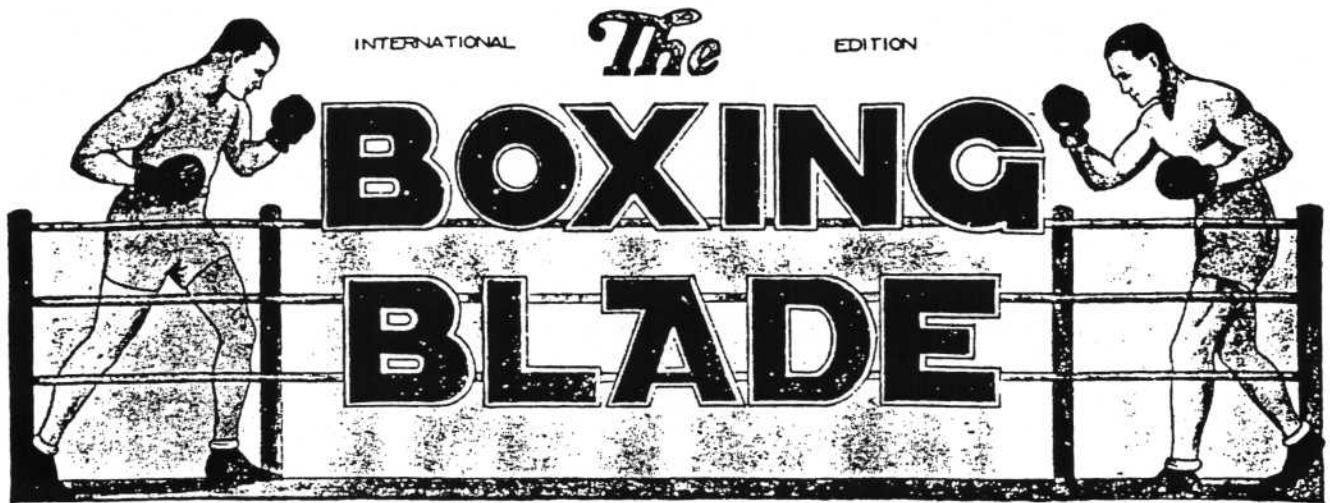


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When Johnny O'Donnell Beat Joe Benjamin

Principals pose for photograph before sensational battle at Promoter Jack Doyle's Vernon Arena, Los Angeles, Calif. O'Donnell won the decision over the Pride of California, taking three of the four rounds. The bout was hailed as the greatest battle seen since the inception of the four-round game on the Coast. Left to right—Mike Collins, manager of O'Donnell; Stewart McLean, stablemate of O'Donnell, who is also a sensation on the Coast; Johnny O'Donnell, St. Paul lightweight, who holds Pacific Coast lightweight title by virtue of victories over Phil Salvadore and Joe Benjamin, joint claimants; Referee George Blake; Joe Benjamin; Billie Bernstein, acting for Jack Kearns as manager of Benjamin.

Photo by Lee Krupnick Co., Los Angeles, Calif.

Past Year Greatest in History of Boxing Game in Number of Contests Which Drew Big Receipts

Other High Spots Were Champion Jack Dempsey's Successful Defense of Heavyweight Title in Two Championship Bouts—Five World Titles and Four American Championships Changed Hands—Heavyweight Division Saw Unusual Activity—Foreign Countries Forge Ahead in Fistic Sport but Fail to Develop Any Boxers Capable of Threatening Supremacy of United States Though Luis Firpo of the Argentine Made Strong Bid in Memorable Battle Against Dempsey—Coming Year May Surpass 1923

By TOM S. ANDREWS
(Noted Sports Writer and Boxing Critic)

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The years 1921 and 1922 were considered remarkable in the boxing game on account of the million and a half gate receipts for the Carpentier-Dempsey battle in Jersey and other big events, but even the wonderful growth of the sport in those two years was outdone in 1923 by the number of "big gate" contests and other happenings in the fistic industry, in fact 1923 will go down in boxing history as one of the greatest periods the sport has ever known.

America has been the leader in boxing by a big margin, although more European countries have fallen in line and the game is being conducted now on a better and more comprehensive basis than ever before. South America has entered the list with a near champion and Italy is also knocking at the championship door with a contender whom the sons of Rome are sure can lower the colors of the American champion, Jack Dempsey. France has kept up her pace with good boxers, while England, the home of the greatest fighters the world ever knew for two centuries, has fallen back, Australia, too, from whence such champions as Bob Fitzsimmons, Peter Jackson, Tom Tracy, George Dawson and Young Griffio come, has fallen into the discard. Despite the present shortcomings these countries are making strong efforts to develop a higher class of boxers.

While the Carpentier-Dempsey fight in 1921 set a record that has not been touched as yet—over \$1,600,000—there were several contests during 1923 which drew remarkable "gates." The Dempsey-Firpo fight took in over \$1,200,000 and the Leonard-Tender bout drew close to half a million dollars, a record for a match between lightweights. From present indications the Firpo-Dempsey match, if it takes place during 1924, will overshadow all records of the past, and go over \$2,000,000 without a doubt.

Great Year in Heavyweight Class

The heavyweight division attracted the greatest attention during 1923 and Champion Jack Dempsey defended his crown successfully in two matches. His bout with Tommy Gibbons at Shelby, Mont., July 4th, was remarkable in more ways than one.

Although held in a little town near the Canadian border, it drew close to \$280,000, and if it had not been knocked so much the chances are it would have drawn close to \$400,000. As it was Dempsey got close to \$300,000 for his end and Tommy Gibbons had the satisfaction of going fifteen rounds with the champion, but got

thrills in that short space of time that they experienced at the Polo Grounds that night. It lasted only three minutes and 57 seconds, but that was sufficient time to throw the spectators into spasms of excitement. That Dempsey won after a terrific struggle is a matter of boxing history now.

Floyd Johnson and Jack McAuliffe, contenders, were not in the hunt and Jess Willard, former champion, never got as far as second base in his effort to "come back." Fred Fulton was another dismal failure. Jack Renault, the Canadian champion, looks like the most promising prospect of the entire bunch. Harry Wills, the colored challenger, killed his own chances when he tried to interfere through the courts with the Dempsey-Firpo match, Jack said he would wipe him from his calendar, but the chances are that Jack will change his mind during 1924 if the promoters can show him enough coin to take on the "Brown Panther." In his own heart Dempsey feels just as confident of whipping Wills as he does of beating Firpo again.

English Fighters Fail

Joe Beckett, the British heavyweight, was given a thought for a time, but when Georges Carpentier walloped Joseph into submission in less than a minute in London, even the Englishmen threw up their hands and howled for a man of the Jem Mace, Tom Cribb and John Jackson type. Beckett retired immediately and two Londoners—Jack Bloomfield and Frank Goddard claimed the title. Goddard won in two rounds on a Youl after Bloomfield had everything his own way. Neither one is considered a champion worthy of representing England.

Erminio Spalla of Italy holds the European championship by grace of the International Union of France while Marcel Nilles, and Carpentier of France; Van der Veer of Holland, Van Humbeck of Belgium and Battling Siki of Senegal, dispute the claim. It looks as though Carpentier should outclass the entire bunch.

During the past year the Australian heavyweight championship changed hands five times. Colin Bell was beaten by Rolan Dwyer, the latter lost to Ern Waddy and Ern Sheppard beat



MIKE MCTIGUE

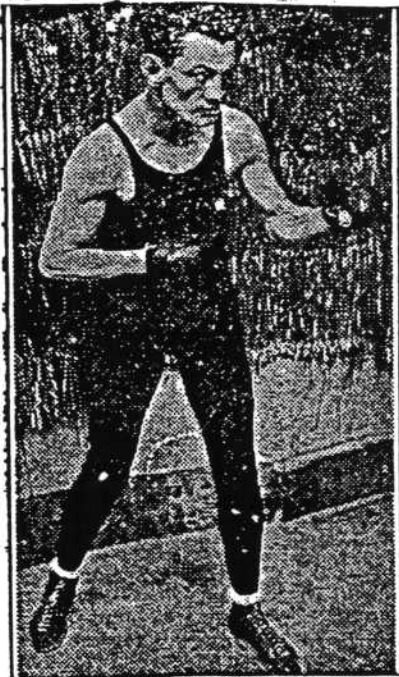
Who was first new world's champion in 1923, winning light heavyweight title from Battling Siki at Dublin, Ireland, on March 17.

only the comparatively small sum of \$15,000 which he drew for exhibition work during training.

Dempsey's contest with Firpo in New York, Sept. 16, at the Polo Grounds before a crowd of over 86,000 people, was without doubt the most sensational heavyweight battle of the century. There may have been more damaging fights and of longer duration, but none that gave the fans the

Waddy, Blackie Miller defeated Sheppard.

The light heavyweight class is rather mixed up at present. Mike McTigue claims the world's title because he defeated Battling Siki in Dublin, Ireland, St. Patrick's day last. The Federation took away Siki's titles,



EUGENE CRIQUI

French boxer who won world's featherweight championship from Johnny Kilbane at New York on June 2 and lost it seven weeks later to Johnny Dundee at New York on July 26.

after he had beaten Carpentier, but McTigue seems to have the best claim at that. Carpentier wanted to fight McTigue, but the latter side stepped. Gene Tunney beat Greb for the American title last February in New York and then challenged McTigue for the world's crown, but again Mike side-stepped. Then Mike went to Columbus, Ga., to meet a youngster named Young Stribling, in a decision match. Stribling proved a tartar and some reports said should have won, but a draw decision resulted, which nearly caused a riot. Harry Ertle, the referee, had to change his decision in the ring, so he claimed, at the point of a gun, and afterwards reversed it to a draw when he got away. Jimmy Delaney, the St. Paul contender, is hot after the title and has challenged both Tunney and McTigue, but neither one seems anxious to take it up. Delaney and Stribling will make a great match—then the winner against Tunney for the American title and McTigue for the world's crown.

For a time the welterweight division was all upset. Mickey Walker, the champion, got in bad with the

Championship Battles During 1923

Gene Tunney won light heavyweight championship of America from Harry Greb by decision in 15 rounds at New York, Feb. 11.

Frankie Genaro won flyweight championship of America from Pancho Villa by decision in 15 rounds at New York, March 2.

Mike McTigue won world's light heavyweight title from Battling Siki by decision in 20 rounds at Dublin, Ireland, March 17.

Jack Bernstein won American junior lightweight title from Johnny Dundee by decision in 15 rounds at New York, May 30.

Eugene Criqui won world's featherweight championship from Johnny Kilbane by knockout in five rounds at New York, June 2.

Pancho Villa won world's flyweight title from Jimmy Wilde by knockout in seven rounds at New York, June 18.

Jack Dempsey defended world's heavyweight title against Tom Gibbons, winning decision in 15 rounds at Shelby, Mont., July 4th.

Benny Leonard defended world's lightweight title against Lew Tendler, winning decision in 15 rounds at New York, July 23.

Johnny Dundee won world's featherweight championship from Eugene Criqui, by decision in 15 rounds at New York, July 26.

Harry Greb won world's middleweight title from Johnny Wilson by decision in 15 rounds at New York, Sept. 1.

Jack Dempsey defended world's heavyweight title against Luis Firpo, knocking out the South American challenger in the second round at New York, Sept. 14.

Gene Tunney defended American light heavyweight title against Harry Greb, winning decision in 15 rounds at New York, Dec. 10.

Johnny Dundee won American junior lightweight title from Jack Bernstein by decision in 15 rounds at New York, Dec. 17.

New York and Jersey commissions and was deprived of his title. Dave Shade was named champion and Jimmy Jones beat him. Billy Wells of England horned in as did others, but the New York commission, after a change in its makeup, decided that Walker was still champion. Jack Britton, ex-champion and a veteran, challenged Walker again, and it is probable that Jack will get the chance. It is understood that when Walker won the title from Britton he promised him a return bout. Walker has not shown any great anxiety to defend his title against the best of the welterweights. Wells fought Shade at the Garden, New York, and lost after 15 rounds, but he did not show the class he displayed in numerous bouts around the country. Walker will have a hard time holding his title if he meets the three best challengers—Shade, Wells and Jones.

Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee was named junior welterweight champion through a voting contest conducted by Mike E. Collins of Minneapolis through his publication, The Boxing Blade, but so far he has not officially defended the diamond belt presented to him for that purpose.

Benny Leonard remains king of the lightweights. His strongest challenger, Lew Tendler, was beaten by Leonard in New York and Benjamin remains supreme. He has beaten all the challengers of any consequence and deserves a place with the greatest of American lightweights. There are few really high class lightweights who have any right to battle Leonard for the title at this time. Charley White was a contender, but fell short when he bumped into a beating by Pal Moran. One of the most promising lads, at least he looks that way just now, is Johnny O'Donnell of St. Paul, who has been making such a fine showing on the Pacific coast of late. He is only a youngster, 19 years old, but clever and a hitter. He is a protege of Mike Gibbons, which is a good recommendation. Joe Benjamin of California, at one time sparring partner



PANCHO VILLA

Filipino boxer who took world's flyweight championship from Jimmy Wilde at New York on June 18.

of Leonard's, wants to get a crack at the title, but there is some doubt about Joe making the weight.

In Europe Seaman Hall held forth for a time until beaten by Harry Mason. He is a clever chap, but not a

hitter and that lets him out for a match with Leonard. Rice, who held the title previously, tried to win it back, but was again beaten by Mason. Leon Poutet, the French champion, does not class with Mason or Rice, so there is little chance of either making trouble for the American champion. Hughey Dwyer, the Australian champion, also came over for a match, but



JOHNNY DUNDEE

Who won featherweight championship of world from Eugene Criqui at New York on July 26.

fell short in his first trial against an inferior lad in New York.

Johnny Dundee is no doubt as worthy a contender even for Leonard's crown as any of them, because he outclasses most lightweights in the country, despite the fact that he is only a junior lightweight and can make the featherweight limit of 126 pounds. The little Italian holds the featherweight championship of the world, having defeated Eugene Criqui, former champion, last July in New York, after he had lost his junior lightweight title to Jack Bernstein. The latter proved a grand little battler and successfully defended his title for a time, but on December 17th, he again met Dundee at the Garden, New York, and lost his crown in a fifteen-round decision bout. Dundee therefore holds two titles now—feather and junior light. The marvel of it all is that Dundee seems to be able to make both weights and retain his best form. Johnny is now 30 years of age and has been fighting since 1910, having engaged in over 300 battles.

In the bantam class Joe Lynch remains at the top, although he has been threatened with loss of his title,

etc., by the eastern commissions. Joe has avoided title matches. The New York commission named Joe Burman as champion and when he took on Abe Goldstein as a substitute the latter beat Joe and claimed the title. That was a shock even to the commission and later on that body decided to give Lynch another chance.

In England the title changed hands several times. Harry Lake downed Tommy Harrigan and then defeated Charley Ledoux of France for the European championship. Then Johnny Brown stepped up and defeated Lake, much to the surprise of the critics and fans. Now Brown wants to tackle Lynch for the world's title.

Jimmy Wilde, the great little flyweight champion, had his colors lowered by Pancho Villa, the little Filipino wonder, in a splendid battle in New York during the past summer. Wilde went down fighting to the last. He decided to retire then, realizing that he had gone to the well once too often. The title in England is in abeyance now, but will soon be settled as elimination bouts are being held in London to select a successor to Wilde. Villa will meet Frankie Genaro, the American champion, January 18th, for the world's title and the Yankee boy is liable to give the Filipino a hard time of it, as he did in their previous battle in the east. France has a couple of promising lads in Gleizes and Mascart, so they may be heard from later. Australia also has a good flyweight in George Mendies.

The middleweight division has a new champion in the person of Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, former American light heavyweight title holder. Harry dropped his latter title to Gene Tunney last February, but won the middleweight honor from Johnny Wilson in the big city on August 31, when he took the decision after fifteen rounds. Jeff Smith has been a consistent challenger for the title, but Greb seemed to have the Indian sign on Jeff. Just the same Jeff is still seeking it. Augie Ratner is another challenger. The latter went over to England to battle Roland Todd, the British and European champion. Augie lost to Todd, but he defeated Ted Lewis, who had also been a contender and lost the crown to Todd. Lewis seems out of the running now for good. Todd is a clever fellow and made a very good showing in his American debut against Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia, to whom he gave ten pounds and most the critics thought a defeat, although the judges ruled otherwise. Greb and Wilson are to meet in a return battle in January so there may be more upsets.

Summing up, there were many high spots in the fistic game during 1923. Will they be surpassed in 1924?

Johnny O'Donnell, the St. Paul lightweight, sprung another surprise on the boxing fans at Vernon, Cal.,

when he scored a victory over Joe Benjamin, the beau brummel of the ring. It was only a four-round bout, but there was more action squeezed into that short space of time than most fighters put in ten. Benjamin showed that his absence from the ring for a few months had not helped any, for his judgment of distance was off color. He missed many punches with his famous right and he seemed unable to jab with his left as accurately as usual. O'Donnell showed wonderful improvement; in fact he has shown improvement every time he has started the past few months. His blocking was good and he used a straight left that dazzled Joe. Johnny got the decision, which places him along with the best of the coming lightweights of the country. A rematch between the two will probably be made at Doyle's boxing palace. Mike Collins and Mike Gibbons, who handle O'Donnell, are bringing the lad along fine and predict a match with Champion Benny Leonard before long. The boy, if he continues to improve the same way, cannot miss getting a chance with the champion.

A bearded boxer, movie star as one of the seconds in a boxing match, and



HARRY GREB

Who won world's middleweight title from Johnny Wilson at New York on Sept. 1.

one of the veteran teachers of athletics as an honored guest were features of boxing shows in Los Angeles recently. As a special event to the Stewart McLean—Dick Griffin

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By Arthur T. Lumley

WHY all the hysterical hullabaloo about the judge's decision in the Dundee-Bernstein muss?

Just as if this was the only unfair verdict rendered at the Garden.

How many preliminary boxers, especially, have been robbed there time and time again.

What can a poor preliminary boy do when he gets the worst of it?

Nothing, but take his medicine.

Perhaps it would have been good judgment to have called the Dundee-Bernstein bout a draw at least.

But that would not have pleased the gambling sharpshooters.

Who invariably seem to have the inside track when there's something big coming off.

It was the heavy betting of the wealthy bootleggers that made Dundee a big ringside favorite.

Oh, how these moonshine merchants plunged on Johnny at the last moment.

The day before the combat Bernstein was an 8 to 5 favorite along Broadway.

But the flood of Dundee money swamped the backers of Bernstein at the Garden.

The Boxing Commissioners pretend to be up in arms over the big ringside betting.

But have not the sharpshooters been gambling under their very noses for the past two years or more?

Has not the big cafe in the Garden been known as the "betting ring" all along?

Where thousands were won and lost at every big fight.

The Boxing Blade has been for months calling attention to the gambling wolves.

Who prey upon the unsophisticated fans when they have things fixed for a killing.

At last the Commissioners seemed to have come to life.

And have ordered the "betting ring" closed—for a while.

Until the poor suckers are soothed to normalcy again.

All the sport scribes have been bar-

red by the Commission from boxers' dressing rooms.

So the public cannot know the real condition of contestants before or after a conflict.

The writers might possibly expose some inside doings of the Garden clique.

And reveal some facts about certain cooked up bouts, if they were allowed behind the scenes.

Anyway, the mysterious commission seems to be working more than ever under cover.

Why do they hold such star chamber meetings?

Their court should be open to the public like any other court of justice.

Suppose the Supreme Court should have such secret proceedings, wouldn't that cause a rumpus?

Is not the Boxing Commission really a supposed court of justice to regulate the manly sport?

After a two hours' secret session recently the board sent out a call for suggestions regarding the rendering of decisions.

The Blade for years has offered the mysterious commission many suggestions regarding decisions.

We have advocated giving referees the sole power to render ring verdicts.

Judges are simply superfluous—absolutely unnecessary baggage, as it were.

Let the full power be placed in the referees as it was in the good old fighting days.

Appoint only responsible and absolutely competent men as arbiters.

Not a lot of political hangers-on who are out for the graft and bunk.

There are a lot of retired boxers who would make excellent referees.

But they are not going to bum around some politician to obtain an appointment.

Select retired boxers like Matty Mathews, Jim Judge, Frank Erne, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Soldier Kearns, Willie Lewis, etc., etc.

Cut dirty politics out altogether if you have the welfare of boxing at heart, ye mysterious moguls of the manly art.

But it's really terrible the way some of the Broadway fans question the honesty of the exalted commission.

How unkind, how unjust to even suspect the immaculate board of any chicanery.

Why, one suspicious bird had the audacity to hint that a certain commissioner grabbed \$25,000 from the Dempsey-Firpo fight.

Can one imagine anything so heart-rending as that?

Surely the sanctimonious Muldoon has enough of gold for an antediluvian of 78 years old.

Something should be done to stop these wicked scandal gossipers along the Great White Way.

They should be boiled in oil or shot at sunrise.

And probably they would be if the autocratic Muldoon had his way.

Mr. Muldoon evidently acquired his autocratic mannerism when he was a dictatorial cop on Broadway.

"Move on, or I'll run you in!"

"Once a cop, always a cop," says Pete the Goat.

A howling success: Joe Humphries, the stentorian announcer.

Leo Millionaire Flynn has had another severe attack of nervous prosperity.

His doctor has ordered him to stop counting large sums of money so constantly.

In the old days they used leeches to bleed an individual, now they use the double cross.

If a fighter wants to learn to think fast, let him start to spend money on speedy Broadway.

His coin will go so fast that he'll soon become dizzy. Ask Izzy Faber, the faithful trainer of Georgie Ward.

How the Garden clique quickly smoothed over the rank decision Gene Tunney received over Harry Greb.

What Harry said immediately after the fight and what he says now is so different.

Casino Joe Woodman says, "The hammer was probably the first tool invented by man."

That's possibly the reason there's so many knockers in the world.



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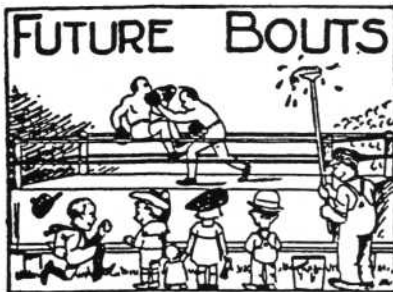
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Harry Greb vs. Johnny Wilson, 15 rounds, New York City, Jan. 18th.
 Gunner Joe Quinn vs. Tommy Murphy, 10 rounds, Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 1st.
 Johnny Schauers vs. Russle Le Roy, 10 rounds, Fargo, N. D., Jan. 1st.
 Earl Blue vs. Jack Schoendorf, 10 rounds, Waterloo, Iowa, Jan. 4th.
 Billy Emke vs. Battling Monroe, 8 rounds, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4th.
 Stewart McLean vs. Dick Griffin, 4 rounds, Hollywood, Calif., Jan. 4th.
 Johnny O'Donnell vs. Joe Benjamin, 4 rounds, Vernon, Calif., Jan. 8th.
 Stewart McLean vs. Danny Kramer, 4 rounds, Vernon, Calif., Jan. 15th.
 Mike McTigue vs. Joe Beckett, 20 rounds, Dublin, Ireland, St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.
 Johnny Leonard vs. Charley (Young) Manty, 10 rounds, New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 1st.
 Sammy Nable vs. Bud Taylor, 12 rounds, New York City, Jan. 1st.
 Jimmy Mendo vs. Tony Norman, 10 rounds, East Chicago, Ind., Jan. 14th.
 Billy De Foe vs. Blockie Richards, 10 rounds, East Chicago, Ind., Jan. 14th.
 Archie Walker vs. Andy Chaney, 12 rounds, Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 1st.
 Pancho Villa vs. Tony Norman, 10 rounds, Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1st.
 Pete Sarmiento vs. Tommy Murray, 10 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 1st.
 Jack McAuliffe vs. Jack Eintink, 12 rounds, Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 12th.
 Lew Chester vs. Ralph Thomas, Yonkers, N. Y., Jan. 12th.

What Jack Dempsey's Fighting Ability Has Been Worth to Him

JACK DEMPSEY, heavyweight champion of the world, is the greatest money maker the ring has ever known.

Jack will celebrate his fifth year of reign on July 4, 1924.

Following are the figures on the champion's ring earnings to date:

1919—Willard fight \$27,500.
 1920—Miske fight \$55,000.
 1920—Brennan fight \$100,000.
 1921—Carpentier fight \$300,000.
 1923—Gibbons fight \$275,000.
 1923—Firpo fight \$500,000.
 Total \$1,257,500.

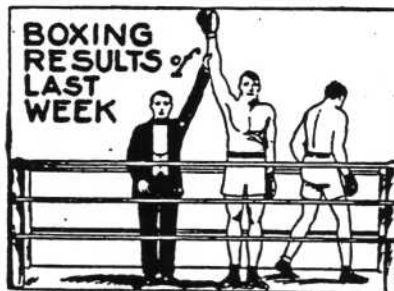
It is almost sure that Dempsey will fight Firpo again next summer and that he will receive around a million dollars for his end. This sum added to his past earnings will bring him the amazing figure of \$2,257,500.

Dempsey has been on a half dozen theatrical tours, each yielding a rich reward for him. He has done quite a bit of movie stuff. He has through being champion earned money in other ways. And, from each of his five fights he has gathered in **BIG MONEY** for his end in the moving pictures of the bout.

The sum from those various sources must be estimated, but the most conservative estimate places it at \$1,800,000. Add another \$200,000 for income between now and July 4, 1924 from theatrical work and moving picture rights of his expected fights and the figure goes to \$2,000,000.

All of which means that Jack Dempsey in five years as king of the heavies will have earned \$4,257,500 while during the same period, a president of the United States would have earned \$375,000. Why be president?

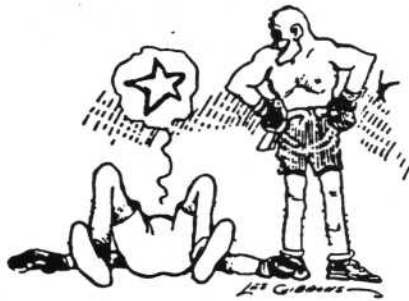
Jimmy Jones vs. K. O. Phil Kaplan, 12 rounds, Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 1st.
 Spark Plug Russell vs. Willie Wood, 10 rounds, Newark, N. J., Jan. 1st.
 Terry Parker vs. Tommy Nee, 10 rounds, Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1st.
 Bat Krause vs. Leonard Marquedent, 10 rounds, Jan. 4, Havana, N. D.
 Bat Krause vs. Joe Moug, 10 rounds, Jan. 11, Bismarck, N. D.
 Jack Zwick vs. Archie Meissner, 10 rounds, Appleton, Wis., Jan. 1st.
 Jack Delaney vs. Jackie Clark, 12 rounds, Norwalk, Conn., Jan. 4th.
 Paul Berlenbach vs. Willie Walker, 12 rounds, New York City, Jan. 3rd.
 Young Stribling vs. Dave Rosenberg, 10 rounds, Newark, N. J., Jan. 1st.
 Bob Roper vs. George Lamson, 10 rounds, Portland, Ore., Jan. 1st.
 Warnie Smith vs. Tillie "Kid" Herman, 10 rounds, Davenport, Iowa, Jan. 1st.
 Joe Burman vs. Ernie Goozeman, 10 rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 28th.



EAST

Jack Britton defeated K. O. Kaplan, ten rounds at New York City, Dec. 18th.
 Pete August defeated Eddie Fitzsimmons, ten rounds at New York City, Dec. 18th.
 Henny Catena and Terry Miller boxed ten rounds to a draw at New York City, Dec. 18th.
 Jack Snyder defeated Johnny Vinni, six rounds at New York City, Dec. 18th.
 Pete Hayes defeated Bobby O'Neill, ten rounds at New York City, Dec. 15th.
 Ad Stone defeated Billy Shade, twelve rounds at New York City, Dec. 21st.
 Chief Metoquah knocked out Bill Haines, second round at New York City, Dec. 21st.
 Joe Stoessel and Charles Van boxed four rounds to a draw at New York City, Dec. 21st.

Charley McKenna defeated Jack Douglas, six rounds at New York City, Dec. 21st.
 Tom Roper knocked out George Spallone, second round at New York City, Dec. 21st.
 Dave McGill knocked out Sailor Tom Maxted, fourth round at New York City, Dec. 21st.
 Tom McKiernan defeated Jack Sabo, four rounds at New York City, Dec. 21st.
 Charley Costello and Happy Burns boxed ten rounds to a draw at New York City, Dec. 15th.
 Kid Sullivan knocked out Babe Herman, eighth round at New York City, Dec. 17th.
 Eddie "Cannonball" Martin defeated Sonny Smith, six rounds at New York City, Dec. 17th.
 Larry Estridge knocked out George West, eighth round in Harlem, New York City, Dec. 15th.
 Willie Singer defeated Joe LaBate, twelve rounds in Harlem, New York City, Dec. 15th.
 Lew Hurley defeated Billy Ryckoff, six rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 15th.
 Johnny Hamm defeated Willie Mack, six rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 15th.
 Ruby Stein defeated Tommy Fay, eight rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 15th.
 Emil Morro and Danny Stewart boxed eight rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 15th.
 Willie Harmon knocked out Johnny Summers, fourth round at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19th.
 Corporal Izzy Schwartz defeated Bobby Ruttenberg, twelve rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19th.
 Joe Kestner defeated Pete White, ten rounds at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 18th.
 Italian Joe Gans and Phil Krug boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 21st.
 Ted Moore defeated Young Fisher, twelve rounds at Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 21st.
 Al Shubert defeated Tommy Noble, ten rounds at Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21st.
 Wallie Wilde defeated Billy Carney, ten rounds at Fall River, Mass., Dec. 21st.
 Johnny Wilson knocked out Pat McCarthy, third round at Boston, Mass., Dec. 18th.
 Jack Zallice defeated Sammy Marco at Boston, Mass., Dec. 18th.
 Charley White knocked out Pat McCarthy, third round at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18th.
 Johnny Rose defeated Martin Judge, ten rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18th.
 Buddy Fitzgerald defeated Earl Hartman at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18th.
 Tex McEwan defeated Jack Martin at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18th.



Charley White knocked out Bobby Barrett at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17th.

Tommy Murray defeated Len Brenner, ten rounds at Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 17th.

Ralph Repman defeated Pete Husic, ten rounds at Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 17th.

Allentown Joe Gans defeated Joe Jackson, ten rounds at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21st.

Johnny Mack defeated Johnny McLoughlin, ten rounds at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21st.

Tommy Cooney and Danny Cooney boxed eight rounds to a draw at Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 17th.

Jeff Clark knocked out Battling Browns, fourth round at Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 17th.

Jimmy Lucas and Soldier Taylor boxed six rounds to a draw at Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 17th.

Tommy Farley and Willie Beetle boxed six rounds to a draw at Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 17th.

Dark Clouds knocked out Young George Dixon, third round at Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 17th.

Ray Newman defeated Joe Borrell, twelve rounds at Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 21st.

Young Bob Fitzsimmons and Dan O'Dowd boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18th.

Yussel Pearlstein knocked out Joe Farren, fifth round at Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18th.

Jimmy (Kid) Rice defeated Young Steve Travers, twelve rounds at Portland, Maine, Dec. 18th.

Joe Dundee defeated Ted Marchant, twelve rounds at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 19th.

Charlie Holman defeated Ralph Repman at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 19th.

Frankie Genaro defeated Joe Clifford, ten rounds at Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18th.

Midget Smith defeated Joey Schwartz, ten rounds at Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18th.

Jimmy Sayers and Happy Atherton boxed ten rounds to a draw at Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 18th.

Louis Lavelle knocked out Peter Meyers, second round at Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 18th.

Ernie Goozeman knocked out Johnny Murphy, second round at East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 17th.

Alex Trambitas defeated Jimmy Gory, ten rounds at East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 17th.

Patsy Rocco defeated Eddie Welch, ten rounds at East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 17th.

Shuffle Callahan defeated K. O. Mueller, six rounds at East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 17th.

Kid Buck defeated Barney Snyder, ten rounds at Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 17th.

Joe Anderson defeated Bobby Bridges, ten rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17th.

Midget Guery and Jimmy Brown boxed six rounds to a draw at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17th.

Jimmy Turner defeated Cal Stevens, six rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17th.

Willie Sullivan defeated Billy Ray, six rounds at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17th.

Sammy Klein and Teddy Royce boxed four rounds to a draw at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 17th.

Jack Warner defeated Billy Thorpe, twelve rounds at Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 19th.

Fearless Nalley defeated Young Webb, eight rounds at Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 18th.

Wild Bill Reed knocked out Soldier Mitchell, six rounds at Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 18th.

MIDDLE WEST

Joe Burman defeated Johnny McCoy, ten rounds at Aurora, Ill., Dec. 21st.

SOUTH

Young Stribling defeated Harry Krohn, twelve rounds at Miami, Fla., Dec. 21st.

Aramis del Pino knocked out Jack Darcy, seventh round at Tampa, Fla., Dec. 21st.

Young Stribling defeated Bill McGowan, eight rounds at Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 18th.

"Kid" Dugan knocked out Jimmy King, fourth round at Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18th.

Eddie Anderson and Billy Kennedy boxed fifteen rounds to a draw at New Orleans, La., Dec. 17th.

Jack Bertin defeated Charlie Rodriguez, six rounds at New Orleans, La., Dec. 17th.

Tommy Harris defeated Jack Lewis, six rounds at New Orleans, La., Dec. 17th.

Ashton Douza defeated Frankie Kennedy, ten rounds at New Orleans, La., Dec. 17th.

Rapid Waters defeated Young Jack Dillon, ten rounds at Fort Thomas, Ky., Dec. 21st.

Rustic Russell defeated K. O. Victor, six rounds at Fort Thomas, Ky., Dec. 21st.

George Allen defeated Stanley Sullivan, at Fort Thomas, Ky., Dec. 21st.

Barney Hogan knocked out Larry Halder, first round at Fort Thomas, Ky., Dec. 21st.

Jackie Dugan defeated Chick Kansas, ten rounds at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17th.

Eddie Dyer defeated Joe Ritchie, ten rounds at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17th.

Wesley Merrifield and Billy Anderson boxed to a draw at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17th.

Kid Schaffner and Roy Beeler boxed to a draw at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17th.

FAR WEST

Spug Myers and Frankie Darren boxed fifteen rounds to a draw at Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 17th.

Joe "Awful" Coffee defeated Don "Terror" Long, twelve rounds at Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 17th.

Dal Hawkins and Bennie Cordova boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 17th.



PACIFIC COAST

Johnny O'Donnell defeated Joe Benjamin, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

George Manley defeated Young George, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

Frankie Munroe defeated Jimmy Fitten, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

Ray Jeffries defeated Leo Dunbar, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

George Smith defeated Red Williams, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

Jimmy McGlinchey defeated Benny Shannon, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

Joe Schlocker defeated Al Grunan, four rounds at Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18th.

George Manley defeated Bert Colima, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 21st.

Johnny Reisler defeated Lee Moore, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 21st.

Frankie Denny defeated George Shade, four rounds at San Jose, Calif., Dec. 20th.

King David, Whiskered Boxer, Is Newsboy and Preacher

Los Angeles, Calif.—"Fighting King David," bearded newsboy, whose religion bans haircuts or shaves, surprised patrons of a boxing club here by knocking out his opponent in the second round of what was expected to be a playful "curtain-raiser."

The bearded boxer, who is a newsboy on week days and a preacher on Sunday, declares his whiskers are an aid in the ring, since they cushion blows.

The preacher - newsboy - pugilist weighs 118 pounds and is over six feet tall.

Young Thompson defeated Kid Robinson four rounds at San Jose, Calif., Dec. 20th.

Joe Powell knocked out Al Harris, first round at San Jose, Calif., Dec. 20th.

"Steamboat" Morgan defeated Trixie Rudolph, four rounds at San Jose, Calif., Dec. 20th.

Jimmy Hackley and Eddie Diggins boxed four rounds to a draw at San Pedro, Calif., Dec. 20th.

Ray Jeffries defeated George Rivers, four rounds at San Pedro, Calif., Dec. 20th.

Mason Griffin defeated "Pep" Webster, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Joe Roche and Billy Springfield boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Bobby Ertle defeated Jommy Rizzo at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Johnny Conlon knocked out Jack Downes at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Billie Burke defeated Tommy Gonzales, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Joe Martin defeated "Sailor" Bogardus, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

"Crab" Jones defeated Ray Evans, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Eddie Kelly and Teddy Silva boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Jimmy Duffy knocked out Sid Marks, second round at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Joe McCabe defeated Jack Silver, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Sunny Jim defeated Racehorse Roberts, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Joe Leopold and Bud Hamilton boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Young Sam Langford and Eddie Phillips boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Bobby Burns and Willie Hope boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., Dec. 19th.

Pete Daley defeated Willie O'Brien, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 21st.

Jimmy Marcus defeated Young Roberts, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 21st.

Young Nationalista knocked out Kid Riley, second round, at San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 21st.

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Johnny O'Donnell Wins Over Joe Benjamin in Thrilling Fight Before Overflow Crowd Including Score of Movie Celebrities

Los Angeles, Calif.—Johnny O'Donnell, St. Paul lightweight, who has been the sensation of Coast boxing since he arrived in California, added to his laurels when he defeated Joe Benjamin, local idol in a thrilling four-round bout at Jack Doyle's Vernon arena, Dec. 18. While O'Donnell, on his past performances here, was picked by experts as having a good chance to beat Benjamin, the general ring followers made Joe a 10 to 7 favorite over the St. Paul boxer. O'Donnell's victory upset the dope and when his hand was raised by Referee George Blake the decision was greeted with thunderous cheers by the crowd of Benjamin admirers

who heralded the St. Paul boy as the greatest lightweight in the world. Benjamin won the first round, but after that O'Donnell had him solved and took the next three, making a rousing finish in the fourth. A capacity crowd of 10,000 saw the bout and fully 5,000 fans were turned away. Many fans bought out holders of \$3 tickets, laying down \$20 for admission ducats. A galaxy of motion picture stars were at the ringside, including Doug Fairbanks, Tom Mix, Lew Cody, Mary Pickford, Viola Dana, Shirley Mason, Carmel Myers, and Charlie Murray. The Meusel brothers, Irish and Bob, heroes of the last Giants-Yankees world series were among the throng.

FRENCH BOXER BEATS BELGIAN FOR EUROPE'S FEATHER TITLE

Paris, France.—Edouard Mascart, the French featherweight fighter, defeated Henri Hebrans of Belgium on points in a 15-round bout here Dec. 18.

According to a recent ruling of the International Boxing Federation, Mascart was to be given the French and European featherweight championships held by Eugene Criqui in case he defeated Hebrans. The announcement was made after the Federation had given consideration to a letter from Criqui's manager, saying Criqui would be unable to meet Mascart and defend his title, owing to injuries suffered some time ago in a bout with Hebrans.

AD STONE WINS OVER BILLY SHADE

New York.—Ad Stone, the fighting marine of Philadelphia, outslugged and outpointed Billy Shade of California in the 12-round final at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 21, and was awarded the decision.

Stone had the better of every round and only Shade's ability to "take it" and still remain on his feet prevented a knockout. The marine's lightning left hook to the jaw, body and his left and right uppercuts to the wind and heart found their mark repeatedly and scarcely a round passed that did not find Shade groggy and hanging on.

In the first two or three rounds Shade was able to do some slight damage to the marine, drawing blood from his nose and left cheek, but thereafter the terrific punching he received so weakened him that he was unable to deliver blows of any strength. In the fourth round a series of rights and lefts to the body caused Shade's knees to sag, but he clutched his opponent and kept himself upright until he had recovered.

This same experience came to Shade in the fifth, seventh, eighth, eleventh and twelfth rounds. On each occasion a knockout appeared a matter of one solid punch, but Stone could not seem to connect. Shade received a great hand in tribute to his gameness.

The weights announced were Stone 174½, Shade 172.

Other bouts resulted as follows: Joe Stoessel, New York (220 pounds), defeated Charley Van, Chicago (197 pounds), four rounds, decision.

Chief Motoquah, Hutchinson, Kan. (188 pounds), knocked out Bill Haynes, Philadelphia (188 pounds), in second round.

Tom Roper, West Virginia (183 pounds), knocked out George Scalone, U. S. Navy (184 pounds), in second round.

Dave McGill, Ireland (179 pounds), knocked out Sailor Maxted, Newark (189 pounds), in fourth round.

JOE DUNDEE BEATS ENGLISH LIGHTWEIGHT

Baltimore.—Joe Dundee, Baltimore lightweight, defeated Ted Marchant of England in a 12-round bout here Dec. 19. Marchant, who recently won from George Chaney here, rocked Dundee in several rounds, but was unable to follow up his advantages. Dundee made a fast finish and won the last two rounds by wide margins. Both weighed in less than 136 pounds.

BIG BOXING TOURNEY PLANNED IN ENGLAND

London, England.—Leon Britton, representative of Tex Rickard, who has just arrived here, said that a series of fights would be staged at the British Empire exhibition next summer that would break all records in the annals of boxing. Although Britton refused to be specific, he included among the possibilities a return match between Dempsey and Carpentier.

In any event, he said, the greatest number of American sporting men

ever to cross the Atlantic would be at the Wembley stadium ringside during the three weeks in June when the international contests will be decided.

VICENTINI, CHILEAN LIGHT, CALLED HOME BY FAMILY

New York.—Luis Vicentini, Chilean lightweight, defeated by Johnny Shugrue, will return home in response to an urgent message from his family, his manager said. This has upset temporarily the fighting plans of Vicentini, who was being groomed

Jack Dempsey Works Out on "Patter" and Steps for Vaudeville

New York.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, said that he has abandoned all fight plans for the immediate future.

Not until the sun shines warm enough to allow a million-dollar gate at one of Tex Rickard's arenas—probably a new one seating 125,000 people under contemplation on Long Island, will the champion don his mitts.

Dempsey, who is here for the holidays, took up rehearsal of a snappy line of chatter to be passed out to the public as "wise cracks" from the vaudeville stage. He is also rehearsing a dance step.

Jack Kearns, manager of the champion, who may team with Dempsey in the vaudeville turn, said:

"We won't fight until June at least. We'll give Firpo the first crack, unless the unforeseen develops."

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for a match with Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, but the Chilean is expected to return to this country early next year. His manager said he would remain here to arrange a match with either Johnny Clinhon of Brooklyn, or Pal Moran of New Orleans.

YOUNG STRIBLING WINS POPULAR DECISION

Knoxville, Tenn.—Young Stribling, Macon, Ga., high school boy, won the unanimous newspaper decision over Billy McGowan, local light heavyweight, in an eight-round fight here. Stribling took all rounds by a good margin, but was unable to connect with a knockout blow. McGowan's gameness kept him in the ring the full limit. Several times the local youth stood up under a fusillade of lefts and rights to the body and face and refused to go down.

MANY BOXERS SEEM AFRAID OF TIGER FLOWERS

Atlanta, Ga.—George Robinson, negro light-heavyweight of Boston, through his manager, Jim McDonald, has refused to again meet the Georgia Tornado, Tiger Flowers, who is a middleweight. The Atlanta fans were very desirous of seeing these two fighters in a return match, after their sensational 12-round draw here Nov. 27. Added inducements were offered to Robinson for the return match, but he joined the ranks of Panama Joe Gans and Battling Siki, both of whom have steadfastly refused to have anything to do with Flowers. Siki has been offered matches in ten different fight centers with the Georgia middleweight, all of which he has turned down flat.

Manager Walk Miller, who also promotes at Atlanta, has signed Sailor Darden, of New York, to meet Flowers on Dec. 28 and, after this match, Miller expects to take Flowers into the eastern territory and meet any middleweight in the game that promoters can secure.

With few exceptions, Flowers has always been forced to give ten to forty pounds' weight advantage to his opponents.

ITALIAN FLYWEIGHT CHAMP ARRIVES IN U. S.

New York.—Reporters searched the steamer Duilio on its arrival for Ermino Spalla, heavyweight boxing champion of Italy, who was reported aboard. They did not find him, but they did come on Leo Gianchi, who claims the flyweight boxing championship of Italy.

Gianchi said he came to win the flyweight championship of the world and

didn't have any doubt he would take the title back to Italy.

JACK BRITTON, FORMER WELTER CHAMPION, BEATS PHIL KAPLAN
New York.—Jack Britton, former welterweight boxing champion of the world, decisively outpointed Phil Kaplan of New York in a ten-round bout Dec. 18. Britton weighed 150 and Kaplan 145½.

Siki Locked Up by Manager After Playing Santa Claus to Crowd

New York.—Battling Siki, halted one night recently while in the midst of one of his occasional frolics, was put under lock and key in his manager's New York apartment, a prisoner until he promised to be good again.

The Senegalese, given \$600 by his manager, promised to behave and went downtown to purchase Christmas presents.

Several hours later he was on a Hudson river ferry, Weehawken bound, singing songs of unfettered joy and doling out dollar bills to every man who smiled on him and shook his hand. His philanthropy won him many admirers and when the ferry arrived at Weehawken the battler had gathered quite a crowd.

Weehawken police recognized Siki by the money and took him to the station. The police pugilistic champions entertained with a sparring match and Siki was kept in good humor until his manager arrived. Siki, shamefaced, handed the remainder of the \$600 to his manager and followed him to the ferry slip.

CHARLIE WHITE TO MEET ABE GOLDSTEIN

Chicago, Ill.—Charlie White is back in town, wearing his copyrighted half-million dollar smile, after grabbing a technical knockout over Bobby Barrett down at Philadelphia the other night. Landlord Charlie is going back to Quakertown on New Year's Day to take issue with Abe Goldstein in a 12-round affair that calls for a decision. White still has his eye on a bout with Benny Leonard.

FRANKIE GENARO BEATS JOE CLIFFORD

Detroit, Mich.—Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion, defeated Joe Clifford of Philadelphia in a ten-round bout here Dec. 18 in the opinion of newspapermen. Clifford was given the first round, the second



was even and the last eight went to the champion. Genaro weighed 110½ and Clifford 116½.

On the same card, Midget Smith of New York, beat Joey Schwartz of Minneapolis in a ten-round bout. They are bantamweights.

AL SHUBERT WINS FROM TOMMY NOBLE

Fall River.—Al Shubert of New Bedford won in ten rounds from Tommy Noble of England here Dec. 21. Shubert led most of the time and scored most of his points in infighting.

JACK DEMPSEY MAY AID YOUNG STRIBLING

New York.—Young Stribling, Georgia schoolboy light heavyweight, who is matched with Dave Rosenberg, of Brooklyn, at Newark on New Year's Day, expects to work out with Jack Dempsey, heavyweight titleholder, prior to the bout.

Stribling will complete his training at Freddy Welsh's health farm, at Summit, N. J., where Dempsey also has established quarters.

JOHNNY WILSON WINS BY TECHNICAL KAYO

Boston, Mass.—Johnny Wilson defeated Pat McCarthy on a technical knockout in three rounds before a capacity house of 10,000 here Dec. 18. At the close of the third round Referee Brazil ordered McCarthy's right eye examined. It had been opened by Wilson in the third round and was bleeding badly. The referee, after the examination, stopped the fight, and awarded the bout to Wilson.

Jack Zalice of Milwaukee was given the decision over Sammy Marco of Montreal.

LEDOUX, FRENCH BANTAM, COMING TO AMERICA

Paris, France.—Charles Ledoux, the French bantamweight, announced that, after meeting Edouard Mascart, the new European featherweight champion, he planned to sail for the United States, probably about April.



JOE BURMAN BEATS JOHNNY McCOY

Chicago—Joe Burman opened his career as a junior featherweight with a victory by slipping Johnny McCoy, the highly touted Cleveland battler, a neat lacing in their ten-round bout, which featured the inaugural card of the New Island Athletic club at Blue Island, Dec. 20. They weighed in at 122 pounds.

Burman was entirely too fast and clever for the Cleveland boxer and was the aggressor throughout the bout. The Chicago boxer won seven rounds, two were even and McCoy had the best of the third.

GEORGE MANLEY BEATS BERT COLIMA

Los Angeles, Calif.—George Manley, Denver middleweight, who recently went under the management of Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins of St. Paul, decisively defeated Bert Colima, Coast middleweight champion in a four-round bout at the Hollywood stadium, Dec. 22. Manley knocked Colima down for a nine-count in the third round and had him all but out when the bell rang. Manley's victory has made him a popular card here and put him in line for many good matches.

PANAMA JOE GANS TO MEET JOHNNY KARR

Chicago—Panama Joe Gans of New York will meet Johnny Karr, Cleveland welterweight, a ten-round bout at East Chicago on New Year's night. Karr was originally scheduled to box Morrie Schlaifer of Omaha, but Schlaifer cancelled the match because of injuries.

MIKE COLLINS KEEPS HIS BOXERS BUSY ON COAST

Los Angeles, Calif.—Mike Collins, manager of the string of classy St. Paul boxers who have been making life miserable for Coast fighters for the past two months, has matches lined up which will keep his boys busy here for some time. Johnny O'Donnell, who scored sensational victory over Joe Benjamin recently, will box

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Buenos Aires Promoters Seek Spalla, Italian Champion or Some American to Fight Firpo Before He Returns to United States

Buenos Aires, Arg., S. A.—Luis Firpo, the South American heavyweight champion, announced that he had been approached by a local promoter, who proposed to match him with the Italian heavyweight champion, Erminio Spalla, for a bout in Buenos Aires. Firpo expressed the opinion, however, that unless Spalla was able to come here early in February there was little chance of the match materializing.

Firpo said negotiations were still continuing in an effort to bring a boxer here from the United States for a fight prior to his departure for the United States early in March, the proceeds of the match to go to charity.

Firpo said he desired to satisfy the demand of his countrymen that he fight in Buenos Aires before he returns to the United States.

According to Firpo, the Women's Charity Association is prepared to

pay 10,000 pesos (\$3,200) to any American boxer who will fight him here under its auspices. Firpo has agreed to turn over his own share of the proceeds of the fight to the association.

Firpo says the proposed fight must take place not later than the middle of February, as he intends to leave for the United States early in March.

Concerning his plans, when he arrives in the United States, Firpo says his New York representative had notified him that he had closed negotiations for a fight between Firpo and Martin Burke at New Orleans. This will be the first of ten contests arranged for him in the United States and Canada before fighting either Jack Dempsey or Harry Wills. Baltimore, Quebec, Toronto and Montreal are on the itinerary of Firpo for fights after he returns to North America.

Dick Hoppe here on New Year's Day, Stewart McLean has been matched with Dick Griffin, whom he defeated two weeks ago, for a return bout at Hollywood, January 4. Benjamin has been clamoring for another bout with O'Donnell and Manager Collins will probably give him a return match about the middle of January.

HARRY GREB OUTFIGHTS TOMMY LOUGHRAN

Pittsburgh—Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, middleweight champion of the world, was awarded the decision over Tommy Loughran of Philadelphia at the end of their ten-round match here December 25. Loughran used a left jab to Greb's jaw very effectively. Greb, however, was too fast for him and outfought him all the way. Greb weighed 168 pounds and Loughran 168½.

BATTLING SIKI LOSES TO JACK TAYLOR

Philadelphia—Jack Taylor, Omaha, Neb., colored heavyweight, was given the decision over Battling Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, in a ten-round bout here, December 25.

Siki, who apparently was not in the best of condition, forced the fighting in the first five rounds and there were numerous stiff mixups in which wicked punches were exchanged. Then Siki's lack of condition began to tell and he was forced to hold fre-

quently in the remainder of the contest. When Siki started to slow up Taylor took the offensive, hitting the Senegalese boxer hard and often. At the end of the bout one of Siki's eyes was closed and blood was flowing from his mouth and nose.

Taylor weighed 180 and Siki 177½.

MICKEY WALKER KAYOS CANADIAN CHAMPION

Toronto, Ont.—Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, N. J., welterweight champion, scored a technical knockout over Moe Herschovitch of Toronto, Canadian welter champion, in the sixth round of a bout here Dec. 22. Walker weakened Herschovitch with terrific body blows in the first three rounds and scored knockdowns in the fourth, fifth and sixth. The Canadian was down four times for the count of nine in the sixth round, when the referee stopped the contest.

AD STONE STOPS DAN O'DOWD

Philadelphia, Pa.—Ad Stone, Philadelphia light heavyweight stopped Dan O'Dowd, Boston, in the eighth round of their scheduled ten-round bout here, December 25, when O'Dowd's seconds tossed a towel into the ring to save him from further punishment. Stone led from the start and gave the Boston boxer a bad beating. O'Dowd weighed 10 pounds and Stone 177.

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MICKEY WALKER SAYS HE WILL NEVER BOX IN JERSEY

New York.—Edward, "Mickey" Walker, recognized as welterweight boxing champion of the world everywhere but in New York State, has left for Canada, where he will engage in a series of bouts. Before going he took occasion to fling criticism at the New Jersey State Boxing Commission and the New York State Boxing Commission.

"It makes no difference to me what the New Jersey Boxing Commission intends to do. I will never pull on a glove in a New Jersey ring again," Walker said.

He was particularly bitter against Boxing Commissioner Newton A. K. Bucee, of New Jersey, for asking the Attorney General to mete out to him punishment for boxing at a Catholic charity show.

"If he wants to treat me that way, I'm through in New Jersey," the boxer declared.

YOUNG STRIBLING WHIPS HARRY KROHN

Miami, Fla.—Young Stribling of Macon, Ga., outpointed Harry Krohn of Akron, Ohio, winning every round of a twelve-round bout here Dec. 22. Krohn could do nothing with Stribling and did not land two real blows.

In the fifth round, Stribling knocked Krohn to the floor with a right overhand blow, although he rarely used his right in the fight, relying on his left throughout.

YOUNG BOB FITZSIMMONS AND DAN O'DOWD DRAW

Hartford, Conn.—Young Bob Fitzsimmons, Jersey heavyweight, and Dan O'Dowd, Boston, went twelve rounds to a draw here Dec. 21.

KID WILLIAMS STOPS DANNY LEE IN FIRST

New York—Kid Williams of Baltimore, former world's bantamweight champion, knocked out Danny Lee, protegee of Benny Leonard, in 1 minute and 20 seconds of fighting in the first round of a 12-round bout here, Dec. 22.

CHILEAN CHAMPION WANTS FIRPO MATCH IN U. S.

Paris, France.—Quintin Romero, heavyweight champion of Chile, cabled a challenge to the Buenos Aires Boxing Federation, asking for a match with Luis Firpo to decide the heavyweight championship of South America.

He said he would be ready to fight Firpo "any time, any place for any bet," but it is known that he prefers



JOHNNY WILSON

Former middleweight champion of world who will attempt to regain title he lost to Harry Greb last September in 15-round bout at New York City on Jan. 18. Since losing his title Wilson has been fighting better than when he held it and many boxing followers believe he has a good chance to win back the crown.

to have the contest staged in the United States.

Romero has been boxing around Paris for several months and he be-



came prominent recently when he knocked out Marcel Nilles, former heavyweight champion of France.

He has completed plans to go to the United States in March.

DANISH FLYWEIGHT REPUTED GREAT FIGHTER

Annapolis, Md.—Spike Webb, boxing coach of the United States Naval Academy, is the authority for the statement that Josef Zebitz, Danish flyweight, is one of the best boxers in Europe. According to Webb, Zebitz is a shifty, hard hitting fellow who can stand lots of punishment. Zebitz was taught boxing by some of the Danish fighters who returned to Europe after meeting the best in America. He plans to make a trip to America next year.

Bobby Barrett Kayoes Himself When Punch Misses Charlie White

Philadelphia.—Charley White of Chicago won from Bobby Barrett, Clifton Heights, Pa., in the sixth round of their scheduled ten-round bout here Dec. 18 by a technical knockout. In the sixth, Barrett swung so hard that he strained his spine, resulting in temporary paralysis of his left side, and forcing him to leave the ring. Up to that point the fight was fast and furious, with Barrett doing most of the leading.

"How's your boy getting on in college, Jones?"

"Fine! He's got a cauliflower ear, two busted ribs, a broken collarbone and a twisted nose, and after the football season he's going to take up some studies."—Richmond Times Dispatch.

And still some puritanical cranks howl about the brutality of boxing.

Hardly one of the fistic champions have even a cauliflower ear nowadays.

Four-Round Game Not Harmful to Boxers With Championship Stuff

Short Bouts Not to Blame for Failure of California to Produce Any Champions Since 20-Round Contests Were Outlawed—
Really Great Fighters Will Develop Regardless of Length of Fights They Engage in at Beginning of Ring Career

By MIKE E. COLLINS

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—For several years I have heard considerable criticism of the four-round game as a developer of boxers.

It happens that California, the state that produced Corbett, Jeffries, Atwell, Ritchie, Britt and numerous other champions and near champions, has not developed a champion since 20-round bouts were legislated against back in 1914. Since that year four-round bouts have been in vogue in California.

Until the last few weeks I had never had a chance to observe and study four-round contests, but after going over the situation I am convinced that the four-round game is not to blame for the lack of champions in California.

In the first place the law of averages is against California. She has had more than her share of great boxers in the past and the fact that she has not had a champion since Willie Ritchie is not surprising. When one stops to consider that Benny Leonard, Joe Lynch and Johnny Dundee are the only champions ever turned out in New York City it appears that California has had far more than her share of title holders.

Can Use Their Stuff

An argument I have frequently heard against the four-round sport is that the fans demand so much action that cleverness is at a premium and the sluggers give and take to such an extent that they are burned out before they have a chance to climb in the profession.

Until I had a chance to see the boys in action I half believed that to be true but from observation I know that the clever boxers use their cleverness and the sluggers use their slugging ability. If a boy is of the material of which champions are made he can be nursed along and become championship timber just as well as if longer bouts were permitted.

There is no place in the world where boys have to show more action than in the preliminary ranks and boxing history shows that many of our greatest boxers have risen from that class. Willus Britt took his brother Jimmy from the amateur ranks and made him white light-weight champion of the world without his ever boxing a preliminary bout, but Jimmy Britts are few and far between.

Of course none but the most sensational boxer could jump directly

from the four-round ranks to the championship class, but I can see no possible reason why a boy in the four-round game should not show such promise that he could travel to other states, get schooling over the longer routes and eventually become championship timber.

They point to California's great boxers of the past. Every one was so great that he could not be kept down regardless of the length of the bouts in which he got his start.

Can't Keep Champions Back

Dempsey comes close to being a product of the four-round game. It couldn't keep him down. Leonard could have received his start as a four-rounder just as he started as a preliminary boxer at Billy Gibson's Fairmont Athletic club in the Bronx and he would have risen to the title.

And consider one more angle—how many great champion boxers have been turned out anywhere since California voted against long bouts?

The answer is—just two—Jack Dempsey and Benny Leonard.

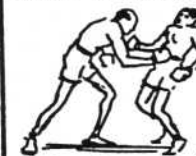
Dozens of splendid fighters have been developed, but these two are the sport's outstanding stars.

With promoters, matchmakers and managers all over America looking for talent and just two great fighters unearthed in the past decade it is not surprising that California and her four-round bouts have failed to produce a title holder.

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Andrews' Ring Gossip

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match at the Hollywood stadium the American Legion promoters arranged a bout between Frankie Grandetta, a Mexican, and Frankie Dolan, who is connected with Tom Mix's movie company. Tom, with his big sombrero, was not to be outdone by the stars as he was there to see that his lad Dolan got everything that was his due. Tom Mix in the capacity of second had the rest of the movie people howling for Dolan, but Tom acted as advisor only and let the others do the handling. It was a real battle and the movie lad made a whirlwind finish, the judges and referee deciding on a draw. There was considerable coin wagered on the result, but the draw decision saved both sides and Tom had no use for his forty-five.

The Legion made De Witt Van Court, who is boxing instructor at the Los Angeles Athletic club, the honored guest of the evening and Charlie Murray, the movie comedian, made a nice little speech in which he told how Mr. Van Court had brought out the two ex-champions—James J. Corbett and James J. Jeffries—and others. He was presented with a fine gold watch as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by Los Angeles fans.

At the other end of town the bearded boxer known as King David was showing the fans how good a member of the "House of David" can handle his mitts. He boxed a young fellow named Joe Rashon and won his match in convincing style. Everyone knows King David by that name only. He sells newspapers during the day

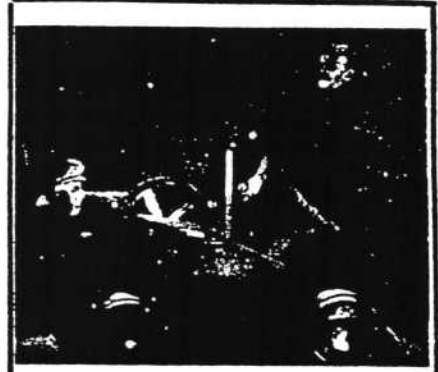
time, trains in the gymnasium in between hours, and preaches to members of the "Bearded Fraternity" in the evenings. He is a bit over six feet tall and weighs only 118 pounds, being 23 years of age. He has a full flowing beard that reaches down to his breast. He can box and also do a rough and tumble fight as many of the newsies discovered when they tried to pick a quarrel with him. Asked how he came to be mixed up with the House of David he said:

"For the past few years I have known nothing but the newsie business and stuck to it because I like to be outdoors. I took up boxing for my health. I was weak and the doctor said I needed exercise and outdoor life. Well boxing appealed to me as the best form of exercise and I followed it, merely for my own pleasure and health. However, I had many arguments to settle on the street and the boxing helped me wonderfully. I joined the House of David because they teach good the same as other creeds. After my battle in the ring I had a date to deliver a lecture, which I did. Sunday I preach at the Plaza, so you see they keep me busy. I would like nothing better than to get some of those reformers into a debate with me. I feel certain I could teach them things they never dreamed of before. If they followed my life a while they would know more about reforms."

Tad very wisely declared: "boxing is the art of SELF DEFENSE. Real lovers of the game don't wait to see HOW MUCH A MAN CAN TAKE but HOW MUCH HE CAN AVOID." But it's mighty hard to knock this

into the head of the present day fans. Most of them seem to want nothing but blood and thunder galore.

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Young Dudley defeated Travie Davis, six rounds, at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18th.

George Lamson defeated Marty Foley, six rounds, at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20th.

Truman Davis defeated Hank Ryker, six rounds, at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20th.

Bobby Allen and Stanley Willis boxed six rounds to a draw at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20th.

Johnny Hawkes knocked out Ludwig Jones, fourth round at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20th.

Frank Cheslock knocked out Charley Maels, first round at Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20th.

Billy Mascott defeated Danny Edwards, ten rounds, at Portland, Ore., Dec. 21st.

Weldon Wing defeated Mike De Pinto, ten rounds, at Portland, Ore., Dec. 21st.

Brick Coyle defeated Frankie Sullivan, four rounds, at Portland, Ore., Dec. 21st.

Joe Briskoe and Lee Rhoades boxed four rounds to a draw at Portland, Ore., Dec. 21st.

Harry Phillips knocked out Harry Cokey, second round, at Portland, Ore., Dec. 21st.

CANADA

Mickey Walker knocked out Moe Herscovitch, sixth round at Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 21st.

Vic Foley defeated Artie Shiere, fifteen rounds at Edmonton, Alberta, Dec. 21st.

Mark Moore knocked out Battling Anderson, first round at Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 22nd.

Mark Moore defeated Sammy Trapp, six rounds at Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 22nd.

Eddie Cochrane defeated Jack Reid, eight rounds at Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 22nd.

Young Wilson and Benny Gates boxed six rounds to a draw at Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 22nd.

Leo (Kid) Roy defeated Tommy Noble, ten rounds at Montreal, Quebec, Dec. 19th.

Nedder Healey defeated Young Tansey, ten rounds at Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19th.

EUROPE

Edouard Mascart defeated Henri Hebrans, fifteen rounds at Paris, France, Dec. 18th.

Paul Fritchi and Robert Sirvan boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Paris, France, Dec. 18th.

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