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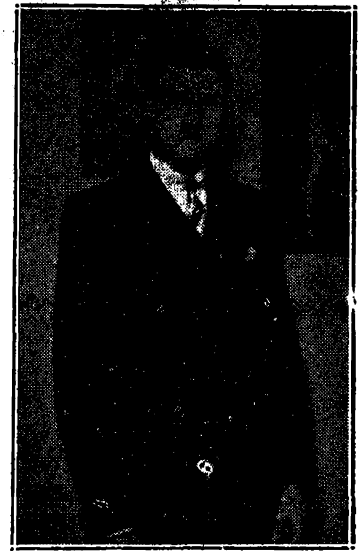
What has become of the Filipino boxer in the United States? is the question that most any time can be heard in local tin ear circles. How do they stand in the world market of fisticuffs? How about the brown boys fighting in other foreign countries. These questions are being asked by our fans who a decade ago were used to hear of successful fights staged by the almond eyed fighters.

Pancho Villa won a world title and Elinio Flores came close to winning another. Clever Sencio gave the then flyweight champion Fidel La Barba several close calls, while Nacionalista at his best was a potential drawing card on the Pacific Coast. Pete Sarmiento defeated the champion Phil Rosenberg in a no decision fight and then cleaned up all opposition in the division but never had the fortune of winning a world's crown. He made good money but squandered it as fast as he made it. Johnny Datto, Cleveland Filipino featherweight defeated Battling Battalino before the Hartford flash won the crown from Andre Routis, and after the Frenchman dropped his title to the Italian-American champion. Datto also gave the Parisian a neat lacing, but the Filipino was never lucky to get the cham-

Filipino Boxers Campaigning Abroad

Success Seems Far Off For Most of them

Ignacio Young Fernandez and he was three years ago. He Speedy Datto, two great prospects started like wild fire. but he has faded from the Datto's string of K. O.'s in "big time" bouts. Lope Tenorio the crack lightweight boxer who a few years ago posted a forfeit to meet the then lightweight champion Sammy Mandell when he was considered the leading contender to the championship is also out of the big money. He continues fighting to earn himself a living but has been beaten recently by him. To-day Datto is only a string of third raters. Ignacio Young Fernandez and he was three years ago. He Speedy Datto, two great prospects started like wild fire. but he has faded from the Datto's string of K. O.'s in the Pacific Coast were impressive but his defeat by Newsboy Brown after he had decided the California champion washed him out as a contender for Midget Wolgast's crown. Fernandez was sailing on smooth sea until he met Battling Battalino and Kid Chocolate. The Filipino featherweight became a



Luis Logan

celebrity almost overnight when he kayoed Al Singer in one round but in a return go, the Bronx lightweight turned the tables on Ignatz. After his defeat by the New Yorker, Fernandez lost decisively to the Cuban wonder, Kid Chocolate and later on was knocked out by Battling Battalino. He subsequently came out second best in his bouts with Kid Francis, Eddie Shea, Vic Burrone, and other more or less well known boxers.

Fernandez was traveling with a fast crowd and lost out. To-day Manila fans have Fernandez in their midst. He is still a great performer no doubt but his championship aspirations have been nipped in the bud. Nacionalista is also expected in Manila as he too has been eliminated as a contender. Pablo Dano who only a year ago appeared in every Ranking in the United States as one of the five best flyweights in the world has seemingly faded out of the picture. His defeats by Young Tommy and Little Pancho in Manila have no doubt taken the pep out of him.

Today there are many Filipino boxers abroad, in quest of success but apparently none of them has yet reached the top.

Lew Pacion, Kessel's for

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mer meal ticket has settled down in Waterford where he is fighting preliminary bouts. Cris Pineda the slick-haired Pampanga bantamweight has joined Pacion's stable according to recent press dispatches. Neither of the two has scaled the heights although Waterford sports writers predict rosy futures for the two brown boys. Fighting Ignacio, a mere curtain raiser performer in local rings seems to have landed somewhere in the pugilistic map, but not quite. According to an interview by a United Press man, Ignacio has a chance of fighting either Midget Wolgast or Frankie Genaro for the crown should he improve constantly as he is actually bettering his style. Ignacio has met and defeated well known flyweights in the Pacific Coast but none of them is in Genaro's class. With proper handling, Ignacio may yet uphold the filipino's reputation as a first class fighter

Speedy Dado made a na-



Lope Tenorio

me for himself when he defeated Newsboy Brown but his handlers pulled the biggest boner of a lifetime rematching Dado with the man he had defeated. The return bout proved fatal to the filipino because he was kayoed in the ninth round of their ten round encounter with a lucky punch. According to news reaching Manila, Dado was leading by a comfortable margin when the "Newsboy" produced the sleeping pill.

Rito D. Punay classy featherweight who left the Philippines two years ago fought several main events in Oregon and California but after a few fights no thing was heard of him since. Pete Sarmiento who was a sensation five years ago tried a come back last year but was easily vanquished by a fifth rater in a San Francisco ring. He is an elevator boy in Chicago to-day with slim chances of ever recovering his once upon a time prestige.

Besides those above mentioned, there are a dozen or so filipino boxers campaigning in American rings with little or no success at all.

Battling Bolo, Kid de los Reyes, Fighting Bulahan, Johnny Alba, Kid Avelino, Johnny Ladao A. Carreon, F. Imperial, and other boxers we do not recall just now are among the rank and file but their chances of being something someday are pretty slim.

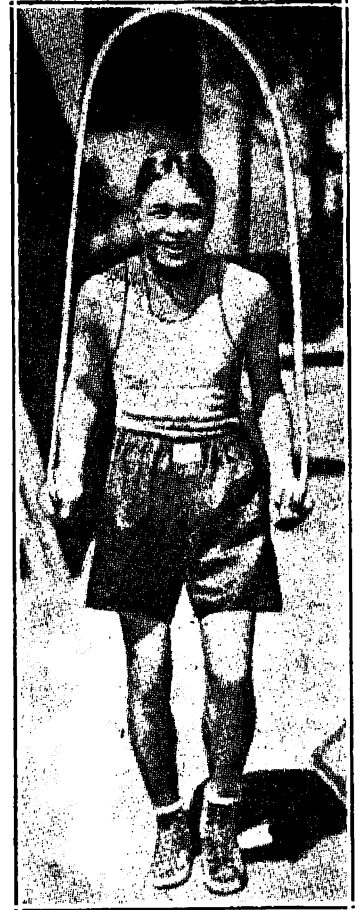
Jimmy Hill former welterweight champion of the Philippines won several bouts in Honolulu but was side tracked later on when he started to lose his fights. Don Cordero, another hard hitting welterweight won the championship of Porto Rico, but apparently the standard of boxing in Porto Rico is not at all encouraging as Cordero met defeat in the hands of second raters in Honolulu.

Luis Logan was quite a success in Spain He started toppling over the "ham-

and egggers" in Barcelona and other Spanish capitals, but lately nothing has been heard of him. He left for the United States recently where he will hook up with Leon See, famous manager and trainer of foreign boxers including the Gargantuan boxer Primo Carnera. Carlos Logan who left a very unfavorable impression when he was knocked out by an unknown British sailor is also in the United States. He will join his brother in the boxing racket. According to his manager.

Recently Peping Javellana, well known filipino sportsman took along with him a stable of four boxers. Whether these will be able to scale the heights is problematical. Just as things stand, Young Tommy seems to have a fighting chance. Miling may also land some-where but Young Firpo and Young Uzcudum are liable to drown in the turbulent seas of American fisticuffs

There have been attempts to regain the flyweight crown of the world which was lost to the Philippines with Pancho Villa's untimely death, but Clever Sencio who was the nearest to make the grade passed away when he died after his bout with the Terre Haute terror, Bud Taylor.



Lew Pacion

Speedy Dado was another hope, but his recent defeat by Brown put him in moth balls for the present. Tommy is the newest cruzader to try for the most coveted crown. He may turn the trick and yet he may fail. It is a hard job which will require a whole lot of clever fighting and engineering. Pancho Villa's only come once in a life-time it seems.

