining St. Louis. Sisler was an all-round player; he was a southpaw pitcher, first baseman or outfielder, and played any of those positions efficiently until the season of 1918, when he was stationed permanently at first base. Year after year he was near the top in batting, base stealing and fielding.

This remarkable young man is the exceptional player that bursts forth only once in a decade, who is about as mechanically perfect as is humanly possible. He is a shining example of movement without effort. He is the smoothest, easiest worker of all ball players, and runs as lightly as a feather wafted through the air.

However brilliant a player, there is some doubt as to his ability to manage a big league team. Sisler is what is known as a "dead player." He lacks color, his nature being passive rather than active. He has that detached air, rarely speaking to another player, even a teammate. He never argues with the umpire or protests a decision. Only once during his career has he been banished from the game for disputing a decision by the arbiter.

The spirit and aggressiveness that characterize Ty Cobb are totally absent from Sisler's character. Whatever happens on the field of battle, Sisler is quite unmoved. It is hardly likely that he will inspire his men to victory when he himself is so cold, so silent. A manager utterly lacking fire and dash is scarcely apt to get the best work out of his players.

Another Star From Iowa



Wayland K. Hicks, captain of last year's Iowa basketball team and captain of the 1924 baseball team, is a promising football player. Hicks is developing very rapidly and Iowa's coach says he will shortly be one of the best all-around athletes of the state.



VERY SENSITIVE

A famous author and an ambitious young beginner arrived together at a seaside hotel. On the second day of their stay the author took the landlord aside and said: "I want to talk to you about this young friend of mine. He is now in the writing game and earns very little money. As a favor to me I wish you'd make his bill as small as possible."

The landlord, highly gratified at the great man's friendly attitude, promised to do as requested. He was about to go when the author added: "By the way, don't let my bill be any bigger than his. It would humiliate him. Boys like that are extremely touchy."



A GOLF MUTT

I think that old Bill Green's a mutt, He chuckles when I miss a putt.

Dizzy Birds.

The woodpecker was a jallbird. He got it on the head: This is an age when one can't be so openly a "red."

Might Well Have Passed.

"Why didn't you get an automobile?" "Because I don't know whether or not I could manage one." "You didn't let that consideration stop you when you wanted a wife."

The Right Fix.

"How are you fixed, old man?" "For what?" "Why—er—I'd like a loan of \$10." "Just right. I haven't a cent with me."

Misfortune.

Crawford—I understand he's in very hot water at home these days. Crabshaw—Yes, he headed a committee to pick twelve famous women and he forgot to include his wife.



A True Friend.

He is friend. That fact I know. For when I'm wrong He tells me so.

Make the Average Good.

"Dorothy didn't have so very many pre-nuptial showers." "She'll make up for the lack in post-nuptial storms."

Sweet Revenge.

A woman bought a 5-cent paper of pins and handed the man a \$10 bill. "I'm sorry," she said, "but I haven't got a nickel." "Don't worry, lady," said the 5 and 10-cent store man, grinding his teeth; "you'll have just 100 of 'em in a minute."

Veterans.

Flapper (after the accident)—It was all your fault. I've been driving carefully. I've had two years' experience.

Old Boy (picking himself up)—But I've always walked carefully. I've had sixty-eight years' experience.

The Specialist.

"So you're a specialist." "Yes. I've discovered that is the way to get fancy prices for doing what the family doctor is supposed to do as a part of the day's work."

Experienced.

Madge—Is it safe to let Charlie manage the car with one arm? Marjorie—I guess so. He's mighty handy with the other.—Judge.

JUST SO.

Adam was created first. Well? And men have been waiting for their wives ever since.

