

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Lancaster.—The police presented Major William C. Rehm, former district attorney, with a gold watch for his services to the department.

Philadelphia.—Sneak thieves tore up the flooring of the building at 1502 Walnut street in order to reach the women's wearing apparel shop of Emma Hartman, on the first floor, and made away with \$3000 worth of dresses and other finery.

Pittsburgh.—A 3-year-old girl, Ida Kirtsman, was fatally injured during a riot between groups of whites and colored in the hill district.

Pittsburgh.—One hundred and six government whisky permits were missing from the files of the prohibition office here in 1921, James Worthington, former internal revenue department superintendent, testified at the trial of A. Guckenheimer Brothers & Co. and twelve individuals charged with conspiracy in violating federal liquor laws.

Shenandoah.—Mrs. Tessie Dulski slipped on an apple peel, fell down a flight of steps at her home and suffered serious injuries.

Washington.—Miss Sarah Thompson, the oldest inmate of the Washington county home, and believed to be the oldest person in the state, died at the age of 114 years.

Bethlehem.—Struck on the neck by a jagged piece of glass when a seltzer bottle exploded, the jugular vein of John Horvath, the 2-year-old son of John and Annie Horvath, was severed and the child died to death.

Chester.—Malachi Verston is a patient in the Chester Hospital, receiving treatment for carbolic acid poisoning. According to the police Verston had been drinking "bootleg" liquor and had gone to bed, on awakening he reached for a bottle of what he thought was "white mule," but which turned out to be the poison.

York.—When relatives broke open a door at the home of Mrs. Amanda Herman, they found the woman dead in a chair and the unconscious body of Miss Emma Deardorff, a domestic, seated in a chair beside her.

Harrisburg.—The fifth annual reunion of the Shoemakers of Pennsylvania will be held at Reservoir Park, this city, August 21.

Tamaqua.—The record price for real estate in this city was reached when Gelb & Mayer purchased the store they occupy on West Broad street from the Livingstone estate for \$100,000.

Wilkes-Barre.—Nine victims of poison rum were admitted to the Hospital for the Insane at Retreat since the first of the year from the borough of Plymouth alone.

Lancaster.—Howard R. Omwake, dean of Franklin and Marshall College, has been elected president of Catawba College, at Salisbury, N. C.

Lebanon.—The cornerstone of the new Henry Houck public school building was laid with full Masonic ceremony by Samuel M. Goodyear, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Hazleton.—Every house in Hazleton and West Hazleton was visited by the Boy Scouts to deliver free fly swatters and state health department literature.

Pottsville.—The last two horses used by the Pottsville fire department were sold to a Tamaqua ice dealer.

Chester.—Both the birth and death rates of Chester were slightly higher last year than in 1922. The birth rate per 1000 population was 23.6 for 1923, while the preceding year it was 22.2. The death rate for 1923 was 12.8 while for 1922 it was 11.8.

Pittsburgh.—Swissvale is without fire protection as the result of council suspending indefinitely about 80 members of the volunteer fire department for alleged infractions of their duties as firemen, notably that of "refusing to answer alarms."

York.—Two deputy sheriffs, Charles H. Smeltzer and Edward Myers, were arrested on a charge of aggravated assault and battery. It is alleged that the two officers beat Edward Smith, a prisoner, with blackjacks.

Pottstown.—The borough authorities are making an investigation into numerous cases of serious illness among school children in the Washington Hill section of the borough. It seems children found candy on a jump in that section and ate the sweets. It is believed by the authorities the candies were spoiled and were placed on the dump by dealers.

Wilkes-Barre.—"This is the kind of case that disgusts one with the majesty of the law," Judge Fuller stormed in discharging 15-year-old Catherine Saviasky, who had been sent to jail for 15 days because she was unable to pay a fine of \$10 and costs for failure to take out a dog license.

Berwick.—A concrete den, hidden 10 feet underground, yielded \$400 worth of brass and copper, and five boys now in the county jail related a story of midnight raids before a cemetery cross as a start to their career of crime.

Harrisburg.—The school board took steps to condemn land to be used as a park and playground.

Tamaqua.—William Breisch, a car runner in a colliery, was struck on the head by a traveling crane and killed.

Harrisburg.—The first plan for fixing the ultimate width of the right-of-way of the state highway system has been filed with the recorders of Delaware and Montgomery counties, showing 80 feet as the width of the Lincoln Highway on the section between Philadelphia and Paoli.

Altoona.—Six homes on the East Side were visited by a lone burglar, who got \$15 for his trouble.

Shenandoah.—Felix Bogden, a soldier stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., who deserted six months ago, was captured here and taken back to Oklahoma for court martial.

Harrisburg.—Eli F. Ecoser, 57 years old, of Deodate, near here, dropped dead while assisting a neighbor to plow.

Graardville.—Despondent because of illness, Andrew Pickaroski, aged 45, committed suicide back of the cemetery.

Combs Enthusiastic Even Over Rivals

Miller Huggins is positive that in Outfielder Earl Combs he has one of the coming stars of the American league.

Combs, after only two years in professional ball, was sold to the Yankees for a sum said to be \$50,000.

Huggins says he is worth whatever the club paid for him, and intimates that it might have been more than a cool fifty thou.

"Combs has wonderful natural ability, but better yet he has the spirit and enthusiasm that makes a winning ball player," says Huggins.

"Watch the Yankee bench and you will notice that Combs is always bubbling over with enthusiasm, to which he gives vent at every opportunity.

"He even can enthuse when his rival for the position comes through. That spirit can't be denied. Watch Combs."

CURVED BALL PUTS BIG STRAIN ON ARM Wonderful Thing to Give Some Batters.

Pitching isn't what it used to be. Ed Walsh says so and Ed was one of the greatest pitchers of his time and therefore must know something about pitching.

"The boys don't come up any more with a curve ball," Ed says. "Now a curve requires a lot of work to attain, but after you get a good curve it is the most useful thing in the pitcher's stock to throw in a pinch."

"I never was a curve ball pitcher, but the spitter was allowed in my day. I guess," he continued, "one of the reasons why the young men don't take to the curve more readily is because it puts a strain on the arm. It catches you in the elbow and there is no escape from the penalty it takes on the throwing arm."

Walsh is performing quite a valuable service for the Sox. He is schooling the young pitchers not only upon the field, but in private conferences he is imparting his knowledge of the pitching art to the kids as fast as they absorb it.

Can "Tiny" Turn Trick?



Glenn "Tiny" Hartranft, Stanford university athlete, is certain of a place on the American Olympic games team by reason of his work in the 16-pound shot and discus.

Billiards Prove Great Help to Golf Players

It is generally known that Jock Hutchinson is the originator of the famous masher-stoppum pitch, but not many probably know just how the peppery Scot came to his invention.

"Oh, I discovered that a number of years ago, when I was professional at the St. Andrew's club in New York," replied Hutch. "One night while playing billiards, in making a draw shot I wondered if the same thing could be done with a golf ball. I thought about the matter and the next day roughened the face of my masher by punching holes on it."

Swede Leistner Wins Hurdle Races



The photograph shows "Swede" Leistner, who won both hurdle races for Stanford university team, taking a high barrier, well in the lead, near the end of this event.

Spanish Tennis Star



Senorita E. de Alvarez, eighteen-year-old Spanish tennis star, will have to be reckoned with this summer among the woman players in the Olympics.

Houston Knot-Hole Gang Must Be Good

Before a Houston boy can become a member of the Houston Knot-Hole Gang he must subscribe to the following agreement:

- 1. I will not at any time skip school to attend a game.
2. I will attend no game against the wishes of my parents or employer.
3. I will uphold the principles of clean speech, clean sports and clean habits, and will stand with the rest of the gang against cigarettes and profane language on the field.

Sport Notes

Boxing has been adopted at the Tokyo Imperial university in Japan.
Johnny Dundee's real name is Joseph Carrara. He was born in Italy.
Firpo may retire; perhaps he thinks the referee would let Dempsey use a hammer next time.

Is Olympic Possibility

For the third year consecutively Walter L. Cope has won the amateur golf championship of Porto Rico. He defeated Harold S. Graham 9 up, the match ending on the 27th hole.

To Reclaim Land

The Yellow river, "China's Sorrow," has been dammed by an American engineering corporation. Millions of persons have been drowned by the river's floods and it has changed its course many times in centuries past.

LET HOME EXPRESS YOU

A famous artist, in the field of interior decoration has said: "It is the right of every woman to look pretty in her own dining room."