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SPORT NEWS

NEW FLYWEIGHT CHAMPION WINS

NEW YORK—Eddie La Barba decisively defeats Lew Perfetti.

NEW YORK—Mike McTigue wins Judge's decision over Tiger Flowers, colored.

NEW YORK (AP)—Eddie La Barba of Los Angeles, new flyweight champion, marked his first appearance in an eastern ring Wednesday night by scoring an impressive triumph over Lew Perfetti of New York. La Barba was awarded a judge's decision in the six-round semi-final in the light-heavyweight fight between Mike McTigue and Tiger Flowers, featuring a Christmas fund show in Madison Square Garden.

La Barba went to the canvas in the first round under a left hook but he was off balance when struck and jumped to his feet before a count was given. Perfetti's jab and hook hit him in front of the ear in the second, but from then on he carried the fight to the New York bantam and had him covering and holding under a furious attack in the last two rounds. La Barba weighed 114 and Perfetti 116.

FLOWERS BEATEN
NEW YORK (AP)—Mike McTigue, former world's light-heavyweight champion, Wednesday night won a judge's decision over the Atlanta, Ga., negro, Tiger Flowers, in a furiously fought 10-round fight at Madison Square Garden, the feature contest of a Christmas fund boxing show.

Discarding his customary defensive style to trade punches with the southern negro fighter in every round, McTigue met the vigorous assault of his foe with solid rights to the body and head. Flowers replied with terrific hooks which several times turned McTigue around. They fought toe to toe throughout and at the conclusion both were mingled with shouts of approval over the verdict. McTigue weighed 171½, Flowers, 165½.

George Godfrey, 222-pound negro heavyweight of Pennsylvania, outpointed Martin Burke of New Orleans in a second 10-round contest but failed to impress a crowd of 15,000 by his triumph.

IRA DEHN DEFEATS LEWIS
SALT LAKE CITY—Ira Dehn of Salt Lake threw Sailor Jack Lewis in their match here Tuesday night at the Hippodrome theater. After 70 minutes of wrestling, Dehn picked up the eastern heavyweight bodily and tossed him out of the ring. Lewis crawled through the ropes, bewildered and dazed and the local man grabbed him about the waist and held him in the canvas with terrific force. The shock rendered Lewis senseless and helpless. A doctor said Lewis suffered a slight concussion of the brain. The match was exceedingly rough and both men dealt out unnecessary punishment. Dehn was much faster and the possessor of a more varied assortment of holds.

ROCKSON GETS MATCH
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Frankie Campbell, local light-heavyweight, and Murky Rockson of Boise, Idaho, have been matched for a 10-round bout here New Year's day. This will be the second meeting of the pair. In their first encounter they went through 10 fast rounds to a draw.

ANDERSON STOPS MUNN
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Wayne "Big" Munn, heavyweight wrestler and former University of Nebraska football star, essaying for the second time a ring career, was knocked out here in the first round of a scheduled 16-round bout by Andre Anderson of Chicago, Munn lasted only two minutes.

RICKARD ARRANGES BOUTS
NEW YORK (AP)—Promoter Tex Rickard Tuesday completed a

card of three 16-round bouts for a show to be staged in Madison Square Garden on New Year's day, the main event of which will bring together Dave Rhoads, California welterweight, and Roland Todd of England.

Sailor Friedman of Chicago will oppose Willie Harmon of New York in the semi-final.

McKENZIE BEATS SHEARER
SEATTLE (AP)—After taking the count of nine himself in the first round of a six-round semi-final here Tuesday night, "Will" McKenzie, Vancouver Island logger heavyweight, knocked out Art Shearer of Portland in the second round. This is McKenzie's fourth successive knockout in as many weeks after being discovered by Bonnie Austin of Seattle a month ago.

McKenzie dropped Shearer for the count of six in the first round and laid him out cold 45 seconds after the start of the second. After waiting for the referee to admit the count the Canadian carried Shearer to his corner where he was revived.

McGROW BEATS VINCENTENNI
NEW YORK (AP)—Phil McGraw of Detroit received the decision in a 12-round bout with Eddie Vincentenni of Ohio here Tuesday night. McGraw weighed 135 and Vincentenni 134. It was McGraw's second victory over the South American.

GREB FISHING FOR BOAT
PITTSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Harry Greb, middleweight champion of the world, has another bout with Gene Tunney in prospect, he announced just before taking the train for New York Tuesday night. Greb mentions Miami, Fla., as the possible scene of the proposed bout, and February 22 as the date.

DERBY TO BE RUN MAY 15
COVINGTON, Ky. (AP)—The 1926 Kentucky derby will be run at Churchill Downs, May 15, Col. M. J. Winn, general manager of the Kentucky Jockey club, announced Tuesday.

"Just what date we will ask from the Kentucky racing commission has not been determined, but it is probable we will race at the usual time of year," said Colonel Winn.

Billy Evans Says:

(By Billy Evans)
In promoting sports of any kind there is a constant gamble with the weather.

Primarily the poor weather that was on tap during the last world series has caused the two major leagues to shorten their season.

Starting the big series one week earlier than is customary will be no guarantee against bad weather; it is a matter of record that on the whole, the big event of the year in baseball has been furnished with excellent playing conditions.

However, I feel that the magnates made a wise move in their decision to play the 154-game schedule in one less week's time.

Starting seven days earlier certainly will not handicap weather conditions, but the big advantage is that the series will be finished before the big football games of the year get under way.

For several years the world series and some of the best football cards of the year have overlapped.

SHORTER SEASON.
Cleaning house one week earlier than usual will enable baseball to go away with most of the conflict.

This is as it should be, for the national pastime should exist as football makes its bow.

Getting back to the weather conditions that have greeted the world series games.

The weather was abominable during the last series with the exception of possibly two games. The final contest was staged under the worst conditions possible. The game should have never been played.

Had it been a regular game during the season it would have never been started. If it had, it would have been called long before the regulation period.

The fact is that it was started, plus the unusual conditions that the umpires at once faced in so important a contest, notably the four-run lead of Washington, caused them to go the route.

If any ball game should be played under ideal conditions, that one

Candidate



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should be the deciding clash of the world series.

MANY ADVANTAGES.
Baseball records show that only three series since the inauguration of the classic have been badly interfered with by rain.

The 1919 series had a couple of rainy days, also some very bad weather in the final games at Detroit, overcasts and blankets being much in evidence, also football.

The 1911 event was the worst of all. Rain set in at Philadelphia and held up the final game of the series for five days. Few of the original ticket buyers saw that game.

A five-day layoff was too much for even the dyed-in-the-wool brand fan.

The inclement weather under which the 1925 games were played is still fresh in the minds of every fan, the last game in particular.

However, there are other advantages.

tages aside from the possibility of getting better weather. The shorter season eliminates a week of drabgy play that is the usual brand unless the race is very close, incidentally it does away with the football clash.

Incidentally, the fans who like double headers are certain of at least seven each year, for they are regularly scheduled in order to make possible the shorter closing date.

THREE DOG TEAMS TRAIN FOR IDAHO FALLS RACE.

TWIN FALLS (AP)—Winners of three of the annual Ashton dog races, Smokey Gaston, Harry Kennedy and Warren Cording will compete in a dog race to be held on January 16, in connection with the annual convention of the Idaho "West Growers" association to be held in Idaho Falls, January 14-16, according to Donald McLean, secretary of the association, who returned Tuesday from Idaho Falls.

Entries in the race already have established training kennels at Idaho Falls and are practicing for the run, which is to be over a course of 15 miles extending beyond from the center horse and doubling back over the same trail to the place of beginning.

Chicochocoma in Chile is the heart of the greatest copper-bearing area in the world. The largest single North American investment south of Panama employs here 21,000,000,000. The Chileans are the Yankees of South America.

KAPLAN'S REQUEST DENIED

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York State Athletic commission Wednesday denied a request by Louis (Kid) Kaplan of Meriden, Connecticut, world's featherweight champion, to engage in matches against boxers of heavier divisions.

Kaplan based his petition on a claim that a death of 124-pound contenders would compel him to remain inactive.

Road Crossing Permit Asked

SALEM, Ore.—The Woodard Lumber company, with headquarters at Cottage Grove, has petitioned the public service commission for permission to construct a logging railroad across a county road.

Figures given out by the rural economics department of the Ohio State University show that the average Ohio farm horse works only two hours a day at a cost of a little more than 15 cents an hour.

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APPOINTMENT TO WAIT

SALEM, Ore.—Selection of a successor to Ed Rand, deputy state fire marshal, will not be determined until tomorrow, Thursday, according to Will Moore, state fire marshal. Mr. Rand died suddenly at Baker last Sunday.

Mr. Moore said he had received a large number of applications for the position. Among the applicants are several residents of Portland, who have had experience in police work.

Mr. Rand has been employed as arson investigator by the state fire marshal's department for several years.

Cougars Shot Near Marshfield
MARSHFIELD, Ore.—William

Axe of the Myrtle Point district is richer by \$50 after collecting the state bounty on two cougars, shot in one tree recently. Mr. Axe had the Lloyd Jarvis bound pack, noted for having trapped more animals than any hunting dogs in this section of the state. The two killed by Axe made five the Jarvis dogs have taken in the past month.

21,000 TICKETS SOLD.
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Approximately 21,000 tickets for the football game New Year's day at Pasadena between the Universities of Alabama and Washington, M.I. been disposed of up to noon Tuesday, the fifth day of the sale, ticket sellers announced Wednesday.

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