

# TODAY in SPORTS



## NOVICES SCORE HIGH AT TRAP SHOOT SUNDAY

### Scatter Gun Artists Get Going at Klamath Gun Club Grounds

At the first Sunday shoot of the new year, W. M. Heckman and L. W. Cunningham, new members of the Klamath Gun club who had never shot clay pigeons before Thanksgiving day, were the features of the day. Both men shot straight fifties from the 16-yard mark.

Scores were as follows:

50	25
16-yr. hdp.	
H. E. Hauger	50
W. M. Heckman	50
L. W. Cunningham	50
E. Hardenbrook	48
W. E. Lamm	48
J. H. Martin	47
C. A. Dunn	47
G. W. Houston	47
N. Y. Stoddard	45
C. Moore	45
R. E. Deweese	44
E. Nitschelm	44
C. Martin	42
Dr. Carter	42

Scores in the 12 pair of doubles shoot were as follows:

12 doubles	
E. Hardenbrook	14
W. E. Lamm	20
J. H. Martin	20
G. W. Houston	21
N. Y. Stoddard	15
C. Moore	18
R. E. Deweese	18
E. Nitschelm	15
C. Martin	16

## David Shows Up Goliath by Shooting Basket



By AL DEMAREE  
Former Pitcher New York Giants  
"One of the most unusual and laughable plays I ever saw happened in Murfreesboro, Tenn., between the Middle, Tenn., Normal team and the Burke Terrors of Nashville," said Olney Chest of Nashville to me the other day.

"The score was tied and with seven seconds to play, 'Slim' Porter, back guard of the Terrors and six feet five inches tall, caught the ball off the back board, and realizing that all of his teammates were covered, held the ball like a football player attempting to make a forward pass.

"B. Thompson, the small running guard of the Normal team, ran up from behind Porter, while he was debating just what to do with the ball, grabbed it out of his hand and shot the basket, winning the game.

## PRINTING SHOP INVESTIGATED

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7. (A. P.)—The operations of a Seattle printing shop same under police investigation today when Portland detectives found that a ring of alleged check forgers operating here had had duplicates of stolen blank checks printed in the Seattle plant.

## FOXY PHANN Some spectators will not take sides in a football game—they're on the fence



**WIFE CRACKS.**  
"MY HUSBAND IS LIKE A BOM FIGHTER. HE'S NEVER UP UNTIL NINE."  
"YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A WIFE TO MAKE UP A MIND."  
"WIFE CRACKS."

## DEATH WINNER IN TIME RACE

### Doctors Arrive Too Late To Save "Tex" Rickard

CAMAGUEY, Cuba, Jan. 7. (A. P.)—Eight Americans flying against time, made a futile attempt to bring medical aid to Tex Rickard. After landing on a precariously small field at Manzanillo and getting Dr. William Mayo, famous surgeon, for whom they had flown 1200 miles, the party arrived at Camaguey yesterday only to learn that Rickard had died.

Dr. Mayo dined last night with Captain J. M. Patterson, Floyd Gibbons and Basil Wood, and expressed regret that the attempt to obtain his aid had been made too late. The members of the party were unanimous in their praise for the doctor who, when told that Rickard was dying, said: "Where's the plane?"

Although the plane was in a safe field, Dr. Mayo climbed into it but dusk forced the fliers down at Camaguey.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (A. P.)—If Tex Rickard had not feared a surgeon's knife more than he did appendicitis, he might be alive today.

He had suffered attacks of appendicitis from time to time for the last twelve years, dreading an operation. He avoided it by repeated applications of ice packs during each attack. Finally surgery was necessary.

Just before the Dempsey-Carpentier fight at Jersey City in 1921 the promoter was stricken with a particularly violent attack. Physicians eased the pain with ice packs but advised him to undergo an operation. He refused.

"They'll never get me with their bowies," he used to say. "They can shoot me but not cut me."

MACON, Ga., Jan. 7. (A. P.)—W. L. (Young) Stribling and "Pa" Stribling, his manager-father, today expressed deep regret at the passing of Tex Rickard.

"The fight with Jack Sharkey at Miami Beach, Fla., on February 27, will be held as planned, in all probability," Pa Stribling said, "but without Tex Rickard there, it won't be the same."  
"Rickard was one of the first men to see my son as a champion, and steadfastly had he held to the belief that W. L. has the goods. He was instrumental in placing Strb where he is, and we will certainly miss him."

## RICKARD BODY BROUGHT BACK TO NEW YORK

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 7. (A. P.)—Bearing back to New York the body of George L. (Tex) Rickard, boxing promoter who died at Miami Beach yesterday, the Havana Special of the Atlantic coast line moved northward from this city at 9 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Rickard, who had kept a faithful vigil beside her stricken husband; Jack Dempsey, who loved the promoter as his "best pal"; and Steve Hannegan, representing the city of Miami Beach, accompanied the body.

There are about 1,000,000 square miles of lake and river surface on the entire globe.

## OPERATION IS FATAL TO TEX

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table level of years ago. He had them all. He could not separate from the game all its undesirable elements or features, but he developed it in New York to a point where white shirt fronts and evening gowns became conspicuous at the ringside; and where the stock of its Madison Square Garden Corporation obtained standing in Wall Street.

The general public knew Rickard as a keen-eyed, keen-sighted promoter extravaganza. A lean, bronzed figure with cigar and cane. His business associates knew him as a visionary who also had practical ideas; boxing managers as a shrewd handler of situations and keen analyst of box-office values.

To newspapermen, Rickard's door, whether in his old tower quarters in the original garden or in the more luxurious suite of the new garden, was always open. To old time boxers and old associates men with their fortunes gone, Tex as ready-handed friend.

Rickard always was more interested in the spectacular side of his ventures, in the size of his crowds and magnitude of the undertakings than in the actual fights themselves. He possessed an uncanny ability to anticipate popular interest in his match-making, especially among the heavyweights. He was a past master at what is now recognized as the art of the ballyhoo. But it was the arena and its human impounding that chiefly interested the promoter.

Rickard got his biggest thrill out of the crowd of around 130,000 that paid nearly \$2,000,000 to see the first Dempsey-Tunney fight in the rain at Philadelphia.

"I shall never forget that sight," he said often. "As I looked back from the ringside over those thousands, tens of thousands, it sends the chills up and down my back."

The chief reason Rickard took the second Dempsey-Tunney fight to Soldier Field, Chicago, for the greatest of all heavyweight extravaganzas, was his desire to attract the biggest crowd in history. He succeeded and the mark of nearly a \$3,000,000 "gate" from some 145,000 spectators may stand indefinitely.

Rickard was intensely proud that the big men of Wall Street supported him and that important people in all walks of life came to boxing matches as he raised the standards of their promotion. He often spoke of this as one of his outstanding achievements.

His slogan, when he first undertook to promote the game on a big scale in New York, was "a seat for every customer and every customer in his own seat."

To this perhaps more than to any other idea was due his success in the great outdoor spectacles he put on. The patrons of boxing who used to be lucky to get inside some of the old arenas, much less get the seats their tickets called for, came to realize and appreciate that at Rickard's shows they could depend on getting



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ting the space their pasteboard specified and actually see what was going on.

Boyle's Thirty Acres, the famous Jersey City Bowl erected for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight in 1921, was Rickard's own model. From a spectator's viewpoint, it was as near perfect as any. This fight was in many respects Rickard's most successful piece of promotion. He induced the principals to sign for a \$500,000 purse, and unheard of amount, but the gate receipts from 30,000 spectators exceeded \$1,600,000. Carpentier was "buffed up" as a real contender, when as a matter of fact he was not a match for the smashing Dempsey.

Rickard himself was so fearful of the possible outcome that he went to Dempsey's dressing room before the match and pleaded with Jack "not to hit the Frenchman too hard," and to let the fight go a few rounds at least so that the record-breaking crowd would get something of a run for its money.

"I was afraid Dempsey would kill Carpentier if he hit him too hard," the promoter admitted later.

Rickard regarded Jim Jeffries as the greatest of all heavyweight champions but his interest in the admiration for Dempsey's fighting qualities was greater. For one thing Dempsey's and Rickard's fortunes were closely entwined. Rickard promoted six of Dempsey's eight championship fights, made the Manassa Mauler

a millionaire and the greatest drawing card of them all.

Some idea of the influence of Dempsey in Rickard's promotion scheme may be gained from the fact that of the something over \$20,000,000 in gate receipts from all the big fights Rickard has promoted, approximately \$8,000,000 has been realized in the six Dempsey battles—two with Tunney and one each with Brennan, Firpo, Carpentier and Sharkey.

It is a strange turn that takes Rickard from the arena at a time when he planned Dempsey's farewell to the ring, the old mauler's last effort to regain the heights and be the only modern champion to win back the crown. The "racket" will miss Rickard—he fought it, bargained with it and outwitted it from the time he came to New York. He made enemies as well as friends. But what a manager, who had reason to be antagonistic to the promoter, once said of him is significant:

"A tough bird, Rickard, but a square-shooter."

## MOTHER-IN-LAW NAMED DEPUTY

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 7. (A. P.)—Sheriff-elect L. M. Hutton, Jr., of Tampa is quite well pleased with himself, thank you.

He is proud because he has appointed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Eleanor R. Robinson, as a deputy sheriff. So far as Mr. Hutton knows, she will be the first mother-in-law to act in that capacity, made the Manassa Mauler

## Queer Change In Grid Rules Is Suggested

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7. (A. P.)—If the football rule makers wish to speed up the game and make scoring more frequent, Lawson Robertson, trainer at the University of Pennsylvania and head coach of American Olympic teams, suggests the removal of the two guards.

"There are too many men on the field now," he said, "and I would suggest dropping the guards. They are there; they work hard; nobody sees them. They just make the game more complicated by their presence on the field without adding in the least to the thrills. Removal of the guards would mean more scoring."

Robertson's suggestion found little favor with Lon Young, Penn. coach. "So far as I am concerned," he said, "I wish they would let football alone. It's all right the way it is."

## GERMANS HELD

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 7. (A. P.)—A dispatch to La Critica from Asuncion, Paraguay, today said that two German citizens had been arrested by the authorities on charges of being Bolivian spies. They were alleged to have been acting suspiciously in the vicinity of a Paraguayan fort.

## Atlanta Will Welcome Tech Team Tonight

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 7. (A. P.)—When the gridiron warriors of Georgia Tech, who defeated California in Pasadena New Year's day, pull into the terminal station here tonight Atlanta will be ready for them.

Bands galore, an arch of triumph, streets bedecked in gold and white and a colorful parade all will play their part in welcoming home the victorious team. Two hundred policemen and firemen have been detailed to keep back the expected throng of well-wishers.

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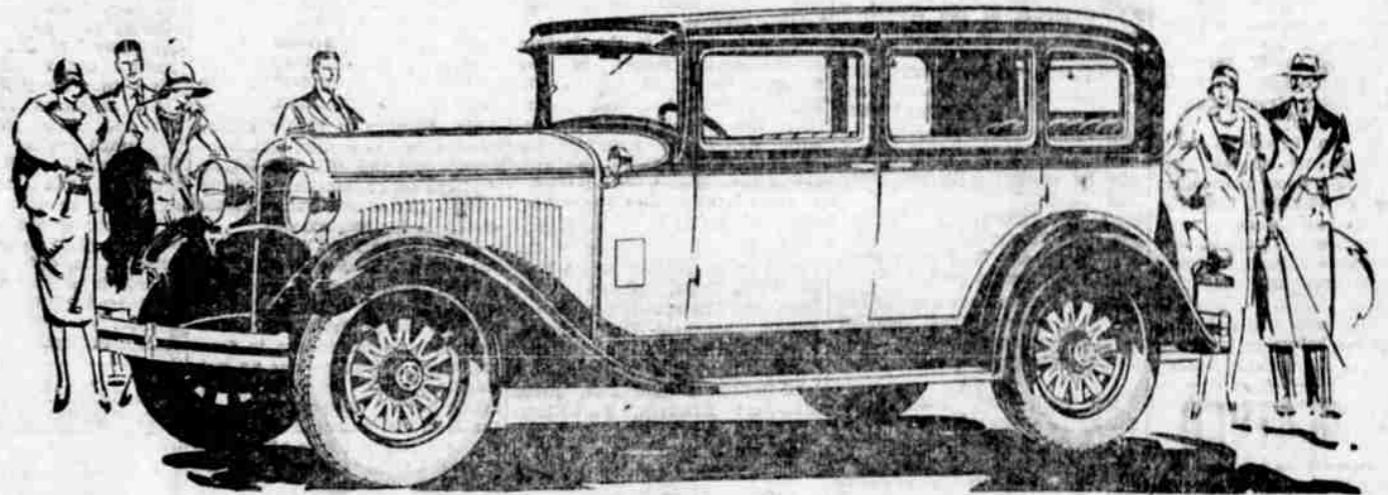
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