

PENNSYLVANIA STATE ITEMS

Stockton.—State police have been asked to search for Michael Derko, aged 17, who disappeared after a quarrel with a neighbor.

Summit Hill.—While running an errand for his parents, Robert, 10-year-old son of John Castle, was struck by a truck driven by Lawrence O'Donnell, of the O'Donnell Betting Company, and killed almost instantly. The boy did not notice the truck, which ran him down before the driver could stop it.

Pottsville.—Mrs. Cora Kuhl, of this city, was accidentally shot and almost instantly killed on the mountains near Gordon, by Allen Freeman, also of this city, when Freeman fired at a snake, the bullet glancing and hitting the woman in the stomach. She died a short time later in the Fountain Springs Hospital. Freeman is being held pending an investigation. Mrs. Kuhl, with her daughter and Freeman, was picking huckleberries when the snake was seen.

Danville.—The plant of the Reading Iron Company closed for an indefinite period, due to lack of orders.

Tamaqua.—John J. Stabler, aged 62 years, a crossing watchman, was found dead from heart failure in a chair at home by his wife.

Girardville.—Michael Scully, councilman, had several ribs broken when an automobile in which he was riding collided with another machine.

Shamokin.—Mine settlements have caused the surface near the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel trolley tracks to sink between Centralia and Ashland, so that it is unsafe for cars to pass.

Martinsburg.—Stepping on a razor lying on the floor of his home three weeks ago, and nearly severing the right great toe from his foot, Russell C. Mauk, 5-year-old son of Hobart McKinley Mauk, died of lockjaw in a hospital at Roaring Springs.

Harrisburg.—Constitutionality of the securities act passed by the 1923 legislature was sustained by Judge Frank B. Wickersham, of the Dauphin county courts, in a decision in the case of the Harry H. Phillips Company, Philadelphia, against Peter G. Cameron, secretary of banking. The court upheld the decision of the banking department in refusing the firm registration under the act. The court held the securities law is not special or local legislation relating to trade, but is general in its effect and is not in conflict with the state and federal constitutional provisions providing against special legislation.

Tamaqua.—Leaving his home one week ago while despondent, nothing was heard from James Sassaman, aged 65 years, until his lifeless body was found lying in the woods on the outskirts of town with a bullet in his heart. A revolver in his right hand told the story. Deceased had been employed as a freight and passenger conductor on the Lehigh Valley railroad for 45 years.

Mt. Gretna.—All outfits of the Pennsylvania National Guard camped here—numbering about 6000 men—were reviewed by Governor Pinchot and Major General Charles Henry Muir, retired commander of the Third Corps Area. Passing in review were Infantry, cavalry, machine gunners, ambulance and motorcycle companies and the one-pounder units.

Washington.—This place will open five free vaccination clinics to forestall any appearance of smallpox.

Shamokin.—Wellington Dunmoyer, a boy scout, was rescued from drowning in Penn's Creek by Philip Claxton.

Lebanon.—James McCullough, aged 41, and single, committed suicide in North Annville township, by shooting.

Altoona.—Falling 80 feet from the haymow of his barn, near East Altoona, Frank Moser, a farmer, suffered concussion of the brain.

Greensburg.—Robers bound and gagged Mrs. T. F. Fleming, wife of a negro porter of the Pennsylvania railroad, and stole money.

York.—Charles F. Sheffer after throwing a switch in the Pennsylvania railroad yards, was struck by an engine and lost his right leg at the thigh.

Freeland.—Because people in the vicinity of Freeland public park complained that the noise of a skating rink opened there under lease was worse than the racket of the Drifton coal breaker and made them lose their sleep's nights, council canceled the agreement and ordered the lessee to vacate at once.

Williamsport.—Jess Gheen, aged 42, a carpenter, of Rauchtown, was killed having his neck broken, and two other workmen were injured when a balcony in front of the Allegheny Hotel in Jersey Shore collapsed and dropped, pinning the men to the ground. The trio were engaged in removing the balcony and had taken off some of the supports, weakening the structure.

Conyngham.—The Conyngham school board is the first in the Lehigh coal field to reduce the tax rate.

Northumberland.—The disappearance of Mrs. Oscar Young, a 16-year-old bride of a few months, was partially solved by the receipt of word that she is safe in a distant city.

DuBois.—The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad shops, closed for several months, have resumed operations on a part time schedule.

Hazleton.—The school board has given all janitors a wage raise of 7 1/2 per cent in answer to their demand for 15 per cent more.

Harrisburg.—A production of 22,546,000 bushels of potatoes is indicated in Pennsylvania this year, the estimate being based on the condition of crops July 1, which was reported as 84 per cent normal, officials in the department of agriculture announced. This is an increase of 400,000 bushels compared with July 1, 1923, but approximately 3,500,000 bushels less than the final estimate of 1923, when the latter half of the growing season was more favorable than usual. The officials said estimates of the United States department of agriculture, based on conditions July 1, indicated a decrease of 40,000,000 bushels in the 1924 crop of the nation. The decrease was said to be fairly uniform over the entire country.

Philadelphia.—The increase of crime in the United States is due, not to the aftermath of the war, but to failure of the courts to punish offenders and to an act of assembly, passed some years ago, which permits courts to parole prisoners and release them to prey upon society. This was the allegation made here by James Scanlin, an expert on crime, and for three years chief investigator for the National Board of Fire Underwriters, New York.

Harrisburg.—Approval of the sale of the Consolidated Telephone Company, Horndale Telephone Company, Easton Telephone Company to the Lehigh Telephone Company, was announced by the public service commission. The commission also approved the application of the Bell Telephone Company for the sale of certain physical property in Crawford, Erie and Venango counties to the Petroleum Telephone Company and of the sale of certain of its physical property to the Bell Telephone Company.

Meyersdale.—Clifford Crosby, of Meyersdale, and Louise Harding, of Saubury, were drowned in the Youghiogheny river when their rowboat went over Stanton dam.

Tamaqua.—The Kellogg Radiator Corporation, has purchased the Tamaqua Manufacturing Works from the Atlas Powder Company, at a price said to be \$400,000. The new corporation will be capitalized at \$800,000 and will not only double the capacity of the present works, but will add a plant for the manufacture of hot water and steam radiators. Work on the radiator plant will be started at once and be completed before winter.

Lancaster.—The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce began the circulation of petitions in outlying districts which aim to have the limits of the city extended.

Pittsburgh.—Ohio State University will receive a valuable collection of Indian relics under the will of Benjamin G. Lamme, filed here. Lamme, chief engineer for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, died recently. The will directs that scholarships in mechanical and electrical courses be established at Ohio State for capable students and that gold medals be awarded annually for accomplishments in technical teaching and for meritorious achievement in engineering or the technical arts.

Shenandoah.—The German Catholic parishes of Schuylkill county held a convention here with nearly 150 delegates present. Many important matters were discussed, notably co-operation in charity work and affiliation of church societies and arrangements were made for a 100 per cent attendance at the state convention at Allentown in September.

Reading.—The thirty-first annual convention of the State Association of Haymakers, a side degree of the Red Men, closed here, Lebanon winning the next convention. Reports by various officers showed a gain of 600 members, making a total of 8044, and that in the past year \$5450 death benefits were paid to heirs of deceased members. Three associations in Philadelphia, and others in Chester, Luzerne and California were chartered. Walter C. Bickel, of Philadelphia, was elected state chief haymaker, and Charles H. Stauffer, of York, vice chief haymaker.

Highland.—Joseph Abovitch, 47 years old, a miner in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, was killed by a fall of coal.

Pittsburgh.—Federal agents destroyed 5720 barrels of high test beer at the Jeannette Beverage Company at Jeannette. The beer was valued at \$286,000.

Pittsburgh.—Two men were wounded in the East Pittsburgh yards of the Pennsylvania railroad by Lieutenant Roy E. Jackson, a railroad officer. E. K. Haker, of Bradock, shot in the abdomen, is not expected to live. William Morrow, also of Bradock, was shot in the left leg. The officer was attacked by the men while guarding a shipment of merchandise. It is alleged. He was knocked down and when one of the men covered him with a pistol, the officer pleaded for a chance, saying, "I'm in the same business." As Jackson regained his feet he opened fire.

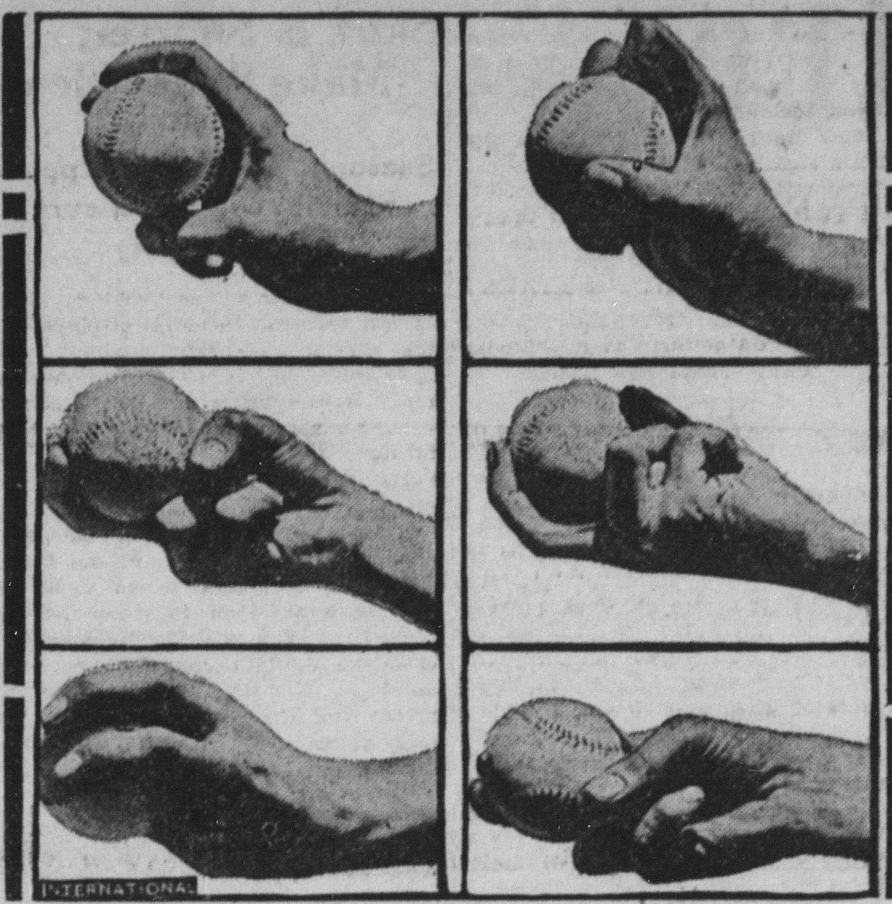
Hazleton.—St. Gabriel's church, one of the oldest in the Lehigh region, will be torn down to make room for the erection of a new house of worship.

Pittsburgh.—One new case of smallpox was reported to Pittsburgh health authorities, making a total of 46 since the disease appeared a month ago.

Chester.—Discovery has been made by City Engineer George J. Boutelle that the Japanese beetle has invaded the upper part of this city. He has had several hundred killed and state department of agriculture agents are maintaining a strict surveillance of the road entering the city.

Lancaster.—Harry Hamaker, aged 55, janitor in a department store, was found unconscious in the cellar, overcome by gas.

Various Deliveries of Bob Shawkey



"Sailor Bob" Shawkey, one of the five-star pitching staff of the world's champion Yankees, has made a good start in the 1924 campaign and has already chalked up several victories. The above "International actiongraph" shows how Shawkey holds the ball before making his favorite deliveries. At the left, from top to bottom, are shown the grips for the fast ball, the curve ball, and the screw ball. At the right, top to bottom, are shown the knuckle ball, the underhand ball and side-arm curve.

Bucky Harris Is Lucky



Stanley (Bucky) Harris, the twenty-eight-year-old manager of the Washington Senators, who brought his team from sixth place to first place in about a week's time. The Senators, by defeating the champion Yankees in three straight games, jumped into the lead.

DIAMOND PICK-UPS

Maranville is playing the game of his life. . . . There is this consolation in baseball. There is always a tomorrow. . . . Hugh McGevery, star left-handed pitcher of Notre Dame, has joined the Giants for a tryout. . . . Alva Sellers, Vernon southpaw, was released under option to the Wichita club in the Western league. . . . Walter Johnson, Washington's star pitcher, is far in the lead in setting down opponents on strikes. . . . Cleveland has signed Arthur Whitney, a Texas university infielder, who gives promise of developing. . . . In 1879 a tour of the country was made by a celebrated baseball team of deaf mutes of Columbus, Ohio. . . . Brooklyn recalled ivy (Red Top) Johnson, an infielder from the St. Petersburg Florida State league team. . . . The White Sox have sent Catcher Joe Burns to Beaumont. Burns was obtained by the Sox from Shreveport. . . . Steve Yerkes has tendered his resignation as manager of the Harrisburg team of the New York-Pennsylvania league. . . . Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, broke into baseball as a catcher for Meriden, Conn., forty years ago. . . . Paddy Livingston simply cannot let the game alone. He is catching for the crack Rosenblum semipro team of Cleveland. . . . Stockton, Cal., has started a movement to raise \$5,000 toward bringing the St. Louis Cardinals to that city for spring training next year. . . . George Klemmick, Baltimore college pitcher, has signed with Easton of the Eastern Shore league. He allowed but one hit in his debut. . . . Pat Hargrave, infielder, who has been with the Bridgeport (Conn.) team of the Eastern league, has been purchased by Mobile, Southern association, from the Boston Red Sox. . . . Pitcher Monroe Mitchell has been traded by the Memphis, Southern league team, to Cleveland American for a player to be selected next spring. . . . With old Dick Hoblitzell on the shelf as a result of a strained back, Jack Jeffries, a Princeton collegian, has taken his place at first base for Reading. . . . Harry Hellmann, Tiger outfielder, is negotiating with California baseball interests, in an effort to barnstorm a team of Detroit players on the coast in the fall. . . . Hans Wagner, former Pittsburgh star, is favored for the place as manager of the Harrisburg New York-Pennsylvania league team, according to reports. . . . Fifty-one minutes is the shortest time in which a nine-inning major league game was ever played. This record was made by the Giants and Phillies in September, 1919. . . . Ethan Allen, center fielder for the University of Cincinnati, has set a batting record in the Ohio conference. His batting average is .750, and his home run average .436. He was at bat 16 times and made a total of 12 hits. His greatest feat was hitting four homers in four consecutive trips to the plate.

Barnes Files Entry for Big 1925 Open

Turned down as an entrant for the 1924 open championship at Oakland Hills, James Barnes, 1921 winner, has become the first entrant for the national open championship in 1925. Officials of the United States Golf association said that his entry had been accepted, although neither the course nor the date has been named for next year. Barnes was turned down as a 1924 entrant because his application for permission to compete was not received until after the closing date.

PAYS \$15,000 FOR SIX PITCHED BALLS

Claiming Dennis Gearin on Waivers Was Costly.

All records for high-priced pitching were broken a few weeks ago in the National league, but not many of the fans knew about it. Here's how it happened: Recently the New York Giants asked waivers on Dennis Gearin, midget southpaw pitcher. Last fall the New York club bought Gearin from Milwaukee and the price paid was \$15,000 in cash. The agreement was that \$10,000 more was to be paid if Gearin was kept after June 15. Just before June 15 waivers were asked and Gearin was claimed by the Braves. The rule in baseball now is that if one club claims a player from another, and that player is a purchased player, the club claiming him must assume all obligations. Evidently Manager Bancroft, being new in the politics of the game, though a veteran in playing it, didn't stop to think, and when he claimed the player, as he supposed for the waiver price, he had to assume all the obligations of the New York club to the Milwaukee club. The Braves had to plank down \$15,000 to the Giants to settle the amount already paid. Also, if they kept Gearin, it would be necessary to pay \$10,000 to the Milwaukee club on June 15. Banny was clearly up against it. The Braves paid the \$15,000 to the Giants, but in order to avoid paying the additional \$10,000 they got waivers immediately and turned the pitcher back to Milwaukee. Gearin was with the Braves for only one game. He went in to relieve a pitcher in one inning. He pitched exactly six balls. He was turned over to Milwaukee that night. It cost Boston \$15,000 to have those six balls pitched. In other words, it cost \$2,500 for each pitched ball.

Hill Is Penn Hero



George Hill, student of Penn State, who won the century and furlong dashes at the Harvard stadium, is a rather strange sprinter find. Last year he was known as a "physical education student," or one of the group who took athletics because the college forced them to. Coach Lawson Robertson got a look at Hill in trunks and the result is that Hill has developed into one of the best sprinters of all time.

Irish Pat Didn't Start in Races on Next Day

Back in the '80s, when Ed Corrigan was one of the dominating figures in western racing, he had a big string of high-class horses in St. Louis. Irish Pat was among them. The horse was entered for the next day's racing, and Corrigan wanted to give him a slow mile to "open him up." Corrigan always employed colored help, and putting up one of his "colored Archers" on the horse, he led it to the track and told the boy to gallop the horse at an open "breeze." Just as the boy started an old friend stepped up and expressed a desire to see Freedland and some of the other cracks of the stable. Corrigan delighted in showing his horse, and the pair walked back to the old stableyard across Fair avenue. Becoming interested in showing his horse, a half hour passed. Suddenly the stable foreman came up: "Where's Irish Pat, boss?" Corrigan started on a dead run for the track. The boy was just coming around the turn. Corrigan halled him frantically. "What have you been doing?" "Jus' gallopin' Pat, boss." "How many times have you been around?" "Tae done counted sixteen, boss." It is needless to say that Irish Pat did not start the next day.



THOUGHTS FOR THOUGHT

A story writer says that some women "seem one page late in reading the lesson of life." (Not women exclusively.) "Man is not a body possessed of a soul," someone has written, "but a soul possessed of a body." (Materialists, take notice.) Arnold Bennett says of idle women who read a book a day: "They read to lose themselves instead of reading to find themselves." (Pity 'tis, 'tis true!)

NOT ILL



He—Why sweetheart, the color has left your face. Are you ill? She—No, you boob! It's all wiped off on your coat.

Turbulent Illumination

Where troubled waters loudly roared The oil was liberally poured. A match was struck to give a light. And then that ocean was a sight.

The Treasure Train

Jeff—Wot makes Hoiw Pete so grouchy lately? Bill—He planned and studied for a month on robbin' a certain train. When everything was fixed for a quick git-away he shot the engineer and hiked up the train and he found a trainload of orphan children returning from a picnic.

Question

"What is Bluebelle miffed about?" "Seems the birthday present I gave her was one she gave me a few years ago. At that I don't know what she has to be miffed about." "Nor I. If she picked it out herself as a nice present, then why isn't it a nice present?"

None of His Business

Maggie (home from church)—Say Tom, the priest said today that any one stealing potatoes from his field will go to hell. Tom—Well, did he say anything about turnips? Maggie—No, not that I heard. Tom—Well, then, it's nothing to me.

More Graft

"So Blinks has another new money-making scheme. What is it this time?" "He talks of getting the checking concession for hats in the political ring."

Annoying

Policeman—He staggered along the footpath and used bad language. Man—Yes, because I found that before leaving home I had put my boots on the wrong feet.—London Tit-Bits

PERFECTLY AT HOME



Friend—Well, did you feel at home at Mrs. DeSmith's dinner? Naval Man—Perfectly. I was put in command of the gravy boat, you see.

Think It Over

There's one, and only word, rhymes in perfect chime with "Cupid." And that one word, please note it well, is quite appropriate—"stupid."

Fact Beats Fiction

Hostess—I hope you found that novel interesting. Mr. Patterson. Guest—Well, I must confess it wasn't quite so interesting as the letter some one left in it as a bookmark.—London Humorist.

Sure Sign

"Was the party at Blinksnip's house last night a good one?" "It must have been. When it broke up no one was on speaking terms with the rest."