

AS COMIC ARTISTS SEE THE WORLD

BIG TOP

By ED WHEELAN

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE OPENING PERFORMANCES OF "BIG TOP," HERE IS A SHORT SCENARIO OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

ALTA, THE FAMOUS PERFORMING ELEPHANT OF BANGS BROS. CIRCUS, ATTACKED "SILK" FOWLER, THE RINGMASTER, ON TWO OCCASIONS. EACH TIME MYRA LA BELLE, A STAR PERFORMER WHOSE FATHER HAD BEEN ALTA'S TRAINER, SAVED "SILK"

"SILK" WISHED THE "BULL" KILLED BUT JEFF BANGS, OWNER OF THE SHOW, REFUSED -

"SILK" THEN THREATENED BLACK MAIL (A MYSTERY STILL) BUT JEFF WITH THE AID OF TWO HUSKY CANVASMEN GOT FOWLER TO SIGN A STATEMENT, (WHICH WAS TRUE) THAT HE HAD MISTREATED ALTA

"SILK" WANTED TO MARRY MYRA BUT HAD BEEN REFUSED. HE NOW DECIDED TO BIDE HIS TIME AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR A GOOD CHANCE TO GET REVENGE ON BOTH JEFF AND MYRA -

MEANWHILE "DAD" STERLING, AN OLD CLOWN, WHO HAD BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL, JOINED THE SHOW, AND WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BACK BY EVERYBODY

THE CIRCUS WAS FORCED TO STAY OVER AN EXTRA DAY BECAUSE OF FLOODS AT RIVERSIDE BUT THE RECEIPTS WERE SPOILED BY RAIN

OMITTING THE EVENING PERFORMANCE BANGS DECIDED TO JUMP TO BARNSBORO WHERE THEY ARE ABOUT TO SHOW NOW



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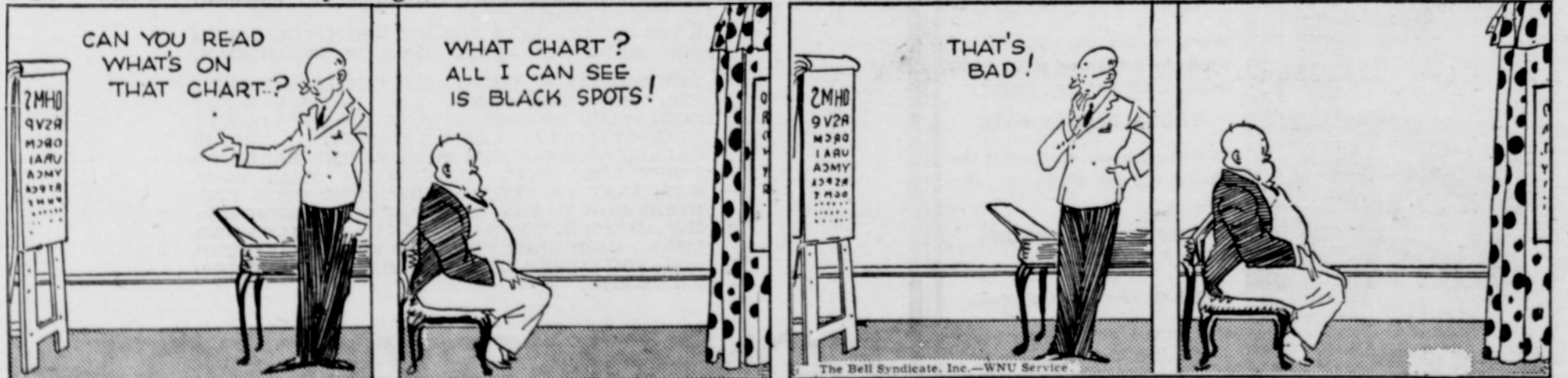
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