

Jack Sharkey and Tex Rickard Fight Battle of Words; Noted Promoter May Drop Pugilist

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, (AP)—A duel to the death between Tex Rickard and Jack Sharkey's board of strategy may be some more flinty "Honey" but at least it serves to enliven and otherwise soporific heavyweight industry.

As the situation stands now, it appears as though Young Stribling will battle Paulino Uzcudun, the basque woodchopper, and not Sharkey, at Miami Beach, Fla., early next year. Time was when Sharkey was referred to as the "loquacious Lithuanian" by facetious sports writers, but at least the Boston sailor never talked himself out of a fight that would add \$100,000 or so to the family bankroll. And that's just what his man-

ger or managers, as the case may be, seem to have done.

The controversy between Rickard and Sharkey's handlers started when local newspapers received telegrams purporting to come from Sharkey and charging among other things that Rickard was managing Stribling, Paulino and Jack Dempsey. Further, the telegram said that Sharkey, fearing he would not get a "break", would refuse to fight Stribling in the Georgian's own sector of the country.

After denying numerous accusations, Tex added that he was "through fooling with Sharkey" and that Buckley's fear of losing the decision to Stribling was such admission that he did not think the sailor could conquer the husky Georgian.

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

STURDY IRISH BOY WINS WAY TO HARD DRAW

Con O'Kelley Simply
Would Not Stay Licked;
Stages Come-back

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, (AP)—Sometimes an "Irishman" can't be licked. Jimmy Maloney of Boston and Con O'Kelley battled thru ten torrid rounds at Madison Square Garden last night to a draw.

Maloney who started his comeback campaign by beating Johnny Risko a short time ago, set out to finish the battle in short order and kept pounding at O'Kelley through the first five rounds to lead by a good margin. The youngster kept right on thru the storm, however, and staged a strong comeback in the last half of the fight.

O'Kelley's steady pecking with his left hand tired Maloney and toward the end the Boston boy quit trying to box and slugged away in a vain attempt for a last minute knockout. Maloney was warned several times when his heavy body blows landed low.

Tuffy Griffiths of Sioux City, Ia., started on the road to a comeback after his recent knockout by Jimmy Braddock by defeating Charley Belanger, Winnetka, Minn., light heavy, in the semi-final. Griffiths gave a display of the kind of fighting that won him his nick name, boring in all the time to carry the decision.

BEARS OFFENSE STRENGTHENED

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 22, (AP)—Apparently realizing that it will take more than a stout defense to beat the Golden Tornado of Georgia Tech, Coach "Nibs" Price of California, has started to strengthen the Bears offense for the East-West clash at the Rose Bowl New Year's Day.

Dividing his men into four teams yesterday, he gave each several plays and had them working the new formations one after another. He kept an eagle eye on each eleven as it ran through the play. His first eleven had Dolf Timmerman in the tackle berth usually held down by Steve Bancroft, and a backfield comprised of Harold Beckenridge, quarterback; Benny Lom and

Fred Schlicking, halfbacks and Charley Schmidt, fullback.

Bancroft was forced to remain in the north for an examination but was due to arrive today. Beckenridge filled Lee Eisan's signal calling job, while Schlicking was in Stanley Barr's usual place.

"Punch Drunk" Fighters Must Pass Exams



By AL DEMAREE
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The Illinois Athletic commission recently decreed that all boxers operating under its jurisdiction should be examined as to whether they were mentally incompetent, in other words, "slug nutty" or "punch-drunk."

A fighter knows what "punch drunk" means and he doesn't resent it if it's called that, but if they were told by one of the examining medicals that they were victims of a cerebral hemorrhage they would be mortally affronted.

Some "punch drunk" boxers can be told by their trunks. If they are criss or some other vivid color and are embroidered with pinstripes, interwoven with his initials, he is a "slug nutty" victim.

The "punch drunk" fighter when he is hit on the "button," hears the gong and is liable to hear it for weeks. He always absorbs some idea connected with the ring. He may hear the song at regular intervals, or he may hear the cheering of the crowd. The "punch drunk" boy is usually happy and often imagines himself training for the world's championship.

Many fighters have virtual temporary amnesia produced by a punch. They fight on, but later can tell nothing of what happened after a certain blow of the fight. In many cases it produces loss of memory and boxers will fail to recognize old friends and cannot recall instances only a few months removed.

APPROVE NOISE IN CONVENTION

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speakers from in front of radio stores. Hawcock had an elaborate plan for eliminating the music of radio store loud speakers, one alternative of which was to tear them out by the roots. He made it plain that he felt deeply on the subject and regarded radio loud speakers in front of stores as a menace to American health.

Perhaps no person in the room expressed less sympathy for Mrs. Mallon's scheme of transforming all the noises in New York into music.

Then while Mrs. Hamilton demanded that the business of suppressing noise proceed in an orderly way, other members of the society introduced resolutions in rapid-fire succession.

One demanded that riveters be done away with and that skyscrapers henceforth be either welded by noiseless heat, or perhaps screwed together. Another was sick and tired there should be a law. Another wanted rubber or something inserted in subway turnstiles, which make an awful clacking, the way they are now. Another wanted newsboys muzzled and yet another was indignant about the automobile horn situation.

Finally, there came a suggestion which was carried over until another meeting. A man who described himself merely as a "wage slave" urged the society to become an anti-spitting organization. After his impassioned plea that aviators be forbidden by law to expel matter from planes, the anti-noise society adjourned, and not very quietly.

Thye Flattens Tom Ray After Nearly Losing

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 22, (AP)—Ted Thye, light heavyweight wrestling champion aspirant from the Multnomah Club, Portland, defeated Tom Ray, Washington grappler, in one fall here last night.

Ray nearly downed Thye with a headlock after 15 minutes of wrestling but the Oregon boy with his shoulders nearly flat on the mat flopped his opponent over suddenly to win the decision.

In a six round bout on the mixed card young Joe Walcott, Oakland, negro, was given an unpopular draw with Cecil Harper, Chehalis 165 pounder.

Joe Clader, Seattle 125 pounder, defeated Ralph Smith, Tacoma, in six rounds and Archie Rainer, 145 pound Quinsault Indian, kayoed Speedy Moore of Tacoma in the second round of a four round match.

STATE INCOME TAX APPROVED

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reducing property tax. He declared it his resolution passed the Grange would wait two years to study the California plan of excise tax.

Instantly there was a roar of objections. Chairman John H. Carlin, of Medford, adjourned the commission meeting to try and reach a compromise. For more than an hour efforts were made along this line.

When the meeting was called to order again at noon, the opinion seemed to be as wide apart as before. Then personalities came into play. But after the long ranging, a roll call was demanded.

After the minority report was voted down, the majority report that included the property tax offset was adopted by the following vote:

For: A. C. Spencer, Portland; L. T. Harris, Eugene; H. D. Norton, Grants Pass; C. E. Ingalls, Corvallis; E. E. Brodie, Oregon City; Sam Thompson, Pendleton; J. B. Coleman, Medford; J. Henry Booth, Roseburg.

Against: A. R. Shumway, Milton; L. M. Smith and C. C. Chapman, both Portland.

Not voting: John H. Carlin, Medford.

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