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BENNY LEONARD AND LEW TENDLER CAUSE PROMOTERS TROUBLE

Harry Edwards, Noted Boxing Official, Says Champion and Local Southpaw Are "Card-Killers" and Force Hardships Upon Heads of Sport—Favors Commission

PHILADELPHIA is one of the few cities in the United States—in fact, in the country—that has supported boxing continuously. Year in and year out the promoters go along staging their weekly shows during the regular season, and when the time comes to halt the indoor game the open-air shows begin and receive the same liberal support.

The last year has been one of the most severe in history on the game boxing promoters. With high-class talent scarce, thousands of boxing patrons in the service and many charitable causes to be supported, an amusement such as boxing had to have some class to attract.

Boxing made its sacrifice just the same as other enterprises during wartime. Now that the big clouds have passed the promoters look for clearer sailing and larger gate receipts.

LAST night Harry Edwards, president of the Olympia A. A., a noted boxing authority, hesitated long enough to give us a few ideas on the game and what the future holds in store for the promoters, the fans and the boxers.

Must Have More Classy Home Talent

THE boxing game with most promoters is a disease, not a business," said Mr. Edwards. "I have been connected with the game for the last fourteen years and I will admit that the last year has been a trying one on all.

"Boxing should have one of its best seasons. The game has done much to help win the war and it has received the approval of the Government. In addition, we have more physically fit men now than ever before.

"Of course, during the last year whenever the crowds did not come we ascribed it to the war. We had to blame it on something, so why not the war? But I recall very well, even in normal times, when the crowds slumped, due to a number of consecutive bad shows, and it took time to get them back.

"That is the reason we hope to see many good local boys come back ready to meet the best the other cities have to present. We need home favorites. That has been one of the reasons why Philadelphia has been such a great boxing city.

Lew Tendler and Leonard "Card Killers"

LEW TENDLER, the best boy developed here in many seasons, instead of helping the game, really has served to cause the promoters all kinds of trouble. I am forced to admit that I must class him as a "card killer."

"Benny Leonard also did much to 'kill' good boys from this town. If you think for just a moment you will recall that it was Leonard who ruined Jimmy Murphy, McAndrews, Robideau, Welch and a few more.

"Tendler did much to save us in other ways. He has done such wonderful work during the last year that now we are forced to admit that he is the best 133-pounder in the country and is a card. Leonard is a great boy, and while I do not wish to be quoted as a pessimist, I do not believe Benny ever again will make the 133-pound limit.

"Now that other States have started an agitation to restore boxing and place it on the level where it belongs, the game is going to reach the top. In fact, it will do the same as the boys did over in France—go over the top.

"NOW there is talk of a boxing commission for this State. I want to say that I'm in favor of a commission. It is known that the commission form of boxing has failed in many States, but I believe if the right men are on the commission it will be a great thing for the game."

Big Baseball Deal Gives Power to Miller Huggins

AFTER considerable dickering and lots of publicity the much-talked-of big baseball deal has gone through. Dutch Leonard, Ernie Shore and Duffy Lewis will be seen in Yankee uniforms when the season gets under way, and Caldwell, Love, Gilhooley and Walters will be playing for the Boston Red Sox.

From whatever angle, except the present financial one, the Yankees seem to have received the better of the deal. Huggins got two of the best pitchers in the American League, one a right-hander and the other a southpaw, and a steady and reliable outfielder in exchange for a good catcher, a dependable outfielder and two pitchers who are rather erratic.

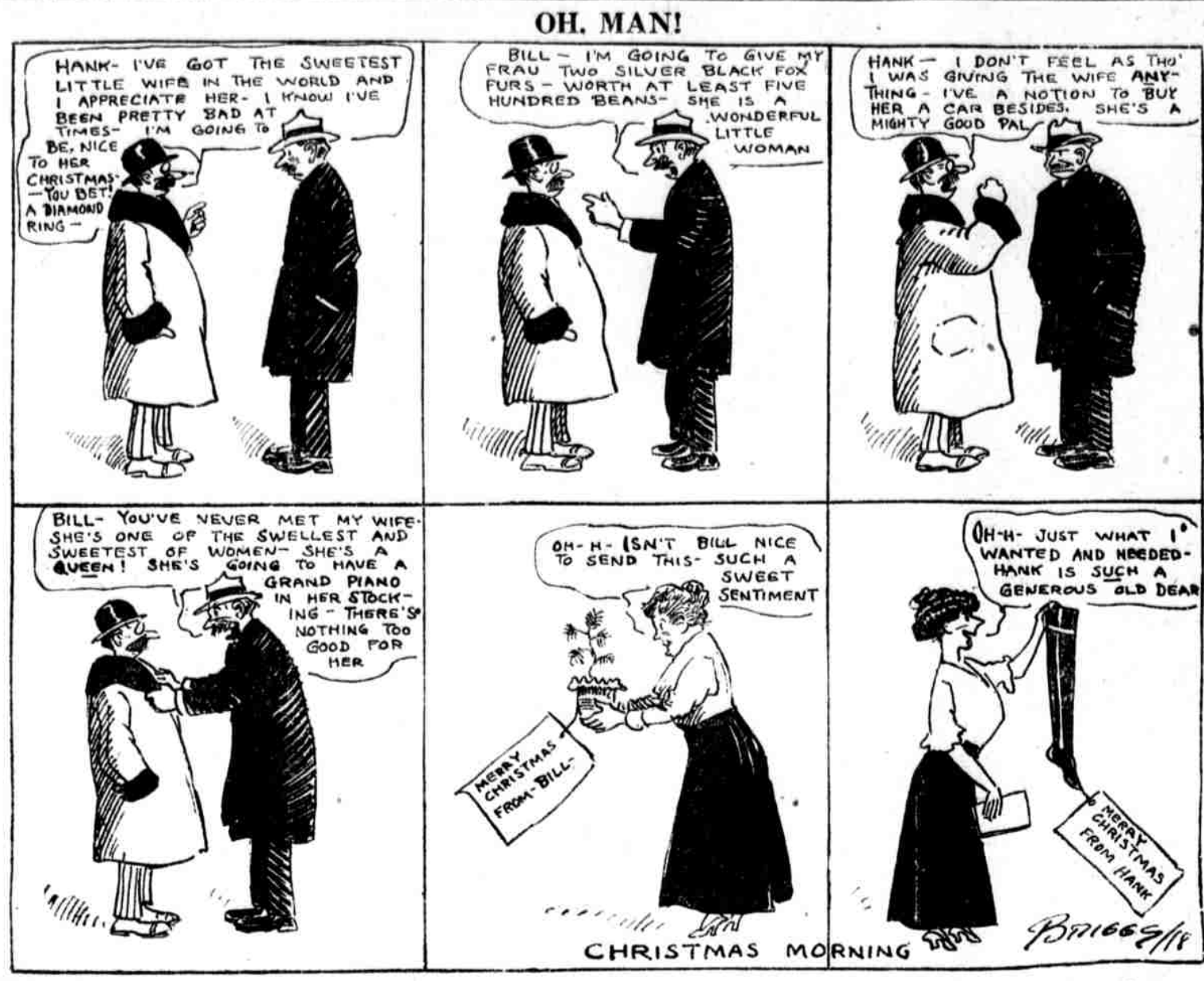
The Yanks now should have a great twirling staff, and that pleases Miller Huggins, whose pet baseball proverb is that a club is as strong as its pitching staff. With Dutch Leonard, Ernie Shore, Bob Shawkey, Herbert Thomas, Pete Schneider and George Mogridge, Huggins will have a star for every week-day, and he should be able to develop a star from his other twenty twirlers, who will go south on the training trip to work on the hill Sundays.

The three players whom the Yanks are getting are comparatively young. Lewis, the oldest of the trio, is thirty years old. He played four years on the coast, joined the Red Sox in 1910 and has played sterling ball ever since. He has never failed to shine in a world's series, and in a pinch he is one of the most dangerous men in the league, although his batting average as a rule is usually under .300.

HUGGINS is fortunate in having a catcher like Truck Hannah with this pitching staff on his hands. Hannah has the earmarks of a second Ray Schalk. Muddy Ruel will be the second spring backstop.

IT was announced this morning in Cambridge that Henry A. Yeomans, dean of Harvard College, has been appointed temporary chairman of the Harvard Athletic Committee, and with Major Moore, graduate manager, will represent the University at the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting in New York next week.

ALL the big colleges are certain to have representatives at the national collegiate meeting. All colleges and universities plan to have sports on a large scale. These plans will be completed at the coming session.



CHRISTMAS MORNING

GOLF IN WINTER IMPROVES GAME

Play Year Round in British Isles, and This Helps Foreign Stars

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS

In Canada and in the northern part of the United States golf as an actively played game goes into winter quarters with the first heavy snow. Of course, there are always a few enthusiastic players who get out a dozen or so red balls and have their round of golf whether or no.

And these players undoubtedly get a great deal of recreation and health because of their persistence. This has been an unusually fine fall for playing, and if the weather man is as generous the next few weeks we will see every golf course pretty well patronized up to the new year.

Golf All Winter

In the British Isles golf is a year-round pastime, and the clubhouses do not close during the winter months. If the snow falls particularly heavy the average player drops out for the time being, but is right back on the course when the winter mantle has fled.

In this country no great matches ever have been staged during the winter months, but the history of golf in the British Isles describes the interesting Oxford and Cambridge match of some years ago. It was played in a blizzard which was so fierce that eventually every player lost every ball he had and this necessarily terminated the match.

Interesting Match

I said this match was interesting, and it was. Not for its brilliant play, but rather for the great novelty it possessed and laughter it created by showing the gallery that the most noted players of the day could miss a ball entirely when playing from the tee.

One distinguished player, D. F. Branson, took three swings from the teeing ground and on the fourth shot hit his ball and landed flat on his back. Another player had the quite exceptional experience of losing not only his ball but also his driver. The club slipped from his hand following a shot and was discovered some days later, when the snow had melted, fifty yards from the tee.

Made History

The humorous misfortunes which attended this particular match makes it stand out in golf history, but prior to the war—and doubtless they will be resumed now—many successful winter matches were held abroad.

Players in this country, I fear, will have to play golf at least during January, February and March without score cards and for the sheer joy that comes from outdoor exercises and an occasional good shot.

The northern golfer who must have his game will have to manage to find it in the South, where the snow-free courses are at their best in the winter months.

SILK O'LOUGHLIN ILL

Umpire Near Death With Double Pneumonia

Boston, Dec. 19.—Francis ("Silk") O'Loughlin, American League umpire, is dangerously ill with double pneumonia at his home here. He was stricken with influenza last Friday and the disease quickly developed into pneumonia. The last rites of the church have been administered.

F. and M. Football Awards

Lansdale, Pa., Dec. 19.—Fourteen students of Franklin and Marshall College have been awarded their letters for the work done on this year's football team. They are: Captain Marshall, Madison, Tracy, Powers, Jones, E. R. Mellinger, H. E. Weaver, Peffer, Morrison, Bucher, Duffenough, J. L. Weaver, H. W. Brown and Myers.

Evans Wants His 1918 Salary

Sh-h-h! Murray Imparts Secret—He Claims Crown

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

BATTLING MURRAY, the hard-hitting little Italian boy, patient and waiting, has broken his long silence. He has heard and read of so many boys claiming various titles that he has fallen in love. The willing young Battler believes he is just about the best flyweight in the country, and yesterday came down to tell us that he now claims the flyweight championship of America.

Trouble always starts when someone begins claiming crowns. Yesterday the Battler quietly was guided into the office. He took careful survey of his surroundings, made certain that no enemy ears would hear and then proceeded to impart his secret. He wanted it to remain a secret, and for that reason headed for a newspaper office. He showed excellent judgment.

Tells His Secret

After taking the measure of Battling Leonard last Monday night, Young Murray insists he is the best of his weight in the country. Those who question this right—well, they're all welcome, he says. The Battler took the count only once during his successful career, and that was a year ago, when he curiously placed his jaw in front of one of the late Joe Tubber's right drives. The Battler passed out for the evening.

Since, however, he has been more fortunate. He has engaged all varieties of opponents with good results. He showed such good form in his last start that he now wants to meet the celebrities.

After Jimmy Wilde

His main purpose in buying us a visit yesterday, aside from announcing his claim to the flyweight title, was to state that he wanted to meet Jimmy Wilde. If Jimmy does not make the trip here, then he wants to entertain Pat Moore, when the American sensation appears.

Johnny Burns, his manager, accompanied the Battler, and said he would back his man for a match with Moore or Wilde.

A title claimant is worthy of just a little consideration and some respect, argues Johnny. The Battler concurs.

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DICKSON ORGANIZES BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Navy Yard Cage Circuit Embraces Six Teams of Enlisted Men—Athletic Director By Dickson Plans Schedule to Get Early Start

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

A NEW basketball league was organized yesterday, but the circuit will not be for the benefit of the public. You've heard about art for art's sake—well, this league will be sport for sport's sake.

The circuit is confined to the limits of the League Island Navy Yard and all the players are enlisted men. It embraces six teams as follows: Training Camp, Receiving Ship, Marines, Coast Accounting, Supply and Commissary Store.

The schedule has not been drawn up as yet, but it probably will call for three games a week, all of which will be played on the Creation Center floor. They will be contested either at night or in the late afternoon.

In order to stimulate interest in the game a cup has been offered to the winner through William Gray. The trophy will be known as the Spalding Cup and will go permanently to the quintet landing the championship. There is plenty of room for enthusiasm at the navy yard right now, for with the majority of the men being discharged from the service a certain amount of unrest has arisen.

There was a great amount of interest taken in athletics at League Island while the football season was on. Even after peace was declared enthusiasm failed to decrease in the gridiron sport, but the main reason was that By Dickson put over a winning aggregation.

Dickson, the man who put over the football eleven under trying conditions, is the organizer of the cage league. His natural pep and ability as an executive and organizer should be sufficient to put basketball over also.

On paper, the Coast Accounting five seems to be the best in the league, with such stars of the cage as Harry Fritz, Lis Powell, Trautwein and others, but several of the players of the other teams have basketball reputations of equal prominence in their home towns.

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