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THE HERALD'S EXTRA

The Herald's extra edition, issued
on Saturday, giving the details of
the big Dempsey-Carpentier cham-
pionship fight, made a great hit with
those interested in matters pugilistic
in the Mt. Scott district.

While the Herald does not particu-
larly approve of prizefights, and
while we realize that such contests
serve primarily to enrich the coffers
of a few parasites who would be far
more useful to society if they were
pounding rock for a living, there is
no gainsaying the fact that there was
much interest displayed in the bout.

The Herald tried to arrange with
one of the city papers to phone re-
turns to this paper, they to receive
the credit for so doing. Because of
contract clauses with a large news-
gathering organization, the Herald
was not permitted to be thus served,
and it was necessary for us to secure
our report from other sources. At
12:10, but 25 minutes after the
Frenchman was counted out in Jersey
City, special edition Herald's were be-
ing sold on the streets of Lents and
a few minutes later several hundred
papers were in Kern Park and the
district west to Myrtle Park.

That this service was appreciated
goes without saying, for it was sev-
eral hours before city papers in quan-
tity arrived here. In the meantime,
boys from this office canvassed the
district thoroughly and sold several
hundred copies.

The Herald's service was so thor-
ough and complete for a special edi-
tion that many thought it a fake un-
til later in the day, when copies of
the city dailies arrived in getting out
on the street cars. In Arleta, inter-
ested persons commented upon the
strangeness of fight extras arriving
from the Lents district ahead of
those from Portland.

At Kern Park, a section hand on a
streetcar repair crew read the re-
turns aloud to the interested labor-
ers. The Herald is in receipt of
many complimentary comments upon
its enterprise, especially as copies of
one Portland daily were received an
hour after the Herald was on the
street, with the winning round an-
nounced as the third, rather than the
fourth, as was correct.

The getting out of the extra was
in no sense a profit-making proposi-
tion. As was expected, the revenue
derived from the sale of the papers
was barely sufficient to pay labor
costs. The advertisers were not
asked to meet any of the incidental
expense, and they received a free in-
sertion of their ads.

Besides the regular Herald force,
the following assisted in getting out
the papers: Harry Hurd, Mrs. J. E.
Udlike, Maud Rogers, Clyde Sellers
and Kenneth Wellman.

COMBING FOR DODGERS

Washington dispatches inform us
that the government is to comb the
United States for tax dodgers, espe-
cially the big offenders.

Good! All power to the govern-
mental comb!

But why use a mere comb?
The expert tax dodger can crawl
between the teeth of the finest comb
ever made. Unlike the house, they
are too smart to be snared by so old
a trick.

If the millionaires and billionaires
could be forced to pay their just pro-
portion of taxes there would be a re-
markable reduction in the sum the
poor man is required to hand over.

But millionaires and billionaires
are veritable geniuses at wriggling
out of tight holes. The poor man is
only an expert at hard work.

When the net closes a few of the

unsophisticated will undoubtedly be
caught, but the big dodgers will
wiggle through the meshes.
Tax dodgers are expert wrigglers,
anyway.

LAY OFF, MR. PRESIDENT

A story comes out of Washington
to the effect that the administration
will attempt to induce the public to
relieve the government of ten billions
of dollars of indebtedness now due it
by the allied countries of Europe.

According to report, the plan as
tentatively outlined calls for the con-
verting of this indebtedness into long
time bonds of the European govern-
ments, these bonds to be sold by our
government to the American people
at large and the proceeds to be
turned into the federal treasury, with
a possibility that they may be used
in the retiring of liberty bonds.

That would be fine for the federal
treasury, but how about the people
who buy these bonds?

If this huge indebtedness passes
into the hands of private individuals,
who is going to guarantee that the
foreign governments will pay the in-
terest and principal when due?

The only guarantee that would be
of any value would be that of the
American government, and the govern-
ment has neither the army or
navy with which to enforce its de-
mands.

Consider our own liberty bonds, which
the people were told would soon be
at a premium.

Are they at a premium now, two
years after the war?

They are not.

Are they even at par?

We were urged to buy liberty bonds
"until it hurt." We bought until it
hurt, and after two years of peace it
is still hurting—hurting worse than
ever because we can not get as much
for them as we paid.

If our own government, the strong-
est on earth and with its vast and in-
exhaustible resources, is unable to
keep the market value of its own
bonds at par, why should the people
be asked to believe that the bonds of
debt-ridden foreign governments will
shrink to even lower levels of
value?

According to newspaper reports,
Europe has for two years defaulted
on the payment of even interest on
the ten billions they owe us.

If they can not or will not pay even
the interest to the government of the
United States, which has the power
to apply a certain degree of pressure
if it so desires, have we any reason
to expect that they would be any
more prompt or solicitous in meet-
ing their obligations to private indi-
viduals who are without means of
applying coercive measures in the
collection of the interest and principal
due them?

Those ten billions of dollars—
money belonging to the people of the
United States—were loaned to the
European allies by the American
government.

Let the government plug up the
hole in the bag with its own fist—
plug it up until it hurts.

Caution warns us, Mr. President,
that this is the psychological moment
to lay off.

GIVE HIM A CHANCE

Hundreds of thousands of foreign-
ers have been flocking into this coun-
try since the war. Millions more
will seek entrance in the years to
come.

Whether or not they will become
good citizens and eventually good
Americans will depend as much upon
us as upon them.

They come to us in comparative ig-
norance of American manners, cus-
toms and traditions. They will learn
principally that which is taught them
by others.

If they fall among the minority
element that disparages law and or-
der and good government it will not
be surprising if time finds many of
them allied with that class.

But if they find the kindly and pa-
ternal hand of the government out-
stretched to greet and guide them
there is every reason to expect that
they will develop into good and val-
uable citizens.

Some effort is being made to en-
lighten these immigrants upon their
arrival in the United States, but it is
only a beginning and the end is too
quickly reached. It can hardly ac-

complish the full purpose for which
it is designed.

A more comprehensive and detailed
course of instruction in the duties of
American citizenship and business ac-
tivity should be provided every for-
eigner who lands upon our shores in
the future years, and not one of them
should be sent out into the hive of
American industry until he has ac-
quired a clear understanding of the
opportunities before him and of the
duties that devolve upon him.

Good citizens are what we want but
good citizens are not made standing
idly by while the untutored walk into
the waiting arms of those who thrive
at the expense of good society and
national government.

Give the immigrant a chance.

The number of prize fighters that
are springing up leads one to suspect
that there is little likelihood of an-
other war in the near future.

Jack Dempsey will continue to be
our leading fighter unless the United
States becomes involved in an-
other war.

We sincerely hope the Stillman
scandal will soon blow over or peter
out. We want a good night's sleep
without harrowing dreams of what
might occur.

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