

LITTLE THING LIKE LACK OF PATRONAGE DOESN'T MAKE FRENCH PROMOTERS TAKE THE COUNT

SHOW COST \$12,000, RECEIPTS \$450, YET PROMOTERS PROFIT

Thousands of Seats Vacant, Annie Oakleys Plentiful. Principals Receive Guarantee and Officials Clear \$38,000; Still, This Engel Story Is No Fairy Tale

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

I SEE where that town Aix les Bains is getting into print quite often these days, said George Engel the other night at a meeting of the Pine Street Debating Society. "That old French town is a beautiful place and every time I read of it a flood of recollections comes back to me. Once upon a time I had a wonderful experience there and if there's nothing on the docket I'd like to tell a story."



GEORGE ENGEL

The members, who had just voted to give the land back to the Indians after July 1, settled back in their chairs. Two stalwart waiters stood on guard, so that not one word would escape. There was intense silence as George began his tale. "First, I want to present something strange and unusual," said Engel. "Don't interrupt, because I am giving you straight facts and I will prove my assertions before I have finished. That goes for every one, including Jimmy the Elk and Charley Heeb."

"Did you ever hear of promoting a boxing show which cost \$12,000 and made money when the total receipts did not exceed \$450? Funny, isn't it? But that is what happened at the Casino de Cielos on September 11, 1913, when Frank Klaus, then middleweight champion, boxed Marcel Marceau for the title. There were two other bouts on the card. The boxers were well paid and the promoters were happy despite the \$150 house.

"There are no miners in Aix les Bains. The boxers were well taken care of, given the best suites in Hotel Splendide and treated like members of the royalty. One day we dined in the same room with the King of Greece and nothing was said, although Klaus wore a roll-necked sweater and hadn't shaved for a week. The King even came over and shook hands with us. That's the kind of treatment we received. I only wish we could go back again."

"BUT the \$50 house, George?" interrupted Leon Rain, whose mind occasionally runs in financial circles. "How can you put on a \$12,000 show and make money with only \$450 in the house? I've GOTTA know that."

"Just give me time," answered George. "Everything will be explained so that even YOU will understand."

This Promoter Liberal With Annie Oakleys "WE CAME from Paris," resumed Engel, "and with us was Georges Carpenter, who had just been knocked out by Klaus in nineteen rounds. Funny thing about Carpenter. He had been beaten by Klaus and Papke, but the Frenchmen still believed he was the greatest fighter in the world and the promoters gave him \$1000 to appear on the same bill with us and only box an exhibition."

"There also was a bantamweight bout between Le Deaux and Bobby Burns of London, for the championship of something—I forget what it was. But that was the line-up for the show and no expense was spared. "I remember the morning of the fight when I was taking a walk with Klaus I met an American friend and he asked me to get him six good tickets. I went to the manager's office and received twenty box seats which sold at \$20 each. I tried to pay for them, but he waved me away, saying I could have fifty more if I needed them."

"Well, the bout came off and the big arena virtually was empty. The few spectators enjoyed themselves, however, and cheered just as loudly as if they had been in a regular place. I was working on a guarantee of \$4500 and, believe me, I expected about fifty cents for my share. I have had wide experience with slim crowds, but the promoter assured me everything was all right and offered to pay me before Klaus stepped into the ring. I took his word for it.

"After Frank had won by a knockout in one of the early rounds I went into the box office wearing a long face. I wanted to sympathize with such a game guy as the promoter, but he didn't need any. His face was wreathed with smiles and he sang softly to himself as he counted out my share of the money."

"BUT what is the answer, George?" insisted Leon Rain. "There must be an answer and I want to hear it. Perhaps I can try it some time."

These Game Gamblers Gambled and Won "HERE is the dope," replied Engel. "Aix les Bains is a great gambling place like Monte Carlo and the people would go there to play during the season. It happened that the 'house' was leaving a hard time, losing heavily, with no chance to get it back because the season ended on September 8. On that night everybody planned to leave."

"There was a certain group of heavy players there and the management wanted to hold them over for a couple of days and try to get some of the money back. This doesn't mean the players would be robbed or anything like that, but they would do some gambling, and that was enough.

"SO THE boxing bouts were arranged and the men stayed over. They played one more day and lost \$50,000. Thus the promoters of the fight paid out \$12,000 to get \$50,000 and cleared some \$38,000. What did they care about the \$150 house?"

Even Tommy Carey Questioned the Weight WHEN Johnny Burns learned of the game French promoters he considered the incident a boxing freak. Tommy Carey has perpetrated many and this gave Johnny an idea. "I recall distinctly what Carey did in Tamaqua one night," said the Kensington promoter. "Tommy was matched to box Jack Brazzo at 135 pounds. Brazzo was unable to box and Steve Lazio was substituted. As Tommy was wrapping the tape on his hands he turned to me and said, 'Johnny, what's that guy's weight?'"

"I looked over at Lazio, who really scaled about 148. 'I guess he's about 134½ or 135½.' "This seemed to satisfy Carey. For eight rounds he fought well. At the end of the ninth he turned again to me. 'That guy weighs about 150. I want them to weigh him now. I want the fight stopped.'

"IT WAS a fifteen-round battle. After I made Carey believe Lazio wasn't so heavy Tommy went out there and beat his man bad for the remainder of the bout. But think of wanting the bout stopped to weigh his opponent! Only a Carey would think of it."

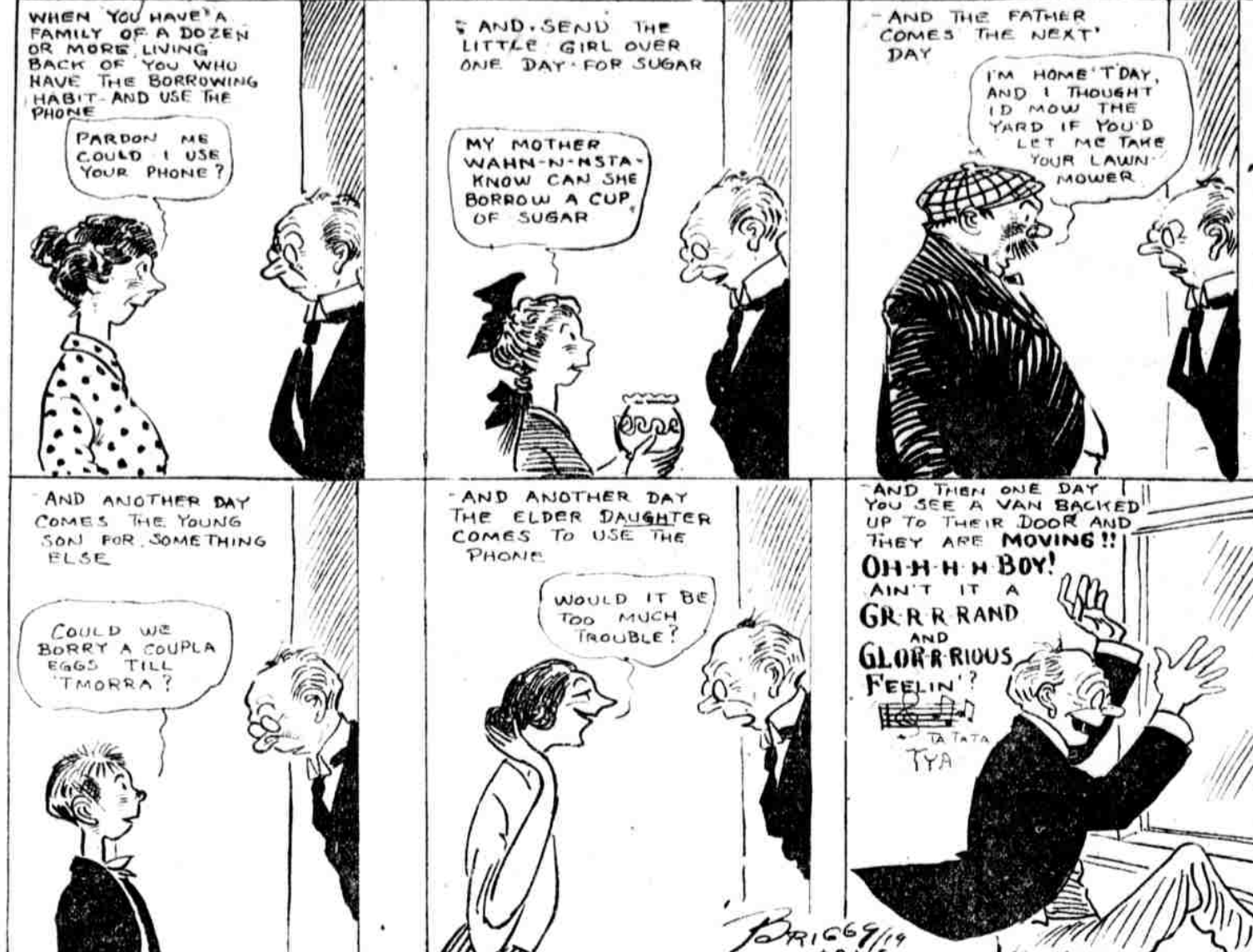
Hagen Wasn't Acting on This Occasion JACK HAGEN, the former trainer of the University of Pennsylvania baseball team, present conditioner of Frank Poth's League Island basketball champions and the always-on-the-job ticket taker at the National, has been a boxing headliner for many years. In the old days John, as a 110-pound bunch of "TNT," was battling all the big boys. He fought amateurs and professionals alike. When he broke away from the professional side of the ring he went on the stage and, teamed with Spider Kelly, entertained for many seasons.

Hagen and Kelly have been staging their act for years. The boys do not do any "punch pulling." They are skillful boxers, but despite their superb defense a punch occasionally slips through. "One night Kelly and Hagen were performing at Shibe Park. It was in the second round and the boys were mixing it freely. Suddenly Kelly sent a right underhand right swing that caught Hagen flush on the chin. John was lifted off his feet, propelled through the ropes and finally went sliding through the mud on the rain-soaked field.

"That Hagen's some actor," chirped a voice from the stands. "He's real."

SEVERE right," whispered John to one of his seconds. "It was a right act because it was natural. Kelly's punch made me a real actor. But you couldn't tell the tons I was 'punch drunk'."

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



NEW YORK SHIP AND NAVAL WIN Shot Putters Had Fine Time at Annual "Quads" CORNELL DAILY PRAISES SHARPE

Defeat Keystone and Pusey & Jones in Exciting Games at League Island

READY FOR ST. COLUMBA The largest crowd of the season at League Island last evening witnessed the two best games played there in any one night this year. The first was between New York Ship and Keystone, and resulted in a victory for the former by the score of 40 to 24.

Naval's Fine Defense The fine defense of naval training was the feature of the other clash with Pusey & Jones. Throughout the entire forty minutes of play the opponents of the sailor boys only made four field goals.

Plot Thickens But this gang of bushies was different from the ordinary lot, and before the afternoon was over were being pegged from the roof to the sub-basement. In the first place, they went down several flights of steps, opened and closed many doors, lead all the signs carefully, inquired of several "cush girls" where they were supposed to toss the twelve-pound shot and still were unable to find the place.

W. P. C. H. S. SCHEDULE Blue and White Team to Play Nine Games The manager of West Catholic High has given out the baseball schedule for this season. Nine games will be played, and as this is the first year that the Blue and White has a representative team the result will be watched for by all those interested in local high school athletics.

National Title for Great Lakes Chicago, March 18.—The Great Lakes were held over with the national A. T. water polo event here last night, defeating the Illinois Athletic Club, 5 to 1.

Fred Fulton Retires From Ring; Will Be Farmer Los Angeles, Calif., March 18.—Winning and fretting over the country-wide criticism relative to his recent confession, Fred Fulton, the big Minnesota plunker, announced his retirement from the ring last night. He stated that it was his intention to buy a farm. Fulton made a public confession that his ring bout with Jack Dempsey, at Harrison, N. J., was a "fake," and that he was "double crossed." He realized that American ring fans have no use for "fakers," hence his retirement. He chose the location of a farm, it is said, because he will have to play square with nature to get results.

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Y. M. C. A. SWIMMERS WIN Defeat League Island Mermen by One Point in Dual Meet That Uncle Sam's sailors can swim as well as they can fight was demonstrated last night at League Island. A dual meet was arranged between the Central Y. M. C. A. swimming team and the jockies of the fleet and enlisted men. So keen were the events contested that prior to the final race the score was a tie.

Dartmouth to Have Pool Hanover, N. H., March 18.—That Dartmouth fellows are to have a swimming pool in the near future was announced today through the college office of Roland H. Spaulding, of Rochester, former Governor of New Hampshire.

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Cambria A. C. Burns & Pooner, Mgrs. FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 21. FIVE WIND-UP-FIVE

lithuan Students Extend Regrets and Congratulations to Former Coach "ELI WINS THIS TIME" The housing of Dr. A. H. Sharpe as athletic director from Cornell to Yale is received with genuine regret at Cornell, "Doc" Sharpe had become a fixture at Cornell, and the college daily, the Cornell Sun, prints the following eulogistic:

Two years ago Pampelly was well established in a profitable business, see I have a minute yet. Just time enough to tell you this: You may think I'm cheating in these civilians, but I'm not. I'm out of the services now in the aviation lieutenant. I'm on my way home, and if I miss that train I'll never forgive you." The excitement dropped his suitcase for a second and extended his right. The friend shook hands with Pampelly, of Yale.

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Pampelly will enter the tobacco growing business on a farm at Owego, N. Y., with his brother, Spencer Pampelly, another famous Yale athlete, a member of the greatest pitchers in Yale baseball. Henry Howe, brother of Harold Howe, the Yale All-American quarterback of 1912, also will be one of the partners.

Pine VValley Star Captures Qualifying Honors at Belleair Belleair Heights, Fla., March 18.—Winstar Harvey, of Pine Valley, won the qualifying round in the annual Belleair golf championship, which began here yesterday, with a 20 score under 100.

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New Yorkers Will Play Pepp at Home May 10 Ten matches are on the schedule of the Columbia varsity lawn tennis team, as ratified and officially announced yesterday by the university committee on athletics. The season begins with a dual match with Rutgers at New Brunswick, April 20, and ends with a contest with the Navy, at Annapolis, on May 31. The only home matches will be with Pennsylvania and Dartmouth.

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Famous Yale Drop-Kicker of 1912 Shakes Naval Aviation Uniform for Overalls ENLISTED AS A "GOB"



HAROLD A. PUMPELLY

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK A STOCKY young man with suitcase in his right hand and overcoat thrown over his left arm tore up the flight of stairs that leads to the trainshed at Broad Street Station. For the purposes of speed and convenience, he was using the skip-step system.

Gaining the top, he came to a full stop for a second, gave the signs over the gates to the trains a sweeping glance and then started off in the direction of the New York express. When he had full steam up, a friend snatched his arm, threw him off his balance and almost landed him on the floor.

"You seem to be in a hurry, Lieutenant," said the friend, with a great attempt at humor.

Leaves for Home "I wouldn't be if they didn't start those New York traffic jams, see I have a minute yet. Just time enough to tell you this: You may think I'm cheating in these civilians, but I'm not. I'm out of the services now in the aviation lieutenant. I'm on my way home, and if I miss that train I'll never forgive you."

Close for Penn Fresh Princeton's Late Rally Falls Two Points Short Princeton, N. J., March 18.—The Pennsylvania freshman basketball team defeated the Princeton first-year men, 23 to 21, in a close, bitterly contested game here last night.

The Tigers' Cubs were within one tally or winning throughout the last half, but their offense was too weak to administer the needed blow. The game was marred by personal fouls on both sides, foul goals counting heavily in the final score. Captain Graves starred for the Quaker cubs, while King, with 13 points to his credit, excelled for Princeton.

Harvard to Meet M. I. T. Cambridge, Mass., March 18.—Manager Leonard of the Harvard track team, has announced a meet between his team and Oberlin's Institute of Technology, on May 3, in the stadium.

Boote to Lead Wesleyan Middletown, Conn., March 18.—Edward S. Boote, of East Orange, N. J., has been elected captain of the Wesleyan baseball team for the coming season. Boote is a Cornell grad and was catcher on the team last spring.

Spring Football Work at Harvard Cambridge, Mass., March 18.—At a meeting of the candidates for the Harvard football team, set for Monday, March 31, the dates for spring practice will be announced.

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