

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Bloomsburg.—For the tenth successive year, Joseph Stiner was re-elected president of the Bloomsburg Firemen's Relief Association.

Altoona.—A large industrial building erected by the Altoona Factories company, has been sold to George S. Pomeroy, Jr., of Reading, for \$75,000.

Pottsville.—Power from the East Pennsylvania Electric company's new generating plant at Mallon is in use here and will be increased every day. The plant, costing \$3,000,000, is one of the largest in the eastern part of the state. It was located sixteen miles west of this city in the center of a district having 800,000,000 available tons of anthracite coal.

Mt. Carmel.—After being unconscious nine days from inhaling carbon monoxide, Leskie, 14-year-old son of Josie Quick, of Fountain Springs, died. He was in a closed garage while the engine of an automobile was running to warm up before going out New Year's day and was overcome by the fumes of the exhaust and never revived.

New Castle.—Girls in the Senior Lodge at Westminster College were routed from their beds by a fire which started from an overheated furnace. Miss Francell Osborne and Rebecca Gibson, sleeping on the first floor, were awakened by smoke in their room and sounded the alarm. Many of the young women threw their belongings out the window and fled scantily clad. The damage was small.

State College.—Eighty young men and women from farms in all parts of Pennsylvania have enrolled for the annual winter short course in agriculture which has just opened at State College. They are pursuing intensive studies that will continue under the direction of School of Agriculture instructors for eight weeks. More than thirty of the men are specializing in a course in dairy manufacturing methods. They will get actual experience in butter, cheese and ice cream making and at the end of the course will be fitted to undertake work in the creameries of their communities. The others are studying general agricultural methods.

Scranton.—Lying in a pool of blood with her head crushed in by some heavy instrument, Mrs. Peter Krush, aged 34, was found slain in her home at Olyphant. Police arrested her husband on suspicion of having done the killing. Detectives on the scene said that the woman had been attacked in her bedroom and she tried to escape down a stairway. The assailant apparently cornered her at the top of the stairs and there swung a pick handle until she fell dead. Her skull had been fractured.

Hazleton.—At the seventh annual convention of the Anthracite Forest Protective Association here, J. M. Sloan, the secretary-treasurer, reported that last year the losses from fire amounted to \$232,311, and that the cost of extinction was \$41,617 additional, the damage being the greatest in any year of which there is a record. The report showed that in 1923 there were 956 fires, which burned over an area of 161,784 acres. Causes were given as follows: Railroads, 421, or 45 per cent; transients, 228, or 23 per cent; unknown, 146, or 15 per cent; incendiary, 24, or 2 per cent; miscellaneous, 168, or 15 per cent; brush burning, 23 or 2 per cent, and lumbering, 6, or 1 per cent.

Harrisburg.—The complete personnel of the committee to study farm conditions provided by a resolution of the last legislature was announced as follows: Senators Schantz, Lehigh; Culbertson, Mifflin, and Sones, Lycoming, and Representatives W. Williams, Tioga; Thomas, Chester; Haines, Bucks; Rinn, Lehigh, and Stark, Wyoming.

Hazleton.—Reports filed by the Cranberry Creek Coal company with the state department of mines showed that not one fatal accident occurred at its operation last year, duplicating a similar good record for the Harwood Coal company also has had no fatalities last year. Eleven hundred men are employed at the Cranberry and 400 at Harwood.

Bloomsburg.—Thomas Elmes, a Franklin township farmer, was appointed receiver of the Farmers Union Telephone company, in the suit of John E. Berninger, one of the stockholders. The exchange has been closed some time and the stockholders are in danger of losing considerable money, the court was told. The company operated in Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties.

Sunbury.—Fire destroyed the Maudsley flouring mills, owned by W. K. Savidge. The loss is \$30,000 with \$20,000 insurance. The mill was built in 1800 by Philip Maus and was operated almost continuously. The cause of the blaze, which was discovered by a train crew, has not been determined.

Cresson.—Francisco Deneto, assistant Pennsylvania railroad track foreman, was killed by a freight train.

Altoona.—On the eve of his retirement from office, City Treasurer Richard Smith slipped on an icy sidewalk and broke his left arm.

Carlisle.—The appointment of Mrs. Mary M. Bähler as a member of the Cumberland county mothers' assistance board was announced at the governor's office.

Sunbury.—Twenty-two applications for wholesale liquor licenses were filed at the Northumberland county court house.

Pottsville.—With the remarkable record of not having missed a single day from work on account of illness for fifty-seven years, Charles K. Mertz, has been placed on the pension list of the Reading railway. Beginning as a car clerk, Mertz worked in every department of the railroad office here. He was presented with a walrus traveling bag as he served his last day at work.

Wilkes-Barre.—Five young bandits entered the store of Jacob Nowinski, aged 50, of Plymouth, and held his hands and feet to a red-hot stove until the torture forced him to give them all his money, \$180. The bandits then tied him hand and foot and left in an automobile. He was found by a son several hours later.

Wilkes-Barre.—The death of Paul Keesbak, 9 years old, of Edwardsville, may result in a charge of murder or manslaughter being preferred against Joseph Poluncko, aged 45, a neighbor, who is said to have cruelly beaten the youngster on September 11. The child is reported as to have failed to recover from the beating at the hands of the man, who is said to have chastised him for a childish prank.

Harrisburg.—Fifty-four thousand, one hundred and eight more accidents were reported to the workmen's compensation bureau in 1923 than in 1922, the annual report of the bureau reveals. There were 200,435 accidents reported, compared with 140,255 in 1922. Since the law became effective, January 1, 1916, 1,482,750 accidents have been reported to the bureau. The report shows that since the amendment to the compensation act, providing compensation for the loss of a thumb or finger, went into effect last March, agreements have been made in 1180 cases of this character incurring awards totaling \$397,909. The report also reveals that \$56,030 had been paid by the department of labor and industry in compensable cases where state employees were injured, the department having been granted an appropriation to care for these awards.

Scranton.—Said to have brooded over poor health Joe Klavis, aged 42, a miner, committed suicide in a little shack where he lived alone. Klavis fastened an army rifle to a chair, tied one end of a cord to the trigger and a tobacco can to the other end of the cord. He then sat on a chair facing the rifle on a level with his head, reached out with his toe and pressed on the can which pulled the trigger. The rifle ball literally blew the man's heart out and tore away part of the house wall.

Hazleton.—Declaring that too many boys of tender years are wandering the streets of the city at late hours of the night, Mayor James G. Harvey gave orders to the police for a stricter enforcement of the curfew law. According to the mayor, there has been a flagrant violation of this ordinance for some time past.

Pittsburgh.—The picture of Mrs. Sidney A. Stewart, a bride of three months, in a morning paper with the promise that the person who took her wedding gown from her sedan Christmas eve while she was visiting a friend could keep the other stolen property if he would return the gown brought the dress to its owner. In the vestibule of Joseph C. Andrew's home, at 1408 North Negley avenue, there reposed a cardboard box. It was the same receptacle taken from the Stewart machine, and in it Andrews found Mrs. Stewart's wedding gown. Pinned to it as a note of apology from the thief, who said he had made a serious mistake and was making restitution.

Harrisburg.—Activities of the state police, in their prohibition enforcement campaign in the last half of December, resulted in the arrest of 259 persons for violations of the liquor laws. They included 208 bootleggers, twenty-four moonshiners, and thirty hotelmen and others.

Allentown.—Six families were made homeless by a fire that destroyed an apartment house at Lehigh Gap. The loss is about \$10,000. The blaze is believed to have started in the apartment of William Frantz. Besides the Frantz family, David Green, Charles Berger, Edwin Berger, William Jones and Levi Green lost all their household effects.

Pittsburgh.—Stephen Myers, former postmaster at Glassmere, was arrested on a charge of having embezzled \$2140 in postal funds. He was held for the May term of federal court.

Pittsburgh.—The national banks throughout the state will be affected by the announcement of Attorney General Woodruff in a letter of James Francis Burke, general counsel for the Pittsburgh Clearing House Association, that no more efforts will be made to escheat to the commonwealth moneys in bank the depositors of which have not claimed it within fourteen years. The decision of the United States supreme court, which recently declared a similar law in California unconstitutional, is taken as the guide of the Pennsylvania authorities. Approximately \$500,000 is said to have been paid into the state treasury, but the state authorities do not feel there is any legal way for them to refund the money.

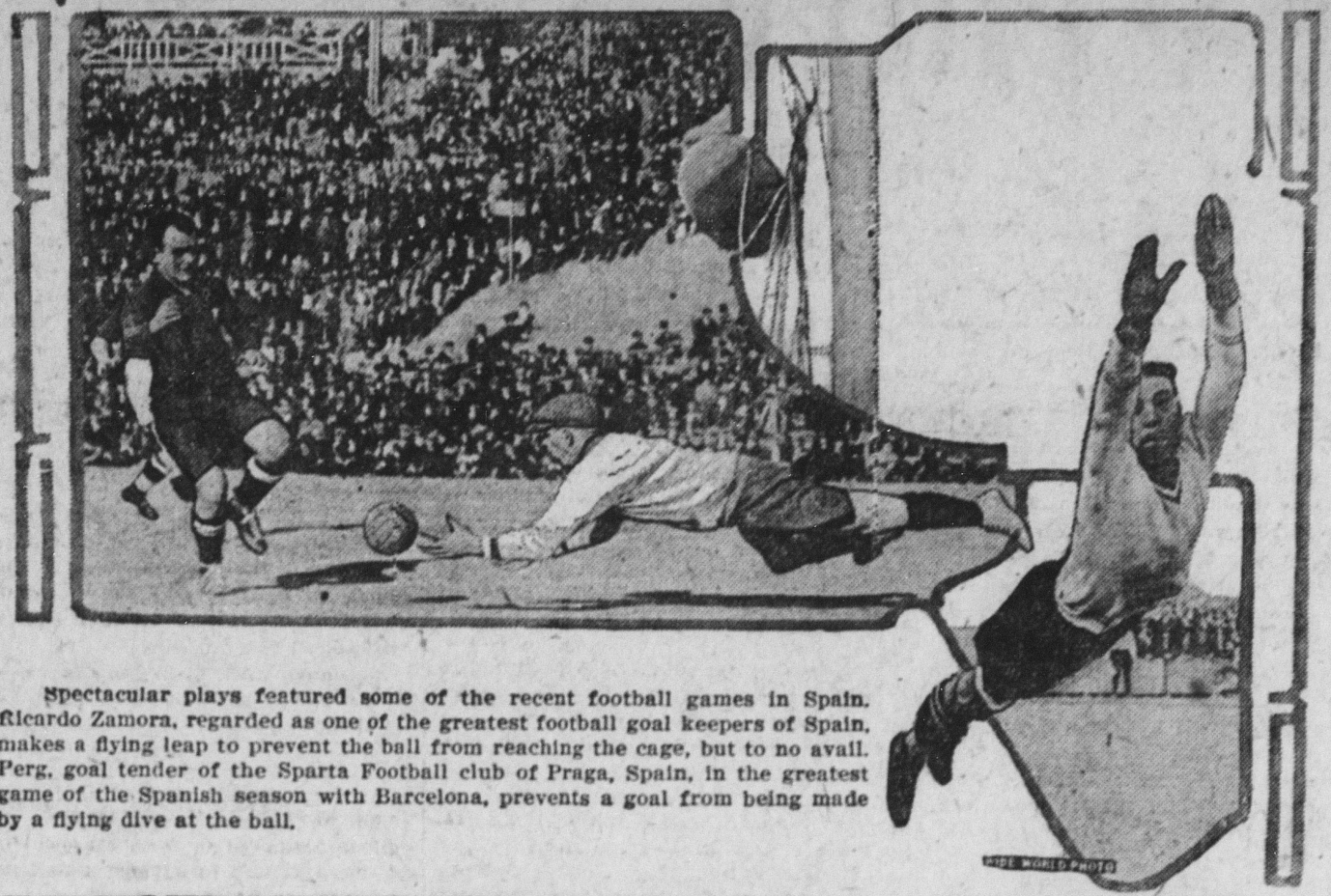
Uniontown.—There were 177 Fayette county couples who obtained marriage licenses during 1923, an increase of about 500 from the previous year.

Uniontown.—As a result of a fractured skull and an injury to his spine sustained when he fell backward off a hay wagon, Albert Stewart Crossland is in the Uniontown Hospital.

Altoona.—Garages led dwellings in building operations in 1923, a total of 393 being erected.

Bloomsburg.—The triennial assessment for Columbia county will show an increase of about \$300,000 over last year.

SPECTACULAR PLAYS WHICH ENLIVENED SPANISH GAMES



Spectacular plays featured some of the recent football games in Spain. Ricardo Zamora, regarded as one of the greatest football goal keepers of Spain, makes a flying leap to prevent the ball from reaching the cage, but to no avail. Perg, goal tender of the Sparta Football club of Praga, Spain, in the greatest game of the Spanish season with Barcelona, prevents a goal from being made by a flying dive at the ball.

Luis Vincentini Here



The new fistie star to perform on these shores—Luis Vincentini, a lightweight boxer from Santiago, Chile. After his first two starts he attracted the attention of the boxing impresario, Tex Rickard, and the Chilean fistie star is now under Rickard's management with the promise of a real chance at Benny Leonard's title.

Sporting Squibs

A state boxing commission is to be formed in Georgia.

According to history, sport festivals always follow war.

Dues in a high-class golf club are approximately \$200 a year.

Next year's baseball season opens April 15. But the crocus is a still earlier sign of spring.

President Barnard of the Cleveland Indians lost little time in denying a report that Bill Wambagans might be traded to the Boston Red Sox for George Burns.

The final track and field trials for the Olympic athletic team to represent this country will be held at the Harvard stadium in Cambridge, Mass., on June 18 and 14.

Nearly 900 clubs, gyms and societies are affiliated. There are no fewer than 12,000 licensed boxers. Of these 10,000 are amateurs and 2,000 are professional boxers.

By Winder, owner and president of the Joplin club of the Western association, has announced that Gabby Street would not be retained as manager of the Joplin team next year.

Before a professional boxer is granted a license to fight in New Jersey, copies of his birth certificate must be presented along with his ring history and a photograph of the contestant.

The clubs that make up the big football leagues in England are so scattered about the country that the members of the teams may spend more time in traveling than in actual playing.

Twenty-one nations have been invited by the United States Lawn Tennis association to compete for next year's Davis cup. The list exceeds by four countries the record field which entered the contest this year.

Most of the heavyweight boxing titleholders have come from the western part of the United States. Dempsey came from Utah, Willard from Kansas, Johnson from Texas, and Jeffries and Corbett from California.

Jack Pence, the Coe college, of Cedar Rapids (Iowa) quarter, who registered a 59-yard dropkick against Drake university of Des Moines, at the latter city November 10, will endeavor to have the performance officially recognized.

Sitting on the bench and managing a ball club—and spending the winter in the open—have done wonders in a way for Art Fletcher. The fans of Philadelphia hardly will recognize the manager of the Phils when they see him in the spring. He's developed into a ruddy-faced 'squire.

AMERICA'S MILERS ARE GREATEST EVER

Ray, Watson, Becker, Hahn and Others Should Draw Well.

Every indication points to the United States sending the greatest string of milers that ever were assembled on the same team after the 1,500 meter race at the Paris Olympic games next summer. At least not since the team won over 11 years ago with John Paul Jones, Abel Kiviat, Norman Taber and Louis Marler on its roster has Uncle Sam boasted of so many speedy eight-furlong boys as will grace the Paris team.

There are three men on the American tracks who are capable of doing 3:17 or better under favorable conditions—Jole Ray, Ray Baker and Ray Watson. Another, Lloyd Hahn, of the Boston A. A., will get under 4:20 next year unless he disappoints signally. Then there's Wharton, the Chicago A. A. flyer, who is considered by mid-western track sharps as one of the best mile prospects in the country. Ernie Krogh, the former University of Chicago athlete, should get into the 4:20 class also. He has done 4:22 this season in spite of over-training a bit during the early months of the outdoor campaign.

Neither is the veteran Jimmy Connolly, who will shortly don the colors of the Newark Athletic club, to be ignored in shaping up America's lineup for the 1,500 meter race at Paris. Connolly has beaten 4:18 three times during his career.

Oldest Caddy of All



The oldest caddy of them all is "Old Bill" Luggen, eighty-two years old, who in spite of his years declares that he is the "youngest" caddy on any golf course in the country and declares he expects to make many trips around the golf course at French Lick Springs, Ind., where he has caddied for many a prominent politician.

Radbourne Was Master of Detroit and Phillies

Charles (Old Hoss) Radbourne, with a record of pitching 72 games and winning 57 of them back in 1884 (and this record is classed with the seven greatest achievements in baseball), was complete master of several teams in the National league during the days when he was supreme.

Philadelphia came into the National league in 1883 and didn't win a game from the "king" until the season of 1885 was well spent. A run of 18 consecutive victories was the record Radbourne had before the Phillies solved his delivery.

Detroit had a ball team in the National league those days, and that aggregation, from May, 1883, until August, 1885, failed to win a game during the "Old Hoss" losing 20 games during that stretch before beating him.

Ted Cox Made Captain



In spite of the fact that his football career ended early last season when his injured knee forced him to hobble around on crutches, Ted Cox has just been elected captain of the University of Minnesota team for 1924. Handicapped by the badly hurt joint, which made it necessary for him to wear steel braces to protect it, which doctors said would probably cripple him for life, Cox, by bulldog determination, played in every conference game and has been heralded by many as one of the best linemen of the Middle West.

Large Hands Great Aid to College Basketeers

Back fifteen years ago the New York club of the American league had a southpaw pitcher by the name of Harry Abels who could grab a ball in his left hand and completely envelop the same. Abels was supposed to be a decided asset to a baseball pitcher since they enable him to get a much better grip on the ball. A majority of the star pitchers in the majors have big hands. It failed to work in Abels' case, however, as his stay in the majors was of short duration. He had plenty of stuff, but lacked control.

For years "Horse" Haggerty, star center of the New York Celtics, has been one of the curiosities of the basketball sport because of the way he can manipulate a basketball. A big pair of hands makes it possible for him to do all kinds of peculiar stunts with the ball to the embarrassment of the opposition.

Now comes a rival for Haggerty in the person of a college athlete, Charles Bicking, a lanky freshman at Wittenberg. With one hand Bicking can hold a basketball at arm's length. If you think it is easy, borrow a basketball and try it.

Shelton Lejeune Holds Ball-Throwing Record

Long distance throwing of a baseball is recorded to be 426 feet 9 1/4 inches, made by Sheldon Lejeune at Cincinnati, October 12, 1910. There is a record in throwing a cricket ball 429 feet. The maker of this record was a black lad whom they called Billy the Aboriginal, who possessed a wonderful arm for throwing. It was noticed by Englishmen who resided at Peak Downs, South Africa, that Billy could throw a ball in from the remote parts of the large cricket grounds and do it easily. Billy was induced to throw for a record. The previous record in throwing a cricket ball was 391 feet, on December 19, 1872. With conditions correct; that is, no wind to help or retard, this smoke took three throws, all of which went over 400 feet, the best one measuring 420 feet. This stood as a record until Lejeune wiped it out.

England's Everett Scott

James Sullivan, the Wigan Rugby league's fullback, who last season set a world's record by scoring 350 points, recently played his one hundredth game in England, thus establishing another record. He is twenty years of age and has not missed a game since joining the club in 1921. His total point score is 638 during his career.

Adrift With Humor

OBLIGING

A clergyman anxious to introduce some new hymn books, gave the clerk a notice after the sermon. The clerk had a notice of his own to give with reference to baptism of infants. At the close he announced: "All those who have children they wish baptized, please send in their names at once." The clergyman, who was deaf, assuming that the clerk was giving his notice, arose and said: "And I want to say for the benefit of those who haven't any, that they may be obtained from me any day between three and four o'clock, the ones with the red backs at 25 cents and the ordinary little ones at 15 cents."—Forbes Magazine (N. Y.).

NERVE OF SOME MEN



Wife—It certainly seems that the most ill-natured women get the best husbands.

Hubby—Nice of you to say so, my dear—what do you want?

Ask Dad.

His sister called him "Willie." His mother called him "Will." But when he went to college, To dad 'twas Bill, Bill, Bill.

A Job for Uncle Sam.

A Dane who owned a farm in Kansas applied for naturalization papers. The judge asked him:

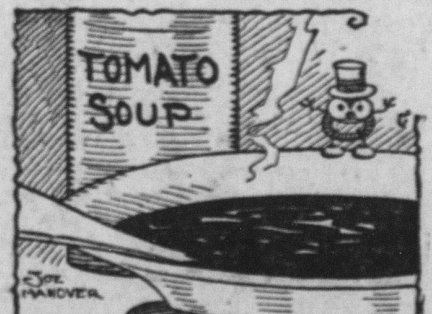
"Are you satisfied with the general conditions of the country?"

"Yes," drawled the Dane.

"Does the form of government suit you?" queried the judge.

"Yes, yes; only I would like to see more rain," replied the farmer.—Everybody's.

SAD FATE



Fly (nearsighted and suffering with a cold)—Drat it; I can't tell if it's soup or red paint!

Artful Art.

Art wins the heart, they often say, These lipsticks, red cheeks, curls Have brought so much art into play I can't resist the girls.

Irrepressible Flip.

Business Man (to applicant)—Can you spell correctly?

Stenog—Yes, sir, I wish all the other words were as easy as that one.

Fatal.

She (cooly)—Is it dangerous to drive with one hand?

He (brutally)—You bet! More than one fellow has run into a church doing it.—Judge.

Pa Looked for Trouble.

"A pioneer is one who starts something, isn't he, ma?"

"Yes; your father is the pioneer of this family, my son."

Judged by the Response.

Bellhop (after guest has rung for ten minutes)—Did you ring, sir?

Guest—Oh, no! I was toiling. I thought you were dead!

Method in It.

A.—Why does your daughter sting in the dining room?

B.—It's the only way to get the guests to leave the table.—London Answers.

DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING!



First Fly—How would you wish to die?

Second Fly—Drown in a pitcher of molasses.