

# Chilean Fighter Crossed Half Globe To Meet Firpo

But Luis Angel, Wild Bull of Pampas, Has Studiously Shunned Chilean Heavyweight and That's Why Rickard Is After Him for Jack Dempsey

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New York, Feb. 28 — If there lies a boxing champion hidden in the vast South American continent, Tex Rickard will undoubtedly unearth him and bring him to Madison Garden so that the innocents can gaze at him. The last threatened importation is no less a person than the heavyweight champion of Chile — Senor Quintin Romero-Rojas.

According to Tex Rickard, he has offered Romero three matches, one against Floyd Johnson, one against Fred Fulton and finally one against Jack Renault. If Romero succeeds in defeating these men impressively, and "impressively" in boxing circles means by a knockout, then Romero is to be given a match with Jack Dempsey.

Why all the excitement about this Romero person? Who is he and what has he done? His first claim to fame is that he has traveled half way across the world to obtain a match with Luis Firpo. The latter has already refused to meet him, and only recently the boxing commission of Buenos Aires declared that unless Firpo accepted Romero's challenge, Firpo's South American title of heavyweight champion would be taken away from him.

It cannot be said that the "wild bull of the Pampas" is afraid of Romero, yet whatever is the reason, no amount of talking has yet succeeded in bringing these two together. Perhaps a real line can be better obtained on Quintin-Rojas from his ex-manager who taught him practically all he knows about boxing, and now manages the Chilean lightweight champion, Luis Vicentini. Bersac, discussing Romero, immediately commented upon the Chilean's good nature.

"Quintin is just a good natured boy who loves fighting and spends all his money upon his wife, his young daughter and the rest of the family," said Bersac. "I trained and managed Quintin for some years, in fact it was under my management that he became Chilean heavyweight champion. Unfortunately I had to give him up because Vicentini looked like a much better prospect for me. I couldn't take both Vicentini and Quintin to America so I took Vicentini. Meanwhile Quintin went to France and did very well. His greatest achievement was knocking out Marcel Nilles in four rounds. It took Carpentier eight rounds to do the same thing and, according to those who witnessed the fight, it was not such an impressive victory as Quintin's."

I must say I felt surprised at Quintin's victory. He always was an aggressive fighter and very courageous and exceeding strong. If Quintin has improved, as he must have done, since I left South America, then he is a dangerous man and should make a big name for himself over here.

"He is 26 years old and has three brothers. All of them are boxers, one a lightweight, another a middleweight and yet another a heavyweight. His brothers, however, while they are sufficiently good to make a living at the boxing game in Chile, wouldn't be regarded as anything exceptional in this country. At present Quintin is managed by A. Echevarria, a Chilean who was living in Paris and whom Quintin met there.

"His trainer is Gasquet who trained Georges Carpentier for a number of years and who, according to his statements in a letter a few days ago, believes that Quintin is a far better fighter than Carpentier was. Quintin began work in the nitrate mines in Chile. A local promoter watching a gang of men at work one day noticed young Quintin, who was carrying two bags of nitrates, one under each arm. These bags weighed more than 100 pounds each. This resulted in Quintin obtaining his first job as a strong man in a local music hall. Later he took up boxing."

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## CATALINA HOME OF CHICAGO CLUB

Players Practice Later Than Any Team in the United States, but That Isn't Their Fault, At All.

By JOHN B. FOSTER  
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New York, Feb. 28 — Catalina Island, California, is the private home of the Chicago National League club, having been acquired by a gentleman who is part owner of the club. He is so impressed with keeping the ball players sequestered during the spring of the year that he imports them annually from all parts of the United States to get in condition among his own mountains, by fishing for small whales and rowing over the completely surrounding Pacific Ocean in glass bottomed boats.

It is held that a glass bottomed boat is the only article of glass that is really homogenous for spring training. Some ball players have thought differently in the past but once introduced to the wonders they see in the Catalina deep never feel the same again toward pink elephants and lavender colored humming birds trimmed with green wings and gold dots.

There is nothing at Santa Catalina that is common and many things that are extraordinary. From the cliffs the most beautiful views may be had toward the mainland but it is so far away to the mainland that no player seeks to row to it. There is also danger in case rowing were tried that the player would be inculcated with the mal de mer which is another name for losing all desire to live. No player feels that way with the first salary day approaching.

The field on which the Cubs perform is admirable. There are no late editions of afternoon papers to distract their thoughts from making home runs when practice is on. The Cubs practice later than any team in the United States. They are not responsible for that. It is because they are nearer to Japan, although none of them are anxious to be a Japanese star since the disquieting desire of Japan to crumble up and slip back into the Pacific Ocean. All trips to Japan have been declared off until the plumbing of the Pacific is bettered.

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## STRIBLING BOUT ON FOR TONIGHT

Jack Perry, Middleweight Champion of the Navy, Meets the Young Georgian at Fort Bragg.

Fort Bragg, Feb. 28 — Jack Perry, middleweight champion of the United States Navy, arrived in Fayetteville Wednesday afternoon and went immediately to Fort Bragg where he will rest and indulge in light training for the biggest test of his career against Young Stribling Thursday night in the War Department Theater. Stribling planned to leave Raleigh early Thursday morning and to reach the Army post about noon. Pa. Ma and the Baby are with the challenger of Mike McGigue, as usual. Baby is looking forward to a good time with the private soldiers when he reaches Fort Bragg. "I eat with the privates," declares the youngest member of the now famous Macon, Ga., family; "They get the best." This remark was made when the Striblings appeared in Fort Bragg January 3 for the "Kid" Numbers bout. The rest of the Georgians ate at the officer's club private dining room, but not so the youngsters.

With practically every seat in the big theater sold, arrangements to handle the last minute rush of general admissionites and standees were declared complete, by Lieutenant Frederick E. Coyne, Jr., Recreation officer of the post, who is promoting the big affair for the benefit of the soldiers athletic fund. An augmented force of ushers, military policemen and special attendants has been drilled in the fine points of handling the thousands expected in an expeditious manner. Special windows for the sale of the remaining seats, general admission seats and unclaimed reservations

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