

RICKARD MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO SIGN DEMPSEY

NEW YORK, April 20.—(United News)—The New York state athletic commission hopes that Tex Rickard "won't be a damn fool." Until the promoter shows evidence of such weakness, the boxing solons will wait and watchfully observe his movements, according to Chairman James A. Farley. As these movements have every indication of flirting with Jack Dempsey for a heavyweight championship bout against Gene Tunney, the commission does not expect to have long to wait.

"We probably will have occasion to take some action next Tuesday," said Commissioner Phelan. "We will find out what Rickard is up to." There is good reason to believe that if Tex signs Dempsey for a Tunney fight, the commission will take away his license as a promoter and attempt to prevent further bouts in Madison Square Garden, which will precipitate one of the biggest rows boxing has known since the first round of the Dempsey-Firpo engagement.

Rickard in Texas
FORT WORTH, Tex., April 20.—Tex Rickard is back in the heart of the state that gave him his first name, waiting for Jack Dempsey to come to town and "talk turkey" about a fight with Gene Tunney.

The heavyweight champion was due here Wednesday and he and Rickard were to go into conference regarding terms of the proposed bout. Meanwhile Tex appeared cheerful in the face of the New York's boxing commission's threat to close him out of the fight game in New York.

"If the commission won't stand for the Dempsey-Tunney fight in New York I'll stage it at Boyle's Thirty Acres," Rickard said.

The promoter charged that the New York commission was playing into the hands of Harry Willis, (negro challenger) and that Willis' backers were encouraging the commission to close up Rickard's Madison Square Garden. He said he was against a Willis fight with Dempsey because of the racial issue.

"I have had some hard experiences with a mixed bout and I do not believe such a fight would be the thing to pull off just now," he said.

Dempsey was scheduled to arrive here Tuesday from El Paso, but floods delayed his train.

Tribesmen Ready to Fight French

JERUSALEM, April 20.—(United News)—Thousands of women, boys and old men are being trained by Druse tribesmen in preparation for an expected attack by the French troops in Syria.

Unprecedented response has been given the call sent out by tribal leaders for volunteers and in some cases women too weak to join the fighters have insisted they be allowed to go into the trenches.

The Druse front will be made up of its strongest fighting men if the expected attack comes, but back of these will be the women and all males between the ages of 12 and 80 years.

Merrill High Notes

Henly high school will present its play, "A Pair of Sixes" in the Community Hall Saturday night. All those who have seen the other plays presented by Henly feel sure that this one will be a success and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. One-half the proceeds goes to the Merrill high school.

Margaret Maskin was a visitor at School Friday.

Prof. Lester Turnbaugh accompanied by Thirza Anderson and Alta Wilson spent Friday visiting at Klamath county high school. Several classes were attended and new ideas learned.

Students from Klamath county high school will be at Merrill at 10:30 Friday to present a half hour assembly. This is the first of a series of Good Will Tours made by the various schools.

The members of the Student Welfare Council met Monday after school to discuss plans of serving lunch the day of the preliminary field and track meet at Merrill Friday, April 30.

A lunch will be served cafeteria style at noon at a very reasonable price to all those who wish to buy it.

J. B. Leon Hurt.

PORTLAND, April 20.—(United News)—John B. Leon, owner of the Leon building and former state highway commissioner, was seriously injured Tuesday when his automobile collided with a car driven by S. H. Solomon, local insurance man.

WM. McMURRAY DIES.

PORTLAND, April 20.—(United News)—William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific railway system, whose retirement was to have become effective May 1, died at 1:40 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, after a lingering illness.

MARINE DRINKS COSTLY TO U. S.

Coronado Cocktail Trial Sets Government Back Over \$12,000

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 20.—(United News)—Coronado cocktails, although they are considered weak and uninspiring by qualified marine corps standards, are by far the most expensive drinks the government has ever been asked to pay for.

Uncle Sam's trial costs during the recent court-martial of Colonel Alexander Williams on charges of public drunkenness roughly figured, amounted to not less than \$2000 a swallow, or a total if \$12,000 in court costs for six drinks.

The six drinks, according to testimony found pleasant passage down the dry throats of some of the hard fighting marines who attended the celebrated welcoming party to General Smedley D. Butler.

The government, however, was saved considerable money, for, according to the testimony of several officer-witnesses, the drinks were so weak that they hesitated consuming more of them.

One officer admitted that they tasted like diluted grape juice and that he had refrained from further libations because of a personal distaste for watered fruit juice.

He might have downed a dozen more of them without ill effects, he testified, after swearing to tell the truth.

Manhattan cocktails may have had their day and their price, but Uncle Sam is willing to tell the marines that a Coronado cocktail is a stiff drink, even if it is "weak," as several witnesses testified under oath.

Ousted President Flees to Tientsin

PEKING, April 20.—(United News)—Marshal Tuan Chi Jui, ousted as president of China two weeks ago, and since then a fugitive in the foreign legation quarter, has fled to Tientsin, leaving Chinese politics again in a state of chaos.

Even the attempt at government which was carried on by Tuan after he left the presidential palace has ended with his departure.

While the soldiers of General Chang Tso-lin and the local police have promised to keep order in the city, the government of North China is not functioning.

Foreign diplomats have only a few remaining Chinese ministers with whom they may transact any pressing international business, and even these ministers are serving practically without authority.

DRYS TO WIND UP THEIR ARGUMENTS FOR PROHIBITION

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enforcement is possible, I will resign in favor of some one who does.

Eliminate Politics.

"What is needed is the elimination of politics and the co-operation of state, county and city officials."

"How are we going to compel that?" asked Harrett.

"The only way I know is for the citizens to force it at the ballot box."

He opposed federal police judges as suggested by Emory R. Buckner, United States district attorney in New York.

"If we had one more judge in my district we could all quit and start playing golf after the first six months," Olsen said.

He said that after the system of selecting juries was cleaned up in Chicago the "bootleggers lost all interest in the precious constitutional right of trial by jury," and preferred to take their chances on a lenient sentence by pleading guilty.

"One trouble is that the state courts and state officials favor the bootlegger," Olsen asserted. "The state law is more workable than the Volstead act, but it is hardly ever invoked by state authorities."

UNIONS PLAN STRIKE.

PORTLAND, April 20.—(United News)—Four trade unions of Portland will strike May 1 unless demands for increased wages are granted, it became known Tuesday. The unions are the hod carriers, iron workers, roofers and stationary engineers. All are asking an increase of \$1 per day.

PRESIDENT TAKES A STAND AGAINST MOVIE CENSORING

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matter, it was explained at the White House Tuesday, a position that has been taken by some of these who appeared at the capitol in opposition to the Upshaw bill.

The president has noticed an improvement in the character of the films in the last two or three years, it is said, for which he gives credit to the producers themselves and to Will H. Hays, who is virtually dictator of the film industry.

President Coolidge is anxious that the moving picture industry be given every legitimate support by the federal government, as he considers moving pictures an important element in national and international life. He has been pleased particularly, it was said, with the way in which moving pictures have fostered goodwill and trade between the United States and other nations. Every step possible, he believes should be taken to aid the exchange of moving picture films between nations. Film distributors in this country should bring more foreign pictures to this country, in his opinion.

TWO DIE ON SUBMARINE.

NEW LONDON, Conn., April 20.—(United News)—Two of the crew of the submarine S-19, who were injured in an explosion which partially wrecked the undersea craft today, have died.

One of the eight others badly hurt when the batteries under the floor of the living quarters exploded, may die.

BUSINESS MAN SLUGGED

PORTLAND, April 20.—(United News)—Authorities Tuesday were investigating the robbery of H. M. Baker, Salem business man, who was slugged and robbed of \$1500 here Monday.

Baker had drawn the money from the bank to use in a business deal. While uptown a very light colored negro struck him and seized the money, which was in a wallet in his inside coat pocket.



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