

MARTIN SHERIDAN IS DEAD.

Noted Athlete Succumbs to Pneumonia at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Martin J. Sheridan, one of the greatest athletes this country has ever known, died late last night at St. Vincent's Hospital of an attack of pleuropneumonia. Taken ill a little more than a week ago, his condition quickly became critical, and he was in a precarious state for several days before his death. Sheridan was 36 years old, having been born in Bohola, County Mayo, Ireland, in May, 1881.

Sheridan was one of the greatest figures that ever represented this country in international sport, as well as being one of the most popular who ever attained the championship honor. He was a winner of four Olympic championships and eleven national championship titles, and three times he won the premier place in the all-around competition. For a number of years he had been attached to the New York Detective Bureau, and at the time of his death was a first grade sergeant. During the last half dozen years he was less active in sport, taking part in few events.

He was better known probably as a discus thrower, and the first mark which he established in this event was in 1901. The world's record which he then achieved he not only held for eleven years, but six times during that period he established new marks. It was said of him that he could create a new discus record almost any time he pleased. The first figure that he established was 120 feet 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. From then until 1911 he gradually increased the mark. It went to 127 feet, 133 feet, and so on until finally in 1911 he hurled the discus 141 feet 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches, after which performance he announced his retirement. It was a year later that Jim Duncan, who had been one of Sheridan's pupils, bettered the mark of his instructor, when he threw the discus 145 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Sheridan was a versatile athlete, and especially proficient in many of the weight events. It was in 1904 that he won the national championship with the sixteen-pound shot. Sheridan was the national title holder with the discus in 1904, 1907, 1908, and 1911. His feats as all-around champion were accomplished in 1905, 1907, and 1909.

Sheridan was always considered a sure point winner on the Olympic teams which this country sent abroad. He won his first Olympic discus title while a member of the Irish-American A. C. of this city at the Olympic games in St. Louis in 1904. Two years later in Athens he again surpassed all other performers with the discus, and again at the famous games at London in 1908 he won the championship with the Greek missile. At Athens Sheridan was runner-up for the shotput title as well.

During Governor Glynn's term of office Sheridan was his special bodyguard on many of the Chief Executive's visits to this city.

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