

# William Muldoon Is Due to Get the Ax as Head of Game in New York First of Year

### New Members of Commission Said to Be in Favor of Champion and Colored Challenger Swinging Gloves in Championship Bout in Gotham—Present Boxing Heads Are Guilty of Sidestepping Wills Issue, Says Walsh.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Exhorters for the Dempsey-Wills bout are looking for immediate developments after January 1, when William Muldoon is due to pass away as nominal head of boxing in New York state.

The inference there was that the governor of New York could issue no instructions to men he had not appointed. Tammany Hall wants boxing preserved and whatever Tammany wants, during a democratic administration, it invariably gets. There is too much money involved to allow the sport to pass on into the limbo of forgotten pastimes.

# The SPORTLIGHT

### Grantland Rice

First Start for 1924.  
ORNEILL has lost Pfann and Yale has lost Richeson for next fall. Other star quarters are on their way to private life.

Only 11,000 pedestrians were killed by motor cars this year, but any number of drivers believe they have developed their control to such an extent that only one pedestrian in three will have a chance to duck.

The lucky leader is Yost of Michigan. Just as he was losing one star quarter in Uteritz a Mr. Rockwell appears.

What is the duffer's leading fault? asks an exchange. Compressed into a few words, it is almost total inability to hit the ball within 76 yards of where he wanted it to land.

Here is the dope on Rockwell from Ann Arbor headquarters: "Ferdinand A. Rockwell of Michigan has started on what bids fair to be a most brilliant football career at Michigan. He sprang into prominence in the Marine game, when Quarterback Uteritz was injured.

These three ideal gifts would come fairly close to putting him over the wall where a carload of bullion waits.

Now is the time to pick your football goals for next fall, so no one will remember what you picked. And if you are right you can open the files and prove it.

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# THEATERS OFFER HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHRISTMAS

## Martha Mansfield Here Soon on Screen



Martha Mansfield, who was burned to death during the making of "The Warrens of Virginia," in San Antonio, Tex., recently, has one of the leads in "The Silent Command," which opens at the Sun theater at Omaha next Sunday. Miss Mansfield was just coming to the best work of her career this season, when the accident which cost her life occurred. "The Silent Command" is a story of the secret service of the United States navy and depicts an imaginary defense of the Panama canal zone.

## Along the Rialto

It was just by chance that Newhoff and Phelps, singers and dancers at the Orpheum theater this week, were booked with Chauncey Gray's orchestra. This couple has traveled through the south on the same bill with the orchestra, although they had not appeared in the same act. In their spare time they had learned all of the new songs.

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draws can be both seen and heard to the satisfaction of all concerned. Today's holiday matinee starts at 2.

Good Morning, Dearie. Don't take offense at this seeming familiarity, everybody will be saying it next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It's the title of the biggest musical comedy success story New York has enjoyed in many years and comes here for the first time in Omaha on Wednesday and a Saturday matinee, starting direct next Thursday from its phenomenal run of over 400 nights at the Alhambra theater, New York, with the entire original production and company of 75 entertainers. The company to appear here is positively the only organization playing the musical comedy classic in American theaters.

Direct from return engagements in St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities, where it has duplicated its phenomenal box office harvest of last season, "Lightnin'" is being brought over to the Brandels theater where it will remain through Wednesday, with a special Christmas day matinee and a regular matinee on Wednesday. John Golden has retained for this season's tour, the best remembered favorite of "Lightnin'" early engagements of Paul Robeson, who played as "Lightnin'" Bill Jones; Bessie Bacon as the vaudeville star, and left Fox as John Marvin; Charles E. Evans as the Reno judge; Frank Thornton as Raymond Thomas, and Mart E. Holey as the sheriff. Mr. Jefferson is a son of the late Joseph Jefferson, who created "Rip Van Winkle" and Miss Bacon is daughter of Paul Robeson. "Lightnin'" in collaboration with Winchell Smith. The production was staged under Mr. Smith's personal direction.

The drug net which brought the worth while things from Europe for American vaudeville is responsible for the tour of Tova and d'Hortys, the dancing jugglers who are at the Orpheum this week. These artists are in a sufficient to tempt wonder. Kid is almost as good a juggler as Tova is a d'Hortys. Kid is a triangular manipulation of rubber balls the dog does his part to keep them on the bounce. Tova & d'Hortys and Kid are "Jugglers All." This is their first American tour.

## Guy Bates Post Has Ideas as to How His Company Should Act

Guy Bates Post will be at the Brandels theater for three nights starting December 31, with a New Year and Wednesday matinee in Edward J. Locke's powerful play, "The Climax."

Mr. Post says: "In my method of work I try to imbue my comrades behind the curtain with the spirit of cheerfulness and comradeship; I feel as if we are all a part of a great, big, happy family. The art of pleasing people is an art sufficient to tempt any man's ambition; it is big enough to be worth while without any thought of doing more than brightening the playtime of the world. It is a large contract to fill and it cannot be done by one man alone—it must be accomplished by unity, by 'team work,' by everybody connected with an organization, whether it be a theatrical company, a bank, a newspaper—anything, everybody working together."

It is not generally known that Mr. Post crossed the continent from Seattle to join Kyrle Bellew's company and was given a small part which he muffed terribly on his first night, stumbling across a door sill and falling flat on the stage at his first appearance in an all-star cast. After he arose, stage fright made him dumb, and he came perilously near ruining a fine scene for Mr. Bellew. As he sat in his dressing room, sick and sore and sad, and afraid of what reprisals were coming—and dismally, Kyrle Bellew entered his dressing room, patted him on the back and said, "Never mind, my boy, you'll be all right tomorrow night, don't be afraid."

## Gayety Omaha's Fun Center

Santa's Choice Bits of Holiday Cheer  
"YOUTHFUL JOLLIES" Columbia Burlesk  
Jovously Typifies the Spirit of Youth  
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Ladies' 25c Bargain Mat. 2:15 Wk. Days  
GRAND HOLIDAY MAT. XMAS, 3 P. M.  
Sat. Mat. & Wk.: "Bathing Beauties" (New)

## REEL REMARKS

By the M. P. Editor.

Constance Talmage has started filming "The Goldfish" in which Marjorie Main will play the leading role.

Jorie Rameau was starred on the speaking stage.

Marion Harlan is laid up with tonsillitis and her place in Buster Keaton's "The Misfit" has been taken by Katherine McGuire.

George Washington is pictured in the next Yale University Press film, "The Gateway of the West," part of the series being made as "Chronicles of America." The story depicts the expedition to Fort Le Bouef in 1733.

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It's great, far beyond words—and as warm—as close to you as your heart.

Don't Mother I guess I can't keep from doing something father says don't about I make him so awful cross at you yourself

Am taking my wooden you with me home maybe I won't be back for a year or two you're my favorite top of all I'll remember me mother I love you

Sincerely yours truly Billy

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BORAH MINEVITCH World's Greatest Harmonica Soloist

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JIMMY ADAMS in a Roaring Comedy of "Puppy Love" "Black and Blue"

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