

## TUNNEY IS ASKED TO ANSWER DEFTS

Sharkey, Heeney and Risko Challenges Are Filed With Gotham Commission.

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, March 19.—The New York State Athletic Commission took a hand in the heavyweight situation today by asking Gene Tunney to reply formally to the challenges on file here for a title match in behalf of Jack Sharkey, Tom Heeney and Johnny Risko.

The challenges are in that order, according to Commissioner William Muldoon, with Sharkey's name at the head of the list in spite of his recent defeat by Risko.

**Time Expires March 22.**  
Tunney, in a telegram addressed to him at Miami Beach, was informed that the customary six months' period of grace, allowed champions after a fight, expires March 22.

The challenge of Risko, who defeated Sharkey in the most recent of elimination tournament bouts, was received today by telegram from Danny Dunn, manager of the boxer who in Cleveland. The telegram asked that Risko's \$5,000 forfeit for the Sharkey match remain in the hands of the commission as "Risko's pledge and challenge for a fight with Gene Tunney in June."

**Commission's M-ssage.**  
The commission's message to Tunney follows:  
"There are on file in this office challenges directed to you from the following: Jack Sharkey, Tom Heeney, Johnny Risko. Your attention is drawn to these challenges and you are requested to reply as to your status in the defense of your title expires March 22, 1928."

**SEES ONLY ONE BOUT.**

Richard says Tunney Will Fight Once This Year, in July.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 19 (AP).—There will be only one heavyweight bout championed here this year and that will be Gene Tunney's, promoter announced today following a conference with Gene Tunney, the champion.

"Other promoters who want Tunney's service must just as well think of something else to want," declared Richard.

The fight will be held in July, against an opponent to be selected and at a place not yet determined, he said. Typewritten statements were issued from the conference room in which champion and Richard declined to make further comment. Richard said:

"I don't believe it is possible to stage two heavyweight championships in the same year. Tunney had agreed to box the man I selected early in June, and he gave me an option on the second contest for later in the summer. I had hopes of putting him in the ring in the middle of the year, but now that Dempsey has been announced, it is a possibility of but one contest on account of the lack of a second opponent."

The champion and I have decided to postpone the June fight to July and meet the man who in his judgment is the best opponent. This will be the only contest I will engage in this year. Every contender has had his chance. It seems to me that any talk of elimination is idle. I will fight any man in the world. It is Richard's job to pick the opponent."

**URGES U. S. TO JOIN**

**SOFT COAL PARLEY**

**TO TERMINATE STRIKE**

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Commission there will be bitter discontent in the industry. "I favor any plan," the governor concluded, "that will provide good wages for labor, a fair return for the invested capital and an adequate supply of fuel for the public at reasonable prices."

The governor would make no comment on reports that he would be inclined to testify at the Senate investigation of the bituminous strike situation.

**SEEK FREIGHT RATES CUT.**

Ohio Welfare Workers Circulate Petition to Congress.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 19 (AP).—Petitioners asking Congress to take the hand in the Ohio coal mining situation by providing for "proper regulation of freight rates" so as to equalize advantage of shippers from the various coal fields in the country are being circulated in the State, it became known today when Gov. Vic Donahey signed one of the petitions.

The petitions, which are directed to Congress, were placed in circulation by the Shawnee Welfare Association of Shawnee, a mining town in the Hocking district. Director of Commerce C. J. Lester also signed the petition.

The resolutions adopted by the Shawnee Welfare Association placing the petitions in circulation declare that while the association believes in a fair profit for the operators it also believes in the principle of collective bargaining. The petition also asserts that freight rates imposed on Ohio coal shippers are excessive in comparison to rates from other States.

**ATTORNEY RAPE CANADIANS.**

Union Spokesman Blames Dominion for Attack on Workers.

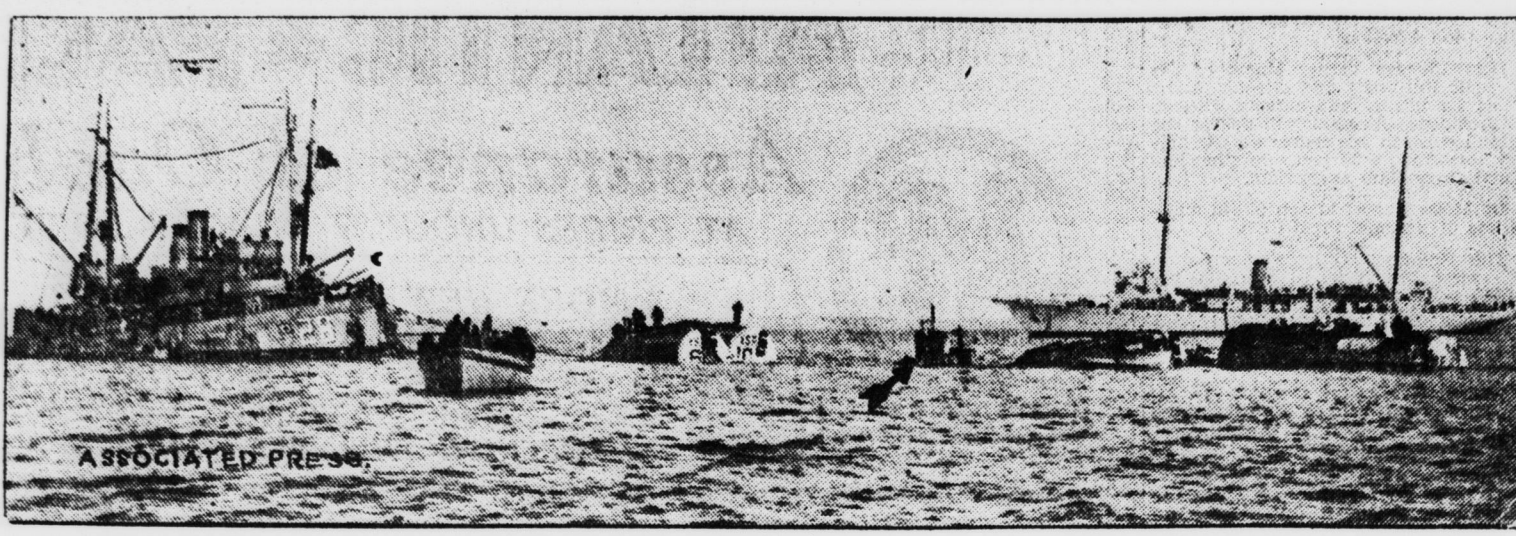
By the Associated Press.  
Chicago, Ill., March 19 (AP).—The Canadian government is a party to the attack upon the United Mine Workers in the United States, it was made known before the Senate coal committee today by Oliver E. Brown, union attorney.

W. E. Woodward, Cleveland, Ohio, president of the Hall & River Coal Co., was under examination at the time. He testified that the company was incorporated under West Virginia law, but that the work is done exclusively by the Canadian National Railway, which is controlled by the Canadian government.

Brown brought out that Woodward contracted with the Canadian National to furnish coal at a "cost plus 25 cents per ton basis," and was told that this meant a cost of \$110,000 in a coal year. This led to an effort to reduce miners' wages, Brown said. He charged further that the Canadian government was participating in a national reduction of the United States and was seeking to reduce the earnings and living standards of the American miner."

Woodward testified that he had dis-

## WHEN THE ILL-FATED S-4 WAS RAISED FROM WATERY GRAVE



Upper—General view of the raising of the submarine, showing the conning tower (indicated by arrow), between a flotilla of pontoons and ships used in towing the salvage ship to the Boston Navy Yard.  
Lower—The submarine at the navy yard with flag at half staff.

## MINE "MINSTRELS" SEEK FUNDS HERE

Trio of Young Pennsylvania Strikers Hope to Get \$10,000 for Relief.

Forsaking their mules and mining implements for banjos and violin, three striking coal miners from South Fork, Pa., were here today to serenade the National Capital in behalf of 90,000 destitute men, women and children in the Johnstown mining district.

The trio, assisted by Calvin Reisinger, business agent for the Baltimore Federation of Labor, expect to raise \$10,000 in cash and fill a five-ton truck with food and clothing by direct appeal on street corners and by radio concerts.

The miners were to seek a permit for the street concerts in a conference with the Commissioners today.

**Struck Year Ago.**

The youthful strikers are Samuel Lees, 24, whose father-in-law, he said, is an operator associated with the Burket Coal Co., at South Fork, and Bert Winders, 17, and Arthur Varner, 26, mine drivers for the Stinson Coal Co. Lees is married and has a 5-month-old daughter. All went on strike a year ago.

"The young men attracted much attention as they walked the downtown streets in their blue denim overalls and white miners' caps, and bearing placards on their backs with the words, 'Coal Miners' Relief.' They plan to remain here a week. The management of the National Hotel has given them a room."

Reisinger said his wards have almost thumbs down on the suggestion that they serenade the Capitol and the White House.

**Direct to People.**

"We're going to carry our plea direct to the people," he said. "We are asking that persons wishing to contribute to the relief fund send cash or checks to Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor. Donations of food and clothing also are urgently needed."

Reisinger and the miners planned to stop at the Pennsylvania Hotel today at the Mayflower Hotel. They said she had inspected mining conditions in Pennsylvania and was sympathetic to "the cause."

The delegation will go to New York next week.

**MERGER CONFERENCE SET FOR WEDNESDAY**

Representatives of Transportation Lines to Meet Utilities Commission.

Harley P. Wilson, principal owner of the Washington Rapid Transit Co. and author of the street car merger plan, and representatives of the Washington Railway & Electric and Capital Traction Co. are invited by the Public Utilities Commission to discuss the transit unification agreement on which public hearings were held last week.

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## SIX BODIES IN HULL OF S-4 ARE VIEWED BY INQUIRY BOARD

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crane and moved away. Workmen in fact were busy alongside disconnecting the many air lines and clearing away ropes and tackle, while others mounted the conning tower with electric lights and prepared the way for the members of the board of inquiry, who are to go into the hull later this afternoon.

Members of the board will be preceded by three medical officers, who will examine the bodies and prepare them for removal tonight. They will carry along with them an extension wire and telephone their readings of gauges, etc., as they find them.

The board of inquiry will include Capt. J. D. Wilson, president; Comdr. Earl F. Enright of the Construction Corps; Lieut. Comdr. Emory P. Eldredge and Forrest J. Libenow, Lieut. Comdr. George Dowling of the Medical Corps; Lieut. Thomas S. Willy of the Supply Corps and Lieut. Arthur C. Smith, recorder.

Members of the board were unable to say today whether the court of inquiry will investigate the sinking of the S-4 will be reconvened to hear the report of what is found within the submarine.

Capt. Wilson said his board would direct to Rear Admiral Philip Andrews, commandant of the yard, and if there are any startling facts uncovered by the investigation inside the submarine the court of inquiry originally conducting the investigation may be reconvened or another one called.

**Navy Yard Policed.**

The navy yard here is being policed as in war time. Only newspaper men and photographers are admitted, and they are allowed to enter the yard without a minute inspection of his pass. Nevertheless, the number of those admitted, plus the sailors on duty yesterday, and the civilian workmen, made up a large crowd which stood in an icy wind all day watching the dry-docking operations.

Among the workmen today of getting the S-4 docked 100 yards or so from the S-4.

The work today of getting the S-4 prepared for those who will go aboard and examine her began December 18, the day after the wreck. It moved steadily, and according to schedule, but so slowly at times that there was no noticeable progress. As the last steps were taken today to recover the bodies of Lieut. Fitch and his five companions in the torpedo room, there was emphasized again the poignant tragedy of their hammer-tapped signals:

"How long will it be now?" He had asked.

It has been three months and two days.

Mrs. Graham Fitch, mother of Lieut. Fitch, and his widow are in Boston, staying with relatives. They have not visited the navy yard, but are due to accompany Lieut. Fitch's body back to Washington for interment in Arlington.

**Removal of Bodies Delayed.**

The bodies of Lieut. Fitch and of the five men who died with him in the torpedo room, and the bodies of two other men which lie somewhere else in the dark interior of the steel hull of the S-4, will not be removed until dark this evening, according to orders issued yesterday by Rear Admiral Philip Andrews at the Charleston Navy Yard.

The order was issued, it was explained, to prevent photographers from taking pictures from the navy yard.

The bodies will be taken to the Chelsea Naval Hospital and identified by J. H. Taylor, chief of the Navy's identification bureau, who reached here today from Washington.

In addition to Lieut. Fitch, those who died in an agonizing death in the torpedo room were R. L. Short of Bostonville, Me.; R. A. Crabbs of Fall River, Mass.; George Pelmar of South Omaha, Neb.; Frank Smith of Ridgefield Park, N. J.; and J. L. Stevens of Providence, R. I.

Luck was with the S-4 on the final cruise, which ended yesterday morning off the coast of drydock No. 2, at the Charleston Navy Yard. Work of raising her and starting her on her way was rushed Saturday because of storm warnings. A little before the tow entered North Channel, leading to Boston Harbor and the navy yard, the heaved northeastward broke, and by the time the convoy was feeling its way slowly up the sheltered waters of the harbor a gale was blowing which whipped the waters of Massachusetts Bay into a fury. Had the storm broken earlier, the three months' work of preparation to lift the S-4 might have been in vain.

For it was feared that she would break away from her supporting pontoons in a high sea and sink again.

**Ceremony Lacking.**

The tow came in sight from the pier at the navy yard a little before 8 o'clock yesterday morning. There was no ceremony nor any welcome. A group of officers and sailors huddled on the pier and watched the cortege, for such it seemed as it became visible through the building smog.

The flags on the Navy vessels were flying at half staff, and one of the first things seen by the watchers ashore as the tow neared the docks was a brand-new American flag, lashed half way up a makeshift mast rigged to the conning tower of the S-4.

She came into the navy yard after her last voyage.

Navy tugs maneuvered the S-4 and her buoyant pontoons into the approach to the dry dock, but by the time this was accomplished the tide was ebbing, and it was decided not to get the hull into dry dock until this morning. But there was plenty to do in preparation.

The tug was lifting and Navy officers wanted to get her on even keel before putting her in the dock. This was done by blowing more air into the pontoons on one side and letting water out of those on the other. The tug was also reduced by raising her a few feet higher in the water. She drew about 27 feet on the bow from Providence.

Dieters waited about 10 hours to make her trim before putting her in dry dock.

**Hole Cut in Tower.**

The work went forward all of yesterday. With a bitter gale blowing rain and snow and sleet, only the upper section of the S-4's conning tower was visible when the hull was in tow, and even after she was made fast in the approach to the dry dock.



## RAMSEYER SEEN AS SUCCESSOR TO GREEN ON HOUSE COMMITTEE

Iowa legislator Is Tentative Choice for Post on Ways and Means Body.

Designation Made After Fight in Republican Ranks for Position.

By the Associated Press.  
Representative C. William Ramseyer of Iowa has been agreed upon tentatively by House Republicans to fill the vacancy that will exist in that party's membership on the ways and means committee upon the resignation of Representative William R. Green, committee chairman. Green, also an Iowa man, has accepted a Federal judicial post.

The designation of Ramseyer was made after the fight in Republican ranks for the position, one of the leading contestants being Representative Furlow of Minnesota. Ramseyer, however, was backed by various party leaders.

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## HOSPITAL IS BUILT ALONG HOTEL LINES

New Presbyterian Structure in New York Free of Dressing Features.

BY LEMUEL F. PARTON.

Special Dispatch to The Star.  
NEW YORK, March 19.—Opening its doors to patients today the new Presbyterian Hospital here decrees the end of white beds, tiled walls and standardized hospital furniture. It is built and furnished exactly like a first-class modern hotel, with furniture of different design and period in each of the 175 private rooms.

This central unit of the \$25,000,000 system of the Medical Center, is built around an idea—the discovery of modern psychology that there is therapeutic value in personalizing rather than depersonalizing the surroundings of an afflicted person. There is further deference to the psychologists in the scrapping of every detail of equipment and furnishing which have come to be a symbol of illness. Care has been taken to provide only a la carte menu for patients—the ego is always bolstered up by the exercise of any choice, say the psychologists—and to furnish individual features, fitting no other locks, for bureau drawers, closets and chiffoniers.

**Sunshine in Every Room.**

The sun shines in every room on all the 22 floors of the hospital. Furniture, draperies, rugs, paneling and wall paper are in warm colors, varied to suit a wide range of tastes. Even the operating rooms are finished with green tints. Four acres of gardens surrounding the hospital have little secluded nooks and ambiances of beauty, where a convalescent patient may find a bit of shrubbery or a flower, speaking of happier days.

Each ward floor is a separate hospital with a unit of 12 beds in the ward, many of them having only four. Here, as in the private rooms, there is emphasis on individual preference. Furniture, serena and equipment are varied. In every possible way management will be kept in the background and the suggestion will be furthered that the patient is choosing and directing, rather than being subordinated to a regime. Each of the private rooms is provided with a refrigerator, for which the patient will hold the key. While, obviously, there will be a scientific dietetic regime, modern dieticians have learned to compound required food elements as a part of the treatment and the menu will be constantly expanded, rather than limited.

The entire structure is absolutely sound proof. Any patient who wishes to pass the time playing a saxophone may do so in his own room without disturbing any of the others, if he has his doctor's permission. Music can enter. Friends or relatives of the patients will find an entire floor, with up-to-date hotel accommodations, reached by a private elevator and closed room gardens are on the upper terraces.

**Room for 5,000 Patients.**

About 75 patients were moved in today from the old Presbyterian Hospital. The transfer of patients will continue until about April 1. By July 1 all the units co-operating in the medical center will be completed, making possible the care of more than 5,000 patients.

The completed \$25,000,000 hospitalization plan will be the largest in the world. In addition to the hospital the new District Hospital for Private Patients, Squier Urological Clinic, Sloan Hospital for Women, Vanderbilt Clinic, the Babies' Hospital of the City of New York, the Neurological Institute of New York, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, School of Oral and Dental Surgery and the New York State Psychiatric Institute and Hospital.

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**CITY HEADS INDORSE PARK POLICE PAY BILL**

The District Commissioners sent a favorable report to Congress today on the pending bill to make the salaries and grades of the United States park police correspond to those of the Metropolitan police force.

While enactment of the bill would cost the District \$800,000 a year, the Commissioners pointed out that the Budget Bureau has reported that the measure is not in conflict with the financial program of President Coolidge.

**French Jails Dark.**

Remove Electric Lights After the Americans Returned Home.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.  
PARIS.—Electricity in French prisons came and went with the American Army during the war.

At La Roquette, near the Bastille in Paris, and in other jails turned over to the American military police, electric lighting was installed in a hurry, but when the French took over control again the lights were from Arthur. In winter cells and corridors are dark from the early sunset until daylight again comes through the small windows at 7 o'clock in the morning.

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