

In the Sport World

Boxing

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NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—When boxing was restored to a legal standing in California, a great many New York managers and boxers hailed the far western state as a fine spot for pickings.

"They're used to the four-round racket out there and they'll be soft over a distance," they said and they flocked out to the new field.

If the coast boxers were all four-round fellows it didn't take them long to change to a distance game and now the easterners are finding that there are no bargains in California.

The coast now has two champions. Fidel Lebarba, the fly-weight king, and Tod Morgan, junior lightweight champion.

Lebarba gave Frankie Genaro a fine pasting and Morgan beat Mike Ballerino for his title.

Jimmy McLarnin, another little fellow who is a fine prospect for the bantamweight championship, gave the late Pancho Villa the fight of his life and Charley Rosenberg, the bantam champion, received two fine pastings on a recent tour. His title was saved when he fouled Doc Snell only because smart management made the coast boy come in overweight.

California also sent east a fine heavyweight prospect in Eddie Hoffman who needs only experience to go a long way in the ranks with the big fellows.

Before the boxing law was passed in California, coast boxers such as Dave Shade were big shots in New York and now that they don't have to leave home to work it stands to reason that California boxing will improve as it improved in New York under the Walker law.

The success of boxing in Tex Rickard's new \$5,000,000 Garden is sure to have a serious effect on outdoor boxing next summer.

Rickard has a ventilating system in the Garden that will make it possible to stage bouts all during the summer months with comfort for the spectators and fighters.

He claims that he can make the temperature lower in the Garden than it will be on the nights in an outdoor arena and that he can seat more spectators than any of the other clubs who do not have a hall park.

Very little money was made by the promoters who had outdoor arenas last summer because most of the "reviews" of the road drawing cards were hard to arrange and because of the

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Ice King



John N. B. Thunberg, champion ice skater, who is now in this country making further research. He will take part in the international games to be held at the new Madison Square Garden, New York, and St. Johns, N. B. Thunberg is called the "Nurse of the Ice," which, by the way, is a prize.

heavy overhead, the weather gamble and the difficulty in making perfect seating arrangements.

Rickard said recently he would have the boxing privilege again next summer at the Yankee Stadium and that he had only two big shots in mind for the ball park.

He intimated that Jack Dempsey would be one of the principals in one of them and that Paul Berlenbach would appear in the other.

Rickard probably can get any number of good cards now for the Garden as he has convinced the houses that he has ceased to be a Santa Claus and if Rickard cannot pay them the prices they have been demanding, no other promoter can do it.

Northwestern Makes Gain

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of the year was the rise of Northwestern University to a position of dignity in the Big Ten conference.

Because of the almost hopeless condition of sports at Northwestern for the decade ending 1924, there was considerable agitation in the middle west in favor of dropping Northwestern from the Big Ten—either changing the conference to the "Big Nine" or accentuating Notre Dame in Northwestern's place.

The matter, of course, didn't get very far in official circles but there apparently was enough talk about it to arouse a vital spark on the Northwestern campus. Athletics took a sudden spurt and spurred to hard and fast that within a year the other members of the conference raised approving eyebrows and changed the nickname of Northwestern's teams from "Methodists" to "Wildcats." Northwestern liked the name and an alumnus presented the school with a caged wildcat to act as mascot.

Football being the king of college sports and the department in which Northwestern had been making the most pitiable showings, chief attention was centered on the gridiron. A spirit that had been lacking for many a year bobbed up in the squad and the 1925 season was a pronounced success.

Northwestern has been handicapped from a gate receipt standpoint for a number of years because of some antiquated wooden bleachers that are relics of the jones age. "Jim" Patten, the retired wheat king who gave

Northwestern the finest symposium in the middle west, promised a new stadium "as soon as Northwestern wins a conference championship" but that seemed so utterly remote that it became a campus joke.

During the recent football campaign, however, Northwestern's Wildcats turned in a brilliant record and finished the season in a tie for second place in the conference. The attendance was so great that the more important games had to be played in Chicago's municipal stadium to accommodate the crowds. And now the university has decided not to wait for Patten's gift and is starting construction of a mammoth concrete stadium.

Astoria — Crown-Willamette Co., begins 1926 reforestation, employing 27 men, on Young's River.

Southern Pacific operating three gravel trains to new rail terminal at Eugene.

Baker — Building record for 1925 is \$474,876, best in city's history.

WASHINGTON LOSES \$450,000 BY FIRE

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—Forest fire losses in Washington during 1925 totalled \$450,170.60, exclusive of fires in United States forests, according to a report by George C. Joy, supervisor of forestry. A total of 187,495 acres were swept by flames, most of which were burned over lands.

MYSTERIOUS VILLA OPENED TO ALL PUBLIC

NAPLES, Jan. 19.—(U. P.)—The Villa of the Mysteries near Naples, recently opened to the public is an object of interest commanding the attention of scientists and historians. It is an ordinary Greco-Roman villa of the Pompeian type, and was used as an Orphic basilica.

From these murals it is now possible for the students of the strange, little understood rites of the religion of aegreus to form a clearer idea of the famous Orphic mysteries.

The great hall of the initiations in the villa is decorated with a huge fresco in early Pompeian style containing 29 almost life-size figures. These figures are engaged in performing the rite known as "the mystery," and the painting is in effect a pictorial representation of the Orphic liturgy.

From an examination of the fresco, it seems clear that the celebrated "mystery" was a mimic drama or symbolic ritual, which has certain obvious analogies with the Catholic mass, and the early mystic religious cults of Greece and Asia Minor to cast fresh light on a fascinating but little understood subject.

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