

### DR. MARTIN HITS PENN DEGREE RULE

#### Health Commissioner Declares It Unfair to Bar Former Collegians From Athletics

#### TELLS OF OWN EXPERIENCE

Dr. Edward Martin, state health commissioner, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania medical school, today joined those who are trying to abolish the so-called "degree rule" which bars from intercollegiate athletic competition at the University graduates of other colleges and universities.

In a letter to John C. Bell, former attorney general, and one of those in the council of athletics opposed to the "degree rule," Doctor Martin says he "became marked for life as a Penn man" because he was permitted to row in the Red and Blue crew after he had graduated from Swarthmore College.

Dr. Martin's Letter

The letter follows:

"Your new ruling, adopted January 9, 1920, reading, 'Nor shall any student holding a degree from any university or college of the Carnegie list be eligible to represent the University of Pennsylvania in any intercollegiate athletics,' suggests an attitude of mind at such a complete variance with that of mine and that of many who were placed, are placed, and will be placed, as was I, that I am writing, not perhaps a protest, but a plea for those who shall come to you in the future filled with the spirit and adorned with the degree of a small college, and searching for that larger—if less vivid—university influence, which so splendidly works at its best for a true democracy.

**How He Entered Penn**

"Many years ago I entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, convinced that of all the small colleges Swarthmore was the brightest and fairest, and the poorest exemplar—a belief which I still hold, also I had my A. B. degree, to which I then attributed a somewhat exaggerated value. Except for my rowing on the crew I should have been graduated, not in my heart an alumnus of the University, but one bearing the degree and owing allegiance to its medical school.

"As it was, I touched that broad University life, and from the time I was thrown into close and intimate contact with the men of many departments, became marked for life as a Penn man.

"Can you explain in non-splendid words to the simple mind of a trusting Quaker why a college degree should bar one coming to you from those larger advantages incident to true university life, and should equally bar the University from the kudos accruing from the circumstances that occasionally such a one may bring credit on your field, in your gymnasium, in your tank, or in your boat?"

With only sixty dissenting votes, the University students expressed themselves in favor of the degree rule, which reads as follows:

"No student shall represent one or more universities or colleges of the 'Carnegie List' in intercollegiate athletics for more than three years, nor shall any student holding a degree from any university or college of the 'Carnegie List' be eligible to represent the University of Pennsylvania in any intercollegiate athletics."

### BUSY NIGHT FOR THIEVES

Get Cash, Liberty Bond, Overcoat and Automobiles

Thieves who entered the home of Adam Grysko, at 2040 East Thompson street, last night, obtained \$311 in cash, a \$50 Liberty Bond and some jewelry.

The home of the Rev. John H. Vincent, Church lane and Limekiln pike, was robbed of \$220 last night. Thieves entered the home of Bessie Fairman, at 1224 North Randolph street, and got \$250 worth of jewels and a pocketbook containing \$23.

Clothes valued at \$203 were stolen from the tailor shop of Samuel Koplovitz, 1331 Ontario street, last night. Mrs. Susan Swicker, of 1122 Wyoming avenue, reported to the police that an overcoat valued at \$50, which she had hung in the yard, was stolen.

Five automobiles were reported stolen. The owners are Ralph F. Baldwin, 4041 North Eighth street; J. T. Emery, 4151 Columbia avenue; Samuel Siegel, 4655 Wallace street; Ernest Bayless, Collingdale, and Murray L. White, of Darby.

**Rev. Mr. Kopfman Resigns**

The Rev. Frederick Kopfman, who, during the summer, denounced "bungled romances" and abbreviated bathing suits at Washington's Crossing, near Trenton, N. J., has resigned as pastor of the Titusville Methodist Church, and will seek evangelical work on a large scale.

### MARKET ST. FIRMS ARE LOSERS IN FIRE

#### Thick Smoke Hinders Work of Department—Much Merchandise Destroyed

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Clouds of thick black smoke handicapped firemen at a blaze which damaged thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise at 514 Market street at 8 o'clock last night.

The blaze was discovered by a pedestrian who turned in an alarm. It began on the fourth floor, the origin being unknown. The floor is occupied by the Pioneer Waist Manufacturing Co.

When the firemen arrived they found the fire among a pile of wooden cases containing waists awaiting shipment. The entire floor was filled with the smoke.

Several attempts to reach the fire were unsuccessful because of the smoke. Then the fire fighters tied wet rags about their mouths to keep from inhaling the smoke and reached the blaze.

The fire itself was confined to the

fourth floor, but considerable damage was done to waists on the third floor owned by Stats Bros., and to the stock of the Bell Raincoat Co., on the second floor.

Clothing owned by the Mitchell Tailoring Co., on the first floor, also was damaged by water leaking through.

**Woman Falls Dead on Street**

Miss Grace V. Mooney, forty-seven years old, 1401 North 11th street, collapsed last night outside a drugstore at Sixty-third and Race streets. A neighboring physician was called, who pronounced her dead from heart failure. She was removed to her home.

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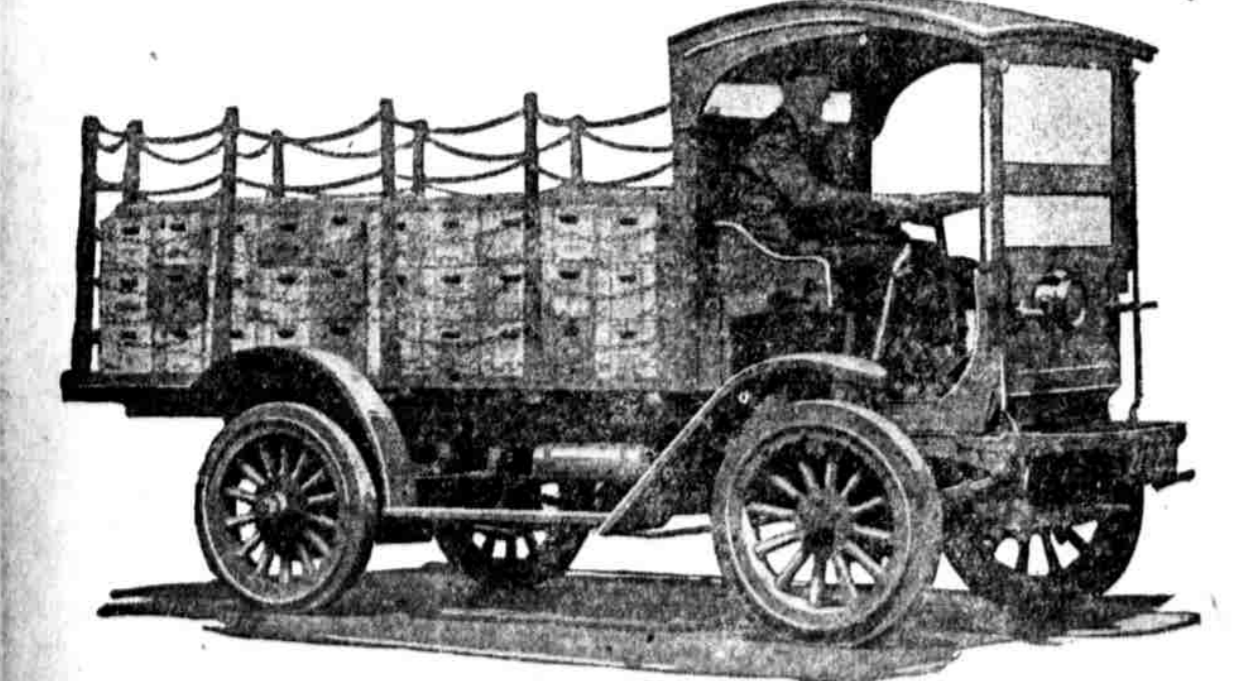
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