

Tex Takes Tunney Under Year Option

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6, (U.N.)—Tex Rickard has bought himself another heavyweight championship fight and will put on a \$2,500,000 show in Yankee stadium next summer.

Gene Tunney signed away his services for a year and a day after the promoter came barnstorming into the middlewest with a retinue of lawyers, secretaries and ballyhoo artists.

While flashlights boomed about the bald head of Dudley Field Malone, the partly bald one of Rickard and the pompadoured thatch of the champion, the three put their heads together over tentative articles of agreement in the historic old Jefferson hotel and Tunney became Tex's private property affair as far as fighting goes, for the rest of the year.

The opponent who will face Tunney and battle for the title is not to be named by Rickard until the 15th of January, five days after the last of the so-called heavyweight elimination contests, now under way.

Rickard is to select the challenger from a group which now includes Jack Dempsey, Jack Delaney, Jack Sharkey, Jim Maloney and the picturesque Paolino of the Pyrenees.

Neither Tunney or Rickard divulged the sum which the promoter whispered into the fighter's ear, but Gene said afterwards:

"Tex has met and more than met the offers made by Humbert Fugazy and other promoters. Even if he had not done so, I should have felt like fighting for the man who gave me my chance to win the heavyweight championship."

Tunney is now in vaudeville headed for Minneapolis, and later on the Pacific coast. Dudley Field Malone, the suave legal adviser of the champion, explaining what happened here today, said:

"This is a contract which binds Tunney to Tex Rickard for 1927 and takes effect right away. It is to be superseded by a longer contract, giving all the details in the accepted boxing contests in accordance with the laws of the state in which the contract is drawn up.

The date and place for the contest are to be named by the promoter 45 days before the fight.

Rickard and Gang Invade St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 6, (U.N.)—Tex Rickard and his gang have arrived to give the town its biggest thrill since Grover Cleveland Alexander backed-off a Pullman after the world series last fall.

Rickard brought everything imaginable along with him to make the signing of Gene Tunney to defend his heavyweight title a truly auspicious occasion. When the natives saw the delegation piling off Rickard's de luxe train any lingering doubts that Gene might not immortalize St. Louis by signing the papers were dispelled.

Tunney might be able to turn down the million dollars or so he's to be asked to accept for defending his title. But in opinion of those who saw Rickard, Billy Gibson, Dudley Field Malone, various unnamed aides, attaches and half the newspapermen in New York pile off the train no champion could be so cruel as to spoil the party.

Woman Swimmer is Not Afraid Sharks

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6, (U.N.)—One fast swimmer in the Wrigley sea derby across Catalina channel on January 15, will not be deterred by the appearance of sharks.

Mrs. Charlotte Moore Schoemmel of New York, mother of two children and the daughter of a salvation army worker, arrived here today for the contest and announced that she will wear "axle grease" and a belt with a bowie knife, but nothing else.

"The shark element holds no fear for me," she declared, exhibiting a wicked shark knife, which was used by her sea captain father. It bears a notch testifying to the sailor's skill and will be worn by Mrs. Schoemmel on the swim.

"I was advised in New York that a controversy had arisen following my declaration to dispense with a suit during the swim," Mrs. Schoemmel said.

"Officials, however, notified me that each entrant would be permitted to decide the matter.

"I am going to wear axle grease and nothing else," declared the woman swimmer, who is the holder of 21 world's records, all attained in the last four months.

The axle grease will be of smoke grey color, chosen especially for its low visibility in salt water.

JUST JAIL VISITOR

"What terrible crime has this man committed?" Warden: "He didn't commit any crime at all; he was going down the street a few days ago and saw one man shoot another, and he is held as a material witness." Visitor: "And where is the man who committed the murder?" "Oh, he's out on bail."—Copper's Weekly.

Heavies Likely to Fight it Out

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, (U.N.)—The heavyweight tournament has reached the semi-finals stage.

Four big fellows stand out as better than the rest of those who would challenge for Gene Tunney's crown.

The sooner these four get together, two at a time, and settle their differences, the better the fight fans will like it.

These names, of course, are Jack Dempsey, Jack Delaney, Jack Sharkey and Jimmy Maloney.

If Tex Rickard really was sincere about that "elimination" business, now is his chance to prove it.

Bringing Sharkey and Maloney together will be simple. They have fought several times before with varying success.

Delaney, however, is playing ball just now with Humbert J. Fugazy, while Dempsey is on the coast trying to satisfy himself that his fighting days are not over. With him is Mrs. Dempsey, who may have something to say about that.

So Rickard's problem seems to be how to win over Delaney. It seems fairly certain that if the Bridgeport boxer was offered a chance to win a bout with Tunney he would capitulate and agree to fight for Tex. It's a business, after all. No use in the boys being mad forever.

Irrigation Likely Exterminate Ducks

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, (U.N.)—Following a thorough investigation of the conditions affecting waterfowl of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific coast regions covering several months, Dr. E. W. Nelson, chief of the bureau of biological survey, made a most illuminating report at the national game conference held by the American Game Protective association in New York City.

In a word, Dr. Nelson's conclusions, after this most comprehensive survey, are that the entire waterfowl situation in that region is deplorable and exceedingly acute. Conditions are becoming steadily worse and the need for constructive work to check the tremendous loss of birds is very urgent.

During the past few years in excess of ten million wild ducks and vast numbers of other wild fowl have died in the western states due to poisoning contracted in the restricted water areas at points of congestion in their line of migration.

In no other part of the United States does this condition exist. The worst conditions are to be found on the Bear River marshes in northern Utah, Malheur lake and eastern Oregon, and Tule lake and Lower Klamath lake in northern California. The same conditions exist to a lesser degree at other points in these states and in Montana. All these places birds concentrate in large numbers and in recent years, since an excessive amount of water has been taken from the feeder streams for irrigation, reclamation activity and other uses, the water level has been lowered to such an extent that alkali and kindred poisons have killed the birds in colossal numbers.

The duck supply of the west is largely dependent on these areas, and if the sport of duck hunting is to be saved on the western coast very prompt action must be taken. Otherwise waterfowl shooting in that region will soon be only a memory.

The birds affected supply the shooting for eleven western states, consequently the problem is obviously a national one, as each state can not be expected to deal adequately with it, though each can do something. Utah has already made a beginning by building dykes and raising the water area in a considerable area.

Cardinals to Play K. Agency Tonight

Basketball fans are to be given a real treat tonight when the first matched game of the season will be played at Legion hall at 8 o'clock between the Klamath Cardinals and the Klamath Agency.

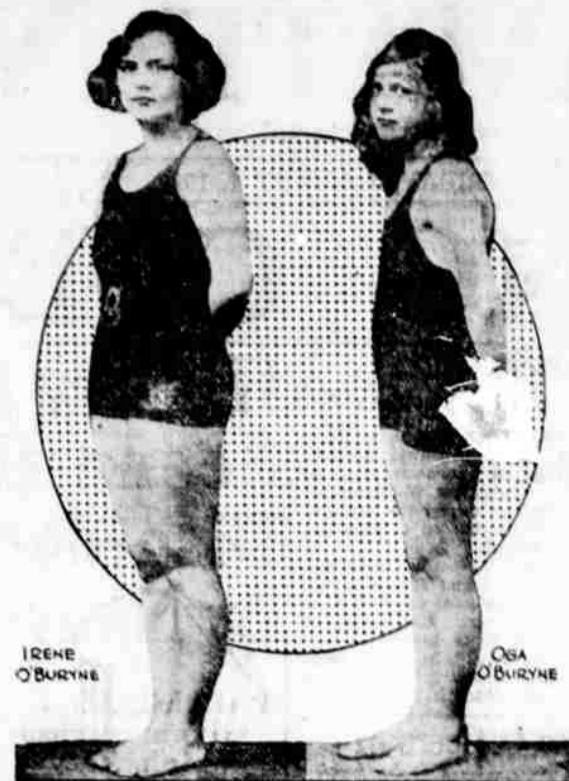
Frank Z. Howard, manager of the Cardinals, says that his players are in splendid shape and that they are playing unusually fast basketball and he opines that they will rush the visiting team off their feet. But on the other hand report comes to this city that the Klamath Agency hoopers are up and coming.

In practice games in which the Cardinals have indulged of late with the high school team they have been successful in carrying away the honors. A year ago the Cardinals were in the running-up games and lost to Chilloguila by one point, but this season they hope to be declared champions of the Timber Spreading League after completing their series of eight games.

The Cardinal's team is made up of the following: Dean Beckley, Curley Stenson, Dell Robertson, Jesse Bradley, Harry Molatore, Charles Grove, Max Newsom, Perry Babcock, Pete Motzenbacher and Vernon Moore.

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These Two Canadian Mermaids Hope to Swim Catalina Course



Oga O'Burynne, 15, and Irene O'Burynne, 17, Toronto, Canada girls have trained diligently for the Channel swim to Catalina Island off the Pacific Coast in the near future. Irene is the champion girl swimmer and diver of Canada. She holds titles for long and short swims. Oga holds a number of records.

Duck Hunting is a Popular Sport

One of the most popular sports in Rogue River valley is duck and goose hunting. Ducks can be found in the fall all along the river and its tributaries, but the best duck hunting ground is near Klamath lake in the southeast.

The highway from Medford to Klamath Falls, constructed several years ago jointly by Jackson and Klamath counties, now provides easy access to the duck hunting grounds, at all seasons of the year, the run from Medford to Klamath Falls being easily made in three or four hours, even when there is snow on the higher elevations.

With the growth in population, duck hunters have become so numerous in Klamath that a number of Medford sportsmen have purchased or leased preserves in that part of the country, and enjoy all the luxuries of home after spending the day on the marshes.

Down at Camp Taylor in the early days of the war, a colored outfit, newly arrived, was lined up before the clerk for preliminary paper work.

"Name and address," demanded the clerk of one husky recruit.

"Hu?"

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"Lordy, sah," replied the John.

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DeWolf Hopper is Certain of Casey

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6, (U.N.)—If there is any right and justice left in the baseball world DeWolf Hopper will be the first witness called before Judge Landis in opening up the impending probe into the Casey "slough out" in Mudville, that historic day in '88.

And if Hopper is called there will be no need for testimony.

The dean of Gilbert and Sullivan actors knows Casey like Casey knew book, and he is holding himself ready for anything.

"The idea of Casey taking a bribe is preposterous," Hopper told the United News. "He didn't have any money on that game. He didn't have any money at all. Besides, Casey simply wasn't that kind of a ball player." Hopper fell to musing.

"It would be my guess that 'Swede' Hoberg started the whole thing by dropping some remark to one of his neighbors up in Minnesota," he continued. "Mudville in '88 was the squarest town in the country. It had the squarest ball team too. Some of the edges on the ball team were noticeable from a distance.

"Casey proved he was on the level by striking out. That strike out was the only thing he was ever noted for."

Hopper indicated he rather hoped he wouldn't be called to Chicago. He is celebrating his sesquicentennial in a Philadelphia theatre, reciting "Casey at the Bat" twice a day, and very busy adding to the popularity he has piled up for Mudville's aging mogul of the mare.

The rooms at Klamath Valley Hospital are clean, light, airy and a quiet atmosphere prevails.

Eddie Collins is Hope of Athletics

NEW YORK, Jan. 6, (U.N.)—It will be good to see Eddie Collins back in a Philadelphia uniform next spring, recalling the days when under the name of Sullivan, more than a score of years ago, he first flashed his famous speed around Connie Mack's keystone sack.

The famous figure will recall also the halcyon days of 1913, when Edward Trowbridge Collins, under his own name, hit 345 for the season and 421 for the world series.

Connie Mack has just celebrated his 65th birthday. It might be that he will not be sustaining the irksome duties of a big league manager for many more seasons. There might be a good job around Shibe park some year, and Eddie Collins may be groomed for the job.

Collins' contract is for one year only. He has to play secondbase and help Mack with the duties of manager. Then we will see.

The Athletics, with the assistance of Eddie, ought to win the 1927 American league pennant by 20 games. But then, there are five new managers in the league, and anything may happen. Some team may run wild for its "miracle man."

Eddie Collins still has a lot of good baseball in his system as well as in his noodle. This year, under adverse conditions, and hampered with the duties of managing a second place club, he batted .314 in 105 games, and stood eight among the regulars of the American league. He outhit Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, incidentally.

Collins' batting average for all his years in the American league is .325.

Mack figures that Eddie will be particularly useful in steadying down the rookies who will play on either side of him in the Philadelphia infield.

A BAD RECORD

During the hunting season in New York this year 15 men were killed and 6 were injured. Seven of these injuries resulted from "stray" bullets. One man shot a buck and dropped dead of heart failure while trying to drag the carcass! It seems that 46 were killed by companion hunters while 22 were injured "by the discharging of his own gun."

BASKETBALL TONITE! Klamath Agency vs. Klamath Cardinals Legion Hall, 8:00 25c and 50c

New York Woman Tackles Catalina

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6, (U.N.)—Clarabelle Barrett of New York has denied any intention of withdrawing for entry in the William Wrigley Catalina sea derby, scheduled for January 15.

"I traveled 3000 miles to compete in the swim and I don't intend to withdraw now," said Mrs. Barrett, in answer to reports from Los Angeles that she had decided not to participate. Mrs. Barrett, a school teacher, who nearly succeeded in swimming the English channel last summer, arrived here last week and has been training daily for the Catalina channel event.

If you know of any game violations, call phone 534. All information will be strictly confidential.

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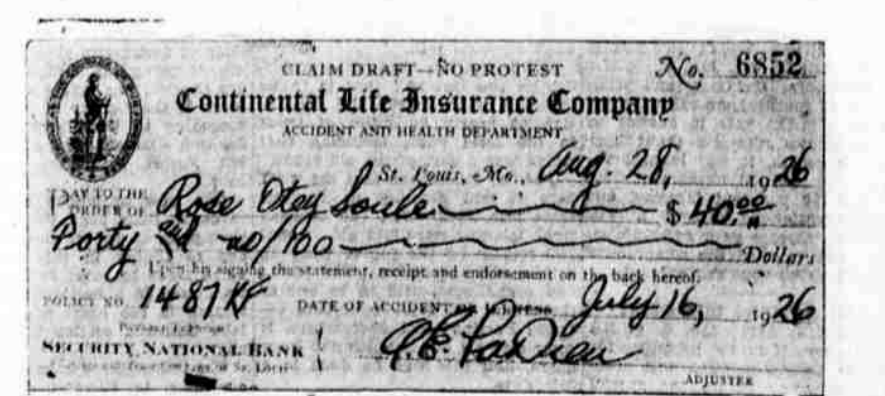
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