

HIS UNPOPULARITY IS INCREASING AND FRED WELSH MAY RETIRE

Promoters and Fans Have Come to Realization That Champion Sees Only Cash.

LUSTIG BOUT LAST STRAW

Fans Show Their Disapproval of Hitting and Getting Away When Six Thousand Leave the Arena.

By Kingside.

New York, July 2.—Freddie Welsh's unpopularity is increasing apace, while his earning powers are diminishing with equal celerity. As a world's champion, Welsh has proved the most disliked character ever connected with the fistfighting game.

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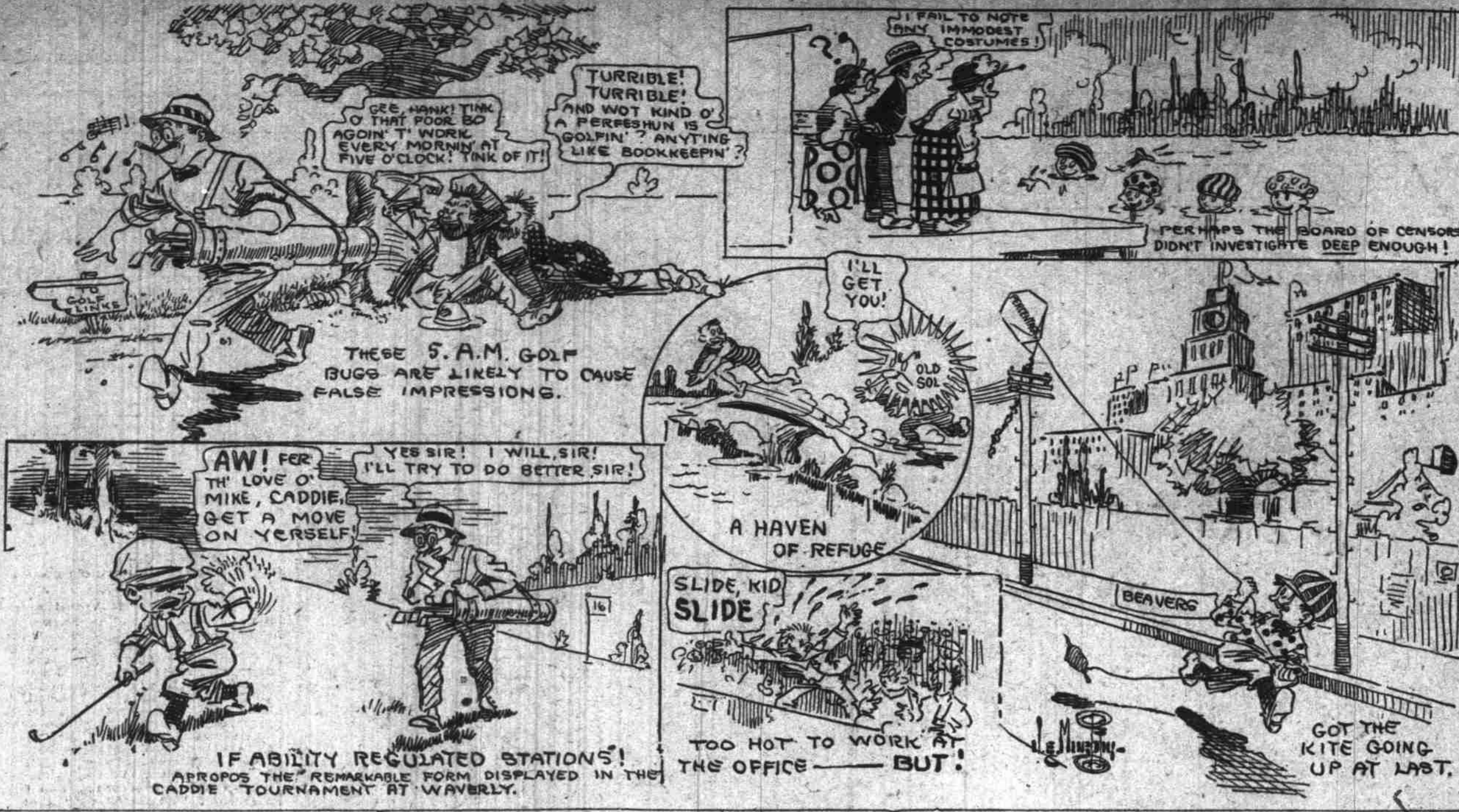
It would seem that Welsh is aware that he can't fight no more "bucks" with the prevalent flock of good lightweight on his trail.

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CARTOONIST MURPHY STAGES A LITTLE ROUND-UP OF SPORT HAPPENINGS!



THESE S.A.M. GOLF BUGS ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE RUSS IMPRESSIONS. A HAVEN OF REFUGE. SLIDE, KID, SLIDE. BEAVERS GOT THE KITE GOING UP AT LAST. IF ABILITY REGULATED STATIONS! APPROPOS THE REMARKABLE FORM DISPLAYED IN THE CADDIE TOURNAMENT AT WAVERLY.

A thousand of the original attendance of 7000 can tell you. As early as the second round the misguided fans started to stream out of the ball park.

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Amateur and Semi-Pro Baseball

Stapler, one of the twirlers of the Portland Colored Giants, had to participate in the two game series with the Lewiston team.

Minor baseball bookings for today: Yambill vs. McMinnville at Tumbula, 2:30. Oswego vs. Sherwood at Sherwood, 2:30.

In the play-off of the tie for the championship of the Twilight Baseball league, the Sunnyside Methodist team defeated the Friends Church team Thursday evening, 4 to 5.

The Garden Home baseball team will cross bats with the Olds, Wortman & King team this afternoon on the Garden Home links.

Ab Ofstad, one of the star outfielders of the Tacoma City league is anxious to catch on with one of the Portland City league teams.

No games are scheduled to be played in the City league circles today. Next Sunday, the Piedmont Maroons will clash with the East Side Redmen on the Peninsula park annex diamond.

Manager Jack Randall of the Redmen expects his star twirler, "Red" Lund, here next Sunday so that he can face the Maroons.

The Piedmont Maroons may not land Rudy Kallio after all. According to word received from El Paso, Kallio has been signed by John McCloskey of the El Paso team.

Pitcher Hyronimus, who twirled one game for the Sellwood City league, has been out of the game for the past month on account of a badly burned hand.

Outfielders Hinkle and Luckey of the East Side Redmen were unable to play last Sunday on account of illness.

Eddie Bogart started the second half of the City league season with a perfect batting average last Sunday. He grabbed three hits in three times up.

"Brownie" Groce came near knocking Fitcher Osborn off his diamond, Sunday with a red-hot liner. Osborn knocked the ball down and retired Brownie at first.

Piedmont Basemen Can Hit Lead Regulars in the League Webb Is Leading Twirlers

By George Burt. Piedmont basemen, Roy Doty first, Ernest Sigbee, second, and Eddie Bogart, third, were one-two-three among the regulars in batting during the first half of the City league season.

The hitting percentages of these three players: Doty, .347; Sigbee, .323, and Bogart, .322. Lake, the third string twirler of the Maroons, finished the first half of the season with the perfect average, crashing two bingles in the two times that he faced the opposing twirlers.

Several players finished with averages of .500 or better, but they are not counted as leaders, as they only played in a part of the games. Smith, of the Sellwood team, banged out four hits in seven trips to the plate in the two games that he played, and Bill Boland, of the Maroons, connected for three safeties in six times at the bat.

Roy Doty also led the run getters during the first half, crossing the plate 16 times in 13 games. Sigbee, in 10 games, was tied for second honors, each having scored 13 times. Ray Hinkle, of the Redmen, was fourth, with a dozen safeties to his credit, and Woller, of the West Siders, and Brown, of the East Side team, were tied for fifth honors. Each scored 11 runs.

Webb Leading Twirler. Although charged with one defeat, Emory Webb, of the Maroons, was the leading twirler. Webb won five games and lost one, "Sunny" Mator, of the same team, won three straight games. Osborn was the leading pitcher of the West Side team, winning three and losing one game.

The team batting average of the Maroons was .248, 22 points better than the percentage of the West Side team. The Sellwood and East Side teams made big gains in their batting averages during the first half of the season, the Redmen raising the average from .161 to .182, which is a good record.

In team fielding the Maroons topped all other clubs by winning the title. The West Side and East Side teams were tied for second place honors.

The Maroons and West Siders were tied for first honors in extra base hitting, each having a total of 29 extra base hits.

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Advertisement for Sam'l Rosenblatt & Co. featuring 'Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale of Hart Schaffner & Marx' and 'Great Clearance Sale of Furnishings'. Includes prices for suits, shirts, and sweaters.

Advertisement for Capt. Jack Ness, featuring a photo of him and text: 'Capt. Jack Ness May Equal Mark of Famous Cobb'. Includes details about his baseball career and current team.

Advertisement for Beavers Play Piedmont City Stars Tuesday, featuring Charley Moore and other players. Includes details about the team and upcoming games.