

BIG FIGHT CARD TONIGHT

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Five Real Bouts At Scandia Hall Are On Program

Everything is set for the big fight classic in Scandia hall this evening, and with every scrapper from the prelims through the main event ready to go, the card promises to be a fitting event with which to usher in a new year of fight history for Klamath Falls.

Tonight marks the last fight for the old commission, and in the coming months, glove battles will be under the direction of a new boxing commission, who expect to produce an even better run of cards than those local fans have enjoyed during the past year.

With the new commission may also come a new matchmaker and to the fight-going public of this city Johnny Sylvester, who has so ably directed the lineups for cards during the past year, wishes to extend his appreciation for the support and cooperation of the fans.

In line with this Johnny Sylvester has put forth every effort to make tonight's card the best of the year and considers himself and the fans fortunate in having obtained Jeff Hammer and Dutch Keiser of St. Paul, to appear in the main and semi-windup events, respectively. Both these fighters are protégés of Mike Gibbons, who earlier expected to visit this city with his leather pushers, but who was summoned to St. Paul before the barnstorming trip was ended.

Hammer, who will meet Tim Callahan in the main event, and Keiser have shown up remarkably well in the workouts of the past week, and fans who have watched the boys do their nightly exercises are of the opinion that this high class St. Paul boxing talent will create a highly favorable impression when they meet local fighters here this evening.

The fights will start at eight-thirty promptly, and judging from the ticket sale of the past three days, the crowd to witness the battles will tax the capacity of Scandia hall. Tickets are on sale at the Mecca, Rex and Klamath Billiard Rooms.

John Fugate is meeting Keiser in the semi, which is to be preceded by a four-round special go between Mike Daly, clever Pelican City boxer, and Cyclone Williams. A fifth bout was added by Sylvester as a special New Year's treat for the fans and in this Pat McFadden will fight four rounds with Frankie Doyle of Pendleton. There will be a four-round preliminary besides.

Bantam Fighter To Give Up Title

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (U.N.)—Charlie (Phil) Rosenberg, bantam-weight boxing champion of the world since March 20, 1925, is giving up the title on February 4, the date set for his long deferred bout with Bushy Graham of Utica.

Who is to succeed to the bantam throne remains to be decided. Rosenberg has announced that he will lose or draw, he will step down as the strain of making 118 pounds has become too much for him.

The boxing commission accepted Thursday the champion's forfeit of \$2,500 to bind the Graham match. Half the sum guarantees his appearance in the ring, the other-half his making the bantam weight limit.

Rosenberg was informed by the commission that if he failed to scale 118 pounds at 2 p. m. February 4, he would automatically forfeit his title. If he goes on overweight and fights Graham and is defeated the Utica bantam gets the championship. If he defeats Bushy, the title is declared vacant and a bout between Graham and Bud Taylor of Terre Haute will be arranged.

Tony Canzoneri, who recently defeated Graham, and who fights Abe Goldstein on the same card as the championship affair February 4, also may be given a chance to win the bantam title.

Like Rosenberg, however, Canzoneri is a natural featherweight. If Rosenberg makes 118 pounds and whips Graham, he proposes to follow the example of Lou "Kid" Kaplan and voluntarily vacate his title.

COMMONS APPLAUDS DEFENSE OF LIQUOR

LONDON, Dec. 30. (U.N.)—"There is nothing either illegal or improper in the moderate use of alcoholic liquor."

This conclusion, uttered by Viscount Wolmer, assistant postmaster general, brought ministerial cheers in the house of commons, and disposed of an attempt to abolish liquor advertisements in postoffice publications and in books of stamps. He was questioned about the cash return from such advertising and stated that it amounted to about \$23,500 a year.

He said that there were a great many commodities the abuse of which caused social wrong, and that there was certainly nothing about the alcoholic commodity to make the postmaster general refuse to allow advertisements of that commodity to appear in post offices.

Dragged Into Mire in Baseball's Latest Scandal

"The Texan"



TRIS SPEAKER

Formerly one of game's most brilliant centerfielders and manager of Cleveland Indians through championship days of 1920 and up to December, 1928.

"Dutch"



"DUTCH" LEONARD

Former member of Red Sox pitching staff in heyday of career, later given trial by Detroit Tigers and sent to Pacific coast in player deal.

"Smokey Joe"



JOE WOOD

Once known world over for his speed with Boston Red Sox, world's series pitching feats, and later for ability as outfielder with Indians.

"Georgia Peach"



TY COBB

Called baseball's "superman" because of records hung up and part played in altering style of game during years with Detroit Tigers.

Klamath Defeats Klamath Agency

One of the smoothest games of basketball ever run off on a local court kept a crowd of enthusiastic rooters on their feet throughout both halves when the Klamath County high school team won from the Klamath Agency quintet by a 36 to 24 score in the American Legion hall.

Jack Orrell and A. Walsh, forward and guard respectively for the high school squad, starred for that aggregation, piling up 27 points between them. Agency stars were Henry Dillston, and E. Dillston, who amassed some 16 counters for their team.

The game last night was a fore-runner for the tilt which the Klamath Tigers will stage against the Port Klamath aggregation on the latter's floor January 4. This will be the last practice game of the season, as the first conference game is scheduled for Henty, January 11, when the Tigers will meet the Henty quintet at Henty.

Lineups for last night's game were:

Agency	High
Dillston	forward
Dunmore	forward
Hamilton	center
Dillston	guard
Pace	guard
	Yancey

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Tunney-Delaney Match is Planned

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (U.N.)—Behind locked doors in a little room in the Hotel Breslin, high above the roar of traffic in Broadway and the noises of the city to which he has returned from a vacation in the Maine woods, Gene Tunney lent an attentive ear Thursday while Humbert J. Fugazy whispered the sum he is offering the heavyweight champion to defend the title against Jack Delaney of Bridgeport at the Polo Grounds next summer.

It was the first concrete offer for a championship fight which has been made to Tunney since the rainy night in Philadelphia when he pounded his way to the title in a ten round bout with Jack Dempsey, and Gene was obviously impressed when he emerged from the conference room a few minutes later.

Tunney has not accepted the offer, however. On the contrary he regards it as merely the first bid in what he hopes will prove some stirring competition for his services. As he sped westward Thursday night to resume his vaudeville work in St. Louis the one thought uppermost in Gene's mind was how soon he might expect to hear from Tex Rickard, outbidding Fugazy for the privilege of staging the next world's heavyweight championship bout.

Tunney is out for the biggest possible purse. He said so frankly. He doesn't care who he fights or where, just so he gets the most possible money for it.

The champion looks heavier than ever, and has a flush of health from his weeks in the Maine woods. "That ducking was nothing," said Gene, referring to the accident which precipitated him through the ice into the chilly waters of Moosehead lake.

As soon as Gene arrived at the Breslin, Fugazy, who had been biting his lips and pacing up and down nervously for the two hours of Tunney's tardiness, drew the champion into a private room.

The offer that he made remains a matter of conjecture. It had to do, however, with the proposal that Gene take a share in the promotion of his next fight—the same to be at the Polo grounds next summer, with Jack Delaney as the challenger.

Fugazy's guarantee to the champion was understood to exceed \$500,000. Finally Gene emerged and said: "I have just received a liberal offer from Humbert Fugazy to defend my title next summer. I have taken it under consideration. The question of an opponent was not involved. I don't care whom I meet, what I want is the money."

"Of course the best man should be selected to meet me, for it would be poor policy to match a selling plater against a first class racehorse. I want an opponent who will draw in the people.

"The selection of an opponent is entirely up to the promoter. "There are lots of angles to be considered before I make my decision. To begin with, I have to see what offers other promoters will make.

"This is the first concrete offer I have received, but I am after the best offer. I will fight for the promoter who offers the most money. As far as the east is concerned there are only two promoters. I don't need to mention any names. As far as integrity goes they are on an equal plane.

"I may have some feelings as to whom I would prefer to fight for, but I must ignore my feelings and

Cobb's Attorney to Give Statement

DETROIT, Dec. 30. (U.N.)—The legal fight which Ty Cobb plans to make to clear his name of any stigma which was attached to it by the recent baseball scandal may be known Friday.

Judge Murfin announced Thursday he might have a statement at that time if Tris Speaker's opinion regarding court procedure were the same as his.

Maintaining a discreet silence Murfin did not give even the slightest inkling of what was planned.

Meanwhile Detroit sportsmen speculated on the strategic "breaking" of the Fred O. West statement which asserted Cobb and Speaker had no part whatever in any betting, and the wager which figures in the scandal was made in connection with a horse race.

Cobb refused to comment on the West story, which he read in the Detroit newspapers.

In Chicago Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit club, conferred with Commissioner K. M. Landis, but no announcement was made regarding it.

be guided purely by the dictates of reason."

This was quite a long speech for Tunney. He paused and looked around for Billy Glasson, his manager, who had been left entirely out of the conference, and was sitting disconsolately in a corner.

Bill has been sidetracked completely by Gene, who makes his own business arrangements with Dudley Field Malone, an advisor. But Bill still gets his "cut" and tries to console himself with this.

"What do you think of Jack Delaney as an opponent?" Tunney was asked.

"I don't know—I guess I'd better not discuss my opponents—there are several good men, good hitters and good boxers, it might be indiscreet, it might offend the others if I praised one," countered the champion.

"Delaney is my man," said Fugazy after the conference. "I've made Gene a big offer to fight Jack next summer, and I think he'll accept."

Tex Rickard after being informed of the conference between Tunney and Fugazy, was non-committal.

"When I get ready I'll make an offer for the heavyweight championship fight, and not before," said Tex. "And what's more, I'll set it. But there won't be any bally-hoo beforehand. After I've signed with Gene I'll let you know about it."

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Kenesaw Landis Seeking Trouble

CHICAGO, Dec. 30. (U.N.)—Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, high commissioner of baseball, wired an invitation Thursday to Charles "Sweede" Risberg, former shortstop for the Chicago White Sox to come to Chicago and tell all he knows about crooked baseball and players.

The wire was sent a few minutes after Frank D. Navin, president of the Detroit Tigers had had a secret conference with Commissioner Landis.

Landis' message to Risberg was sent to the latter's dairy farm, near Rochester, N. Y.

The Black Sox player, who had been quoted as saying that he would implicate 20 major league players in other scandals, was offered compensation and all expenses if he

Roberts-Dundee Signed to Fight

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (U.N.)—A strapping youngster from Tacoma, Eddie Roberts by name, about whom fight fans of the east have been speculating since they read of his knockout victory over Joe Dundee of Baltimore, stepped into Tex Rickard's office Thursday and signed for a return bout with the Maryland welterweight.

Roberts will meet Dundee at Madison Square Garden January 11.

AUTO THEFTS INCREASE

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would come here and tell his story to Landis.

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