

LITTLE PANCHO VILLA SURRENDERS FLYWEIGHT TITLE TO DEATH AFTER REFUSING ADVICE OF HIS FRIENDS

Young Wife In Philippines And Mother Of Pancho's Daughter Receives Word Of Sudden Death Of Game Little Brown Man Scrapper

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Far away in the Philippines a little brown girl, who recently became the mother of a baby daughter, has been advised by now that her childhood sweetheart, who went into the big white world of the west and became the first prize-fight champion of his race, has lost his title to death.

Pancho Villa, the under-sized, peppery flyweight, died in St. Mary's hospital here Tuesday at the age of 24. To the last he was a victim of the cynicism of the fight fan, who knows that every alleged ailment to which a fighter falls heir is nothing more than an alibi. Pancho died from an abscessed and infected throat, which came upon him just before he fought Jimmy McLarnin at Oakland, 12 days ago.

The final illness of the world's flyweight champion had kept him in bed a day before his last bout, and if he had remained there his small family and the thousands of admiring Filipino fight fans might not now be sorrowing over his passing. But Pancho, the brown boy, who outfought the best at his weight in the islands, and through the orient, and then reached the pinnacle of his success in America, disregarded his physicians and refused to be knocked out in advance of the bout.

The doctors said Pancho must have been suffering terribly as he entered the ring, and it looked that way because he was constantly guarding his jaw from the swift left jabs of McLarnin, but the young Filipino stood up for 10 rounds, even though he lost the decision.

Frank Churchill, who discovered Pancho years ago in the islands, and has since been his manager, explained at the time how it was with Villa.

Game Little Man
"I make this statement on behalf of the gamest little man I ever knew," he said.

Most of the fans, lured to this sort of thing, snickered at Churchill's statement, and Pancho went into the McLarnin fight and quit his death. He was unable to leave the bay district, so serious was his condition. The end came during an operation Tuesday, in which a part of the jaw which had withstood so many blows in the ring, was cut away as a last resort, and one of his wisdom teeth removed.

Villa had returned to his own country less than a year ago, and while there had married one of the native girls, who was described as his childhood sweetheart. Shortly after returning to the Pacific coast, he was advised that he had become the father of a baby girl. While in the Philippines he fought two bouts and won both.

Villa had been champion of the world since he knocked out Jimmy Wilde of England, in New York two years ago. He had lost the American championship to Frankie Genaro in February, 1923.

"Wild Man" in Ring
Throughout his career he had the reputation of a wild man in the ring and as a matter of fact, he was born in the wilds of his native isles, August 1, 1901. He was only eight years old when Churchill, then an athletic director, picked him out from the other native kids and started him on the course that led to the championship many years later.

Villa came to America after winning the bantamweight and flyweight titles of the orient, and immediately became a successful drawing card, winning the American flyweight title about a year later from Johnny Buff, the veteran Jersey man. After losing to Genaro he came back in the fall of 1923 and knocked Wilde in a sensational battle at the Polo Grounds.

In the last year he had fought in a dozen contests, none of which were of much import except his bout with Frankie Ash.

Villa was to have fought Genaro again, but had been given six months by the New York boxing commission to recover from a sore shoulder. The little brown fellow might not even have died a champion had not McLarnin, under a contract clause, been overweight. This prevented a change of the title.

Babe Ruth Is Out Of Game Once More

CHICAGO, July 14.—While the White Sox were triumphing the Yankees to a tune of 3 to 0, today, Babe Ruth warned the bench for the greater part of the game, a victim of the jinx which has haunted him through the season.

The babe was taken out after the first inning, suffering from a pain in his side. In a mad scramble against Earl Combs to capture a fly ball, Ruth skidded and hurt his side. Due to his recent stomach disorder, Manager Huggins thought it best not to permit Ruth to exert himself.

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Will Veteran and Rookie Settle A. L. Flag Race?



The Athletics and Senators seem destined to fight it out for the American league pennant. The Mackmen have plugged along to date without the services of Lefty Groves. Stan Harris, thanks to the pitching of Gregg, Coveleskie and Reuther, has not had to overwork his veteran star, Walt Johnson. Groves is about ready to go. Johnson is ready for double duty any time. Will these two pitchers, then, decide the race in the closing months if it remains tight?

SENATORS MAKE DISMAL SHOWING ON WESTERN LEG

ST. LOUIS, July 14.—(United News)—The Senators have made a dismal showing in their present western invasion, and as a consequence the Athletics' chance of appearing in a world series have increased considerably. The champions started out toward the open spaces with a safe lead over the aggressive Mackmen. In the last two days they have lost two full games of this margin and now stand only one and a half games ahead of the Philadelphia.

Dave Danforth, pitching for the Browns, gave the Senators one of the worst drubbings they have received since they came into prominence a year ago. St. Louis won 14 to 3. The Athletics, playing at Detroit, defeated the Tigers again 12 to 4. The results aside from their effect on the leaders, put the Browns into fourth place, ahead of Detroit in the American league standing.

Blankenship Blanks
Ted Blankenship shut out the Yanks in Chicago 7 to 0. The Indians defeated Boston 6 to 1.

The Pirates held tightly to the National league leadership, their margin over the Giants remaining

the same after another day of play. The Giants won again from the Cubs, 6 to 3, but the Pittsburghers also scored a victory, defeating the Dodgers again, 8 to 5 in a loose game, in which nine errors were made.

Cincinnati slipped into fourth place in the league standing Tuesday by virtue of another defeat of Boston, this time by a score of 9 to 6. The Cards dropped into a tie for fifth place with the Phillies after losing another game to them 6 to 4 in Philadelphia.

COAST LEAGUE

Score	R	H	E
Vernon	8	13	2
Salt Lake	5	11	2

Score	R	H	E
Seattle	10	14	1
San Francisco	11	16	1

Score	R	H	E
Oakland	11	13	5
Sacramento	5	13	1

Batteries—Bartfoot and Schang; Kallio, Hulvey and Peters, Cook.
Batteries—Fussell, Miljus, Lucas and Baldwin; Mitchell, Crockett and Agnew, Ritchie.
Batteries—Delaney, Kaiser and Ryler; Shellenbach, Shea, Canfield and M. Shea.
No other games played.

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SPORTS DONE BRO

Baseball wisemen will tell you that a pitcher, to succeed in the big leagues must have a good curve or a good fast ball and something to mix with it.

Herewith is presented the name of Mr. William Sherdel of the St. Louis Cardinals, who is having a measure of success in this, his eighth season, with a slow ball as his biggest asset.

Modest Bill just slowballs the opposition to death. They get lame backs swinging too quickly at his lobs and eventually become discouraged and all tired out.

If Bill continues to hold his present gall he will wind up the season in the ranks of the pitchers who can be called winning ones on their life-long records. This despite the fact that he has labored with the Cardinals, who wallowed around the cellar the first three years he cavorted with them.

When the 1924 season ended he had won a total of 71 games and lost 74. Last year was but a fair one for him. He won eight and lost nine games. In 1922 and 1923, however, when the Cardinals were striking at the main ramparts of the Giant fort, Bill was going good. He won 17 games and lost 13 in 1922, and won 15 and lost the same number in 1923.

The popular ballad in the Giant ranks these days is: "Has anyone at first seen Kelly?" Meaning George of the mile-long reach and mean bat.

Kelly, considered a regular first sacker in McGraw's plans for several seasons—the while Jawn was copping off four National league pennants—has seldom found himself at first this season. He has proved such a good all-around player that McGraw has kept him at some other position most of the year.

Kelly didn't even start the cam-

FAMOUS FANS

THE "WELCOME" BIRD WHO DROPS IN AT MEAL TIME AND STICKS AROUND TILL HE'S ASKED TO HORN IN—

—WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE POLICIES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, MR. BREWER?

—WHAT'S THE USE OF THINKING ABOUT IT? THEY'LL RUN THE COUNTRY TO SUIT THEMSELVES ANYWAY—

PAS BEEN INSULTING HIM FOR AN HOUR, BUT HE'S STILL HERE—HE SMELLS THE ONIONS COOKING

WELL, WE'LL HAVE TO INVITE HIM—CAN HOLD IT UP ANY LONGER—THE MEAT'LL BURN



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BRINGING UP BILL



A YOUNG DIPLOMAT

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