

CARPENTIER LOSES HIS FORTUNE



CARPENTIER SERVED IN THE FRENCH AVIATION SECTION DURING THE WORLD WAR. HE HAD PILED UP A FORTUNE IN THE FIGHTING GAME—BUT LOST IT DURING THE WAR

Georges Carpentier has come to the United States from France to fight Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight title less known than any fighter who ever went into a world championship fight. Cochran, in this story of Carpentier's life written for the La Grande Evening Observer, tells of the struggles of the one-time mine pit boy in rising to the light-heavyweight championship of the world.

BY HAL COCHRAN.
CHAPTER 5.

All question as to Georges Carpentier's right to the claim of champion of France was settled when he won from Marcel Moreau in eight rounds, and later won from Albert Lurie, official heavyweight champion.

Bouts had been paying the French team, Carpentier-Desamps, well, and Georges became a real idol of his country, while his manager reaped a financial harvest.

Six knockouts in a row were next added to the long string of wins Carpentier had accumulated. Bandman, Rice, Cyclone Smith and George Gunther fell in order, in 1, 2, 3, and 14 rounds.

Jars Englands Pride.

Bombardier Wells, English heavy weight, then took the count in four frames and Albert Lurie and Ashley Williams, both Frenchmen, topped in three and four frames respectively.

The Wells defeat was a blow to England's fistie pride. A youngster several inches shorter and many pounds lighter had trimmed one of its leading battlers.

In the meantime Jeff Smith, an American, had run up a list of wins in Paris. Georges took him on and won in 20 rounds. This battle was followed with a knockout of M. Abott in three rounds, and a second knockout of Wells, in one round. That was the last battle of 1913.

Throughout Carpentier's fighting career there had been gossip of Desamps and Georges working the "chey"

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notic eye" on opponents. It traced back to the early days when the two played master and pupil in "thought reading" performances.

Georges Explains.
In connection with this Georges says:

"Desamps takes away from me, by his very influence, all my cares and troubles when I am scheduled to fight, leaving me to enter the ring with only a fighting mind.

"He subtly convinces me that he is actually fighting at the same time I am, and fighting for me." So much for the "hypnotic eye."

It was Carpentier's wallop that were carrying him to victories. His first battle in 1914 resulted in a knockout of Pat O'Keefe, in two rounds. George Mitchell, Hubert Roe and Philippe Robinson also went out over the sleep route.

Gunboat Smith, topnotch American scrapper, then journeyed to Paris and loat to Carpentier in the sixth round, on a foul. Another foul gave Georges a win over Kid Jackson in four rounds.

Then Joe Jeannette, prize American negro husky, crossed the pond and handed the French wiz a lacing in 15 rounds.

Served As Aviator.

This ended Georges' pre-war battles except for a few exhibition bouts.

When France went to war with Germany, Georges enlisted in the aviation branch. He was twice decorated. During the fighting days he gave many boxing exhibitions for American troops in France.

The fighting game had piled up a fortune for Carpentier. He had even

purchased an interest in the Snings at Lens in which he worked as a boy. This fortune of a million francs was lost through the war and Georges re-entered the ring, after peace came, to rebuild it.

(The next story carries Carpentier to the championship of Europe.)

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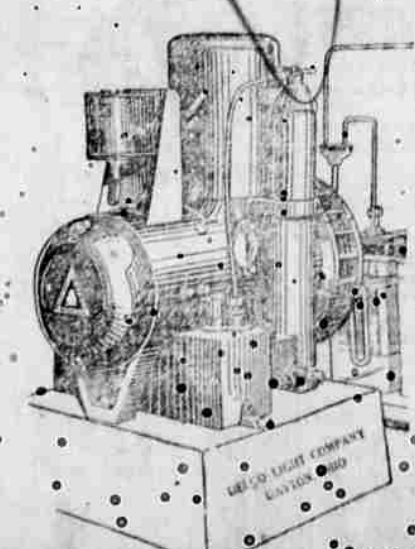
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