

SCRIBES SAVED DEMPSEY

Sensational Bout With Firpo Voted Tops In Ring Drama During 50 Years

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—(AP)—For throbbing sports drama, the primitive Dempsey-Firpo brawl of Sept. 14, 1923, ranked tops in the Associated Press' mid-century poll.

Almost 27 years later, the events of that savage first round still pack the raw drama of a life-or-death struggle between two jungle beasts.

When Luis Angel Firpo rose from his seventh knockdown to Bull Dempsey across the ring and knocked the world heavyweight champ into the press section, he touched off an argument that may simmer for another 50 years.

Did Firpo, the huge "wild bull of the Pampas," actually win the title that wild night at the p.o. grounds?

The record books say "no." Many ringsiders say "yes." They insist Dempsey never would have "climbed" back into the ring if friendly boxing writers hadn't helped.

anti-climax. Firpo missed his big chance in the first when he hesitated momentarily after Dempsey's return. A Dempsey right almost dropped him for an eighth time just before the bell.

Dempsey at his destructive best wasted no time in the second. Aroused by the threat of the 3-to-1 underdog, he floored Firpo for a five-count and then stretched him out with a left to the head followed by a chilling right to the chin.

JUDGE HEADS Y. M. C. A.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Circuit Judge James W. Crawford was elected president of the Portland Y. M. C. A. last night.

Suit Yourself at Joe Richards

Some claim Dempsey was not badly hurt when the hulking Firpo, swinging his iron fists like a club, sprawled the champ over a newsman's typewriter. They say a right hand punch to the shoulder caught Dempsey off balance—that he slipped under a loose upper rope and tumbled out.

Others insist a dazed Dempsey never would have beaten referee Jack Gallagher's count if it hadn't been for the boosts by ringside reporters—eager to get rid of a 192 1/2-pound burden.

Dempsey should be the best source. Here's what he said recently when interviewed after he was named the best fighter of the last 50 years.

"I didn't even know he had knocked me out of the ring until I came to on my stool between rounds," said Jack. "I thought I had been knocked out."

The brief second round, lasting only 57 seconds, was almost an

FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

(By The Associated Press)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Steve Belkise, 160, New York, outpointed Burl Charity, 159 1/2, Youngstown, 10.

NEW YORK (Sunnyside Garden) — Joey Ariza, 144 1/2, New York, outpointed Jimmy Donnelly, 144 1/2, New York, 8.

Don Newcombe Inks Contract With Dodgers

BROOKLYN, Feb. 10. — (AP) — Don Newcombe, 25-year-old Negro pitcher, who was a key man in the Dodgers' pennant drive, has signed a one-year Brooklyn contract calling for an estimated \$13,000.

Don, a strapping 6-4, 220-pound right-hander, posted a 17-8 record and hurled 19 complete games. He hurled five shutouts, to tie three other pitchers for the lead in that department. He compiled a string of 32 straight scoreless innings and pitched in the all-star game and world series.

Pneumonia Hits Coach As Oregon Readies For OSC

(By The Associated Press)

Oregon had its inspiration today—now can they do it? "It," of course, being to knock over the Oregon State Beavers when the two quintets clash tonight at Eugene in one-half the Northern division basketball slate. The other half of the evening's conference bill is being served up at Pullman where the fourth place Idaho Vandals seek to do a little king-pin knocking of their own against the division-leading Washington State Cougars.

Oregon's "inspiration" was delivered yesterday when team physician Dr. George Guldager ordered Coach John Warren to the hospital with virus pneumonia. Guldager said, however, that Warren's condition was not serious but that he would be bedded down until next week.

Warren's absence puts the coaching chores up to his assistant, Don Kirsch, for both tonight's

clash with OSC and tomorrow's non-conference meeting with St. Mary's.

While the two northern division clashes dominate the cage scene, Washington's second place Huskies move into inter-sectional competition as underdogs to the potent Wyoming Cowboys in a Friday-Saturday set at Seattle. The invaders, an all-senior aggregation, are currently leading the Skyline conference with a 12-5 season record.

JUDGMENT SOUGHT

George H. McEwing filed a judgment suit in circuit court against George Carna, for \$407.50, plus interest and costs, alleging non-payment for work, labor and services performed.

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FRIGID PASTIME—With the temperature in the lower 20s, Otto Hilderbrand, 35, Jefferson City, Mo. policeman swims among the ice floes in the Missouri river. Hilderbrand, who likes to swim in the river summer and winter, says it keeps him in the pink of condition for his job. "It's all a matter of conditioning," he says. (AP wirephoto).

Hospitalized Fighter's Ring Future At Stake

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The boxing future of Harold Johnson 22-year-old Negro heavyweight, will be determined by the newly created athletic commission medical advisory board.

This was announced yesterday at a hearing following Johnson's collapse with a back injury during Wednesday night's fight with Jersey Joe Walcott.

If the final medical report indicated Johnson might have a recurrence of the trouble he will be ordered out of the ring. First X-rays at the hospital, where Johnson was reported resting comfortably, indicated no fractures.

Kiwanis, YMCA Sponsor Gym Program For Boys

Through a joint Kiwanis club-YMCA sponsored program, the Roseburg Junior high gym has been made available Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, announced Marlen Yoder, "Y" secretary.

The Kiwanis club will pay for use of the gym, while the YMCA will sponsor the program. All boys interested in playing volleyball and basketball are welcome, said Yoder, who with Chuck Allen will direct the play.

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BOSOX SIGN WHITE

BOSTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The signing of Catcher Sam White, 20-year-old promising prospect from Seattle, was announced today by the Boston Red Sox. White, who batted .263 in 31 games for Oneonta of the Canadian-American class C league in 1929, probably will be farmed out again.

Fishway Weir Inventor Receives Pay Increase

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Winifred M. Fritz, who designed an automatically-controlled weir for fishways at McNary dam, was granted a pay increase yesterday for that "superior accomplishment."

The chief of engineers at Washington, D. C., cited the Portland mechanical engineer for his design, which will save about \$10,000 a year in operating costs at McNary. Until now the water flow over the fishway weirs had to be adjusted by hand, Fritz' design controls the water automatically.

Fritz is employed in the structures design section of the army engineers' office here.

CLEMO, ALMOND DRAW

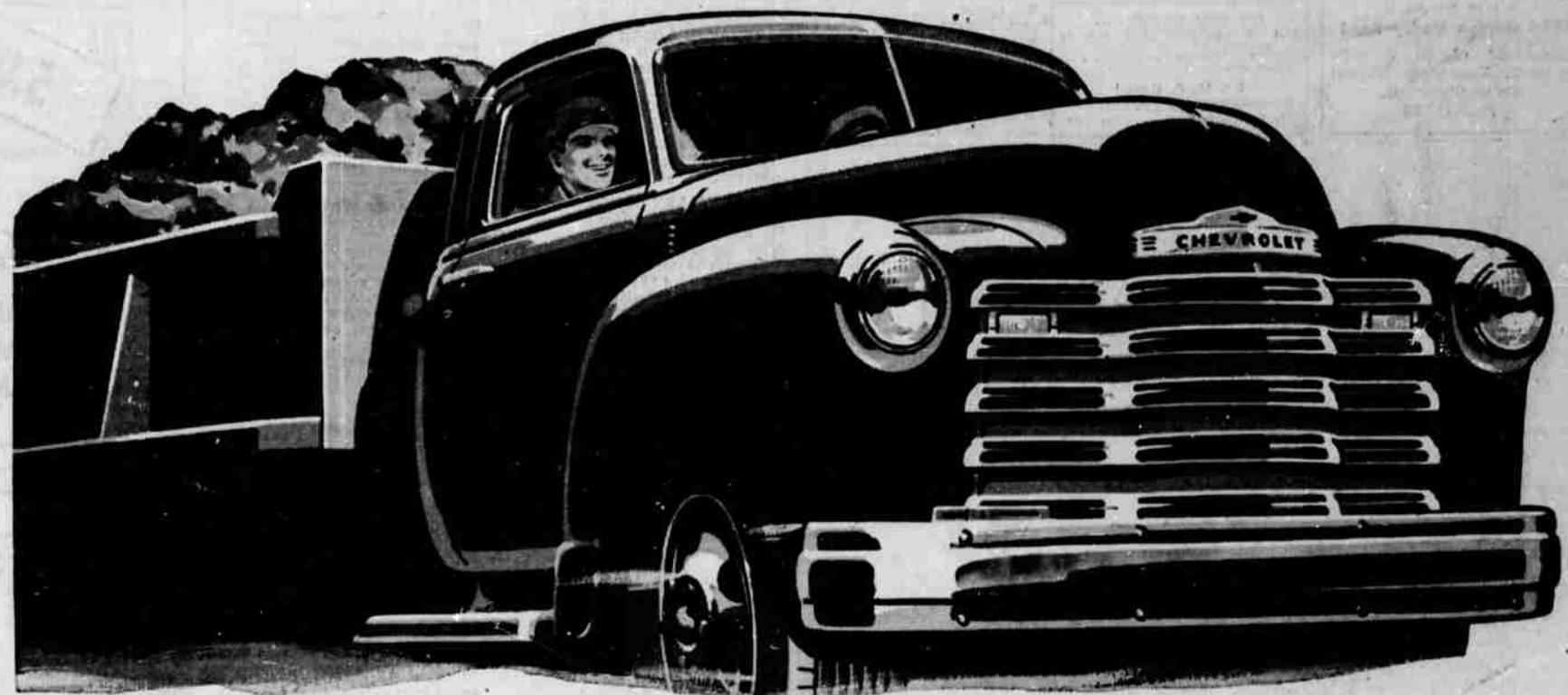
VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Frank Almond, Vancouver's leading featherweight boxer, came back in the tenth round to rack up a draw with Portland's clever boy Joey Clemo last night. Almond weighed 127 1/2 to Clemo's 130 1/2.

HEAVY TRUCKS BANNED

CORVALLIS, Feb. 10.—(AP)—All heavy trucks were banned from Benton county roads today to prevent damage in still-thawing sections. The load limit was seven tons.

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