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Charlie White, Doomed to Early Grave by Disease, Is Living Defiance of All Laws of Nature

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Those who like to orate upon the power of mind over matter, and upon what seeming miracles can be performed by the man who believes in himself, scoffs at discouragement and makes an unceasing, superhuman endeavor to accomplish a certain end, can find no better example than the life story of Charlie White, the Chicago lightweight.

White is a living, breathing defiance of the laws of nature; he is the man who refused to acknowledge the ruling of nature in his earlier years, fought against its whims and its dictates—and overthrew nature in the end so that he might rise to glorious heights in the world of athletics.

Nature never intended that White should be any sort of athlete—and least of all a ring gladiator. It gave him a weak body, a heart that functioned poorly, lungs that were diseased and a reduced supply of blood. It handicapped him in his boyhood and his boyhood as few youngsters ever have been handicapped. And when he was 11 or 12 years old, the medical fraternity bowed to what it continued to be the immutable law of nature, and said:

Physicians Gave Up.

"The boy is suffering from tuberculosis—he cannot live more than a year or two at the most. Nothing can be done for him except to prolong the end slightly by sending him to some climate other than Chicago."

And yet here, 20 years later, is the same Charlie White, standing forth as one of the greatest—if not the greatest—in his division. Here is White, once the weakling, with 17 years of terrific warfare behind him, fighting better, moving faster, punching harder and withstanding punishment easier than at any time in the spectacular career that has been his.

How was it done—and what was done?

Boy does it happen—and a consumptive boy became a pugilist and then, soaring beyond that height of accomplishment, has endured in ring harness at least 10 years beyond the allotted time of a boxer?

There's the story—the one for the folks to dwell upon who yearn always to hold up to mankind certain humans who fought on and on in the face of the "impossible"—and triumphed most gloriously in the end.

Condemned to Grave.

The story is simple—as it is told by White.

"Exercise—more exercise—long hours in the open, adherence to the golden rules and unflinching faith in myself to build up a broken body—that's what did it."

"When the doctors condemned me to an early grave, and abandoned my case, I realize that whatever fight was to be made for my life had to be made by me alone. The family funds were insufficient to send me away to a sunny climate. I had to continue to live in Chicago and fight it out there with Old Dad Death as the enemy."

White's first move was to stay in the open air as much as possible. Twice a day—morning and night—he would indulge in walks as fast as his enfeebled condition would permit. As he improved, he started to do a little running. Increasing his speed and the distance as he grew a bit stronger.

"When I had saved up enough money to pay for membership in a gymnasium, I joined one," recounted White. "I didn't go in for the rough and tough things at first—because I wasn't able to. I worked the pommel exercises, did some shadow boxing. It was mighty tiring at first and there were times when I'd go home all worn out and somewhat worried as to whether or not the exer-

cising wasn't too strenuous for me. But I stuck to it."

Took Up Boxing.

Within two years after the day that the doctors had said that Charlie White wouldn't live more than two years, the youngster donned the boxing gloves in the gymnasium and began to indulge in short fights with the boys there. They went very easy with him at first—and White, of necessity, went along slowly.

At the age of 15—and four years after White had been regarded as doomed by the medical profession—Charlie White made his debut in the prize ring. His entry was influenced by advice of the boys in the gymnasium who predicted great things for him.

"About the last thought of my life in kid days was that of becoming a boxer," said White. "Even when I started in the gymnasium I had no idea of becoming a boxer. All I was doing then was making the fight for my life. What effort I put into the gym boxing was put there to help me build up—not with the idea of developing as a boxer."

"But the boys thought I was good—and getting better with the gloves all the time. They insisted that I take a try at things with professionals. I did—and won. I won the next fight. I won the next. Each new fight I had seemed to improve. The rest of my ring history is written in the record books."

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Pitt-Stanford Teams to Show East-West Wares

Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 19.—Football fans will have an opportunity to compare the strength of eastern and western college eleven teams when the University of Pittsburgh meets Stanford university in the big stadium here December 30.

The Panthers of Pitt are coming west with a high eastern rating, having defeated the powerful teams of Penn State, Washington and Jefferson and Pennsylvania by scores of 14-0, 19-0 and 7-0, respectively. Two early season defeats by Lafayette and West Virginia are the only blemishes on the Pitt record this year.

Stanford, while not the Pacific coast champion, is a strong eleven and is getting stronger with each game. In the game here against the champion University of California team Stanford lost 28-0, and fans will use this score in comparing the strength of Pittsburgh and California, which has a scoring machine that ranks high in the nation.

In the Stanford-Pitt game, Glenn Warner, noted eastern football coach who led the Carlisle Indians to gridiron glory, will be playing his right hand against his left. He is the Pitt coach and also has general charge of the Stanford coaching system. Both teams will be products of the Warner system.

Warner, who has been coaching Pitt several years, was asked last spring to come to Stanford to take charge of a team which had changed coaches three times in the preceding three years. He could not come at once, on account of his Pittsburgh contract, which expires next year, so sent out two lieutenants, Andy Kerr, his assistant at Pitt, and "Tay" Thornhill, former line coach at Centre college. These two Stanford coaches have been working with the full advice and consent of Warner and will turn over the reins to their chief when he comes out in 1924.

Ex-Yanks Drop Raising of Funds

New York, Dec. 21.—Former officials of the New York American baseball club today abandoned plans to raise a burial fund for Charlie Hemphill, former Yankee star, when they learned that he was not dead.

The Charles Hemphill who died here on Tuesday never played baseball. It was said by a sister of the dead man, Mrs. W. A. McKnight, of Jersey City, N. J.

Wide publication of the news of the supposed death of the old player and the contemplated raising of a fund, resulted in an investigation which revealed the mistaken identity arising from the similarity of names.

Tennis to Be Minor Sport in Iowa Uni

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 21.—Through the action of the board in control of athletics, tennis has been raised to the dignity of a minor sport at the University of Iowa.

The Hawkeyes will resume tennis next spring as an intercollegiate sport after a lapse of 19 years. Matches have been scheduled with Wisconsin and Minnesota, and others are pending.

If a deficit is incurred by tennis matches held in Iowa City, the athletic board will provide financial backing. Members of the board believe, however, that the new sport will be self-supporting.

Ted Swenson of Cedar Rapids, a well-known figure on the courts throughout the state, is captain of the Iowa team. Prof. Jacob Van Derzee is coach.

Golf Club Organized

Maywood, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—A golf club was organized here and the following officers were elected. Dr. Mills, president; Harry Hall and Charles Dickerson, vice presidents; G. A. Temple, secretary-treasurer. A nine-hole course has been laid out on the fair grounds adjoining town.

Shenandoah Teams Win

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Shenandoah high school basketball team won a double-header from College Springs, the boys winning 26 to 12 and the girls 24 to 15.

WITH THE PUGS.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 20.—Harry Foisy won from Farmer Lodge here tonight in a round robin fight. Foisy weighed 116 and Lodge 225 pounds.

Eddie Shea of Chicago will mingle with Joe Hyder of Brooklyn for six rounds in the garden on Friday night.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS



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Speed Demon Jailed

Ralph De Palma drove 70 per on a public highway near Madera, Cal., and though he doesn't seem unhappy, here's what he got.

Kilbane-Criqui Bout Is Barred

New York, Dec. 21.—William Muldoon, chairman of the New York state athletic commission, announced today that Johnny Kilbane and Eugene Criqui would not meet here in a featherweight championship bout, while he was head of the body governing boxing.

"We gave Kilbane every opportunity to fight and not pose and he ignored our warnings," he said. "Boxing promoters intimated that they would not take Chairman Muldoon's edict too seriously in that a new chairman would likely be named when Governor Smith took office."

Mr. Muldoon announced also that Jess Willard, former world heavyweight champion, would not be allowed to box in New York under the jurisdiction of the present commission. The age limit, under the rules of the boxing board, made Willard ineligible for a license, it was explained.

Columbus Is Offered Berth in State League

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—C. J. Miles of Grand Island, president of the Nebraska State Baseball League, announced today that Columbus is offered a berth in the league.

The league voted to send two bowling teams to the national Elks' tournament to be held in Columbus, O., in January.

Elks to Send Two Teams to National Tournament

Members of the Omaha Elks' Bowling league, composed of 19 teams, held their Christmas party and ceremonies in the Elks' club rooms last night. Speeches were made by Clyde Howard, president of the league; District Judge Willis G. Sears, City Commissioner; Dan B. Butler, District Judge James M. Fitzgerald, Moses P. O'Brien and George Kennedy.

New \$1,000,000 Golf Club to Be Built on Long Island

New York, Dec. 21.—Long Island, a favored spot among golfers, is to have a new \$1,000,000 club—"The Creeks." Vincent Astor, George F. Baker, Jr., Clarence H. Mackay and J. P. Morgan are among the members of the committee of the organization which also will be the first board of governors.

Rules for Determining World Net Champ in Making

London, Dec. 21.—(By A. P.)—Unification of tennis rules and equipment in all parts of the world and rules for determining a singles champion whom every tennis player in the world would recognize were expected to result from a meeting today of the international rules board.

Want Games

The Mysterious Five, a local team composed of boys under 15 years of age, is ready to schedule games in or out of town with teams of their own age.

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Basketball Results

Portia Wins.—The Portia Dynamos defeated the Scottville town team last night in a fast game of basket ball. The score was 15 to 10.

Enters Conference.—Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 21.—Ainsworth high school conference and has drawn up the year's schedule. Five games will be played here and five out of town. One nonconference game will be played.

Yutan Beat Ashland.—Ashland, Neb., Dec. 21.—Yutan defeated Ashland here by the score of 14 to 9. This is the fourth straight victory for the Yutan eleven.

Wayne Wins Two.—Wayne scored a double victory over Piler here, defeating both the first and second string teams. The first team won 6 to 2, and the second won 13 to 8.

Scribner Beats Dodge.—Scribner, Neb., Dec. 21.—Scribner high started the "cage season" by defeating Dodge here, 14 to 7.

Kearney Schedule.—Kearney, Neb., Dec. 21.—Kearney high announces the following basket ball schedule:

Jan. 12—Hastings at Hastings.
Jan. 16—Grand Island at Kearney.
Jan. 18—Ravenna at Ravenna.
Jan. 20—Leighton at Kearney.
Jan. 22—Gothenburg at Gothenburg.
Jan. 24—North Platte at North Platte.
Jan. 26—Ravenna at Kearney.
Feb. 2—Rihton at Kearney.
Feb. 4—York at York.
Feb. 9—Gothenburg at Kearney.
Feb. 14—North Platte at Kearney.
Feb. 16—York at York.
Feb. 20—Grand Island at Grand Island.
Feb. 22—Seward at Seward.
Feb. 24—York at York.
Feb. 28—Aurora at Aurora.
Feb. 29—Milton at Kearney.
Mar. 2—Aurora at Kearney.

Danel a Pilot.—Superior, Neb., Dec. 21.—Right Halfback Harry Danel, picked on honor lists by sports writers in the state, was named superior's 1923 football warriors. Prospects are that most of this year's squad will be back next year and Superior is looking forward to next season with much optimism.

Amateurs Seek Reinstatement

A demand for reinstatement of all the players on the South Side Merchants' team, who were suspended by the Municipal Amateur baseball directors Tuesday night, along with the members of the Townsend team, is expected to be made by the backers of the South Side team.

A meeting to outline their plans will be held by the backers today or tomorrow, it is said, at which South Side Merchants players, as well as Townsend performers, will attend.

According to the players and managers of the two ousted aggregations, they were promised they would not be suspended if they consented to play in the city amateur championship series after demanding a share of the receipts.

This assurance was given them by Al Scott, president of the Muppy association, they assert.

Scott denied that any such promises were made and has expressed his willingness to give the suspended players a hearing before the amateur board.

Youths to Succeed Veterans, Says Griff

Washington, Dec. 21.—With the announcement of the trading in Pletcher Ray Francis to Detroit for Shortstop Chick Gagnon and the signing of George Gibson as coach of Washington's pitchers, Clark Griffith let it be known that the remainder has decided to eliminate veteran players from the ranks of the Nationals wherever possible and place a young team in the field.

"The best club we ever had was in 1912 and 1913," Griff said. "It was composed largely of youngsters who were hustling to make good. The big show, and they did with a vengeance, as the fans will clearly recall. I have reached the conclusion that fight and dash are what the fans most want of a team they are supporting, and believe just such a club is assured us with a manager of the type of Donie Bush and a bunch of ambitious kids working for him."

Burke to Help Pilot Red Sox

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Frank Burke, stepped off in Chicago yesterday, en route to his home in California. Chance was kept busy between trains. His first stroke of business was to sign Jimmy Burke as assistant manager. Burke came here from St. Louis to meet Chance. Burke held the same job under Manager Hugh Duffy. Chance also signed Jack Quinn, pitcher, for another year.

Charity Gets Series Money

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Baseball Commissioner Landis yesterday announced that part of the proceeds of the world series game at New York October 5, last, had been distributed to three national organizations, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and Disabled American Veterans of the World War, each getting \$20,000. The remainder was distributed by joint action of the two New York clubs to New York charities.

Snooker Tourney Ends

The snooker tournament, which has been held at the Paxton Billiard parlors for the last month, came to a close Wednesday night.

Rich Hoye, with a score of 76, won first prize, a \$10 pair of shoes; Claude Ferris won second prize, and A. Larsen won third prize.

May Elected Captain

Glenwood, Ia., Dec. 21.—At a general assembly of all the high school students, Coach Phelps awarded letters to the Glenwood football team. Wilbur May was unanimously chosen to pilot the next year's team.

Holiday Games Make Coast Mecca of Football Interest

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 21.—With three games of intercollegiate importance to be played here in eight days, California is now the Mecca of football interest of the country.

Penn State will meet here on New Year's day in the feature of the Tournament of Roses carnival. There is great interest being taken in the result, although both have been beaten by eleven in their respective sections.

The game is without doubt one of the leading intercollegiate classics of the country. While Penn State has kept beaten this year, the far eastern eleven is expected to make Herculean efforts to go back home on the long end of the score.

While waiting for the New Year's day clash, gridiron fans of the section are taking keen interest in the West Virginia-Gonzaga game to be played at San Diego Christmas day. The Mountaineers are one of the undefeated eleven of the country and are coming west determined to keep the 1922 state clean. Reports have it that Coach Spears has groomed his men thoroughly before the squad left Morgantown.

Dr. Spears is the type of coach who believes in sending his teams into battle keyed to a high pitch. In order to arouse them for this battle he has held practice in snow, and unfavorable weather. When his team arrives here on Friday it will be sent through a long drill on Bovard field, which Coach Henderson has so kindly turned over to the eastern aggregation.

Gonzaga, coached by Gus Dorais, former Notre Dame quarterback, will arrive here today and work out on Bovard field. The Spokane eleven comes into California with a good record and although neither eleven knows much of the other's style of play fans are looking forward to a keenly fought struggle.

Up at Palo Alto, where Stanford will entertain Pittsburgh on Decem-

ber 30, a great battle is expected, according to reports received in this section. The Stanford boys are hard at work under the tutelage of Coach Kerr, a product of far eastern football.

It will be the first intercollegiate game of note ever played in the northern part of the state and is sure to attract a capacity crowd. Pitt showed to good advantage at the end of the regular playing season. Its victories over Washington and Jefferson and Penn State being great achievements considering the fact the team was beaten earlier in the season.

According to Preb Mitchell of the Tournament of Roses committee, Penn State will arrive in Pasadena on Sunday afternoon. Intensive training will be the rule every day and the team will leave for home by way of San Francisco on the night of the game.