

U.S. OFFICIALS TAKE UP DEMPESEY CASE

Federal Agents Start Probe of Slacker Charges.

EVIDENCE TURNED OVER

Colonel C. W. Thomas, Former Member of Pershing Staff, Put in Charge of Investigation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Charges against a man in which during the past several weeks Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight pugilist, has been the center today resulted in the launching of an official investigation by federal officials in San Francisco into the circumstances by which the fighter obtained exemption during the war.

Simultaneously with this action a new development served seemingly to substantiate Dempsey's claim that he had made no effort to avoid the draft. This was announced by L. E. Perrone, who succeeded John S. Hogan as chairman of draft board No. 13, that he had reclassified Dempsey from class 4A, in which he had been placed by Hogan, to class 2B. Perrone, a drug-store proprietor, stated that Maxine Dempsey alleged that she had placed the exemption papers in a position to be called for duty at any time, as it placed the wife in the category of being able to support herself.

Battle Now Up to Courts. The San Francisco federal courts became the center of the battle over the "slacker" charges when E. E. Blanford, chief of the department of justice agents, filed a report touching on the case with Mrs. Annette A. Adams, United States attorney.

This report, the contents of which were not revealed, was turned over to Mrs. Adams by the United States attorney C. W. Thomas, who during the war, was a colonel on General Pershing's staff. Thomas was formerly adjutant-general of the California national guard, from which position he resigned to enter the federal army, and before going overseas was stationed at the Presidio as morale officer. Colonel Adams was instructed by Mrs. Adams to make a thorough inquiry into the charges of injury in his military service, which Mrs. Maxine Dempsey has made against her former husband.

Thomas Wants Letters. Thomas, it was understood, will demand that Mrs. Dempsey turn over to the government the letters which she says she has in her possession corroborating her charge that she was induced by threats to sign the fighter's questionnaire as a dependent when she alleged she was not being supported by him.

Unless Mrs. Dempsey voluntarily delivers the letters, a subpoena will be issued for her appearance here and search warrants will be placed in the hands of government agents, it was stated.

In the event that the investigation now being made warrants the action, the case will be taken to federal grand jury, it was announced. Colonel Thomas said: "The charges against Dempsey will be thoroughly sifted. If Dempsey is a slacker, we want to know it; if not, he should be exonerated. Mrs. Dempsey's charge is mysterious. I left Wells, Nev., last week, was reported today to be in Ogden, Utah, registered at a hotel under another name. She is said to have demanded last night that the hotel management provide her with police protection, declaring that certain men were after letters in her possession."

Ridley Makes Statement. Charges by Mrs. Dempsey that her husband was not employed in the shipyards were offset today by affidavits prepared by Harry J. "Bud" Ridley, a boxer, now under management of Fred Wilson, Dempsey's manager, in which he swore that he was in these affidavits Ridley stated that Dempsey was employed for at least two weeks after June 15, 1917, at the shipyard in the Seattle construction company, now Skinner & Eddy. Dempsey left the yards when he was called to the front by the United States senator Wesley L. Jones. George Pierrot of Cathlamet, club reporter, declared that he was in the White Sox to the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Frank Shellenback, a pitcher, was released tonight by the White Sox to the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league.

Oaks Gets Shellenback.

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Oregon will make a determined effort to boost its conference standing this week and will meet the Willamette quintet in two games of basketball, one to be played in Salem and the other in Eugene on Thursday and Friday nights of this week.

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Coach Rhy Huntington is not optimistic concerning the team's chances with the Willamette five. He is not making any predictions on the outcome, but admits that the Methodists of the Oregon Aggies in one of the two games with that institution will put up a good scrap. Their defeat of the Oregon Aggies in one of the two games with that institution will put up a good scrap.

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MOTORBOAT SHOW SCHEDULED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—At the meeting of the exhibition committee of the 15th annual national motorboat show, which opens here today, a "pep" was injected into the plans of that body. It soon became evident that the show will be a considerable success.

Whittman Registers Victory.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 28.—Whittman defeated Spokane university again tonight by a score of 27 to 14 in a hotly contested basketball game. This fact was much faster and more evenly fought than last night, but Spokane was outplayed throughout.

SKATERS EXCITE NORWAY

BOBBY McLEAN ARRIVES AT BERGEN IN GOOD SHAPE.

Race Between American and Norwegian for World Title Expected to Draw 18,000 to Rink.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, Jan. 28.—"Bobby" McLean, the American skater, arrived at Bergen today from New York. He was in fine condition. There is great interest in the coming race between McLean and Oscar Mathisen for the world's professional skating championship. Many applications for tickets for the race have been received from all over the country and indications are that approximately 18,000 spectators will be present. McLean's present weight is 145 pounds, while Mathisen weighs less than that of Mathisen.

SOUND HOCKEY TEAM WINS

Canadians Lose Hard Contest by 4-to-3 Count.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28.—Seattle won from the Vancouver team in the Pacific Coast Hockey association here tonight by a score of 4 to 3, after a close and exciting contest. The game was assisted by Riley, scoring the winning goal for Seattle in four minutes of overtime play. Vancouver scored first in the first period. Roberts from Adams, Seattle made the only score in the second, Riley making the goal in the third. Seattle scored twice for Vancouver.

PARK BILL IS IN FAVOR

Public Lands Committee for Doubling Size of Crater Lake Area.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—Senator McCowan today announced that the public lands committee today to report favorably a bill doubling the size of Crater Lake national park, take in Diamond lake and much other scenic area.

Officers Arrest Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Murphy as Whisky Makers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Murphy, 3108 Sixty-fifth street Southeast, were arrested last night by Patrolmen Huntington and Russell and internal revenue agents, charged with operating a whisky distillery. The authorities seized six gallons of moonshine whisky, 30 gallons of mash and the still, which was in the second story of the Murphy home.

LIQUOR CONCERN FORED

California Men to Manufacture Sacramental Article.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—What is declared to be the first incorporation of a business concern for the manufacture and sale of non-beverage liquors, was announced today. The company is capitalized for \$25,000 and is known as the Sacramento and medicinal purposes.

Catholic Orders Plan Party.

The Knights of Columbus, assisted by the Catholic Order of Foresters, Daughters of Isabella, Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Foresters, and the alumni of the Immaculata Academy, met last night in the hotel Multnomah and decided to give a party on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, at the hotel Multnomah. The party will be a benefit for the Dominican Sisters' convent on Stanton street between Williams and Rodney avenues. The money will be used in the installation of a modern heating plant. Cards, which should be returned to the committee of arrangements for the Knights.

Federal Coercion Denied.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Coercive methods have not been used by the federal reserve board or federal reserve banks to compel non-member state banks to join the federal reserve system or submit to the new regulations, the senate was informed today by Governor W. P. G. Harding in response to a senate resolution.

Government Would Seize Onions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—A petition for authority to seize 270,914 pounds of buckskin onions alleged to be hoarded by the National Ice & Cold Storage company's plant here for speculative purposes was filed in the United States district court today by Mrs. Annette Adams, United States district attorney.

British Release Von Reuter.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Admiral Von Reuter, the chief officer of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, who gave the order to scuttle the fleet of the German warships there last June, has been set free by the