

Edwin Ackerly Wins Mention In Ripley



Cuba's only Olympic Champion, Edwin Ackerly, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ackerly, performed a feat which entitled him to mention last week in Ripley's "Believe It or Not"—he became "drunk on water."

When he was Olympic feather-weight wrestling champion in 1920, according to Ripley, he "went without water for three days making weight and then drank a large amount, which intoxicated him."

The Sept. 3, 1920, issue of The Cuba Patriot gives an account of Mr. Ackerly's victory in the Olympics held that year at Antwerp, Belgium.

He won recognition as a wrestler from his earliest college days at Cornell University, where he lost his only match to Gerson of the University of Pennsylvania.

His victory in Belgium "was especially notable from the fact he was the only American to secure first honors in the wrestling division and also because in the final struggle he defeated the only grappler who had ever in a match obtained a decision over him."

"The recognition of his high merit came to him in a distinguished manner when he received last Monday (Aug. 30) the prize he had won from the hands of Albert, the gallant king of the Belgians."