

AN AMERICAN SPORTSMAN WRITES OF TRIP

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the first moose he had ever seen within expectorating distance and his offensive and defensive rifle (to be properly described as the latter in this situation) was fifty yards away on the beach, an undignified reereat through the underbrush in bare feet was not inviting, more especially as it would have necessitated approaching the moose to get outside the tent. It is fortunate that our negligee friend retained sufficient presence of mind to refrain from charging his visitor and vice-versa.

When "Stretch's" power of articulation returned I was appraised of the startling caller by a vigorous shout: "Bill get your rifle, here's a moose." This urgent S. O. S. was responded to with alacrity as the genuineness of the alarm was self-evident. I loaded the rifle as I ran to intercept the intruder who beat a hasty retreat, after the call for succor. The sound of exit was very audible in the thick second growth, but I failed to get a glimpse of him. It was dusk in the open and quite dark under the foliage, so tracking and pursuit was impossible. In any case the lawful hunting hours of the day had about expired, viz.: from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Anent further proof that "Stretch" was not entertained by a chimerical illusion. Next morning I carefully paced the distance from the tent flaps to the distinct tracks and found it to be not over twenty-nine feet.

If it were not for the ludicrous aspect this incident would appear like the ultra-refined essence of misfortune. We had sought such a specimen with circuitous assiduity for a week and then on the eve of our departure had the object of our quest surrender and find us unprepared.

We were camping near a game path which is almost invariably found winding along the banks of lakes and streams and this moose had blundered upon us before detecting the intrusion. Or, I might flatter myself with thinking that he may have divorced a wife and was making a belated acceptance to an erogenous invitation. If the latter, in view of the circumstances, he must have required extreme carelessness on the part of a normal bull to be impressed and misled by "Stretch's" resemblance to an amorous cow.

When I chided "long fellow" on his trepidation and buck fever, he retaliated with: "You armed yourself with a lethal apparatus dispensing energy in equal instalments of a ton and a third and then ran away."

Moral: Verily! No man knoweth the day or the hour when Alces Americus may catch him dishabile.

TEX RICKARD HAD COLORFUL CAREER AS COW PUNCHER, GAMBLER, PROSPECTOR. ETC.

Some Interesting Highlights Of One of World's Greatest Sporting Men—Had Varied Career—Leaves Grieved Wife and Daughter and Millions of Friends.

New York, Jan. 9—Tex Rickard, whose early life was one of unfettered romance and whose later years found him predominant as a sports promoter, is dead.

Stricken suddenly on New Year's Day, the promoter died of infection which followed an operation for appendicitis while at the peak of a career without parallel in American history, a career which brought him at its untimely close to a position of unlimited power in the world of professional sport.

Few men will be harder to replace in their lines of chosen endeavor.

All Grades

Cow-puncher, gambler, prospector, incurable romanticist who dabbled in South American warfare with the same enthusiasm he brought to the promotion of "Battles of the Century" Rickard found his real and lasting success in the confidence of the public which made possible the moment he leaves behind as a testimonial of his peculiar genius—the \$5,000,000 sports arena known as Madison Square Garden.

Early Life

Rickard's early life in the west was given over to the spontaneity of quick gun play, prospecting in the earth for gold and gambling for it over the green-clothed tables of his shoddy little temple of fortune in Nevada. But Tex will be remembered better as the virgorous, bronzed man of 59 who held the respect and confidence of millionaires and parasites of professional sport alike, a man who never lost his early enthusiasm for a sporting gamble, even after success brought him a bank account of a million dollars, homes in Florida and on Park Avenue, a charming young wife and a new baby daughter who was his chief joy, and a position in the field of sports promotion of absolute autocracy.

Turning Points

There were two turning points in the life of this extraordinary man who differed from other soldiers of fortune in that he made his. The first came when he successfully promoted the Gans-Nelson lightweight championship fight at Goldfield, Nevada, more than 22 years ago. Tex put up the largest guarantee ever offered by a promoter up to that time, and made money on his venture. From that day he gradually

turned from other interests and adventures to the business of fight promoting in which he was without a peer.

Sport Arena

The second turning point in Rickard's career was announced by Tex one afternoon five years ago, in the shabby offices he occupied in the high tower of the original Madison Square Garden. With characteristic nonchalance, in a vain effort to conceal the light of triumph in his eye, he told of his greatest victory. A group of Wall Street millionaires had put up \$5,000,000 for the erection of a new sports arena under Rickard's direction. He was to be president of a new Madison Square Garden Corporation. It was the big moment in the career of this man who provided so many thrilling big moments for sports fans.

SPORT BRIEFS

Baseball

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 8—Release of Howard Williamson and John "Pepper" Martin, outfielders, on option to the Houston Club of the Texas League, was announced by Branch Rickey, vice-president and business manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Both served as utility men with the Cardinals all last season.

Stops a Lot

Buffalo, Jan. 8—Great goal-tending by Abby Cox enabled the Windsor Bulldogs to hold their bare margin over the Bisons and win by a 2 to 1 night. Abby, by super-human efforts, blocked a number of Buffalo shots which would have swamped the visitors' goals.

Player Let Go

New York, Jan. 8—Julian Wera was released today by the New York Yankees on option to the Jersey City Club of the International League. Wera was with Hollywood of the Pacific Coast League last year after a spring trial with the Yankees.

Name Head

New York, Jan. 8—The United States Golf Association in annual meeting Saturday, elected Findlay S. Douglas, New York, who was the amateur champion in 1898, as president to succeed Helvin A. Traylor, Chicago.

JIMMY McLARNIN ENTERS WELTER RANKS TODAY

New York Jan 9—Jimmy McLarnin of Vancouver, he of the baby face and the crushing hand, returns to New York rings this week.

Stopped by Ray Miller, Chicago's left hook artist, in his last start, Jimmy meets Joe Glick, Williamsburgh pants presser, in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night.

The Pacific Coast slugger definitely has quit the lightweight ranks and will campaign in the future as a welterweight. Monday night's battle is at 138 pounds and "Baby Face" may have some difficulty getting down to that figure.

Glick is a genuine lightweight and right now an outstanding contender for Sammy Mandell's crown.

McLarnin hopes to have more luck in his bid for the welterweight title than he did for the 135-pound championship. Jimmy was bowling them over right and left until he stacked up against Mandell in a championship match here last summer. Sammy cut the youngster to pieces and won as he pleased.

It is possible to find Mussolini in a group picture without the assistance of an arrow.

Who cares what is happening on Mars? Home news is more interesting.

Sporting Splashes

The showing of the Fredericton Capitals in their two games on foreign ice is partially due to the "head" of "Mac" Edney, who has accompanied the team in the capacity of Coach. Under Edney's guidance the team held Sussex to a draw in overtime and were beaten only a two-goal margin at Moncton, and impressed the Moncton fans as a coming squad of puck chasers. It is only fair to local to say that the defeat they suffered on home ice by Sussex in the curtain raiser was partially their own fault as too much attention was given to the man and not the puck. We predict a pleasant surprise for hockey followers as soon as the team gets into better shape and the casualties again get into action.

The two chief winter games in the province of New Brunswick, namely hockey and basketball, have finally found their stride and the fans of both games throughout the province will have plenty to cheer, yawn, or groan about in the coming weeks. The ice game has taken the priority and the flashing of skates and the thump of rubber on goal's pads have been seen and heard for some little time. The hoop game is not far behind, however and already, provincial leagues have been formed and preparations made for an auspicious start in the year 1929. Locally, both games are in full swing and everything points to successful seasons in both sports.

Newspaper accounts of the Capitol-Moncton hockey battle at the Hub city on Monday night, gave galore of credit to "Cliff" Young, curly headed Capitol goaler, for his splendid exhibition of net minding. Forty five shots were turned aside by the sprightly work of this steller little net man. Another praise-deserving exhibition was the one put up by the whole Fredericton team against the highly touted Atlantic squad. Holding the Hub city sextet to a 3-1 score in their "own back yard" is more than was expected from fans here. A little seasoning and the boys may give our southern rivals some lively skirmishes.

SARAZEN WON

Noted Golfer Comes Through Again In Miami Open Keen Rivalry

Miami, Fla., Jan. 8—Gene Sarazen, former American open and professional golf champion, distinguished himself again on the links Saturday by winning the Miami open crown for the third year in succession. The chunky representative of the Fresh Meadow Country Club at Flushing, L. I., added a pair of 74's to his 146 of Friday and finished the 72-hole route in 294.

The Chicago veteran, Jock Hutchison, despite an inglorious 80 Saturday, staggered into second place with a total of 302. The little campaigner held up well for 54 holes, being only two shots back of Sarazen at this stage, following a brilliant recovery near the end of the round, where he picked up five strokes in two holes.

WILL NOT FIGHT AGAIN

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 8—James M. Lynch, local hotelman and friend of Jack Dempsey, who arrived in Miami with the Rickard funeral train, said that Dempsey told him he will not enter the ring again but will "pick up where Rickard left off and devote his time entirely to promotion."

"Dempsey told me that if Tex Rickard had lived he would have fought the winner of the Stribling-Sharkey bout," said Lynch, "but added that now since Rickard is gone, he will pick up where Rickard left off."

"It can be said officially that Dempsey will never fight again. He told me so yesterday while we waited to start north."

Lynch joined Dempsey here when the latter passed through en route to Miami a few days ago. He long has been a close friend of the former heavyweight champion.

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