Football Boxing

# THE ALBERTAN'S SPORT DEPARTMENT

STRICKEN CHAMPION

The late Luther McCarty, heavyweight champion of the world, who met his death on Saturday in the first round of the scheduled ten-

Luther McCarty, the boy champion,

began and ended his career in Calgary.

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### BURNS' ARENA, SCENE OF SATURDAY'S TRAGIC EVENT TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Tommy Burns, the owner of the rena, Billy McCarney, manager of the lead McCarty, Freddy Sears, his trainer, Eddie Smith, the referee of the fatal bout, and others who were witnesses of the affair Saturday, witnessed the fire, arriving shortly after it started in automobiles

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thing that happens to'us is all cut out for us. When I go into a fight I figure "I had hand grenades at various that if I am going to win I am going 7,000 to build. It was insured for parts of the building, but tonight there to, and that if I lose I am going to

#### FELL GREATEST TRAGEDY IN SPORT OCCURRED (Continued from Page One)

would for any big, innocent boy. No one thought of him much as a man. He was only a big boy who had won the world's highest pugilistic honors.

Before the battle Luther sat by the ngside in his bathrobe watching the

snuffed out. returned to Calgary was to look up the men who had befriended him in a fi-

one of the most remarkable men who ever earned his living inside the roped square. He was everybody's friend, had no enemies, and the dramatic finish to inent and soon a little of that worst most visibly moved. Others comrades of the dead man, watching that end. "There ing that none could understand. The one word DOCTOR made itself proming that one word by the face was covering to the contract of the contract o

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LUTHER M'CARTY WAS EVERYBODY'S FRIEND LUTHER McCARTY BEGAN AND FINISHED HIS CAREER IN THE RING IN CALGARY

> ending, for the big boy fighter, medical skill could do ringside in his bathrobe watching the preliminaries. He commented upon the decisions rendered by the judges to feel pain. He had not a moment to to feel pain. He had not a moment to moments before. Every during the preliminary events. When a boy who was selling peanuts and soft drinks passed him Luther grabbed his canvas cap and put it onto his

> his canvas cap and put it onto his head. He climbed into the ring with this hat perched jauntily over his curly locks.
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> When Rev. Walker was preaching the sermonette prior to the fatal bout Luther listened carefully. "That's a great guy. Best man I ever knew," was his comment, as the clergyman finished. Then he climbed into the ring minds as they saw him fall and even was against foe relentless. finished. Then he climbed into the ring and two minutes later his life was numbers were counted, there was it was known was One of Luther's first acts when he that the end was there. Adverse Impression

The crowd yelled in wild passion. nancial way when he was here before For some it was the supreme hour of and make arrangements for the payment of all his old debts. He did not
forget appears

A So forget anyone.

Luther was a true westerner. He prided himself in his ability to throw the lasso and ride cow ponies. His ambition was to make money enough to retire from the ring and buy a ranch.

The world loses in Luther McCarty ring. Men were shouting. Others most visibly moved. Others

> Mounted police in their bright scarlet uniforms hurried up into the ring. Eager crowds who had massed them-selves within and without the ropes, clinging on to anything they could grasp were pushed back. Others knowing that they could not get near and their presence was not needed, there made for the doors and away from the scene. Yet little did they think that there they had left a scene of death.
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> The spectators all speechless. The spectators all speechless. In automobiles that were filled as der their deep em fast as could be, they hurried to the city bearing the almost incredible news comrades of that the champion had fallen, knocked out, as the technical terms put it, in vears ago an

UTHER McCARTY'S career in an anxious hour of life.
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The rival Pelkey was out, as the technical terms put it, in the first round before the game had been two minutes gone.

Long Moments of Waiting

But for those who waited there was

"I sighed for Scotia's Shore And I gazed across the sea, But now I can get a drink Frae my ain countrie."

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great stretch of grey, smouldering ashes this morning marks the place where World's Champion Luther McCarty met his seath Saturday afternoon. Tommy Burns' arena at Manchester was burned to the ground last night, the origin of the fire being a mystery.

Four other deaths were narrowly Everted in the great barn-like structure before it passed out of existence Wesley Benson, his wife and two children, asleep in the eastern corner of the building, escaped just as the flames were had upon their quarters. Bensen is taretaker of the arena and lived in an apartment in the eastern corner of the building with his family. They escaped in their night clothes, losing all their personal property.

Burns and McCarney See Fire

Tommy Burns, the owner of the she stricture of the fire was at its height at 11 o'-lock. From every part of the building along the flames broke out, racing along the timbers, and leaped a hundred feet into the timbers were swept in the path of the wilding, and a long take with the faith that he would become the heavy-weight champion of the weight champion of the same to Calgary in the faith hat 11 o'-lock. From

The blaze started in the western corser of the building at 10.30 o'clock last night. Burns is emphatic in his declaration that the origin is incendiarism. He declares that some enemy, not satisfied with the troubles that crowded around the promoter since the death around the promoter since the death of Luther McCarty, set the place afire to real even for some old fancied the fire preventive facilities are very all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon, inasmuch as all coming to me. I believe that every-discovering the building every morning and afternoon are very every careful not to leave any cigar or cigarette butts in the building the building every which showed thought quite beyond his years. I remember his words well. of Luther McCarty, set the place after to get even for some old fancied grudge. The building was owned by Mr. Burns, being built upon land owned by Fred. C. Lowes, and cost about "I had hand grenades at various"

\$5,000.

City Firemen Guard Prairie

An alarm was sent into the city fire department about 10.45 last night. Benson rushing in his night clothes to a fire alarm box. There were no provisions whatever in the building or near if for such an emergency. The nearest water was more than half a mile away. Chief Smart held his men on the scene putting out small fires

mile away. Chief Smart heid his men on the scene putting out small fires which started in the prairie grass from the millions of sparks which shot into the air from the tinder-like structure. At 11.30 the last stick of the building fell, and only the great mass of smoking timbers strewn for a full two acres on the ground, remained.

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The two men at once squared off for the fight and stood facing each other, McCarty in the east side of the ring and Pelkey in the west. It was some time before they closed, and they danced around, neither within striking distance of the other. Then they came together, and Pelkey got in the first together, and Pelkey got in the first together. DIVINE WHO TALKED IN THE RING SAYS HE WAS LED TO

serious managements. He is an ardent evanged, sit, whose delight is in active work among men of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's class. He was minute and the other fellow management of McCarty's mental management of McCarty's menta

the Christ in man. It was in such a frame of mind that I called on Luther that day. I was very much pleases everthing, even the priseight. He was a great, big, warm-hearted boy. He showed me all his nice new clothes, like a proud boy, his championship belt, and some photographs. He was a warm-hearted, enthusiastic boy. He was like a belief, the was a warm-hearted, enthusiastic boy. He was like a bout religion. They had several other interviews in which the subject was likeable, and a clean-living young man."

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"So I wen to see Luther at his hotel that night. I am going to knock the devil out of the prize fighter," is the devil out of the prize fighter, is the way I mentioned it to some of my friends and I started out with hymn books and was prepared for a service. I made the same remark to McCarty, which he thought was a very good joke. It was then that he told me much about himself.

"I was born for a fighter," he said to the man sitting next to me. I am the build of a fighter. I me. I am the build of a fighter. I am of the man as soon as he could be made and binted openly by Dr. Moshler. This was the ha