

GARDEN LEASED FOR TEN YEARS; TO BE ENLARGED. Text Rickard, Promoter, Plans Radical Improvements in Structure. POSSESSION AUGUST 1 Will Increase Seating Capacity to a Maximum of 20,000. BIG EVENTS OUTLINED

Madison Square Garden, probably the best known auditorium in the United States, has been leased for ten years by Text Rickard, the boxing promoter, who, after enlarging and renovating the big structure, will turn it into an arena of sport and endeavor to make it the greatest of its sort in the country. It was announced yesterday that the lease had been signed between Mr. Rickard and the New York Life Insurance Company, owners of the property, and the promoter will assume exclusive control on August 1 and promises to stage a dazzling array of sporting events in steady succession. It is understood that the rental is in the neighborhood of \$250,000 a year.

To Feature Leading Sports. In addition to all the standard features, such as the horse and dog shows, the circus, bicycle race and other attractions, Mr. Rickard says he will bring together the leading boxers of the world in championship bouts, which is a guarantee that New Yorkers will be able to witness the best possible glove contests in a ring pitched in the center of population.

Mr. Rickard said his new duties would necessitate his resignation as official matchmaker of the International Sporting Club. This situation forces the conclusion that the new club in the Garden will prove to be a formidable rival to the International Club, and that between these two great organizations, New Yorkers will get the cream of all glove contests in America.

Memorable Fights in Arena. Though many notable contests were staged in the ring of the arena while the Frawley law was operative none equaled in interest the succession of memorable ring combats that were seen in the historic arena under the Horton law. It was there that Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Maher, Chynoweth and other great stars of the roped square showed their skill and science. One of the most remarkable bouts ever staged, in which Terry McGovern, featherweight champion, knocked out Frank Erne, the lightweight champion, in three rounds, was seen in the Garden ring.

Food Riots in Germany Caused by Profiteering. Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, July 12.—Riots and general boycotts of profiteering dealers in Germany are in progress, according to information from the American commissioner at Berlin, made public by the State Department to-day.

POLES DISLIKE ARMISTICE PLAN. Delegates at Spa, However, Will Not Protest Note to Soviet. BONAR LAW RETICENT Avoids Stating Council Made Threat to Defend Poland From Red Attack.

LONDON, July 12.—Further official confirmation was given to-day that the Allies had made proposals to the Russian Soviet Government for an immediate armistice on equitable terms between Poland and Russia. This confirmation was given in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, the Government spokesman.

REDS NEAR MINSK, WARSAW ALARMED. Poles Again March on Rovno, Lost Last Week.

WARSAW, July 12.—The Bolsheviks, after occupying Brest-Litovsk, to the east of Minsk, have reached the trenches bordering on Minsk, where fighting is in progress, according to the official communique from the War Office to-day.

May Prolong Conference. The Premier, after prolonged discussion with the Germans in a calm, businesslike manner, informed Chancellor Fehrenbach and Dr. Simons that the Allies must have their final answer to-morrow.

Question of Annuities. Assuming that Germany's ability to pay is used as a basis, the statement presented asked that reparations obligations be expressed in annuities, the minimum of which would be fixed, and the obligation to pay such annuities limited to thirty years. Stipulation was made that the minimum of the annuities be

GERMANS MUST SUBMIT TO-DAY TO COAL PLAN. Delivery of 2,000,000 Tons Monthly Is Allies' Ultimatum. QUANTITY IS REDUCED Rejection Means Occupation of Territory or Supervision by Commission. BELGIAN STATES DECISION

'Think This Over and Come to Our Terms,' Lloyd George Advises Germans. By the Associated Press. SPA, Belgium, July 12.—The Allies served an ultimatum upon the German delegation late this afternoon that the Germans must agree by 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon to deliver to the Allies 2,000,000 tons of coal monthly.

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50 Billion Francs in 50 Payments, German Offer. PARIS, July 12.—It has been decided, says a Havas despatch from Spa, to appoint a mixed commission to make a report on the German reparations plan. According to the Germans, Germany will offer to pay 50,000,000,000 francs in fifty annual instalments, 20,000,000,000 of which will be payable in building materials and merchandise.

CROKER ABLE TO HANDLE ESTATE. Florida Court So Rules, Dismissing Injunction of Children. NO FRAUD BY WIFE He Has Given Her Large Properties, as Is Within His Right.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 12.—Richard Croker has been declared mentally sound and competent to handle his own extensive affairs. An order was handed down this morning by Circuit Judge E. B. Donnell of West Palm Beach dissolving a temporary injunction granted March 30 last at the instance of certain of Mr. Croker's sons and daughters, who alleged that the old Tammany leader was being unduly influenced by his second wife in procuring possession of his large estate by gifts and deeds.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, July 12.—Henry Ford is expected to capture the Third Party nomination for President. Charles F. Hoffman of Florida, in charge of the Ford headquarters, declares that the automobile manufacturer is seeking the nomination by the Committee of Forty-eight, the Labor Party, both together or separately, or any other nomination.

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LABORITES RAGE AS THIRD PARTY BIRTH IS HELD UP. Denounce Gompers, Wilson, War, Wall Street and 'Most Everything.' PLAN A RAID ON 48ERS

Hearst Is Fearful Lest He Be Nominated Instead of Friend La Follette. PLENTY OF SUGGESTIONS Victor Berger Says Socialist Party Is Third and Asks 'Why Not Debs?'

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HARDING SHOWS G. O. P. ORIGIN OF A COX 'REFORM'. 'Dirt Farmer' in Cabinet for 16 Years Until Wilson Put in a Professor. SHATTERS A 'NEW' IDEA

Senator Cummins Talks Rail Subjects With and Praises the Nominee. GRANGER LEARNS VIEWS Raymond Robins, Once a Bull Moose, Visits Marion and Enthuses in Cause.

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MRS. DE CORDOVA SHOT TO DEATH. Body of New York Broker's Wife Found by Roadside Near Stonington, Conn. CHAUFFEUR IS DYING

Inquest To-day May Develop Cause of Tragedy—Search for Supposed Assailant. Mrs. Arthur De Cordova, the wife of a member of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Cyril De Cordova & Bro. of 25 M'Kean street, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon on a lonely road four miles north of Stonington, Conn., fifteen miles southwest of Norwich.

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CLEARING COX AS EDITOR BUT NOT AS PUBLISHER. Writer of Pro-German Views in Nominee's Paper Tries to Aid Ex-Chief. TAKES RESPONSIBILITY Statement for Public, However, Is Qualified Later in an Interview. GOVERNOR IN COLUMBUS

Roosevelt Arrives There for Conference—Will Quit Navy for Battle for Votes. By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 12.—Gov. Cox, arriving at the State Capital to-day from Dayton, plunged into his campaign for election to the Presidency on the Democratic ticket. These were the developments:

1. Apparently much concerned over the exposure by THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD of the rabidly pro-German and pacifist editorials that were published by his newspaper, the Dayton News, in 1915 and 1916, Gov. Cox personally handed out a statement issued by George Burba, at the time the editor of the newspaper, in which Burba assumed full responsibility for the editorials. The action followed a conference between the two.

2. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, arriving from the San Francisco convention, announced his intention of resigning as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, so that he might devote all his time to the campaign.

3. The Democratic programme of action is to represent to the voters of the United States the incorrect impression that unless there is a Democratic victory in November there will be no League of Nations.

4. Gov. Cox made the first real speech of the campaign on the steps of the Ohio State House, during a reception given for him by Ohio Democrats.

5. Ed H. Moore, leader of the Cox forces at the convention, is seriously ill in San Francisco, suffering with a nervous breakdown, which may compel the resignation of some other man as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Burba Qualifies Statement. Here is Burba's statement, as handed out by Gov. Cox at the State House: "I wrote all the editorials for the Dayton News without consulting Gov. Cox about them. He was away from the city a great deal, and I assumed full authority for all that happened in the columns. I do not recall all that I wrote during those trying days before the war, but the fact that my only boy, a lad of 19, enlisted in the ranks the first day we were at war with Germany is pretty good evidence that I wasn't pro-German. Gov. Cox had too much to attend to to supervise everything that I wrote, and he seemed to have faith enough in my Americanism to let me alone."

Following the issuance of this statement, the correspondent of THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD called on Mr. Burba for the purpose of asking several pointed questions. "Do you wish to say," Mr. Burba was asked, "that you did not know the nature of the editorials that were being printed in the Dayton News over the two years' period of 1915 and 1916?" "Well, of course," Mr. Burba said, "that can hardly be said. It was published in course."