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## FOUR MEMBERS OF SWIMMING TEAM RETURN

### Undercurrent of Dissatisfaction Over Results of San Francisco Meeting

A quartet of Hawaiian water speeders, composed of Lawrence Cunha, Clarence Lane, Harold (Stubby) Kruger and Lakela Kaupilo, returned from San Francisco last night in the Pacific Mail liner China. These four with Duke Kahanaokalani and George Cunha, formed the Hawaii swimming team that took part in the recent exposition swimming meet.

Lane and Kruger swam in the relay event, which was won by the Illinois swimmers in world's record time, in a swim-off of what had been declared a dead heat.

The first man of the swimming party to return to Hawaii was Harvey Chilton, the trainer, who was loud in his denunciations of the officials, claiming that Hawaii was given a raw deal throughout.

While the four men who returned last night do not quite so far as Chilton in condemning the treatment of the Hawaii swimmers, they intimate that something very much like favoritism crept into the events. The "anything-to-beat-Hawaii" policy must have been very noticeable. All are agreed that Duke Kahanaokalani beat Raitheil in the 100 yards first time, and that there was no necessity for a re-swim of the event. They also feel that the relay race, which was ordered re-swim after the Hawaii swimmers had dressed and were about to leave the building, believing that they had won the race and the meet, was hardly a square deal.

Kahanaokalani, George Cunha and W. T. Rawlins remained in San Francisco, and will return on a later boat. "We got the worst of it in the relay," said Harold Kruger this morning. "The Hawaii team won it fair and square the first time, and should have had the meet. Outside of that it was a good meet, and we had a fine time. The Hawaii team made a fine showing and everybody worked hard to bring home the bacon."

## ARMY AND OAHU PLAYING FINAL POLO GAME TODAY

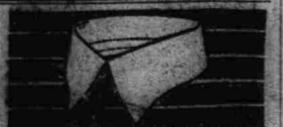
The final polo game of the inter-island tournament is scheduled for this afternoon at the Moanalua field, when the Oahu combination goes up against the Army team. The match will start at 3 o'clock. Oahu has beaten Maui and Maui has beaten the Army this year. A win for Oahu today means the inter-island polo championship for 1915. A win for the Army would mean another "no tournament" year, similar to the season of 1911, when each team won one match and lost one. It is very unlikely that the Army can win today, but in that event there could be no playoff to decide the championship, as the Maui team has already returned to the Valley Islands.

## LABOR'S PEACE COUNCIL CHARGES UNNEUTRAL ACTS

WASHINGTON—Counsel for Labor's National Peace Council, an organization headed by officers of several trades unions, sent a letter to Secretary Lansing charging that seven British steamships, now loading in American ports, are transports in the service of the British and French governments, and that two others are taking cargoes of war supplies in violation of the law. It also asserted that the British and French governments were using the docks for steamship companies at New York for storing and shipping explosives, submarines, aeroplanes, etc.

A wealthy young Englishman before going to the front insured his life for \$1,000,000, the risk being split among several officers. The first premium was \$50,000.

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## GOLF GOSSIP

By HARRY VARDON.

(The British Champion.)

In England, during the last few years, attempts have been made to popularize the idea of giving and receiving the full difference of stroke play handicaps. Wherever the scheme has been tried, it has been voted a doubtful success, and it has not grown greatly in favor.

In considering this question, the principle adopted by the Royal and Ancient club has to be viewed by itself. The Royal and Ancient certainly do observe the plan of giving and receiving the whole margin of difference between handicaps, but then they frame a special list of allowances for every match play tournament. They have no standing list of handicaps, such as nearly all other clubs possess; the explanation is that they never hold a stroke competition under handicap.

A Point That Exasperates. One of the little points that sometimes exasperates the receiver of strokes is that, in the ordinary way, he has to take his allowance at certain prearranged holes. Some time ago, a curious hardship befell a member of the club to which I am attached, South Herts. The occasion was a bogey competition, but the position might have been the same if the player had been opposing a scratch man. Receiving 11 strokes, he finished two holes up. That was fairly satisfactory, but, strange to relate, if he had received only nine strokes, he would have been six up!

We went through the card and there was the fact clearly enough; the committee had given him two strokes too many to enable him to reap the full reward of his play. This paradoxical situation arose, of course, through the strokes having to be used at prescribed holes. The places at which nine-strokes had to be taken would have suited his play far better than the list of 11 holes which he was obliged to honor.

Handicapping That is Good Fun. Where two players do not know each other's form and want to be sure of a good game, the best idea I know is for the side which wins a hole to give a stroke at the next hole. It is a lot for anybody to try and retain three or four holes in the last 10 or 12 of a round. Many people keep their bisques too long, and finally have to squander two or three in order to have one hole near the finish.

Fancy matches, however, have to be approached a little warily. I remember a game I contested when I was professional at Santon, in Yorkshire. A player came to me one day and offered to take a stroke a hole all the way round, so long as I would give him in addition, as many bisques coming home as I stood holes up (if any) at the turn. Truth to tell, I had reason to think that, if necessary, I might be able to give him two strokes a hole, and the challenge was promptly accepted.

There was a good deal of money on the match, and I set about the task to such purpose that, at the turn, I was eight up. Then it dawned upon me that, coming home, I had to give him eight bisques as well as a stroke a hole. I lost; it was a real sell. But when we engaged in a return match on similar terms I took care to be only two up at the turn, and then I won.

CHICAGO BALL TEAM WILL BE HERE SOON ON ORIENTAL TOUR  
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
CHICAGO, Ill., July 30.—University of Chicago baseball team will leave here on Wednesday for a tour of the Philippines, China and Hawaii, returning in December. Games will be played in Hawaii and the Orient.

## Why Not Go Over and Play In the Ball Yard Next Door?



## RAY SCHALK GREATEST CATCHER IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES TODAY

(By Latest Mail.)

CHICAGO, Ill.—Ray Schalk, Comiskey's catching marvel, has won a triumph seldom achieved by a ball player of his diminutive size and tender years.

One year ago this young backstop was singled out among several as a candidate for the highest honors in his department. Today by a large majority of the critics and by most of the fans he is set down as the world's greatest catcher.

Everywhere the Sox travel this season new admirers of Schalk spring up to join the ever increasing circle who place this young catcher in a class by himself. The one convincing thing about Schalk that stamps him as the king of present day backstops is that he can do more things well than any other catcher in the big leagues.

Wherever the Sox travel in cities where the National and American league teams play, baseball writers are found continually reiterating that Schalk excels any other backstop in the big circuits. Recently Schalk ran to third base to make a play there when that position was open. "I have seen Schalk do about everything on a ball field now except back up second base," said a baseball writer recently, "and I expect to watch him turn that trick before long."

Greatest Catcher in the Game. The National league undoubtedly has more good catchers than the American. It counts among its star backstops such men as Archer, Brennan, Wingo, Gowdy, Meyers, Killifer and Doolin. The younger major circuit probably cannot enumerate such a bright galaxy of stars, but it has the honor beyond a doubt of owning the greatest catcher in the game in the person of Schalk.

President Comiskey of the Sox thinks Schalk is another edition of Buck Ewing, which is putting it as strong as it could be. Before the advent of Schalk the Old Roman catcher Ewing was the greatest catcher the world had ever seen. Now he is waning. The greatest Sox manager is not sure that his young backstop wizard is the greatest in his line of all time. The opinion of Comiskey is today shared by a majority of critics of baseball in the big league cities. Recently in a series in New York one of the Gotham scribes marveled at the wonderful work of Schalk. "I used to consider Archer the greatest catcher in the world, but I think Schalk has something on the Cub's backstop," said this writer. "I never saw a catcher go down on a bunt and field it to first faster than the Sox player. He's a wonderful piece of human mechanism."

Recently in Cleveland a sporting editor of one of the papers there who formerly considered Wallie Schang the greatest catcher in the American league had the following to say: "Schalk is today the greatest catcher in the world. There isn't any other backstop in his class. I thought Schang was his superior, but I have been converted. Schalk has progressed faster than any other catcher in the game. He is not merely a surprise—he's a marvel."

Can Handle All Kinds. One of the wonderful things about Schalk is that he can catch any kind of pitching with equal facility. He has stood on the firing line and accepted the fastest shoots and the most puzzling curves of such rapid fire artists as Walsh, Scott, Cicotte, Benz, Russell and Faber and has seldom been injured. He has received more kinds of pitching perhaps than any other catcher in the game in recent years. Walsh with his spitter, Scott and Faber with their difficult breaking curve balls, Russell with his southpaw low ball flinger, Cicotte with his varied assortment of offerings and Benz with his repertory, differing from any of the others, all have been comparatively easy for the catching phenomenon of the south side club.

Things in which Schalk probably has no equal in the big leagues are receiving, catching foul balls, seeing

difficult situations in a flash, tagging runners at the plate, going down in front of the plate on a bunt, aggressiveness, his immunity from injuries and his ability to catch any kind of pitching. He is a Dangerous Batter.

This young catcher also is a reliable thrower, a good bunter and watter, and one of the best hit and run bats in the American league. His batting average of .290 does not do him justice, as he is among the most dangerous hitters in a pinch in the American league.

Schalk probably shows more pep than any other catcher in the game. He whistles and yells encouragement to his pitching partner constantly. Hundreds of fans come out to Comiskey park to watch this young catcher in action and enjoy his various movements in a hot game.

Kid Gleason True Prophet. A prophecy of Kid Gleason more than three years ago has come true word for word. Schalk was mentioned occasionally by scouts, and a story was printed in The Daily News bringing out facts concerning this catcher, showing that Bob Hedges was after him and that Comiskey probably would bid for him. Kid Gleason had been sent to Milwaukee to see the "rookie" work out. Here is what he said: "I have seen the greatest young catcher who ever wore a mask in the minor leagues. Yes, the Sox are going to get him, and in a few years he will be the greatest backstop in the world. He is a wonder. I never saw a youngster like him in the minors. He can do everything that a catcher should do."

That prophecy of Gleason has come true in three years.

## YESTERDAY'S SCORES IN THE BIG LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
At Washington—Washington 8, St. Louis 0.  
At Boston—Detroit 7, Boston 6.  
At Philadelphia—Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 3.  
At New York—Chicago 6, New York 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
At Chicago—Chicago 3, New York 3; Chicago 4, New York 0.  
At Pittsburgh—Brooklyn 3, Pittsburgh 2.  
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 6, Boston 3.  
No St. Louis-Philadelphia game; rain.

## HOW THEY STAND

National League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	49	36 .578
Brooklyn	47	40 .541
Chicago	44	39 .530
Houston	43	45 .489
Pittsburg	43	45 .489
New York	40	43 .482
St. Louis	41	47 .466
Cincinnati	36	48 .429

American League		
W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	55	33 .625
Chicago	56	34 .621
Detroit	55	35 .612
Washington	46	45 .505
New York	41	45 .477
St. Louis	37	52 .416
Cleveland	36	54 .400
Philadelphia	33	60 .348

Pacific Coast League		
W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	54	50 .520
Los Angeles	55	54 .506
Portland	55	55 .505
Oakland	56	62 .475
Vernon	55	62 .475
Salt Lake	51	64 .443

Henry Beech Needham, the American writer killed in France in an airplane fall with Lieutenant Warford, the Canadian aviator, was buried at Washington.

## FRENCH RACING DRIVERS REGRET WIN OF MERCEDES

### Glad That De Palma Won, But Can't Enthuse Over His German Car

PARIS, France.—Although Ralph de Palma has been wearing the laurel of his Indianapolis victory for more than six weeks, the French drivers who competed in the rich classic last year and the year previous have just received news of the result of the 1915 Hoosier race, for, in war times, news travels slowly to the trenches where they now are wearing the panoply of Mars and not the khaki of Mercury. The victory of De Palma is most popular with the speed merchants of the republic over the sea, but the triumph of his Mercedes and the record-breaking achievement of the German car did not bring a smile to their faces. Even when Europe was at peace Mercedes victories have brought woe to France. Its first Grand Prix triumph, five or six years ago, so humiliated the Gauls that the famous classic was abandoned for two seasons and when Lautenschlager, at the wheel of the Teuton speed creation, duplicated this feat last July France was just as chastened. It is only natural that the feeling runs even higher now with the big guns of the Kaiser booming in French territory and the grey legions of Germany attempting to lay siege to Paris.

Says Racing Game Must Progress. "I am glad to hear that De Palma won and that he shattered my record of last year," said Rene Thomas when he heard the results of the 1915 race. "I want to congratulate him on what must have been a remarkable contest. The manufacturers over here seemed to think that the record would stand for another year and on that account are not disposed to send cars. This is a lesson to them that in the racing game progress must be constant. France had the cars and a few good drivers free from military service. She should have sent them across the Atlantic instead of being satisfied to live in the false hope that the old record would remain untouched."

Thomas is the only French driver to have competed at Indianapolis who has not seen service in the European war. He was declared ineligible for duty at the front because a motorcycle accident kept him in the hospital the 12 months when he should have been receiving military instruction. Although he does not wear a uniform, he is one of the cops in the great machine of Moloch, being in the line of repair shop where damaged military automobiles are overhauled.

Mercedes Victory Piques L'Auto. L'Auto, the only French automobile paper that has survived the scourge of war, is decidedly piqued over the victory of the despised German Mercedes at Indianapolis. It describes last year's race, in which Europeans made a clean sweep, as the most important of American speed contests and states "that this year's classic failed to attract any attention. The paper studiously avoids mentioning the fact that De Palma drove a Mercedes and makes much of the lap record established by George Boillot in the 1914 qualifying trials and concludes its brief and prejudiced report of the Hoosier classic with the expression of belief that no driver this year could equal the Frenchman's time.

Louis Delage, head of the company building the car which Thomas drove to victory at Indianapolis in 1914, while expressing his admiration at the result, appeared to be surprised and disappointed that the record of last year had been set by so great a margin. M. Michelat, the chief engineer of the Delage company, stated that if the new Delage cars had been entered in this year's race, they would have been shipped with the intention of taking a big slice out of Thomas' mark of 82 miles an hour for the 500 miles, but that he did not know enough of track conditions at Indianapolis to predict the highest speed they could hope to make on the Hoosier oval.

French to Go After Revenge. That a German car won the Indianapolis race and broke a French record in doing so has fired the French drivers and manufacturers with a desire to make another invasion of America as soon as possible under the existing conditions. The French are humiliated and are determined to get revenge. There is no doubt but that when peace is declared in Europe they will send a team of cars and drivers to Indianapolis with only one aim in mind—to shatter De Palma's record and show up the Mercedes.

Drivers in High Standing. With the exception of Thomas, all of the French drivers are entitled to war credentials. George Boillot, the dean of the Peugeot team, is a lieutenant and has been attached to the headquarters staff of General Joffre since the outbreak of the war. Jules Guze, winner of the 1913 Indianapolis race, now is driving the war car of the military governor of Telfort and ranks as a private. Albert Gayot, who finished inside the prize money in the classics

## BOXING BODY OF MINNESOTA FIXES LIMITS

### Ludy Langer Proves Most Consistent Open Water Swimmer at San Francisco

The Minnesota boxing commission has taken a stand as to the number of clubs which will be permitted to operate in that state. The commission has decided that one club in each of the three cities, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, will be sufficient, and if this can be carried out without any great kick, it will be a good thing for the game. No doubt there will be rival promoters who will want to break into the game and cause trouble, but if the commission can get along without bringing this about they will have accomplished more than the ordinary commission. The scale of weights has been passed on, and they will be as follows: Paper, 108 pounds; bantam, 115; feather, 125; lightweight, 135; welter, 145; middleweight, 158; light heavy, 175; heavyweight, over 175 pounds. The scale of weights is similar to that recognized by all writers in the states for a number of years, with the exception that the featherweight limit is raised from 122 to 125 pounds, and the bantam is reduced from 110 to 115 pounds. The lightweight class has been shored up two pounds, making it 135 instead of 133. It seems that 108 pounds is rather light for any boy to box at, and that the English paperweight limit of 112 pounds would fit in better.

The foreign bantamweight limit of 118 pounds appears more reasonable than the American weight of 115, and with the featherweight limit of 126 pounds, the whole lot is better balanced. However, the weights differ but little from those in Wisconsin and New York, and no doubt all the states would fall in line if a national organization is formed and a uniform scale of weights adopted.

## CROSS COUNTRY RUN PLANNED AT NEXT FULL MOON

The first cross-country run of the Honolulu Automobile Club is to be held the afternoon and evening of August 21, according to plans made yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the association. At the conclusion of the run a dinner will be served at Haleiwa. The ride home will be in the light of a full moon. The club voted yesterday to endorse the "Safety First" campaign that is being carried on through the Chamber of Commerce, and also took action approving Manoa Improvement Club officers for enjoining the city administration for certain road work.

President J. L. McLean suggested that it would be a good plan to try and get drags and heavily loaded vehicles diverted from King street to Queen street in order that the congested condition of the former street might be lessened. The club is looking toward the establishment of picnic grounds for touring parties around the island.

## ALL-CHINESE PLAY CAVALRY AT SCHOFIELD

The All-Chinese baseball team will leave tomorrow for Lilehua where Manager Ahn Luke has arranged a game with the 4th Cavalry aggregation. The game will take place at the new post diamond and will be the first game to be played under the new Oahu League schedule. Twelve players will make up the party, which will leave by automobiles from Hefel street at noon. The team will line up as follows: Kan Yin, c; Luck Yee, p; Hoon Cheong, 1b; Kai Luke, 2b; You Bunn, ss; Apau, 3b; Lang Akana, lf; En Sue, cf; Hoon Ki, rf. Subs, Yen Chin and Kam Fat.

of 1912 and 1914, wears the three stripes of a sergeant and has received honorable mention for saving a general's life. Thomas' mechanic, Robert Laly, probably would create the most attention of all the foreigners appearing in their military regalia, for he can boast of having been made a prisoner by the Teutons, and might appear in the unhappy prisoner's garb supplied by imperial Germany. Chassagne would have two uniforms from which to select a suit for his racing appearance, as he is a subofficer in the artillery and a first class sailor in the French navy. Nine persons were injured, four fatally, in a crash between a light touring car and a motor ambulance at Buffalo.

## SNASHES FIVE WATER RECORDS IN SEVEN DAYS

### ARREST AMERICAN IN BERLIN

Probably the most consistent record breaking of the San Francisco swimming meetings has been done by Ludy Langer. Langer is a distance swimmer, who shows his best in open water, and when the crack water speeders transferred their operations from the Suro tank to the exposition yacht harbor Langer was right on the job. The following is from the San Francisco Examiner of July 24: Ludy Langer of Los Angeles, a student at the University of California, won the one-mile open swimming championship of the United States in the yacht harbor at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition yesterday by 90 yards. Langer set a new American record for the distance in open water by covering the course in 24 minutes 59.55 seconds. The former American record was held by J. M. Kelly, who did it in 25 minutes and 40.25 seconds at Rye Beach, N. Y. This is the fifth American swimming record broken by Langer in the last seven days. On Saturday last he set a mark of 6 minutes 13.45 seconds for 500 yards in Suro Batha. On Monday he won the quarter-mile championship of the United States for open water swimming in 5 minutes 32.15 seconds and on Wednesday he set another new mark for the half-mile, when he swam the distance in 12 minutes 3.30 seconds. In yesterday's mile race he won the first half mile in 12:06, which breaks the mark he made on Wednesday for this distance. Five Finish Race. Of the six starters who left the float yesterday, five of whom finished, Langer was the smoothest and apparently the earliest swimmer of the lot. He was third when the men turned at the end of the first lap of 110 yards, but before he got back to the starting platform he had taken the lead and from then on he was never in danger, increasing his lead steadily. At the quarter, which he finished in 5:46, Langer was 30 yards ahead. At the half, timed in 12:06 for a new record, he was 50 yards ahead of his nearest competitor. He was clocked in 18 minutes 33.15 seconds at the three-quarters, which is no official record, though there may be a record for this distance in open water. Langer then had a lead of 75 yards and had no chance to lose unless he sank. Before the race finished Langer was more than a lap ahead of all the other contestants with the exception of Joe Wheatley of New York, who had turned at the far end and was 20 yards on his way to the finishing platform. Shouts Urge Him On. Langer spurred in the last lap, the shouts of the spectators and officials evidently reaching his ears between strokes. Everybody was eager to see him break the record and he came to the end of the race with a dash of speed that would have done credit to a sprint swimmer. Throughout the race, outside of his finishing spurt, he observed a steady pace and appeared less than any of the men he beat. He used the Australian crawl stroke throughout the race. Joe Wheatley of New York, who finished second, was 25 yards ahead of his team-mate, Bud Goodwin. Louie of St. Louis was fourth, 40 yards behind Goodwin and Norman Ross of Portland, Schmeider of San Francisco, a novice swimmer, found the pace too fast for him and retired early in the race. Wheatley was timed in 26 minutes flat and Goodwin finished in 26:21.35. The annual outdoor swimming championships of the Amateur Athletic Union will be brought to a close today at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, where the long distance race and high diving championships are contested.

BERLIN, Germany (via London).—George S. Speets, an American and understood to represent American copper interests, was arrested here and is held at police headquarters on charges that have not been divulged. Speets, who has an American passport and who maintained an office for general brokerage business, had been under surveillance for several months. Some doubt exists as to his citizenship and Ambassador Gerard, while still ignorant of Speets' arrest, had already started an investigation regarding the manner in which Speets had obtained an American passport. The ambassador also had communicated with the German authorities on the subject.

CALDERON IS WOUNDED IN WAR. LONDON, Eng., Gorge Calderon, the author and playwright, is reported to have been wounded and among the missing on the Gallipoli peninsula. Calderon was wounded twice during the fighting on the western front, where he acted as interpreter. Later he was given a commission and went to the Dardanelles.

Properly begins to pay his friends as soon as it is found out.