

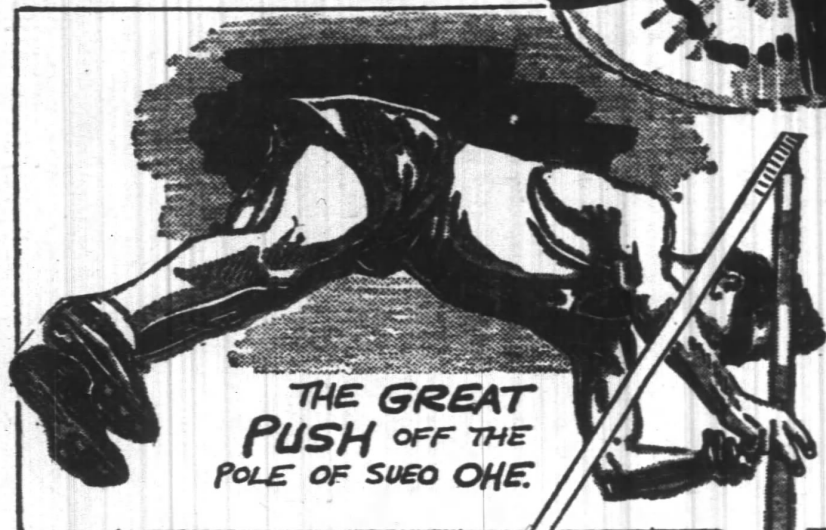
# Reaching for the Moon?

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CAN  
THE  
VAULTERS  
JUMP  
OVER  
THIS  
MOON?

--- GEORGE  
**VAROFF** SAYS  
THE 15-FOOT VAULT IS  
COMING-- WHEN SOMEONE  
COMBINES A GREAT  
PULL WITH A POTENT  
PUSH--

15 FT.  
VAULT.



THE GREAT  
PUSH OFF THE  
POLE OF SUEO OHE.

-- OHE HAS THE STRONGEST  
PUSH-OFF OF 'EM ALL.

THE  
PULL--

VAROFF'S  
IS THE  
BEST--

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**G**EORGE VAROFF, the California janitor who holds the world's pole vault record, insists that a 15-foot vault is possible and gives his reasons for that bold statement.

Varoff points out that the two most important features of the vaulting technique are the "pull," by which the vaulter lifts himself skyward while grasping the pole,

and the "push," which is the final twist just before letting go of the stick as you are about to clear the bar.

Varoff has a tremendous pull, grasping the pole higher than any other vaulter, while the Japanese ace, Sueo Ohe, because of his small stature, takes a low grip and depends on a powerful push off the stick.

It is Varoff's theory that a vaulter will some day combine his

potent pull with Ohe's powerful push, and the result—a 15-foot vault.

On the other hand, Earle Meadows, Olympic vaulting king, differs with Varoff on the technique of the theoretical 15-foot vault. Meadows thinks the combination of such a strong pull and push would throw the vaulter off balance and cause him to land on his head—a highly unpleasant finish.

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