

NEWS of SPORT

PRIZE FIGHTING LOST PRESTIGE SINCE "LONG COUNT" OF DEMPSEY-TUNNEY

Boxing On Top Wave of Popularity When Mauler and Tunney Scrapped In September, Three Years Ago—Sharkey Turned Out Flop at the Gate—Schmeling, German Star, Not An Attraction Either.

(By Joe Villa In N. Y. Sun)

Professional boxing was on the top wave of popularity three years ago last September when Jack Dempsey was beaten for the second time on scientific points, so-called, by Gene Tunney for the heavyweight championship of the world in Chicago. That bout drew more than \$2,000,000 in gate receipts. But many thousands of boxing fans became disgusted by the "long count" in the seventh round which possibly saved Tunney from losing his precious title by a knockout. That was the turning point and ever since the ring game has been losing prestige all over the United States.

Tunney's unpopularity as champion was demonstrated when he hammered the awkward Heeney into submission in eleven rounds at the Yankee Stadium in 1928. The Madison Square Garden Corporation, directed by the late Tex Rickard, sustained heavy losses on that affair for the first time since the heavyweight championship was developed into big business. The boxing game received another setback in the estimation of the public when Tunney retired from the ring game with a scathing indictment of the methods of promoters and the dominating influence of underworld characters.

Tex's Death

The death of Rickard capped the climax. The passing of the famous promoter placed the Garden in a trying predicament from which it has been unable to extricate itself. The manipulation of the heavyweight championship at which Rickard was a past master, fell to the lot of the New York State Athletic Commission and other boxing authorities throughout the United States.

The selection of Jack Sharkey by

the New York Commission as the logical American champion turned out to be unfortunate inasmuch as Sharkey's fight with Stribling in Miami two years ago was roundly scored, while his engagement with Phil Scott, the British heavyweight title holder, in the same ring last year was pronounced a disgrace to American sport. Sharkey, although declared the winner on a knockout, was charged with fouling the Englishman by a large majority of critics, who viewed the proceedings at the ring-side.

Those Matches

Sharkey's match with Max Schmeling of Germany, who had gained some renown by whipping Johnny Risko and Paulino Uzcudun, second raters, involved the world championship in the estimation of the New York Commission. Boxing fans paid \$750,000 to see it, and after Schmeling had been punched into a state of grogginess during the third period, Sharkey committed a flagrant breach of the rules by hitting his antagonist below the belt in the fourth round.

Although the referee and one of the judges did not see the foul blow, Schmeling was declared the winner and Sharkey was disqualified on the order of Harold Barnes, the other judge, who insisted that Schmeling was a victim of foul play. The fact that the German took the heavyweight title out of this country for the first time since John L. Sullivan defended it under Queensberry rules against Jim Corbett in 1892, undoubtedly disappointed thousands of ring followers.

is to go broke. According to Dean Inge, the man who says, "I'm always an optimist," is a very interesting kind of fool.

WOODSTOCK SENATORS BEAT U. N. B. 35 TO 25 AT COLLEGE GYM LAST NIGHT

Mix and Oldham, Two Standbys, Out of the Game With Injuries; Senators Showed To Advantage Against Coach Coffey's Squad; Capt. Brist a Star.

The Woodstock Senators beat U. N. B. 35 to 25 in the University of New Brunswick gymnasium last night. It was the Red and Black quintet's first appearance in the New Brunswick senior basketball league this season and the team was handicapped by the loss of two outstanding players, Mix and Oldham, both of whom are under the weather.

Steady Game

Woodstock played a steady game and took advantage of the inability of U. N. B. guards to get the ball on the rebound off the backboards. The collegians' shooting left something to be desired, but had apparently improved a bit since their game.

Brist and Christmas on the U. N. B. team, showed up well, Brist scoring 10 of the home points. Riordan, Tommy and Chandler looked good on the Woodstock side. The game was a rough one and referee Egbert Cass called many fouls.

The Summary: U. N. B.—

	FG	F	Pts
Brist (Capt) F.	4	2	10
Fraser, C.	1	2	4
MacAleenan, F.	2	0	4
Barbour, G.	1	0	2
Christmas G.	2	1	5
Walker, Sub.	0	0	0
	10	5	25

Woodstock—

	FG	F	Pts
Tommy, F.	3	2	8
W. Brown F.	0	0	0
W. Chandler, C.	4	0	8
M. Brown, C.	1	3	5
Siorm, G.	0	0	0
Aughterton, G.	1	1	3
Riordan, (Capt) G.	3	5	11
Hull, G.	0	0	0
	12	11	35

SPORTING BITS

Scott as Bowler

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 28—Everett Scott, former "Iron Man" shortstop for the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, also throws a mean bowling ball.

Scott shot scores of 211, 238, and 232 yesterday to lead the Farnon Five of Fort Wayne, Ind., into first place in the five-man event of the sixteenth annual interstate bowling tournament.

Gus to Wed.

Boston, Jan. 28—The heart of Gus Sonnenberg, erstwhile claimant of the heavyweight wrestling championship, has been captured by a graceful Belmont miss. The engagement of the wrestler and Miss Marie Elliott was announced yesterday by the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Elliott.

More Pitchers

Berkeley, Jan. 28—Two more pitchers will be added to the University of California baseball team's string of five hurlers, Coach Clinton (Clint) Evans said today. The players are George Winchester of last year's varsity and Art Robinson, second pitcher of last year's freshman nine. The Bears received a setback when it was learned that Avelino Sanchez, star freshman shortstop last year, has taken out a leave of absence from the university. The Bear varsity will open the practice season Saturday, meeting Webb's Alumni at Edwards Field.

One feels ever so much easier in teen. Before they've learned so many things that ain't so.

Pity the poor politician. He just can't stay in the middle of the road and keep an ear to the ground these days without an accident.

THE TELEPHONE HAS BECOME INDISPENSABLE

But If Improperly Used Can Be Made a Pesky Nuisance.

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

It is not difficult to work up a considerable degree of sympathy for the Providence woman who recently sought and obtained a court injunction restraining another woman from calling her up on the telephone "on any pretext whatever." For entirely aside from the abuse which was alleged to be the purpose of the calls from which the petitioner sought relief, the telephone can be a very pesky nuisance.

Outside of water, sewer, lighting and heating facilities, there is probably no adjunct of domestic life quite as indispensable as the telephone properly used. As an outlet to the outside world it is practically faultless. But as an outlet from the outside world to one's home it has its drawbacks. It's ring is a demand for admittance which can be ignored only on pain of long-continued, nerve wracking din.

When the telephone bell rings in the home mixed emotions are aroused. First, there is curiosity. Who is this unseen visitor? Is it a friend with an important message? Is it an acquaintance who wishes to kill time with conversation? Is it a total stranger desirous of enlisting you in the support of the Home for Indigent Cats, or a bond salesman who wants to tell you of an unparalleled opportunity for the investment of the money you haven't, or the grocery clerk with pencil poised to take your order?

The gamble is interesting but there may also be irritation. You may not happen to be in the same part of the house at the telephone. If you are a woman, you may have your hands in dish water or dough, or be supervising a cooking operation that requires close watching. Man or woman, you may be in the bathtub. The telephone cares for none of these things. If rings peremptorily. You are obliged to answer.

You lift the receiver from the hook and say, "Hello!" A voice replies: "Number please?" "You say, accusingly: "You rang our bell." To which the certain answer is: "I beg your pardon." Or, when you have said "hello!" an unknown begins a conversation which you do not understand, and which turns out to have been directed to some other telephone user with another combination of numerals. Or you hear from some leather-junged acquaintance who holds and may be relied upon to clink to the wire with a steady flow of one sided talk for half an hour. These are common alternatives to getting a message you really want to hear from a person whose telephone calls are either necessary or welcome or both.

You can hang a notice on your front door that the bell is out of order, and can pretend to be deaf to knocking, but there is no way of getting away from the telephone bell or exercising any discrimination about it. No way, that is to say, save the injunction process indicated in the Rhode Island case.

After all perhaps there is something in this "government by injunction."

A million cubic feet of rock slipped off Niagara Falls. The honeymoon business will continue as usual during alterations.

Half of Miami Beach is for gambling and half is against it. They are going to have a recount when the tide goes out.

What man descended from, is only at best, a thery. What he has descended to, thanks to the power of the press, is no mystery whatever.

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RAMBLES IN SPORT

BY WAYFARER

SPECIAL EVERYTHING — Paper, makers vs. Millionaires again tonight—Special trains from everywhere—

Tonight should give a fair idea of the coming playdowns, maybe—Wonder why "Keeet" Kuhn, requests CFNB so much for the record "When Your hair has turned to silver"—By the way that brother of his "Doggie", and Jack Keating are certainly popular in New Haven—Capt. Malcolm Campbell test lurking around the corner—Jackie Kid Berg, English junior welter, and world champion is not afraid to defend his title—

Gambles it about every two weeks, it seems—St. Louis Browns are carrying only 8 pitchers this year—John McGraw's 29th year with the New York Giants—Muddy Ruel will look after Red Sox pitchers this year—Coach Ted Coffey of the U. N. B. basketballers is rounding into shape a fairly decent looking court team—A few injuries have upset the progress of the team lately, though—Fredericton baseball executive hands over reins for coming season—Jack Lawlor, one of mainstays for past number of

years, certainly deserves plenty of credit for work on board. Question: Which is the more arbitrary the New York Boxing Commission or the M. A. H. A.? Many fans who expected to see Larry McLean, former Fredericton hockey star, handle the whistle in tonight's game, will be disappointed to learn that the big fellow is not to officiate. Larry had his trials and bumps in the ice game here, but the fans are all with him as soon as he returns. And there are many who would have liked to have seen Larry handle the whistle tonight.

Burlough Grimes is evidently showing his temper in more places than on the diamond. The latest is his divorce from his wife. His better half charged cruelty. Seeing the big Cardinal hurler out on the hillcock, fuming and raging, one can easily imagine him in one of those martial arguments and the result.

HOCKEY! HOCKEY!

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