

Rickard Insists Tunney Champion Of Great Ability

NEW YORK, Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Gene Tunney will prove himself one of the greatest fighters of all time. He's a champion worthy of his high place and all the traditions of the title he holds, Tex Rickard said here today, supporting the heavyweight champion at a time when it is rather a vogue to slam and hammer the fighting qualities and the personal traits of Tunney.

"It is possible that your opinion might be influenced by the fact that you have him under contract," Rickard was asked.

"Positively no," Rickard answered. "I know that I would be a poor business man to express the opinion that Tunney does not compare with the class of his predecessors, even if I thought so, but it is my honest opinion that he is a great fighter, and at the same time the most under-estimated fighter that ever held the heavyweight title."

Rickard and a good many others cannot understand why Tunney has become unpopular, but it is a fact that practically all those who were his closest friends before and at the time he won the title have turned against him. With his war record, his pleasing appearance and manners, and an intellect far above the average found in the ring, it was thought that Tunney would be the most popular champion that ever held a title. But Dempsey came out of his losing fight in Philadelphia with practically all of the public favor and Tunney has been on the pan ever since.

The fight mob accuse him of being a double-crosser, most of the critics have made light of his ability but the most general complaint made against him is that he is a high-batter.

In his first public utterance after winning the title Tunney took a hefty rap at the boxing writers for picking Dempsey as the winner. Then for a time, at least, he cut away from his manager, Billy Gibson, who was almost entirely responsible for getting him the chance at the title.

Next he took a backhand slap at the stage in recent questions about several actresses who were rumored as being engaged to him. Then he took Jack Fagazy, one of the most popular figures in boxing, "for a buggy ride."

He had a falling out with Tim Mara, wealthy New York sportsman and one of his most ardent admirers. Mara entertained Tunney with his first testimonial dinner but something happened later and Mara threatened a court action to secure payment of some money he claimed the champion owed him.

After the fight in Philadelphia when Tunney called upon the badly beaten former champion, Dempsey said:

"Good luck, I hope you don't have all the worries and troubles I had."

Baseball War Has Flared Up Again

CHICAGO, Jan. 17, (U.N.)—The baseball feud which seemed to have died down recently with re-election of Judge K. M. Landis as high commissioner of the game, has flared up again with renewed vigor.

In French Lick, Ind., where Landis today attended the annual conference of major and minor league representatives, the "war" of baseball withheld comment on charges made here by Ban Johnson, president of the American League. Johnson has asserted that Landis was responsible for "besmirching the reputations" of Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, and threatened a stormy session when the American league club presidents meet here next Monday to renew the scandal charges involving the two idols of baseball.

It was only a few weeks ago that the olive branches of peace were passed around. Landis was chosen as commissioner for another seven years at a salary of \$65,000 a year—\$15,000 a year more than he had been getting. Nobody opposed his re-election.

Then came the flood of scandals. Hubert "Dutch" Leonard charged that the Cleveland Indians "threw" a game to the Detroit Tigers on September 25, 1925. Cobb, Speaker and "Smoky" Joe Wood were implicated.

Charles "Swede" Risberg's charge came next, but the more than 30 players involved in the Chicago White Sox-Tigers alleged "slough-in" in 1917 and 1919 were exonerated after due hearing.

Now it seems Landis refuses to be the "goat" and has demanded that American League mandates show their hands. Landis demanded that the officers of the junior circuit come across with all their evidence and not put him in the middle with the public.

Johnson was quoted as saying that the American league ousted Cobb and Speaker, but it was Landis who broadcast the story of their mistakes. "The American league gave Landis enough to show why Cobb and Speaker were no longer wanted by us," Johnson was quoted as saying. "That's all we need to give him. I have reports on Speaker which Landis never will get unless we go to court."

HOLLYWOOD SMILES ON THESE ACTRESSES



Each year Wampas, an organization of West Coast publicity men picks the thirteen young women who have shown the most promise as film actresses during the year and who, because of their good work with most likely rise to stardom within the next twelve months. Competition is keen for the honor and rival companies are eager to have their young players among the chosen thirteen. Those upon whom the much coveted honor has been bestowed this year include Patricia Avery, Rita Carewe, Helene Costello, Barbara Kent, Natalie Kingston, Frances Lee, Mary McAllister, Gladys McConnell, Jean Navelle, Sally Phipps, Sally Rand, Iris Stuart and Adamae Vaughn.

GROWING DEMAND for SADDLE HORSES

Riding Clubs and Individual Pleasure Bring Horseback Exercise Into Larger Favor Everywhere, Resulting in a General Scarcity of Good Mounts—Breeder's Are Beginning to Realize a Profit—A Chance for Klamath County

"Many signs indicate that the horse as an institution is up and going on the down grade in this country," says J. O. Williams, chief horse-husbandryman for the United States department of agriculture. "The best one of these signs is the growing use of the horse for riding—not riding to get somewhere, as in former times, but for sheer pleasure and esthetic and physical benefit. Five years ago an estimate of 100,000 horses maintained in this country for pleasure riding alone would have been a liberal one. At present it is conservative to say that 500,000 horses are kept solely for that purpose."

"And the number is increasing rapidly, with the result that the breeding of good horses has been stimulated. Most of the localities wherein horse raising is the chief industry and which for a while seemed faced with the necessity of turning to other things are again doing well with horses. Farmers who do only incidental horse breeding are finding that the raising of good horse stock is no longer a discouraging activity."

"In fact, a serious shortage of horses probably exists. In a year or two horses may be riding a boom as striking as the recession which for a time seemed almost to threaten the continued existence of trained horses on large scale in this country."

Twenty years ago the riding club was numerically limited in membership and patronized almost solely by well-to-do horse lovers. It and the mere public "riding schools" have been supplanted in much part by new types of riding clubs that are not for the rich only. Thousands of young professional and business men, clerks, stenographers and shop girls, making better salaries than before the war, now belong to them or use them. Riding clubs have multiplied almost as rapidly as golf courses.

Most of the private riding clubs, like many co-operative golf clubs, are liberal in their policies respecting non-members. A lot of them

keep horses which may be used on a fee-for-the-occasion basis. Invariably they provide stables wherein members may keep their own horses. Probably most of the public riding clubs are only livery stables privately owned and managed. Some of these provide stabling for individually owned horses; all keep mounts for hire and give lessons in riding.

Individual ownership of saddle horses for sport is not much more general than of yore. But there is more hiring. Yet owning a saddle is not necessarily a matter of high cost.

Hack saddles can be purchased for \$100 to \$200; a well-bred and trained one will cost from \$500 to \$1,000. Likewise, the cost of riding equipment varies widely. An outfit may cost as little as \$50 to \$100. The average boarding fee is from \$50 to \$75 a month. Some, however, charge as little as \$25. The boarding fee usually covers not

only feed and housing, but care of horse and equipment.

Riding fees for those who hire their horses vary with the locality. The charge in most cities of the east is around \$3 an hour. But there are suburban clubs from which saddlers may be hired for \$1 an hour.

In a few cities stringent ordinances against promiscuous stabling of horses, and even the use of them on crowded thoroughfares, have been enacted. Those cities, like most others, have been liberal in providing exclusive ways for horses, such as bridge paths in parks. In and around Chicago there are about 200 miles of paths and woodland trails on which horseback riders have preferred rights. A survey made in that city in 1923 disclosed that more than 8,000 persons were members or regular patrons of riding clubs. The number had increased 200 per cent during the preceding three years.

HUFFMAN DEFEATS MCCARTHY

BOSTON, Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Eddie Huffman, Pacific coast champion, was awarded the decision over Pat McCarthy of Roxbury, Mass., after ten rounds of slugging here tonight.

FLYERS LEAVE CORINTO

MANAGUA, Nic., Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Hydroplanes from the U. S. cruiser Cincinnati, which arrived at Corinto Sunday, flew over Corinto today.

Rickard Insists Delaney to Fight

NEW YORK, Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Tex Rickard reported progress Monday in his attempts to line up all the outstanding heavyweight challengers for a series of elimination matches, the winner to meet Gene Tunney.

The promoter said he had completed an agreement with Pete Kelly, manager of Jack Delaney for Delaney's services in a bout with Jimmy Maloney of Boston.

"I am seeing Maloney about it in the morning," Tex said. "He'll probably sign tomorrow."

Maloney already is under a contract to fight for Rickard, as are Jack Sharkey, Paul Berlenbach, Pauline Ussandum, Harry Persson and Jack Dempsey.

LaBarba Intends To Retire Soon

NEW YORK, Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Fidel LaBarba, world's flyweight champion, who meets Elky Clark, European title holder, in a ten round, bout here Saturday night, intends to retire from the ring next fall, and enter Stanford university to continue his education, he said today.

He expects to give up the fighting game on September 29 which will be his 22nd birthday.

Racing Advocates In Florida Score

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Advocates of racing in Florida won a signal victory tonight when an injunction restraining the jockey club was denied by Circuit Judges H. P. Atkinson and W. L. Freeland.

Officials of the Miami Jockey club predict that the legal victory presages unhindered operation of the club's race track at Hialeah during the scheduled 45-day meet. The track opened Thursday.

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Ban Johnson Will Break With Landis

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 17, (U.N.)—Confirmation of reports that there are still things to be told in connection with the recent epidemic of baseball scandals appeared today when D. C. Crim, head of a private detective agency, announced that he had gathered some information which was to be laid before Judge Landis and presidents of the American league clubs meeting next Monday in Chicago.

Crim said he had made a secret investigation of the conduct of several players at the request of Ban Johnson, head of the American league. Crim declined to reveal the results of his inquiry, but explained that he was a close personal friend of Johnson and that he had made investigations for him as far back as the "Black Sox" scandals of 1919.

The foregoing dispatch indicates that Ban Johnson has decided to break his alleged "conspiracy of silence" when he goes before the high commissioner of baseball next week. Landis called for a meeting with Johnson and other baseball heads when it was brought to his attention that they may have withheld information concerning the conduct of certain players.

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