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STRIBLING AND SHARKEY WILL MEET IN FLORIDA

New York, Dec. 17—Tex Rickard announced that Jack Sharkey, Boston heavyweight, and Young Stribling, sensational young Georgian, have agreed to meet in an elimination tournament bout at Miami Beach, Fla., in an open air arena to be constructed there to seat 50,000. While no date has been set for the match, considered the heavyweight "plum" of the inter season, Rickard said that the arena would be ready for the last week in February or the first of March. Rickard will promote the match with the assistance of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce in somewhat the same fashion as he staged the second meeting of Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in Chicago in 1927. Because of the large number of visitors in Florida at that time, Rickard estimated that the proceeds should approach \$500,000.

RUGBY IS ROUGH IN FRANCE

Marmande, France, Dec. 17—Rugby football has become so rough in France, that newspapers everywhere have begun a movement to "clean up" the game. A match between Marmande and Bergerac has brought the movement to a head. A Marmande player virtually strangled the Bergerac captain, Beaussoleil, during a game while thousands of spectators looked on. Beaussoleil was carried off the field unconscious with his tongue hanging out and foam on his lips while Marmande rooters howled "ell done! Kill him!" Police had to be summoned to keep them from attacking the rest of the team. death. The sporting press said the time had come to put an end to such brutal playing, remarking that under present conditions in France a straight-jacket was more suitable for players than a rugby jersey.

"Oh George mother would be wild if she was to see you kissing me. "But I ain't kissin' you." "Oh—I thought you was just goin' to begin."

MAY PLAY BALL

Westhaven, Conn., Dec. 17 —Elmer Strong, father of Kenneth Strong, All-American halfback, said last night his son would join an American League baseball team on his graduation from New York University next spring. The Elder Strong added that Kenneth and his bride, on their return from the west would take up separate residences in New York. Mrs. Strong living in her own apartment and the football star in his fraternity house, until Strong's graduation. The couple now are en route to California for the annual east-west football game in which Strong will participate.

LANE FOR SHORE. Rangers Offer Myles Lane In Trade For Eddie Shore—Owner Adams Considers it a Slam.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16—Charles F. Adams, owner of the Boston Bruins Hockey Club became a bit sarcastic yesterday when he was offered Myles Lane, former Dartmouth hockey star and now a New York Rangers spare, in trade for Eddie Shore his speedy defence man. "You are so far from shore that you need a life preserver" Adams replied when he received a telegram from Colonel John S. Hammond president of the Rangers, which read: "Myles Lane has given us all publicity we hope. His heart and his public are in Boston. Would you consider his trade for Shore?" Adams who became indignant when the New York Americans defeated his club twice in three days, yesterday protested to President Frank Calder and urged a change in the hockey rules to prevent a team from stalling by passing the puck the length of the ice. The Bruins owner charged that the Americans protected their one goal lead in the second period of Tuesday night's game by employing this trick which he described as "unfair."

BATTLING OF AMER. LEAGUE LAST SEASON

Batting in the American League throughout the season of 1928 was on a high plane and the records show that fifty men went through with marks of .300 or better, a large majority of them being regulars who were in there in nearly all of the games. From start to finish, the strife for batting honors among the regular performers was chiefly among three men, Leon "Goose" Goslin of Washington, Heinie Manush of St. Louis and Lou Gehrig of New York. This contest went clear up to the last week, when Gehrig fell a few points behind and not until the final day was the winner determined between Goslin and Manush, the former nosing out ahead with a mark of .379. Manush was next to him, only one point behind and Gehrig was third with .374. Goslin made his record in 135 games, a sore arm making it necessary for him to lay off for a time during the season. He poled 173 hits in 456 times at bat and among his wallops were 36 doubles, ten triples and 17 home runs. The record of Manush was perhaps more impressive because he was in 154 games, making 241 hits in 638 times up and he had 47 doubles, 20 triples and 13 homers. He was tied with Gehrig for the lead in two baggers the latter also playing 154 games.

Once more Babe Ruth of the Yankees was prominent with the bat, hitting 54 home runs during the season which is only six behind his record of the previous year. He was far ahead of them all in total runs scored having tallied 163 times during the year. Gehrig was next to him with 139 and Combs of New York was third with 118 runs. In runs batted in, Ruth and Gehrig wound up with a tie for the honors having driven in 142. Bob Meusel of the Yanks was next to them having batted in 113 runs.

Because of the heavy hitting, base running was not prominent in the offensive play. The leading base stealer was Charles Myer of the Boston club and he had only 30 stolen bases. Johnny Mostil of Chicago was next with 23 and Harry Rice of Detroit was third with 20.

Batting feats of the season were accomplished by Goslin who hit safely in 25 consecutive games and by Heilmann of Detroit who on July 26 in one game, batted in eight runs.

The Yankees took the honors in team batting again but on this occasion were hard pressed by the Athletics. At the finish the Yanks' team average was .296 and the Mackmen's was .295.

HURLERS DO NOT FAVOR PLAN MUCH

New York, Dec. 16—Four out of five pitchers polled by the United Press were opposed to John Heydler's suggestion for a ten man baseball team the tenth man to bat for the pitcher.

Following are their opinions: Dazzy Vance, Rogins—Heydler's idea would speed up the game, but would make it tough on the pitchers by not having a weak hitting hurler to pitch to. It would do away with walking other hitters to get to the pitcher and would take natural incentive away from the game for pitchers. We all love our base hits.

Fred Fitzsimmons, Giants—I'm not in favor of the rule. It's a big enough job for us pitchers to face eight hitters.

George Pipgras, Yankees—I do not approve of Heydler's idea.

Tom Zachary, Yankees—if the batting privilege is taken away from the pitcher there is no joy left for him.

Henry Johnson, Yankees—Great idea. I'm in favor of it. Johnson in 31 games and 79 times at bat, batted .241 last season.

COBB MAY BUY CLUB IF HE GETS FEVER AGAIN

San Francisco, Dec. 17—Tyrus Raymond Cobb, veteran of 24 seasons of baseball is through with the game forever if he can resist the urge at the end of next year he said upon his arrival from the Orient.

"I'm going to spend the next year hunting in British Columbia and sight seeing in Europe" the major league star said in discussing his plans "and if I find that I can resist the urge at the end of next year I'm through with the game forever."

"If the temptation to take another whirl in baseball is too strong to resist, I may buy a club or re-enter the majors as a manager."

Before the 1928 season ended Cobb announced that it was his final year of active playing.

Cobb was accompanied by his family, Bob Shawkey, Montreal pitcher; Freddie Hoffman, Red Sox catcher; George Alfred Putnam part owner of the San Francisco Seals and Herbi Hunter, former Seal outfielder.

The Cobb family stayed here only a short time before departing for Augusta, Ga.

SPORT BRIEFS

Polo Visit

Washington, Dec. 16—A formal invitation for a visit to the United States next year by a British army polo team has been cabled by direction of Secretary Davis through the United States Embassy in London. It proposes a series of matches with a United States army polo team under invitation of the United States Polo Association.

British-United States military polo tournaments were inaugurated by General Pershing while chief of staff in 1923.

Is Popular

New York, Dec. 16—Col. John S. Hammond, president of the New York Rangers Hockey Club and a vice president of the Madison Square Garden Corporation has succeeded John M. Chapman general manager of Tex Rickard sport arena. The announcement of Hammond's appointment was made yesterday only a short time after Chapman had resigned to devote all his time to his cycling interests.

The appointment of Col. J. S. Hammond which is understood to be permanent puts an end to the report that Tom McCardle, boxing matchmaker of the Garden, would get the post. Hammond has been associated with Rickard since 1922.

ATTEMPT MADE TO BREAK INTO LIQUOR STORE

Edmundston, Dec. 14—An attempt was made early this morning to break into the stores of the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board located in the T. M. Richards block and that of David Moscovitz, in the Madawaska block on Canada street here.

Holes were bored around the lock of the liquor store door in an apparent attempt to get inside and turn the yale lock. There were two locks on the door, however, and it could not be opened. A window at the rear was broken and the bars across it bent, but not sufficiently to permit a person to enter.

In the Moscovitz store, a hole sufficiently large to put a hand in was bored and the yale lock opened. There were also two locks on this door so that an entrance could not be gained. Chief of Police Savage and Sergt. Leech, of the provincial police are working on the case.

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