

Steps Toward Picking Heavyweight Champ to be Made Friday

RULES FOR GREAT ROUND ROBIN MIX TO BE DRAWN UP

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Three important steps toward the selection of the next heavyweight champion will be made Friday, as follows:

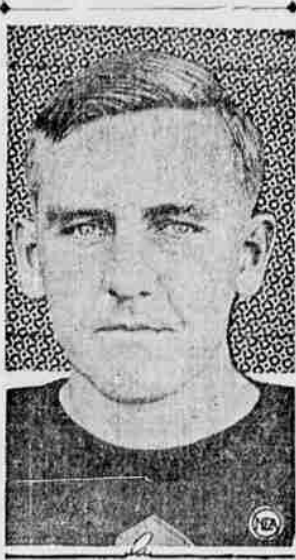
- 1.—The Tunney-Muldoon trophy committee will meet to draw up rules and regulations for the contenders.
- 2.—Johnny Buckley, Sharkey's manager, is due in town from Boston to sign for Sharkey to meet Young Stribling at Miami Beach, Florida, February 20, 27 or 28.
- 3.—Jimmy Maloney's comeback campaign brings him back to Madison Square Garden, where he meets Con O'Kelly, rugged Irishman, in the 10-round main event.

When Gene Tunney retired last August, he announced his plan to donate a trophy, emblematic of the heavyweight championship, which would have the names of all the past champions engraved on it and which would remain the possession of each succeeding heavyweight champion as long as he remained titleholder.

The committee is composed of Tex Rickard, Herbert Bayard Swope, newspaper editor; Jack Jernigan, T. Mahoney, A. A. U. official; John McClellan, promoter; and hotel owner, and Bernard Glubel, millionaire merchant.

Rickard's plan is to have the committee make some rule whereby all the contenders will have to fight each other in an elimination tournament until the outstanding man is determined. This, Rickard said, then would be in line for a match with Jack Dempsey if the former

No Bad Passes



Not a bad pass in three years—that is what they're saying in South Carolina of the work of O. K. Pressley at center for Clemson's eleven. Pressley ended a great gridiron career this season in a manner that brought him All-American recognition from many of the noted experts.

heavyweight champion decides to return to the ring.

"The man who whips Dempsey will be recognized as the heavyweight champion," Rickard said, "but if Dempsey doesn't decide to fight again, the winner of the elimination tournament will be the logical successor to Tunney."

Despite the fact that newspapermen and the public are agreed that Dempsey will fight again in June, Rickard is afraid he cannot persuade the old Manassa Mauler to come back to the ring again.

Rickard came out flatly today and said that the chances were mighty slim. It now appears that Dempsey can make something like \$800,000 for acting as presiding judge at Tex Rickard's new dog track at Miami Beach and can also pull down a fancy sum for refereeing the proposed Stribling-Sharkey bout.

If it's only money that Dempsey needs, he may be able to make it some other way than risking his aged legs to hold him up through another grueling ring battle.

Unless Sharkey agrees to fight Stribling in Miami Beach, the Boston Braggart may be left out in the cold as far as Rickard is concerned. They previously had intimated that he didn't want Sharkey to fight Stribling, a southerner, in Florida, because he was afraid the decision might go to Stribling unless Jack knocked him out.

In the face of Pa Stribling's defy to Sharkey today that "Jack Sharkey is afraid of a licking" unless he signs to meet Stribling, Buckley can hardly afford to back out of the match. He has advised Rickard that the will be here Friday to talk terms.

MULLEN IN LISTS AGAIN IN CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Jim Mullen, Chicago boxing impresario, again has entered the lists against Tex Rickard and C. C. Pyle for the ranking of the world's greatest promoter. Mullen's latest bid consists of first promoting a bout between promotion and then promoting himself into a \$20,000 per annum job as "matchmaker" for a syndicate of wealthy business men who intend to sponsor boxing at the Chicago coliseum.

The appointment of Mullen to the matchmaker post for the Coliseum Athletic club provided a shock for the commercial sports writers who have long advised ambitious youth that success and \$20,000 per annum jobs are obtained through hard work and successful completion of the tasks set before them.

Despite a list of promotional failures that makes the late Kaiser's war record look like a simple success, Mullen has succeeded in maintaining his standing as "teacher's pet" with the Illinois boxing commission, while men popularly claimed to be more capable were left "out in the cold."

This fact is believed responsible for Mullen's appointment to his new job—if a \$20,000 per annum berth can be referred to in such an unimpressive manner, although with a new commission expected to take office after the inauguration of Governor-Elect Emmerson, it is improbable that Mullen will maintain his "pull" with the boxing rulers.

Mullen's career is colorful. According to his own story he made his first dollar in Chicago by selling a city hall to a "rube." Since breaking into the boxing game Mullen "sold" the public on shows which made his first financial deal look easy.

As Mullen styles himself—as has had little success. After failing as a promoter of Aurora, Mullen's second try at a gymnasium in Chicago until boxing was legalized. Since that time he has practically controlled the ring game here.

During the past year the boxing game slumped and Mullen found himself unable to attract crowds for his shows. Even such a "natural" as the Mickey Walker-Alexis fight was a financial failure, but Mullen kept right on until he "promoted" himself out of the game. After his last show Mullen was unable to pay his taxes which the boxing commission levied on promoters. A few days later creditors foreclosed a mortgage on his gymnasium and Jim was finally counted "out" of Chicago boxing.

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SIUSLAW STORY

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McKenzie, and that they will go forward with the road up the Willamette to Oakridge, but I am not optimistic for the Siuslaw road unless we do something.

Mr. Hurd said he thought the position of Lane county in the eyes of the highway commissioners would be strengthened if this county were to send sizeable delegations to the meetings in Portland to back up the county commissioners, as many other counties are doing.

"We'll do that gladly," said Mr. Shellen, "but we were under the distinct impression that if we did our share in voting down the Dunne bills and voted up the levies for our share of the Siuslaw project, the road would go ahead without further question this summer."

Melvin Hansen, real estate man, suggested that Lane county invite the highway commissioners to a meeting in Eugene at which the determination of the county to have the Siuslaw project, as well as the McKenzie and the Oakridge roads, could be demonstrated.

Mr. Hurd said that he believed it would be necessary for Lane county to get into action before the next meeting of the highway commission, because delay until the meeting might result in a trip to Portland only to find most of the state highway program set and the money for the year all spent.

Mr. Hurd read figures to show that while Lane county has contributed in license fees over \$3,000,000 since 1920, it has received in work by the county and federal governments only about the same amounts.

The committee which will communicate with the highway commission will report as soon as it gets a reply and it will recommend either a meeting with the commission in Eugene, or the sending of delegations to Portland, or, if necessary, both.

The possibilities which land