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Tom O'Rourke Loses His "Coming Champion," Al Palzer

HEAVYWEIGHT DISSATISFIED SAYS "NOW I KNOW WHY DIXON DIED PENNILESS"

"White Hope" Palzer Declares He Has \$60 to Show After One Year and a Half of Hard Fighting Under O'Rourke's Direction.

Copyright, 1912, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York World). L. PALZER is no longer Tom O'Rourke's meat ticket. Palzer's career as a "getter" for O'Rourke ends, to-day. Henceforth, independent of managerial trammels, Palzer will go out and fight and carve his own way to fortune.

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And this, the Iowa giant tells me, was the way of it. It's a long, sad tale: "I have a contract with O'Rourke," said Palzer, in telling me his troubles, "but I've just been to one of the best lawyers in town, and he tells me that it won't hold. The contract starts out with a 'Whereas the party of the second part is a scientific boxer by profession and has been for some years engaged in the business of exhibitions of scientific boxing, and a lot more like that, and Tom knew I'd only been fighting a couple of months then and didn't know anything about scientific sparring. The contract was signed before the Frawley law went into effect, and it's no good. I never did have my copy of that contract. O'Rourke took both copies after they were signed and told me he'd have them re-recorded, or something like that, and when I asked him for mine afterward he said he couldn't find it."

"One of the things I'm kicking about is not having a chance to fight. I want to fight twice a month, anywhere. I just begged O'Rourke to let me fight Morris when they offered that \$10,000 purse, but he wouldn't let me fight outside of his own club. He wanted to use me for a card to get the money in his club and then get half my end of the purse, too. What chance did I have?"

Here Palzer stopped a moment to think over his wrongs. "He wouldn't let me fight," he went on. "I want to fight anybody. I know I can't work up to the championship without a lot of fighting. People think O'Rourke had me away training on the quiet all the time, and coaching me. Why, he never did anything like that. I only got two or three weeks' training just before my fights, and sometimes between fights I didn't see O'Rourke for weeks at a time. I haven't learned anything but what I've picked up in fights, and I haven't had half enough of them. I sure was sore about losing a chance to fight Morris."

"But you must be pretty well off," I suggested, "with your few big fights and that theatrical work."

"Well off!" exclaimed Palzer. "Did you know what I've got after fighting O'Rourke for a year and a half? I've got just \$60 in my vest pocket, and that's all I've got to show for it. I've been living cheap all the time too. I had to have had more money right now if I'd been driving a truck instead of fighting under O'Rourke's management. I know why Dixon died poor."

"But you got some big purses, didn't you?"

"Big purses! Say, when we had that big offer to fight Carl Morris I was sick with a cold, and O'Rourke said I couldn't fight Morris because I was sick. But he matched me with Walter White at his club in Brooklyn. White is a crazy fellow who doesn't know where he's hitting, but he has a worse punch than Morris has. Nobody else ever hit me as hard as White. After the fight O'Rourke came around and handed me \$50 for my end, and there was a good crowd. Don't tell anybody what you got," says O'Rourke. "Tom," I says, "I won't. I'd be ashamed to tell anybody."

"And after my big fight with Kaufman in O'Rourke's National Club, with the club packed, what did I get? Just \$100 for my end. I was going around without any more money than to buy grub with, and some people thought I must be getting rich."

Palzer snorted. "Soft! Up in Boston we got \$750 for one week. I know what we were getting, and Tom handed me \$300 for my end. I suppose that left \$450 for expenses. But when we went on the road I got \$100 at the end of the first week and a little over \$200 at the end of the second week, and at the end of the third week we had \$200."

"I understood O'Rourke got \$500 a week for you," said I.

"I don't know what he got," said Palzer, "but I thought it was 50 per cent, and we had packed houses everywhere. Tom was always after me to go out with the chorus girls and spend my money around the cafes. He tried to get me to drink wine. He told me John L. Sullivan got popular by being a spender. I had a swell chance to be a spender, didn't I? I refused to drink. I never took a drink or a smoke in my life. I said to O'Rourke: 'Tom, you say you've got my interests at heart. I want to be a champion like why Johnson, and I know drinking and chasing around with chorus girls won't help me, and I won't do it.' He kept after me just the same. I kind of suspected that O'Rourke had it on the level with me. When he seconded me in my first fight with Kennedy there were a lot of things that looked queer to me. I didn't like it. I fight better when O'Rourke isn't in my corner, because I don't trust him."

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Giants Confident of Evening Up Series at Cincinnati To-Day

Otie Crandall Likely to Be Pitcher Selected to Tie Score With Reds.

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GIBSON SLATED AS GARDEN MANAGER

McFarland-Wolgast Bout Likely to Be First Match Clinched by Popular Bronxite.

Chicago, May 20. It is reported that there will be a change in the management of the Garden A. C. within the next forty-eight hours, and from a reliable source it is learned that Billy Gibson, the popular manager of the Fairmont A. C., will be the man given the position, replacing Tim Hurst, whom, it is said, is too ill to continue.

Should Gibson really manage the club the chances are that the first match he will clinch will be a ten-round bout between Paakey McFarland and Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion. Tom Jones, manager of Wolgast, arrives in town to-day from Chicago for the purpose of arranging the match.

Emil Tisley and Tom Jones had a talk in Chicago over the match between Ad and Paakey, and they lost no time in settling the weight question, which will be 125 pounds four hours before the battle.

Billy Gibson, who is McFarland's adviser when it comes to clinching a bout, will meet Jones to-day, and it is almost certain they will arrange for the contest.

McFarland and Wolgast were to have fought in Milwaukee last September, but a few days before the contest the police officials refused to allow it to be held. Since that time many clubs all over the country have been trying to bring them together.

Remembering with the Boston heavyweight bout that he will be fighting for his own club, it is not surprising that he will be glad to see the fight go on.

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HOW FAR MAY THE ROOTERS GO IN "BALLING" OUT RIVAL PLAYERS?

In view of the possible policing of the grandstands and the additional danger of attack from aggrieved players the International Baseball Rooters' Association in convention assembled adopted the following schedule of permissible expressions last night:

In the centre of the stands where ladies gather these can be used to umpire or player:

"You're a dink!" "Here a hall!" "Solid ivory!" "Donthead!" "Chief!" "Robber!" and "Ice Wagon!" If you want a larger range move your seat.

In the extreme ends of the stands near the players' benches these are allowed:

"Hang crepe on your nose, your brain's dead!" "You big fat head!" "You're a big swell head!" "Stunt him in the head!" "Stutter fingers!" "Stealing from the blind!" "Shut up, you crab!" "Dear!" "Beer barrel!" "Stay out of them saloons and get some sleep!" "Murder!" "Kill him!" and "Back to the sticks, you bushy!"

In addition fans are allowed to growl, bark, hiss, groan or "boo" at any time or place.

In the bleachers any and all expressions now used may be continued provided the voice is kept at a tempo that will not reach the central portion of the grandstand or the coaching lines.

The epithets that are barred by the rooters are also barred by the editor of this paper.

Admitting that this list may not be complete the Rooters' Association will gladly consider all suggestions for the protection of the society at large. The new police will enforce these plans and specifications.

Jimmy Callahan and His Pennant Hopefuls Here

White Sox Team Has No Fear of Suffering Defeat From Highlanders.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER. JIMMY CALLAHAN brought his White Sox into town at an early hour this morning, and at 10 o'clock the players were at breakfast trying to figure out how they happened to lose a game at Boston. These league leaders have no fear of suffering defeat while in the hands of the Highlanders.

The team was hardly settled before Callahan-vent carpenter and engineers American League Park to brace the fence back of the centre field bleachers. Ping Bodie is on the war path with his bluejeans, and the White Sox manager says he is taking no chances on shouldering the responsibility of a catastrophe resulting from shattered fences.

The irrepressible "Ping" took an early run, a rube-down, and was drinking his eggs at the regular hour. Mr. Bodie, the fence buster, declined to give out any statement on the eve of the battle. He merely expressed the desire that the cat mar should win and the championship remain in America.

In the last game with Cleveland the Highlanders received one of the worst drubbings of the unfortunate season. Big Jim Vaughn was driven from the field by a ruffian of hits, and Caldwell, who followed, fared little better, though he escaped being scored upon.

There is no encouragement to offer just now on the Hilltop pitching staff. Every twirler that steps in the box is being pounded hard. It is one of the queer breaks in baseball luck that the supposed main point of strength in the Hilltop machine has turned out to be the weakest. A month ago Wolverton was thought to have one of the best pitching stiffs in the league.

The one redeeming feature to this otherwise hopeless game was the wonderful hitting of Simmons. He drove out three clean singles his first three times up, and on his next chance missed a safe one by a hair.

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How Fights Held In Out-of-Town Rings Resulted.

Charley White of Chicago Won on Foul in Ninth Round From Owen Moran.

SYRACUSE, May 21.—Charley White of Chicago won on a foul from Owen Moran in the ninth round of a slashing bout before the Syracuse City A. C. at the Alhambra. Moran saw the tide of battle turned against him, and took advantage of every tactic known in ring, and finally to foul blows. Two foul blows he landed in succession to the groin of the victor and Referee Jack Lewis at once stopped the fight.

PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—Batting Jim Johnson easily defeated Chuck Carson in a six-round bout, Carson never being successful.

CLEVELAND, May 21.—Frank Moran was beaten by Tony Ross at the defensive side of the bat in the second round. Moran was hit by Ross in the first round, but he hit the opponent before the end of the first round.

NEW ORLEANS, May 21.—Referee James awarded "Jabbing Joe" Thomas the honors in his bout with Freddie Duffy, the Boston pitcher. The battle went the full ten rounds, and Duffy, who was expected to win, was knocked out in the sixth round by a right hand to the jaw.

PROVIDENCE, May 21.—Young Drann of this city defeated Charlie Griffin of Australia in the main event of the evening at the Alhambra. In the sixth round Drann scored the only knockdown in the bout.

BALTIMORE, May 21.—Knockout Brasso of Buffalo put Barney Ford, the clever Philadelphia fighter, down in the fifth round. Brasso was down and out with a left hook to the jaw.

MEMPHIS, May 21.—Ray Tompey, the Memphis heavyweight, scored a knockout on Scott right fists by outlanding Joe Mandoli, the New York fighter, in an eight-round bout before the National A. C.

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