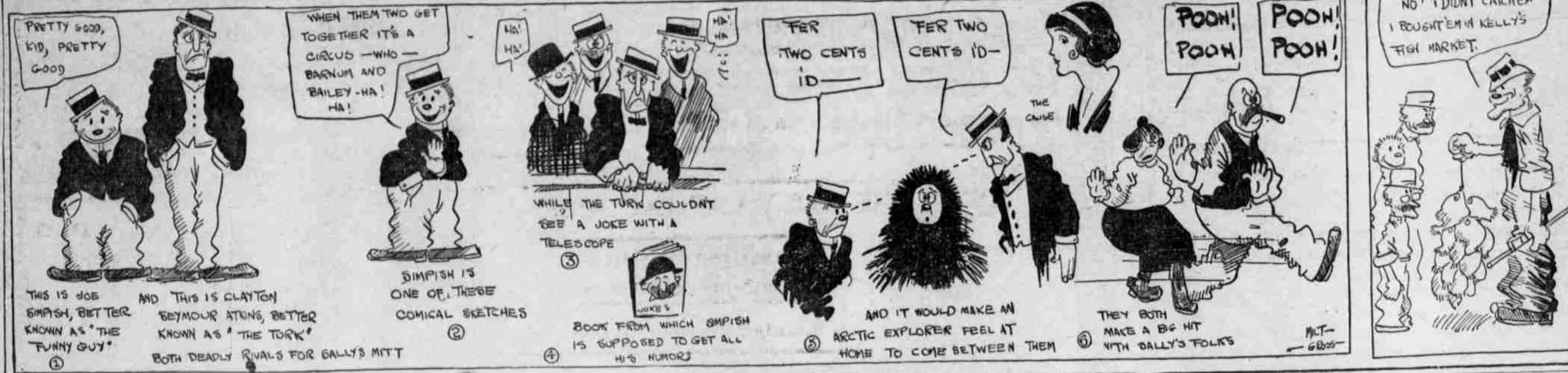


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## SPORT NEWS

### AMERICAN TEAM GIVES NO BIG YELPS OF JOY

English Polo Players Arrive in the United States Today and Begin Practicing at Meadowbrook.

### BRITISH TEAM IS WEAK SAY OVER-SEA CABLES

Lord Wimborne Picked His Team From the Army and Took It To Spain for 'Spring Training'

### By Hal Sheridan.

New York, May 30.—With conditions in England having fairly revealed a cabinet crisis while old J. Bull was trying to get together a real polo team to challenge for the international cup next month and the honorable challengers being hammered from pillar to post by Walter Buckmaster's "scrub" team, we on this side of the Atlantic might begin to figure how it will feel to have the cup lifted.

Somehow or other things sort of work out that way. When the other guy looks the worst in the preliminary matches and you hear all about him staggering rapidly toward the grave, he suddenly comes too with a yelp and delivers some terrible blows for a change.

### Everything But Bloodshed.

Everything except a revolution and bloodshed marked the preliminaries for the polo invasion over in England. The team arrived here today, having sailed on the 23rd, and will immediately start practice on the Meadowbrook field. Their ponies have been here for a week and having been unlimbered by the 25 groomers who accompanied them on the steamship Mincenpolis are in good shape for the work ahead.

The British team today may be weak as cables from the other side indicated before they sailed, but they passed through much the same unseemly experience by the American "Big Four" of last year, which wiped up a large section of soil and earth with the challenging team, which was picked to beat them hands down.

### History Repeats Itself.

History has a habit of repeating itself, some one once lily remarked, as he bet his stack on a full house to find that the other man held "four's." Having slipped something over on the English last year with a supposedly tottering team, may we therefore expect the Britons to return the compliment.

Jumping blithely back into last year, it may be recalled that but a short time before the big matches were to be played the governing powers decided the American team was not what it should be and started in to reorganize. Harry Payne Whitney, the captain, stepped from the saddle and Fashall Keene took his place. Right afterward Keene and a pony he was riding parted company rather unceremoniously, Keene charging the ground head on. His shoulder was fractured and there had to be another reorganization. Whitney went back to the team and what the two Watsonburg's Devereaux Milburn and Whitney did to the challengers is history.

### Don't Yelp With Joy.

While the American team has been practicing no great yelps of joy have been coming from their camp. They are in good shape and ready for the fray, but those Englishmen have had such a stormy voyage up to this stage of the game that once they strike peace and quiet they may begin to get into action. Lord Wimborne, who is financing most of the ponies, has found his patriotic ideas sadly walloped from time to time.

Picking his team from the army, Lord Wimborne took men, ponies and all to Spain for "spring training." They spring-trained and then on alighting on some soil again found the Hurlingham committee, the big chief of all things polo in England, did not approve of them. They were sentenced to play a four-headed by Walter Buckmaster just to see how bad they really were.

If the string of defeats handed the challengers stand for anything, his lordship's team lived up to all expectations as being on the friz. They

### CHICAGO FEDERALS MAY GET AMERICAN TWIRLER

Dispatches Say That Pitcher Walter Johnson Is in a Receptive Mood and May Jump Next Year.

### SAYS HE WILL DEMAND FAT BUNCH OF COIN

No Definite Offer Made, But It Is Said On Authority That Sum Is \$20,000 Yearly.

### By Hal Sheridan.

New York, May 30.—Advises from Chicago say that Joe Tinker of the Chicago Federals feels certain that Walter Johnson, star twirler of the American league, will be a member of the team in 1915. Johnson, the dispatch said, was in a receptive mood when he talked with Tinker for an hour or more in Washington recently. No offer was made Walter at that time, however, because Johnson declared he was not open for an offer at the time.

"I would not sign a new contract now with any ball club, not even with Washington," Johnson was quoted as saying to Tinker. "But I will say that the Federal league looks as good to me as any other. There is no doubt but that it has come to stay, and as I am not in the business for my health, the club that offers me the most money next season undoubtedly will get my services. I am tied up by contract with Washington now but later on I'll be ready."

Tinker declares that the Washington management already has tried to talk with Johnson about next year, but that the great twirler refused to listen. "Just where Walter will pitch next year," said Tinker in a Chicago interview, "is an uncertainty, but you can just bet that he will be about the highest paid player in organized baseball. If he is not with the Federal league it will be because some club in organized baseball will pay him a record salary."

"I made no definite offer to Johnson because he said he was not in line to talk contract. I have authority, however, to offer Johnson a three-year contract and \$20,000 yearly, and the club that gets him will have to raise this bid."

### CROSS AWARDED DECISION

Ringside Fans Believe Fight Should Have Been Declared a Draw—Frisco Lad Aggressor.

San Francisco, May 30.—Referee Jim Griffin awarded Leach Cross of New York the decision in his 20-round bout here last night with Red Watson, but many of those at the ringside thought the Californian should have been given a draw. The New Yorker played for the head, while Watson fought mostly to the body, and the fact that Watson's left ear was bleeding and his lips badly puffed apparently influenced Griffin's decision.

Watson's right and left ribs to the stomach not only hurt but worried Cross. Several times he complained that the San Franciscan was hitting low, but the referee paid no attention to his claims. The local lad was also the aggressor, and the fact that he forced the fighting from start to finish should have been considered by Griffin.

Save for a slight discoloration under his left eye, which came from a hard right, Cross left the ring unmarked. But at the same time the New Yorker can feel thankful that his knowledge of covering game saved him several times when Watson's hard rights and lefts reached their mark. Watson took everything that Cross had to offer and then kept coming in for more. The New Yorker tried out

every punch in his assortment on the Californian but was unable to upset the red-headed youth.

led in seven rounds, seven more of them were fairly even and Watson was entitled to six.

the dentist played that he was groggy. Watson kept after his man as usual, but at the same time kept his jaw well protected.

went six rounds to a draw, and Soldier Nelson won the decision over Dude Clark.

as could be learned here today, no serious damage was done by the severe earthquake which shook this part of Alaska Friday morning. Previous shocks had been felt throughout a period of nearly 48 hours but none were of anything like the violence of yesterday's.



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