

WOULD SQUEEZE OUT TEX RICKARD

Rival New York Promoters
to Start an Offensive
Against Him.

(By Henry L. Farrell.)
New York, April 26.—(United Press.)—War against Tex Rickard, waged by rival New York promoters, is to see a new offensive during the coming summer, when an attempt is to be made to keep him out of New York.

Jimmy Johnston, who promoted at the Yankee stadium last summer and who turned over Johnny Dundee's contract to his brother, is in complete agreement with the ruling of the boxing commission, that a man cannot act as a promoter and a manager, has been selected as the leader of the offensive.

Johnston announced that the owners of the Giants and the Yankees had reached an agreement to allow him to make the matches and handle the fights that are to be held in the Yankee stadium and at the Polo Grounds. He said that he would be connected with both clubs and that no other promoter could get in either park with a match.

This means, it is believed, that Rickard will not be able to use either of the big baseball parks and that he will have to fall back upon his big pine bowl in Jersey City.

Rickard, however, insists that he could put one or two big matches in the Polo Grounds, if he wanted to do it, but that he had decided that baseball parks were not the proper place in which to stage boxing matches. It has been reported that the boxing commission feels the same way about it, and that some rule may be passed which will make the parks less attractive to promoters.

The Dempsey-Firpo fight at the Polo Grounds last summer resulted in a large number of complaints being filed with the boxing commission. Ticket-holders complained that they were unable to get their seats or that they could not see the ring from their seats. During all the excitement of the first round, when Dempsey was down three times and Firpo was down seven times, the fans jumped to their chairs and obstructed the vision of those behind them. Chairs crashed under the burden and general disorder resulted.

Rickard was frank in admitting that there were many good reasons for complaint, and he said after the fight that he was through with ball parks for big championship matches.

William Muldoon, former chairman of the commission, said after he had been reappointed to a place on the commission that he would favor and support any rule that would stop or discourage the promotion of boxing in the ball parks. He suggested, for one means, that no seats be placed on the field and that the fans be forced to watch a fight from the same seats and the same places that they watch a ball game.

This was considered a rather radical step and a compromise plan may be effected whereby the field seats will be limited to a very small number. Under the most favorable conditions, with practically no restrictions as to the number or location of the seats, the park boxing was not successful here last summer. The owners of the Giants lost more than \$100,000 when Tom O'Rourke was handling their fight department and it is significant that on the one fight that Rickard handled for them they were able to get in the year and have a few dollars left.

In addition to an attempt to keep Rickard out of New York during the period when the use of Madison Square Garden is out of the question, rival promoters have been making a serious attempt to spoil his chances in New Jersey.

Reports have been circulated that the big bowl which he built for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight is not safe and that it will fall down if a mob of 10,000 is ever packed in it again.

Rickard, of course, denies that anything is wrong with the arena. He quotes expert opinion to show that such a structure will vibrate a little when it is forced to the strain of supporting so much weight, but he insists that the structure is perfectly safe. He said that he was able to secure insurance for \$250,000 for the payment of \$2,500 insurance when he held the Willard-Firpo fight there last summer and that engineers from the insurance company spent two weeks going over the whole stand.

Rickard is now spending almost \$100,000 having the arena renovated and improved, and he says that when the work is completed it will be as safe as a one-story bungalow.

His plans to operate in New Jersey this summer were helped when the boxing law in that state was amended to permit promoters to charge a maximum top price of \$25 for tickets to boxing shows. Formerly promoters could not charge more than \$15 for seats.

The no-decision law in Jersey will also help Rickard, as none of the champions, outside of the heavyweight class, are very eager to risk their titles to another man's opinion.

Rickard has survived all the wars that have been carried against him. It is more than likely that he will survive this one and that the matches he does not promote are the matches that he does not care to promote.

ISLAND LIBERALS BANQUET SINCLAIR

Charlottetown, April 25.—Hon. John E. Sinclair, minister without portfolio in the Federal Cabinet, was tendered a banquet here last night by the Liberal association of Queens county. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Sinclair, A. C. Saunders, leader of the Provincial Opposition, and other prominent Liberals.

A famous preacher made a neat score on one occasion against an anonymous correspondent.

While in his pulpit one Sunday morning a note was handed him by the vergor, and upon opening it he found scrawled across a sheet of paper the word "Cool."

Rising to the occasion, he exhibited it to his congregation, and said: "In my name I have received much anonymous correspondence in which the writer has written the letter, but forgotten to sign his name. But here is a strange thing—a man has signed his name and omitted to write the letter!"

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To obtain the "knee plus ultra" of chorusdom the leading musical comedies of Broadway were enlisted and managers and beauty experts applied the yardstick and magnifying glass, seeking to select a type from each producer's finest. Hundreds were given a series of beauty tests, with a careful balance of blonde and brunette types being maintained.

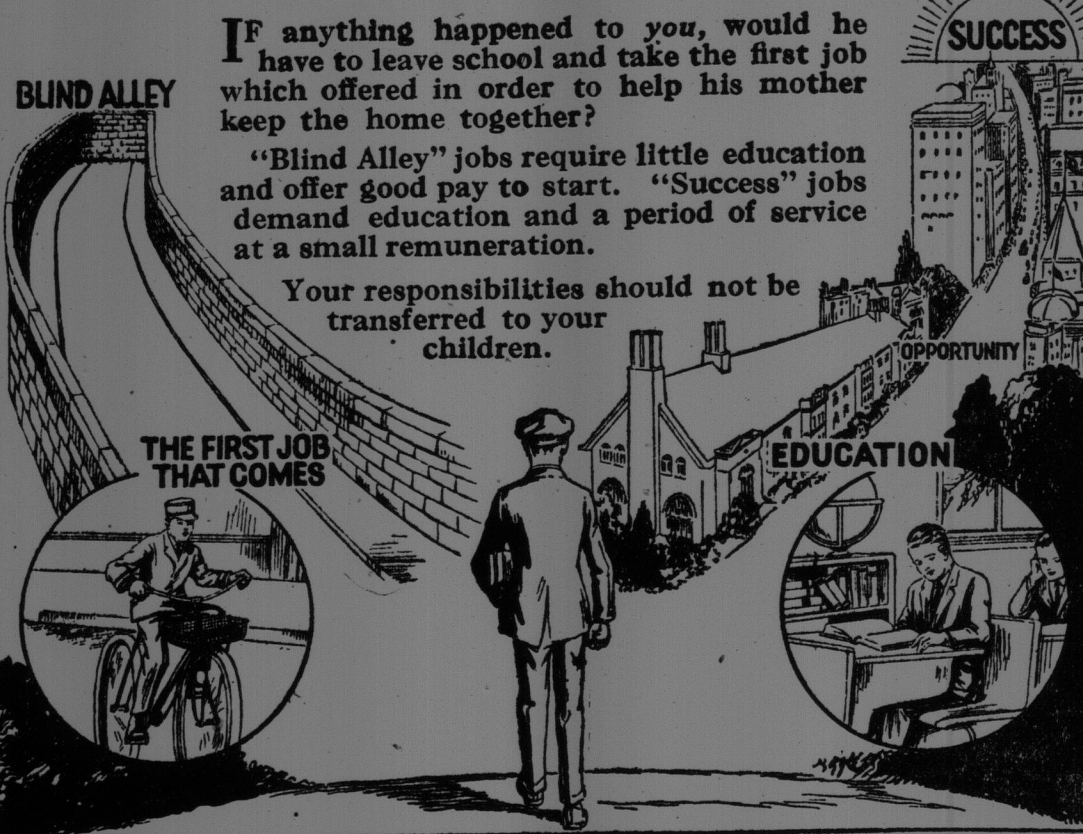
The result of beautydom's Olympic team and they are: Imogene Wilson, of the Ziegfeld Follies (centre) and right (top to bottom) Katherine Ardell, Berlin's Music Box Revue; Beatrice Relas, of "Vogues," and Lucille Mendez or "Little Jesse James." Left (top to bottom) Eleanor Livingston in "Lollipop," Marian Mooney, wisest beauty of "Artists and Models," and Elsie Schaeffer of "Moonlight." At top (centre) is Jessie Matthews, America's youngest chor us girl, being but 15.

GOING TO ENGLAND TO GUIDES' CAMP

Miss Elsie O. Lawson, of St. Stephen, will represent the New Brunswick Girl Guides at the World Camp at Fox Lease in Hampshire in the New

Forest in England from July 16 to 23 and Miss Winnifred Mills, a granddaughter of Hon. Honor, Lieutenant-Governor W. P. Todd, will attend the World camp as a Guide. All countries of the world in which guiding has been established will be represented at the camp. The majority of those attending will live under canvas during the meeting. Miss Lawson and Miss Mills will leave from Montreal on July 4.

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Ten Named From 30 Applicants—One Ground Less This Year

The ladies' committee of the Playgrounds Association met in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon with Mrs. A. M. Beidling, vice-president, in the chair, and selected the teachers for the supervised playgrounds for the summer holiday season. There were 30 applications or more, and from them the following were chosen: Alice B. Dever, Catherine F. O'Neil, Beatrice Mooney, M. Eugene Kelly, C. Ethel Hawker, Marion L. Hamilton, J. Eileen Davis, Elizabeth Stanley, H. Hazel McCready, Geraldine Wilson. The caretakers are: Harold W. Barker, Robert S. Langstroth, Maurice M.

Fowler, Ray A. McMurray, J. Arthur Burns.
Because of lack of funds one ground less than hitherto will be conducted this year.

Among the strange specimens discovered in Brazil are flat fish with a poison spike in their tails, and vultures which makes noises like barking dogs.

CANADIAN SAPPER ENGINEER MISSING

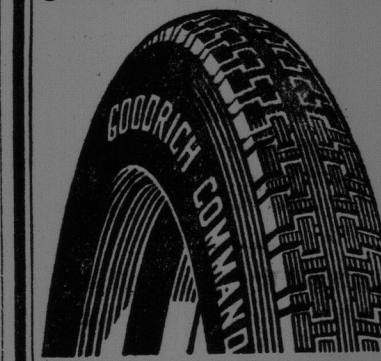
St. John's, Nfld., April 25.—The disappearance of Ashton Joffe, chief engineer of S. S. Canadian Sapper, now lying at the dock pier, has been reported to the police today. Members of the police were engaged in an attempt to locate the body

near the dock premises as it is believed that Mr. Joffe had fallen overboard on Tuesday night shortly after the ship was moored. Engineered Joffe is a native of this city.

Golf is becoming very popular with the rank and file of the British army.

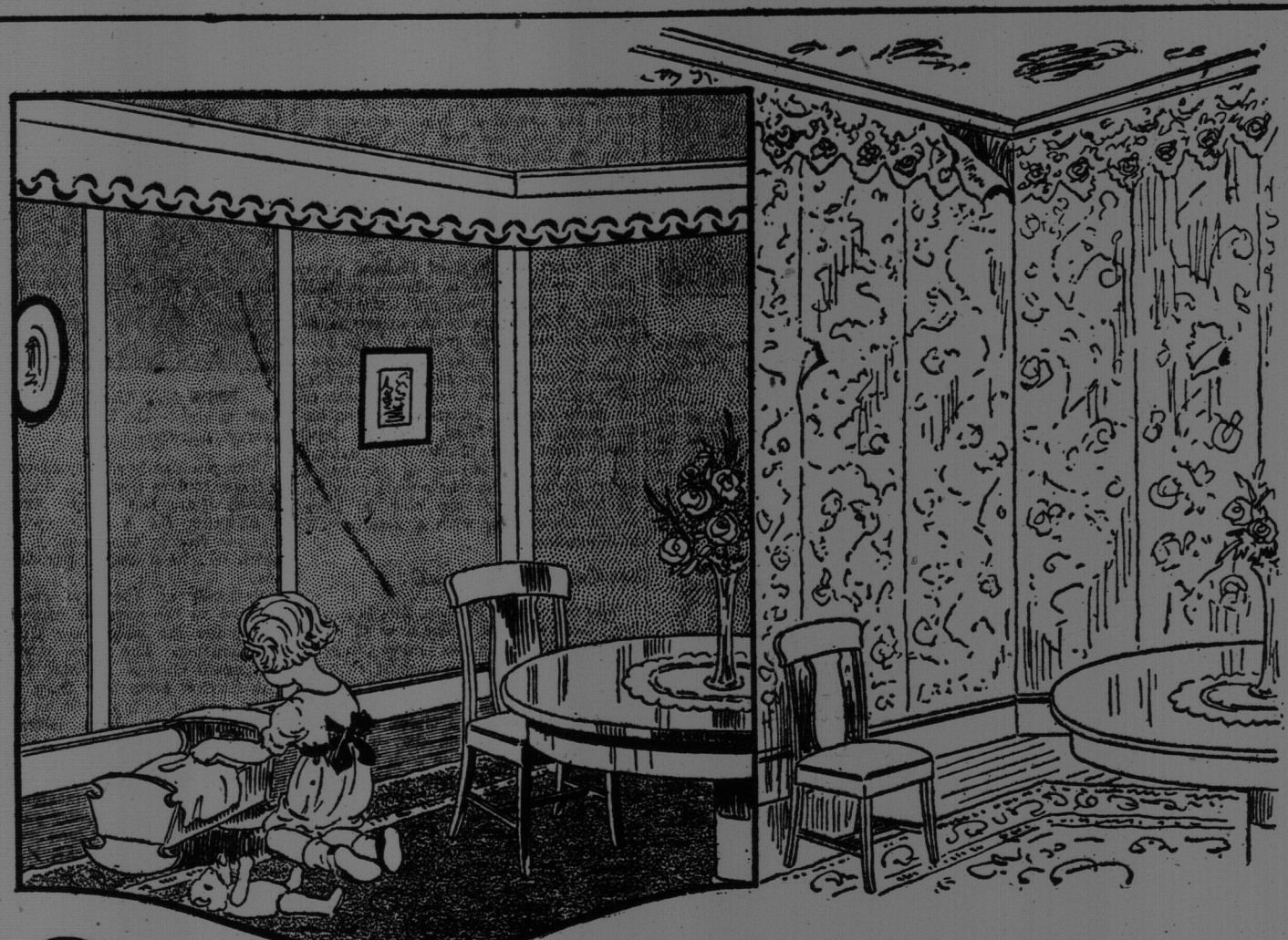
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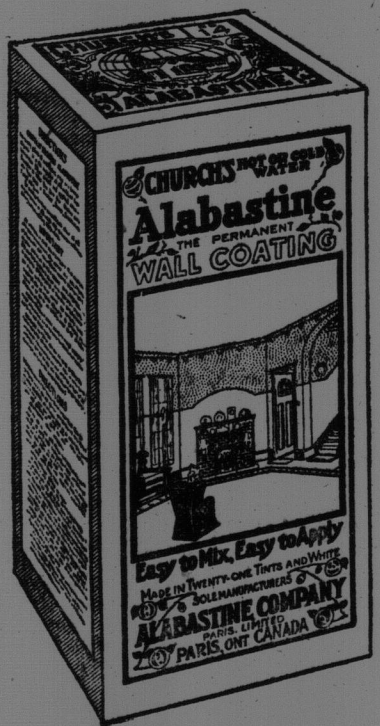


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