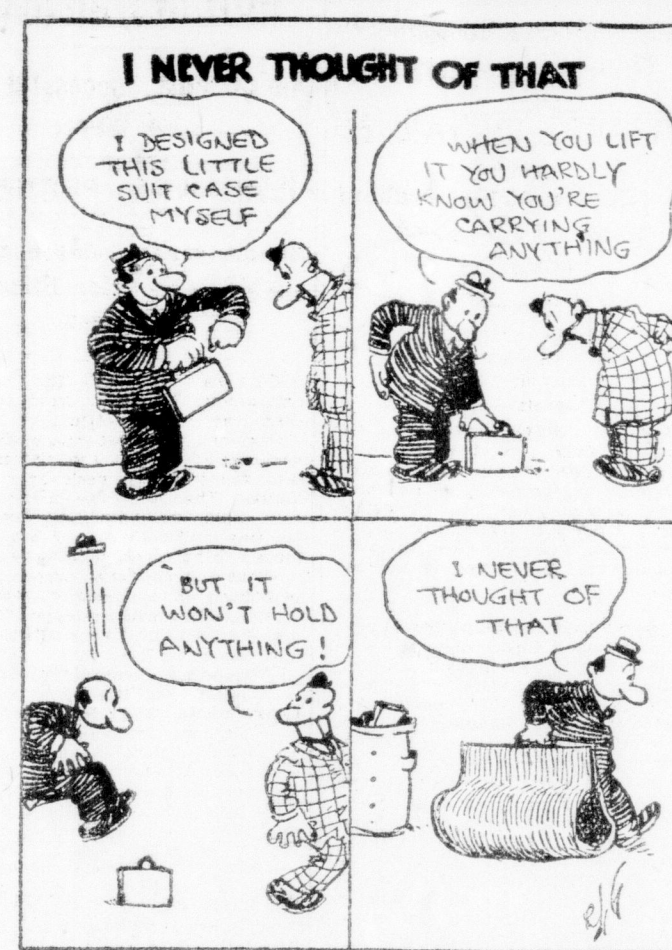
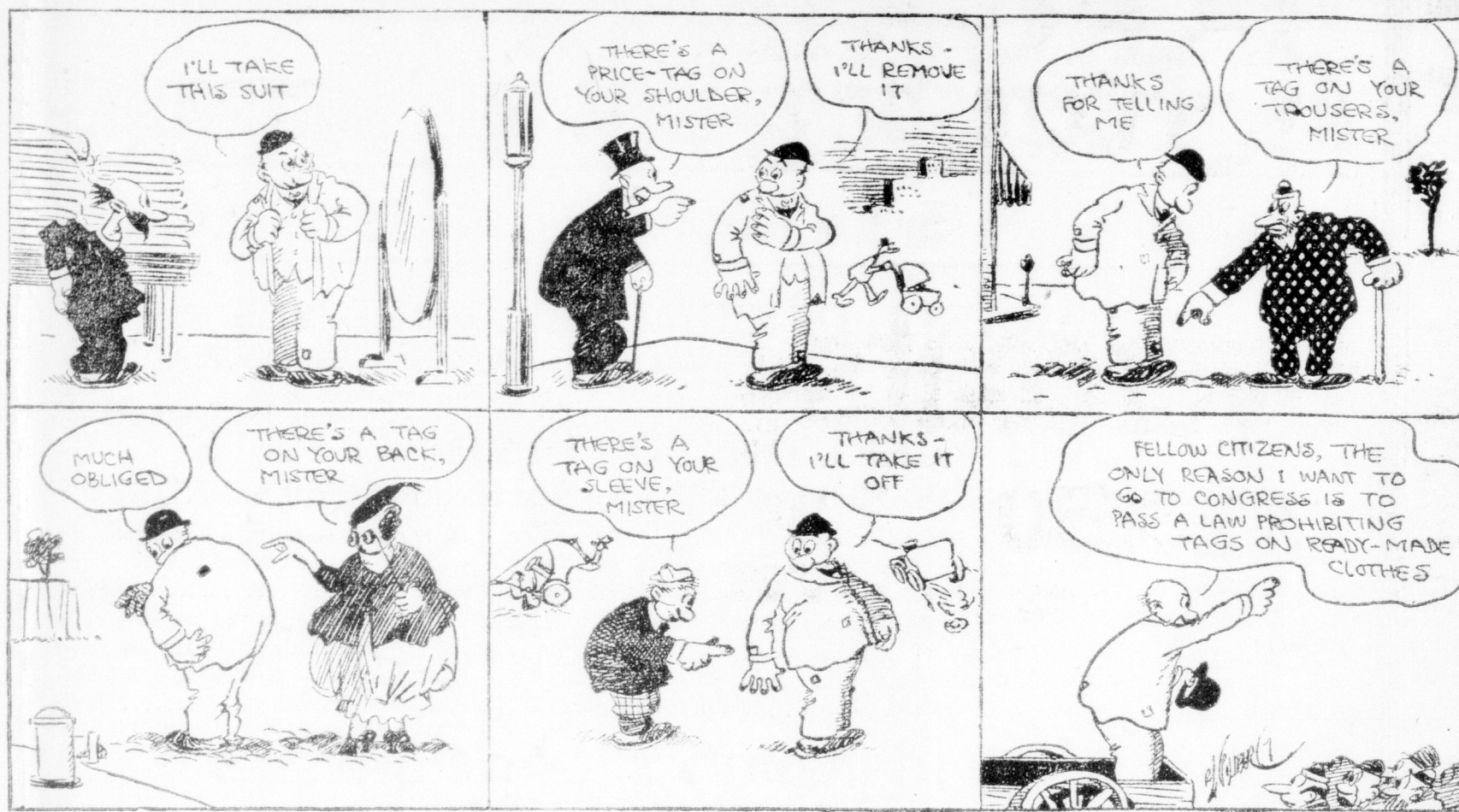


STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT



DARCY EXPECTS TO MEET CARPENTIER BEFORE LONG

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The probability of a bout between Les Darcy, the Australian, and Georges Carpentier, the Parisian boxer, who is at present in the French aviation corps, seems to be close. Tex Rickard announced yesterday that he had received word from France that Georges Carpentier's contract to box any man that would meet him was signed and is now on its way to this country. Rickard expects to hear any day that the big French boxer has been granted a furlough, and will be able to come to this side of the water for one or more bouts.

This statement of Rickard's puts it all up to the Australian. It is assured that Carpentier will be here shortly, and it is equally certain that he will meet any man who is persuaded to enter a ring with him. Rickard, managing Carpentier, and exerting a great influence over Darcy's plans, even if he is not officially manager, will probably bring the two men together at the earliest possible opportunity.

What Darcy's plans are after the possible bout with Carpentier are not known. Darcy hopes to take part in three or four matches here, but Tex Rickard is planning for that one bout and steadfastly refuses to consider anything else.

"This talk of three bouts is ridiculous," said Rickard. "I would not even consider such a series. Darcy is biding for me here and future matches will be dependent entirely upon his success in his initial effort. I have not planned any further than that."

Asked whether he was Darcy's manager, Rickard said that he was acting merely as a promoter bidding for a bout. If any one topped his bid, he continued, the successful bidder was welcome to the services of the Australian. Then he smiled and said: "I guess I can go as high, or higher, than any other promoter."

TONY ZOCCARO AND YOUNG BATTLING BROWN TO MEET

Articles Signed for Bout to Be Staged in City on Jan. 11.

Articles for a ten-round bout to be held in the city on January 11 were signed yesterday by Tony Zoccaro, the local boxer, and Young Battling Brown of Fort William.

The bout will be held under the auspices of the Sportsman's Patriotic Association, and the contest will be staged at the Central garage on York street, which will be fitted up in the meantime as an arena.

This bout will decide the feather-weight championship of Canada. Zoccaro is training at S. P. A. headquarters, with Eddie Brennan, and says he will put up a hard battle and is confident of getting the best of the bout.

FRAZEE STILL TRYING TO HOLD BILL CARRIGAN

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—That Harry H. Frazee, new owner of the Red Sox, is trying to arrange a conference with Bill Carrigan in regard to taking over the management of that team, was certain today. Where the conference is to take place is uncertain. Reports have it that Frazee will go to Lewiston, but what seems more probable is that Carrigan will come to Boston.

It was learned from reliable sources that all consideration of possible managers will be put off until a decisive answer has been received from Carrigan.

SIGNS UP CHINESE BALL PLAYER. SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Manager "Bill" Ivers of the Seattle club of the Northwest League, has signed a Chinese ball player named Ayau in Hawaii. He comes well recommended, a good hitter and fast both in the field and on the bases.

SARNIA INTERMEDIATES ARE READY FOR THE FRY

Imperial City Septette Will Make the Queen City Riversides Step Some.

SARNIA, Dec. 28.—A sudden drop in the temperature assures the hockey fans of this city that they will witness a fast game when the local intermediate seven clash with the Toronto Riversides on Saturday evening, December 30. Tuesday's and Wednesday's mild weather caused a little anxiety, and doubt was expressed as to whether or not the game would be staged, but a return of the cold weather allays all these fears, and assures fast ice for the puck-chasers. The blue-and-white septet feel confident of conquering the Capital City lads, and with a light workout last evening and another one on Friday evening they will be in excellent shape for their initial contest.

With a victory over the Riversides tucked safely away, they will commence conditioning for their first scheduled game with the 118th Wellington Battalion on January 6, one week after the Riverside contest.

VETERAN CURLER ILL. MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—David Guthrie, the grand old man of curling in Canada, is seriously ill with a stroke at his home in Westmount.

HOTEL ST. CHARLES

Along ocean front, with a superb view of famous strand and boardwalk, the St. Charles occupies a unique position among resort hotels. It has an enviable reputation for cuisine and unobtrusive service; 13 stories of solid comfort (fireproof); ocean porch and sun parlors; sea water in all baths; orchestra of soloists. Week-end dances. Golf privileges. Booklet mailed.

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Strategy Is the Thing In Big League Battles

Close Games Are Decided by Quick Thinking of Shrewd Managers—Gameness Also Important Asset. According to Umpire.

By BILLY EVANS. (American League Umpire.) Managers are compelled to use varied methods to get results. A certain star to be at his best must be handled with kid gloves. To get good results with some other athletes the manager must out in with the rough stuff. There is an outfielder, and a mighty good one, in the American League, who owes his big league berth, as well as much of his success, to a right swing and left upper-cut, both of which landed on the jaw of another member of the same team, and resulted in said athlete taking the count.

When the player in question joined the big league, he had offered quite a minor league reputation. He was an ambitious youngster, but his hopes were badly shattered when he saw the other outfielders of the club in action. Evidently he had expected to land a big league position without any trouble, but it soon dawned on him that he would be rather lucky if he won the berth of an outfielder. The manager of the club did not think very much of his chance to startle the big league, but several of the veterans on the team were rather favorably impressed, and perhaps it was their good opinions that saved him from being sent back to the minors immediately.

Failure to land a regular position, and the realization that the big league offered considerably from the bushes, robbed the kid of much of the "pep." When a minor league player he had been full of fight and ginger, but in the big show he was listless and it was not long before many of the players referred to him as "the crab." He never took part in any of the end games or fanning base, and never went to any places of amusement with the other members of the club. It would have been hard for him to have lived a more secluded life. He had few friends on the team, although in reality no one had any real reason for entertaining a dislike for him other than his refusal to be one of the gang.

Pinch Hitter Fans. The time finally came when he got a chance to break into the game. He was sent up as pinch hitter, and obliged the visitors by fanning. And two following appearances in the same capacity he emulated the famous Casey. Finally he was given a chance to start a game, as one of the regular outfielders had injured his leg. He played regularly for a week, and his poor fielding was responsible for the better than the worst hitting pitcher, and altogether he had fared dimly.

Gameness is a great asset in baseball. Ball players will put up with a lot of bad plays on the part of an athlete whom they regard as being game. They will tolerate mighty little from a fellow whom they consider "yellow," and because of this, the failures of the recruit to deliver when called upon, his teammates formed the opinion that he was "yellow." They did not keep their opinion to themselves either, but frequently expressed them to the youngster himself, who became a constant target for abuse, all of which he took without rearmament.

A muffed fly ball that lost a bitterly-contested extra inning game was what started the recruit on the road to success. The manager of the club knew that the youngster would be in for a fine roasting when he entered the club house, and he decided that the time had come for taking drastic action. Instead of leaving the bench at the conclusion of the game he waited for the players to come back, and calling the youngster aside, addressed him about as follows, "Youse wove," being omitted.

Speech "Makes" Player. "These birds got you doped as hell 'yellow.' I guess you ain't. Now, when you step inside that club house these cuss'll start ridin' you. I'm tired of seein' you go out for all their bait. When you get in there soak the first guy that opens his yap to you right on the jaw an' keep on makin' him till they pull you off. Get me? And say—if you don't you can get that trunk of your'n packed and catch the rattler for the bushes."

As soon as the recruit stepped inside the club house they handed him the welcome the manager said he would receive. The recruit looked about him, picked out the most offensive teammate, stepped up, swung his right to the jaw and upper cut with the left. The player dropped cold. At this stage the manager stepped into the club house. As soon as the victim recovered consciousness he made the two young men shake hands.

That knockout won the admiration of the rest of the players. Others, rearing a similar experience, cut out the rough stuff, and in a few days the youngster was in good standing. Inside of a week few card games or theatre parties were complete without him. Today he is one of the most popular fellows in the league, as well as a corking good ball player. Two well delivered punches caused his teammates to decide that he was not "yellow."

ANOTHER HESPERIAN WRECK

It was old Father Hesperian Out on a shopping spree, And he carried his little daughter along To keep his company.

Blue was her nose from the frosty air And her eyes were a mottle grey; But her father dragged her into the mob Preparing for Christmas Day.

"O, father, I hear an awful shriek— O' pray, what can it be?" "Some dame has had an eye gouged out."

The old man said in glee. "O, father, I hear a dying groan. From some one nearly dead!" "Some boob has had his block struck."

The father calmly said. "O, father, I see a stream of blood." She said with white face wan; "Some fish has bitten off my ear."

He said, and hurried on. "O, father, I felt a vicious jolt. Crazed what it might be!" But the father answered never a word, A mangled corpse was he.

Bowling

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

The Standing.

Empire Brass	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Hyman's	8	1	.889
Scott-Chamberlain	7	2	.778
Murray	6	3	.667
White's	5	4	.556
Cowan's	4	5	.444
Blue Labels	1	8	.111

The Hyman five, led by A. Benedict, whitewashed the Blue Labels last night in the Manufacturers' League by taking three games from the latter.

A. Benedict won the honors of the evening by making the highest total score with 150.

The teams and scores: HYMAN'S, G. P. Stockton.....185 121 142-448 W. Boyd.....149 126 152-428 R. Fierls.....150 185 142-425 S. Bennett.....181 141 122-424 A. Benedict.....189 167 117-473

Totals.....834 590 684-2203 BLUE LABELS, A. Boyd.....92 94 131-317 B. Duggs.....107 120 85-312 Sweeney.....156 121 128-386 Dunn.....118 144 131-398 Totals.....502 607 620-1829

PROMOTERS' OFFERS TO DARCY TOTAL \$127,000

Australian Wonder Stands a Chance to Clean Up Fortune in U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Unless the tight promoters who are after Lester Darcy are talking in "stage figures," he stands a chance to clean up a handsome fortune before he leaves American shores.

Mike Donlin, representing a Cuban syndicate, today came forth with the latest offer to Darcy—\$25,000 for a 40-round bout in Havana with any suitable opponent.

George Chip, the Newcastle middleweight, who was scheduled to box Darcy in Melbourne, Australia, just before Les left the country, is also in New York and hopes to get on with Darcy here.

"I traveled thousands of miles for several bouts with Darcy," said Chip today, "and although he scored a knockout in our only meeting, I was anxious to get another chance at him in Melbourne. I believe he will be willing to meet me here. I do not blame him for leaving Australia, considering conditions, and I will not be surprised to see him settle down in this country."

The offer from Havana boosts the total offers of promoters to \$127,500 without counting what Tex Rickard may offer for a bout in New York, or what Jimmy Coffroth, who wants Darcy at Tijuana, might be willing to pay for his services.

If Darcy could accept all offers he would be immensely wealthy within a few months' time.

Matt Hinkel, Cleveland promoter, is here today, and it is believed he will attempt to get Darcy for a bout in the Forest City.

Dick Curley, matchmaker for Clemon C. C., also announced today he had offered Les Darcy \$17,500 for a bout with Battling Levinsky.

118th Batt. and Preston Seniors To Play Tonight

Hockey Season To Be Opened Locally at London Curling Club Rink This Evening.

At the London Curling Club rink tonight the local hockey season will be inaugurated with what promises to be a fast game between the 118th Battalion and the Preston senior hockey team.

If the line-up can be accepted as any criterion, then a speedy, clean contest is in store for hockey fans tonight.

A member of the 118th Battalion and a hockey fan from the ground up, advances the following reasons why the great winter game should be patronized:

"Because in these strenuous times, active sport should be encouraged amongst the boys, to fit them for overseas service.

"Because the O.H.A. has over a full battalion of its hockey players either in England or at the front, and in addition hundreds of soldier hockeyists in Canada at present.

The line-up for tonight's game: 118th, Joss.....Goal.....Short Masters.....R. defence.....Trushinski Hagerman.....L. defence.....Bowman Weichel (Capt) Rover.....Williams Hillier.....Centre.....Bowman Edwards.....R. wing.....Ruppel Kelly.....L. wing.....Schlegel Uffelman.....

Preston, Leroux.....Spore.....Johnson Arthur.....Spore.....Clark Bontje.....Spore.....Blum Lord Wells 111, Yorkshire Boy 111.

Sixth race, for all ages, selling, handicap, 6 furlongs (9)—Yorkville 99, Am-drose 101, Owana 102, Sevilian 105, Brave Commander 106, King Tuscan 109.

LAWN TENNIS HAS GROWN IN POPULARITY IN U. S.

National Association Presents Review of Season of 1916.

New York, Dec. 28.—In reviewing the season of 1916 the United States National Lawn Tennis Association has prepared data to show that the playing period of the past months was the most remarkable in this history of the court game in this country.

The report states, in part: "The tournaments sanctioned by the association showed an increase of 26 per cent in 1916 over 1915. In 1915 the ranking committee examined the records of 2,697 players, to determine who should go into the 'first ten.' This year the figures were 4,500—an increase of 67 per cent. When it is considered that these refer only to players competing in tournaments officially sanctioned, and therefore take no account of thousands who enjoy the game, but who do not go in for tournament competition, the increase is noteworthy."

In St. Louis, for instance, more than 20,000 permits were issued to users of municipal courts in the parks. Probably not 100 of these players appeared in sanctioned events. In Washington, D. C., more than 9,000 permits went to users of public courts, and in Cleveland the number was about 1,000. Such reports, from cities so widely separated, show tennis players no longer are colonized. For years the game has reached its highest development on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, but now it is sweeping inland with rapidity.

"Although the European war prevented David cup matches the presence of Ichiji Kumagae and Machishiro Mikami of Tokyo, Japan, gave an international flavor to many tournaments in this country. Kumagae's remarkable playing resulted in victory in the Newport, New York State and Central States' tournaments, and ended by his being ranked No. 2. Mikami went into class III. of players from 31 to 40. Public interest in far eastern tennis has been further stimulated by a 15,000-mile trip undertaken by Harold Throckmorton and George M. Church, who left a short time ago to play for the championship of the Orient."

"The year was marked also by the passing of a remarkably popular figure, when Maurice McLaughlin of Los Angeles was not ranked, because he failed to compete in enough tournaments. This was the first year since he broke into the 'first ten' in 1909 that he did not win a place. In 1909 he was No. 5, and subsequently No. 4, No. 3, No. 1 in 1912, 1913 and 1914, and No. 2 in 1915. Although 'The Comet' probably will play tennis for years to come, most followers of the game doubt that he will ever be able to regain the high rank that he has consistently held during the years in which he has been the most spectacular figure in the tennis world."

"In the administrative work of the National Association the most important feature was the creation of a play for youngsters, culminating in the junior and the boys' championships. Competition for these titles was inaugurated on a sectional basis, about 90 tournaments being held. In which some 1,700 players took part. Along the same line was the creation of a national championship for users of public courts under the auspices of the National Municipal Recreation Federation. This provides tournaments on a sectional basis for players who use municipal courts, and was inaugurated in 1916. St. Louis defeated the New York team in the finals, and holds for one year the trophy offered by the National Association."

The men in both squads are declared to be in first class shape. The Oregonians practiced at Tournament Park and the Quakers on the Country Club golf course.

EAST AND WEST BATTLE FOR GRIDIRON SUPREMACY

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 28.—The Oregon and Pennsylvania football teams, which will meet here next Tuesday in the year's biggest East vs. West gridiron struggle, arrived here today and immediately began practice for the coming contest.

The men in both squads are declared to be in first class shape. The Oregonians practiced at Tournament Park and the Quakers on the Country Club golf course.

Million-Dollar Golf Course for Wealthy Canadians in U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—One of the finest golf courses in the country, with initial expenditures amounting to more than a million dollars, is to be laid out on 1,400 acres of ground near Somerville, N. J., for the benefit of wealthy Canadians residing in New York and Philadelphia. It was announced here today.

The Canadians will organize a golf club, it was stated, and many of them plan to establish homes on the property.

"TUB" SPENCER TO COACH SANTA CLARA BALL TEAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—"Tub" Spencer, the Detroit catcher, was signed today by Manager Joe Auercochee of Santa Clara college to officiate as baseball coach of the Mission team.

"Tub" will give up his berth as a salesman in a local department store and report to Santa Clara on January 5 to take up his new duties. Spencer will remain with the team as coach until March 1, when he will go east to report to Detroit.



IMPERIAL MUNITIONS BOARD

OTTAWA

December 27th, 1916.

TO THE MUNITIONS WORKERS OF CANADA.

The Imperial Minister of Munitions has entrusted to the manufacturers of Canada and their work people, the production of an important percentage of the shells which will be used at the front. It is vital to the successful prosecution of the war that these munitions be delivered weekly as promised. The present delivery of shells (save in one size) is below the promised quantity, and the shortage has become so serious that it causes grave anxiety.

If we, who produce munitions at home, are to be worthy of the men who have gone to the front, we must set aside comfort and ease and personal gratification, and give undivided attention to munitions output.

From a personal knowledge of the need, and personal contact with the suffering and the heroism of the men in the trenches, I urge the munitions workers, whether in the steel plant, or in the factory, to devote themselves with increased energy and unstinted time to the task of additional output.

Neither the soldier nor the sailor will have his New Year's Day free from duty. I appeal to the men and to the women engaged in munitions production in Canada, to forego Saturday afternoon, the 30th instant, and Monday, New Year's Day, and to continue at their work. The sacrifice is small, but to those who make it will come the satisfaction of having discharged a clear obligation.

Yours truly,

Chairman.