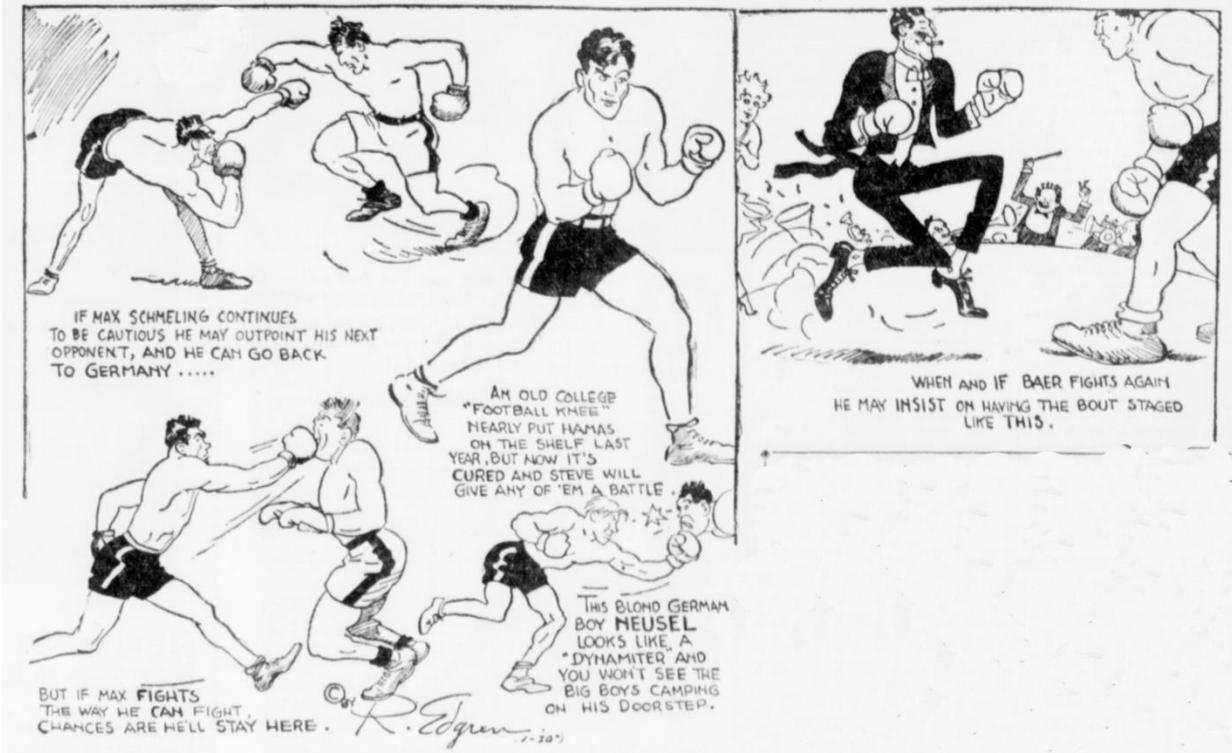


IF SCHMELING WILL SLUG, HE, NEUSEL AND KINGFISH CAN PEP HEAVIES



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Germany may inject a little life into the heavyweight prize fighting situation, with Walter Neuse! Actively engaged in socking some of our most advertised heavies, and if Max Schmelling and Joe Jacobs can be persuaded to agree on terms for the proposed Levinsky match.

Or is it proper to refer to professional boxing as "prize fighting?" Neusel might have some criticism to offer, since Madison Square Garden paid only \$3.19 (three dollars and nineteen cents) for licking man mountain Impellttiere. That almost makes Neusel an amateur instead of a prize fighter. Or a sub-amateur.

Real amateur boxers usually get more than that anywhere in the country, and didn't one party in the A. A. U. recently try to change the amateur constitution or declare a national emergency in amateur sports, or something, and rule that amateur boxers can be paid in cash, openly, instead of getting pawnable gold medals or workless watches with a bill neatly folded inside?

However, they can't keep a fellow like Neusel out of the money very long. The 195-pound blond German came here and knocked out Les Kennedy and Stanley Poreda in small club fights. He showed an inclination to mix from the first bell and keep on mixing, somewhat in Dempsey fashion, until something dropped, and that style of fighting has become very fashionable among our heavyweights.

A Fighting Record.

It also developed that Neusel has a record of 23 knockouts in 42 fights, showing that he is a crude sort of person to be accepted in our best prize fighting circles. It's evident he lacks the culture that is so esteemed among prize fighters in these days, and that is so highly exemplified in the person of Tommy Loughran, who hasn't knocked anybody out in several years, which made him eligible as the ideal opponent for Carnera in the Ambling Alps next defense of his title.

After looking Neusel over, and inspecting his record, the big boys, whether by underground convention or happy mutual consent, put him on the "unfair" list and wouldn't have any truck with him whatever. This deadlock in the job line was unintentionally broken by Impellittere.

Asked if he'd fight Neusel, the Imp tried to sidestep gracefully by replying that he would, for \$5,000. He knew he wasn't worth that to the Garden, but Neusel hooked him by accepting 50 per cent of the gate and agreeing to pay Impellittere \$5,000 out of that. It seems there was only \$3.19 left for the German. But he had the satisfaction of giving the big man a licking in nine of the 10 rounds, which is quite a bit more than Tommy Loughran did.

Neusel Real German Threat.

If Neusel has a sense of humor he'll laugh right in Carnera's face next time they happen to meet. It may be remembered that when Mr. Muldoon was commissioner he established a super-dreadnaught class, and as Impellittere was the only qualifier who could match Carnera in beef it was ruled that Carnera must fight him before he'd be allowed to take on any one else in New York state — and Carnera turned the chance down.

As a fighter, Neusel may make a greater hit than Max Schmelling. Max was very good, but cautious. Cautious fighters never become very popular with the fight fans. They like the Dempsey style of milling and pure science bores them.

Kingfish Is No “Fancy Dan”.

Levinsky is a very uncultured fighter and he doesn't dally around sparring for openings. He runs in headlong, knocks blows aside with his chin, and lets go both fists for general results.

When Jack Sharkey took on Levinsky to start his proposed come-back he had nothing but a humorous contempt for the Chicago fighter. Sharkey was a good boxer and he expected to pick the Kingfish to pieces at his leisure. But Levinsky charged in, swinging both hands and paying no attention at all to Sharkey's scientific manoeuvres.

A strong and fast fighter who does this is always annoying to a boxer. Sharkey spent most of the evening on the floor, and the battering he took probably softened him a lot for Tommy Loughran the following week.

Levinsky has upset the plans of several good heavies. When Jack Dempsey was meeting all comers around the country a couple of years ago, trying to fight himself back into condition, he took Levinsky on for a four-round bout. Jack didn't have old fast legs or his old punch, and the socks the Kingfish landed convinced him that he had no chance to be a champion again.

Going back to promoting, he put Levinsky on with Baer, and although Baer won the decision the Kingfish never stopped trying for 20 rounds. He's better now than he was then. And that makes three pretty interesting heavies, Schmelling, Neusel and Levinsky. to start putting a little action into the heavyweight class.

Hamas Threatens Again.

There is a fourth in Steve Hamas Steve may be the one to send Schmelling back to Germany and thus turn out to be best of the lot. The former college football star was going ahead fast about the time he knocked out Tommy Loughran in two rounds two years ago this month. Not long after that fight Steve began to have trouble with an old football knee, and as he was fighting practically on one leg he didn't show up very well. Finally the knee went out of business entirely, and an operation was necessary.

Two parts of a cartilage broken into three pieces had to be removed and it looked as if Steve's fighting days were over. For a long time he couldn't even walk, and he told his manager, Charlie Harvey, that he wouldn't hold Charlie to his contract. Charlie, being a good sport, stayed with Hamas and helped him get through a period of ring idleness.

The cartilage grew and the knee became as good as ever. So Hamas, having tried it out, is campaigning again with his mind set on capturing the big title. Six feet tall, weighing close to 200 pounds, powerfully built and very fast, Hamas is likely to give the other heavies a lot of trouble this year. He is a rushing, aggressive fighter. I seem to have left somebody out of the list. Let's see -oh, yes, Max Baer . But is Baer a fighter or a night club entertainer?