

# RICKARD LOST CHANCE STAGE BIGGEST FIGHT

### Could Have Promoted Battle Between Bolivians and Paraguayan Neighbors in 1912—Missed Chance to Lead Army.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Tex Rickard made known today that in 1912 he lost a chance to promote the biggest fight of his career—a war between Bolivia and Paraguay.

Rickard spent eight years in Paraguay, going there in 1912 with 20 Texan cowboys sent by the Farmers syndicate engaged in the cattle industry and development of the country's resources.

"In 1912," said Rickard, "I came up through the Argentine with 20 cowboys, 50,000 head of cattle and a train of about 50 wagons, with the idea of crossing into Paraguay across the Pilcomayo river, the boundary between Paraguay and the Argentine."

"Well, as soon as we got into Paraguay we came across a lot of ports all filled with Bolivians. All these Bolivians—soldiers they were—said that if we didn't turn back they'd shoot us."

"Well, we thought we'd better go around, so we came out again and went south through the Argentine to Asuncion and into Paraguay across the eastern boundary, the Paraguay river. When we got there we told them how there were a lot of Bolivians sitting in forts in the middle of Paraguay, and that vexed them a bit. It was the first they'd heard of it, I guess."

Offered Army.

"Anyway, they all came around to me—the president, the cabinet and everyone—and they told me that if I'd go out and fight the Bolivians they'd give me all the soldiers I wanted and more. They'd give me an army, in fact."

"Well, I didn't like to act with-

out instructions, so I wired to my people in Buenos Aires, and they cabled to Mr. Farquhar in Paris. He didn't want a war, though he had too many big interests; he had too much at stake. And so I missed the chance to lead an army."

The promoter of pugilistic fights said he still owns 500 square miles of land in the Gran Chaco, the disputed territory. He said he had granted grazing privileges to a group of Americans and that the land might come in useful some day.

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cheerfully about the oil situation. He believes that big oil men have decided, at last, that it doesn't pay to waste oil resources in throat-cutting competition. There is no suggestion of any hard-and-fast agreement among producers or exporters, but there are indications of dawning common sense.

President Coolidge has denounced the wasting of oil resources. Herbert Hoover may find a plan to protect the oil industry.

Reckless exportation at the lowest possible prices, benefiting foreigners and depleting oil reserves, might certainly be regulated.

Socialists of the country discover with grief and surprise that their presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, polled only 300,000 votes, against more than 15,000,000 for Governor Smith and 22,000,000 for Herbert Hoover.

Debs, in 1912, got nearly 900,000 votes.

However, Socialists need not be downcast. Their candidate had a hard time, running against prosperity, 7,000,000 Coolidge plurality, the "wet-dry" question, etc. When people are as busy as that, they haven't time to think about Socialism.

More worry for the criminal. The steamship Aquitania, 600 miles at sea, received by wireless photographs from Davenport, England.

Hereafter a criminal leaving his country under an assumed name may have his picture sent broadcast to every ship at sea.

U. S. Imports More Eggs.

SHANGHAI, China.—(AP)—Official records show that exports of frozen eggs from China to the United States thus far this year have totaled 5900 short tons, compared with 1250 short tons for the same period last season.

# JUGO-SLAVIAN VISITOR FINDS RULERS ADOPT SANTA CLAUS MODERN STYLE BUSY AT MIKE

### King Shaves and Queen Bobs Hair—Light Gray Suit and Paris Gowns Alter Appearance of Royal Couple.

BELGRADE, Jugoslav, Dec. 13.—King Alexander and Queen Marie have pleased their subjects by some Americanization. When the king returned recently from Paris, where he underwent an operation at the hands of American surgeons, his own subjects did not recognize him. Indeed, his own children, little Crown Prince Peter and Prince Tomislav, did not know him. This was not due to any physical change in the king. He had shaved off his moustache and adopted American civilian dress, which altered his whole appearance.

A smartly cut light gray suit, and a natty, silver-gray slouch hat had replaced the king's customary dull military uniform and tall army cap, which made Alexander look 19 years younger.

Not to be outdone by the king, the queen had her beautiful golden hair bobbed in American style, and brought back from Paris six trunks full of gowns, and the latest styles in hats, lingerie and footwear. Her friends who came to greet her at the railroad station commented upon her strikingly smart and dapper appearance, and said that she and the king resembled newlyweds.

Body Found.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 13.—The body of a young man, burned beyond recognition, was found in the smoldering ruins of a barbecue stand near here last night. Coroner Fred C. Swing saw a shying in the mystery. The youth probably was killed, he said, before the sawyer threw the body into the stand and set fire to it to cover up the crime.

Classified advertising gets results

It was about 7:30 and the evening programs were going on schedule at KMED, the Mail Tribune-Virgin radio station. A gentle, almost apologetic tap on the door of the broadcasting studio brought no response from within. The tap became a rap. Still no response. The rap became a knock and then an infuriated boom-boom-boom.

The door opened from within, and the station assistant riveted a pair of opulent eyes upon the stormy optics of the intruder.

"What can I do for you?" asked the assistant, and then with a quick glance over in the direction of the announcer before the microphone, his voice repeated in a hushed whisper, "What do you want?"

"I bane coom to hear the play that cooms out over the wires," boomed the voice of the Scandinavian visitor in the dark hallway.

"Sh-sh—another program is on. The play doesn't come on until an hour and a half later," whispered the assistant, attempting to close the door.

"I bane vant to hear the actresses putting on their make-up," insisted the intruder in still louder tones. The assistant jerked the stranger into the studio, clapped his hands over his mouth, sat him down in a chair, warned him to be quiet in no uncertain terms and rushed over to lend his help to the broadcaster.

It was Santa Claus night at KMED, and the studio was converted into a veritable toyland. There was a call to the north pole, and Santa Claus appeared among the toy makers in his shop and answered the phone. He was told by the station announcer that there were a number of boys and girls in Medford, who wanted to hear him talk, and was asked if he had received letters from them.

Whereupon Santa emitted a lusty and jovial laugh and picked up a sheaf of letters beside his telephone. The eyes of the big Swede made three complete revolutions, and he rose slightly from his chair, then settled stolidly down

in it again as he noticed the assistant locking the door leading out into the hall.

"Now that you're in here, you've got to make yourself useful," hissed the assistant, forcing a pair of small clubs into the hands of the visitor, and jerking him over to a miniature xylophone. Whereupon, the Swede began to play music. The assistant picked up various sizes of horns and whistles and blew them in turn—hopped over to several sizes of drums and beat them—picked up crying dolls and tipped them upside down in front of the "mike."

The idea penetrated the consciousness of the visitor and he began grabbing toys right and left and thrusting them in sound-producing motion before the microphone. He leapt from table to table, playing toy pianos, blowing miniature saxophones, sawing blocks of wood with the tiny saws, hammering boards and shaking baby rattles.

So pleased with his ability as a toy shop performer and sound producer, became the visitor, that he tackled the assistant, threw him to the floor and began to yodel to the large audience of children listening in. About that time, Santa Claus found the key in the pocket of the floored assistant, opened the door, grabbed the intruder between the chest voice and the falsetto and threw him out to complete his yodeled chorus in the hallway.

Alfalfa On Black Land. COLLEGE STATION, Texas.—(AP)—G. W. Garrett, who lives on a black land farm near Mesquite, Texas, is disproving the theory that such type soil is unsuited for alfalfa. He has cut 150 tons of baled alfalfa hay, worth \$375 from an eight-acre patch during the last three years.

Mirror As Mars Signal. PARIS.—(AP)—Mirrors are suggested by Pierre Bois for communicating with Mars. They would have to be as large around as Paris, he says, in order to develop sufficient intensity. He thinks they are more likely to succeed than is radio, provided Martians exist.

Chiloquin—Construction of Hessian block here nearing completion.

# OKLAHOMA MAN TO OPEN NEW BAKERY ON WEST MAIN ST.

A new electric bakery, installed with equipment amounting to over \$5000 will open Tuesday morning, at 111 West Main street, under the ownership and personal management of A. E. Van, formerly of Miami, Oklahoma, where he operated a similar place of business for the past 19 years.

The space, formerly occupied by the Sullivan Confectionery was leased by Mr. Van from the Farmers and Fruitgrowers bank for an indefinite period, and is being remodeled and repainted for the Tuesday opening.

Mr. Van and his family moved here a month ago, after looking the situation over in west California. He believes Medford an ideal place for his work, and has been favorably impressed by the friendliness and community spirit displayed here.

# HEAVY TRAFFIC CAUSES WARNING TO AUTOISTS

For the benefit of Christmas shoppers, out of town ones especially, City Traffic Officer Prescott warns motorists to observe the time limit in parking in the business section, and not to stay parked in one place more than an hour, under the threat of arrest and prosecution if the warning is not observed.

Motor traffic has become very heavy in Medford during the past week and is expected to continue so, until after Christmas, making it imperative for the one hour parking rule to be obeyed and enforced. Motorists are also warned

# Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—(AP) Speculation in stocks quieted down considerably in today's market, which was featured by the strength of the non-dividend paying railroad stocks. Wide fluctuations continued in some of the high priced industrials and specialties but the general undertone was flat.

Soft spots again appeared in the late trading despite an upturn in some of the higher priced issues, and a drop in the call money rate to 6 per cent. International Nickel climbed over 15 points to a new peak above 230, while Greene Carbone extended its gain to nearly 19 points. Houston Oil broke about 10 points to a new low well under par. Some of the specialties fell renewed pressure. The

close was irregular. Total sales approximated 2,200,000 shares.

# Policeman Makes Violins

STOCKHOLM.—(AP)—C. P. Friberg, traffic officer of the police department, in his spare time has developed into a violin maker of wide fame. Jan Kubelik and Misha Weishord own violins made by him.

# Youths Promote Farming

DRENO, Nev.—(AP)—One out of every 120 residents of Nevada is a farm boy or girl affiliated with club work and engaged in promoting the agriculture of the state.

# Classified advertising gets results

FLU-GRIP Check before it starts. Rub on—inhalable vapors VICKS VAPORUB Over 21 Million Jars Used Yearly

NEW PLAYHOUSE

FRANK'S COMEDIANS

TONIGHT AND FRIDAY

The Clever Comedy

"OH, DOCTOR"

DON'T MISS IT

# KINNEYS

-- The Store of Christmas Bargains --

Never before in KINNEY'S history have holiday stocks been so complete—and KINNEY'S prices been so moderate! Our entire three floors are crowded with fine merchandise, purchased from the factories at real money-saving prices which bring ASTONISHING SAVINGS to thrifty shoppers. Don't fail to include a trip here when you do your Christmas shopping — You'll find one of Medford's largest and finest furniture stocks at Medford's lowest prices!

## SOLVE THE GIFT PROBLEM WITH FURNITURE

### HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS



Floor Lamps



Table Lamps



Coxwell Stools



A Real Christmas Special  
A Gift for the Family  
Genuine Mohair  
Davenport and Chair  
**\$157.50**

Plain rose and taupe Mohair—will harmonize with any home interior. Both davenport and chair have silk tapestry reversible cushions.

A complete line of upholstered furniture.



Sewing Baskets



Occasional Tables



Occasional Chair

Buy Christmas Health Seals

## The Year 'Round Gift---a WATCH



KNICKABOUT—jeweled . \$7.50



LEUTENANT—jeweled . \$12.50

# NOW YOU CAN WEAR your WATCH in ACTION

## WARWICK Watches

### SHOCK...JOLT...and JAR proof



LOAD UP—15 jewel . \$25.00



ATLANTIC—15 jewel . . . \$25.00



ATLAS—Jeweled \$15.00 Complete with new adjustable metal wrist band.

"Up to the minute"

An old established store with a new name — Main Street—just off Central Avenue.

"Right to the minute"

The name BROPHY'S on the gift box reflects a gift of quality—be sure it's there.

**Brophy's** JEWELERS MEDFORD, ORE.