

EXPERTS OF BRITAIN BACK CARPENTIER To a Man Visitors Say Frenchman Will Win. RING STRATEGY IS CITED

Strength of Dempsey, His Boxing Ability and Hitting Fail to Convince He Will Win.

BY ROBERT EDGREN. (Copyright by the Bell Syndicate, Inc. Published by arrangement.) NEW YORK, July 1.—(Special.)—At half past three tomorrow afternoon or shortly thereafter, Georges Carpentier of France, will be the champion of the world, or Jack Dempsey of America will still be invincible king of the ring.

As the time for the big fight draws close, Carpentier's chances are taken more seriously because of the intense confidence in his fighting powers expressed by visiting Englishmen who have seen him in action. To the man, the visitors say that Carpentier will whip Dempsey. Not that they know anything about Jack Dempsey, but they simply assume that Carpentier is the greatest fighter they've ever seen, that his ring strategy is incomparable, his defense perfect, his hitting ability accurate and hard enough to knock out any man living, and his strength sufficient to his needs.

Dempsey, they say, is a big fellow, stronger than Carpentier, a good boxer, a hard hitter, anything you want to claim for him, but still inferior to Carpentier.

No Nervousness Showed. American ring followers are just as enthusiastic over Dempsey. They know he is better than any other heavyweight we have had since Jeffries' best days, and in many ways better than Jeffries.

He may not have Jeff's tremendous strength and endless stamina, but he makes up for that by being a born fighter. He may not have flashy boxing style, but he is aggressive and effective. He is same, strong, fast, enduring and a natural fighter all the way through. He is good enough for Americans to consider him a 3-to-1 favorite against any opponent.

The chances are that Dempsey will win, whether the fight is a draw or long, but it will be a hard contest and no sure thing for either man. Dempsey's heavy boxing, his Airport camp were passed cheerfully. He showed no trace of nervousness. The nearer the time comes to get into the ring the happier Dempsey is. It's always that way with him. He likes to get through with the long training grind and he is waiting for the first bell to ring and the fight to begin. Nothing worries him then. He arrived in Jersey City to be hidden from all visitors and will not be in the picture again until his black curly head bobs under the ropes and he climbs into the ring.

Carpentier No Less Tranquil. Carpentier's last moments before the big event were no less tranquil. He sat on his cot in Manhattan, his training work over, and awaited the fight plan. Carpentier has been unexcited, as far as I could see, ever since he arrived at the camp. He has been through too many big things to have nerves over a ring fight. Yet, as far as Carpentier is concerned, today is his old life. For the first time he is where the eyes of the world are on him.

He fought with a quiet dignity, very creditable, but over there he was only one man in millions. Now he is one life or death, but may have meant and is meant to mean a great deal to the ordinary thing, quite common place. The eyes of the world are on him, and if he attracted any official attention it appeared in a few lines on a bulletin board. Carpentier feels that he alone, represents France.

Advantages on Both Sides. Yet, he is calmer than any other man in his camp. He's cold and determined when he faces Dempsey in the ring. Dempsey is noted for his ring concentration on the fight. Here we will have two men about as determined to be the one irresistible force in attack and the immovable body in defense as can be seen in any scientific puzzle all over again. And the answer to it is that one or the other will be irresistible. Will it be Dempsey or Carpentier?

Physically there are advantages on each side. Dempsey is about 18 pounds heavier and two inches taller than measured Jack last week. He has grown three-quarters of an inch since the Willard fight and stands just a foot 1 1/2 inches tall. His bare feet are 5 feet 1 1/2 inches tall. Dempsey's weight two days before the bout was 190 pounds, and Carpentier's 172.

Builds Are Different. In build the men are of different type. Dempsey has a heavy jaw, a thick short neck, and a generally deep, rounded body, well muscled all over and apparently showing good lines for endurance. Carpentier has a long neck, not thick but well defined, with cheekbones and a jaw that is high but not heavy. His body is that of a trained gymnast. He is wide and not deep. His shoulders are broad and well muscled. His neck is wedged extending with long banks of muscle extending from the arm pits to just about the waist. His chest and body are flat. From in front or behind he looks like a heavyweight, and from the side more like a lithe middleweight.

Dempsey's legs are straight lined, tapering evenly from hip to heel with no bulging muscles. They are rather light for his powerful torso. Carpentier's legs are very long from hip to knee and very thick below the knee. His calves are the biggest thing about him, with big bulging muscles. He uses these powerful calves in fighting well up on his toes. This gives him added height if he wants to use it.

Police Hitting Peculiar. Carpentier has a peculiar knack of hitting, using the long banks of muscles along his sides to put driving force into the blow. Yesterday I had a talk with a well-known Englishman sportsman who has passed years in Australia and in the country following boxing. He has seen Dempsey fight, and says that he thinks him one of the best heavyweights that ever held the championship.

the time, but his right hand is the finisher. He never lets that right go unless he is sure of landing, and when he lands right he can knock down any man living. I have a few dollars that I'm going to bet on the proposition that if there's a knockdown in the first round, Carpentier will land it. He may not keep Dempsey down, for Dempsey is very rugged, but I wouldn't be surprised if he dropped Jack with the first blow struck. I think he has an even chance to stop Dempsey and I'm sure you'll want to see a corking fight, no matter which way it goes.

Carpentier knocked Gunboat Smith out clean after a minute and a half in the fourth round. The time-keeper counted nine and then rang the bell to announce a knock-out, but through a mixup Smith was allowed to start again.

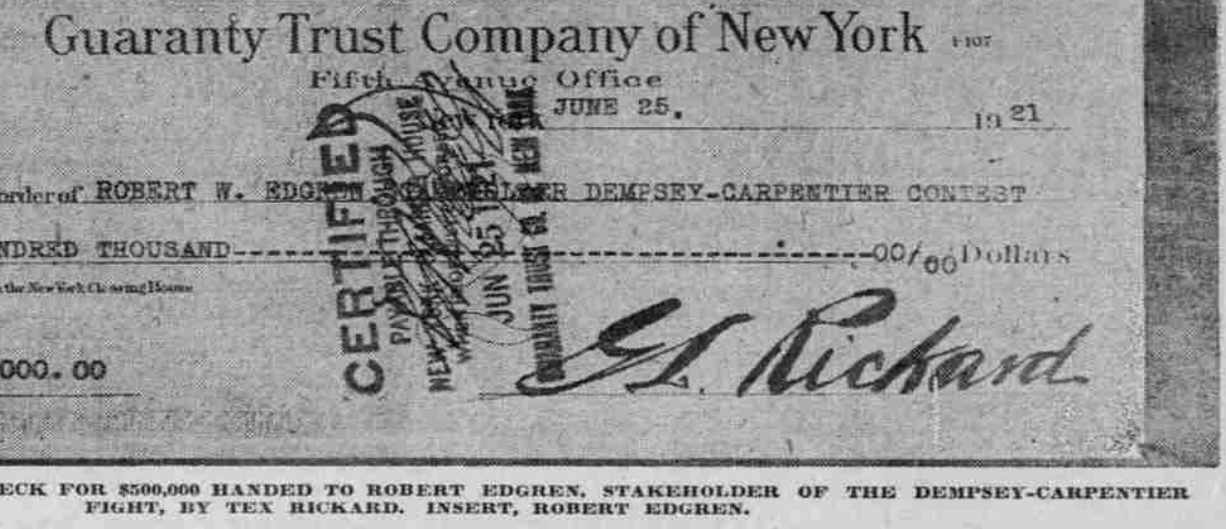
Police Nailed on Floor. "Carpentier moved around until he had Smith open for another right and let it go. Only an accident saved Smith. He slipped and Carpentier's punch grazed him. Carpentier swung off his feet by missing that punch, and fell to his hands and knees, and then Smith nailed him while he was on the floor. Smith was good then. He had just taken a 12-count win over Langford. Carpentier outlasted him, and may beat Carpentier by outlasting him, but there won't be much difference between them in punching ability. Car-

CHAMPION, HAPPY, A SITE OF BOUT Journey Made to Jersey City in Buoyant Mood.

SCALES TIPPED AT 190 Title Holder Introduces Mayor on Train to Crowd as Carl Morris, Heavyweight.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jack Dempsey arrived here from Atlantic City tonight in buoyant spirits.

PURCHASE AND PURSEHOLDER FOR TODAY'S FIGHT.



pentier is a great boxer and can take care of himself, and if Jack is a little slow he'll never give the Frenchman much trouble.

That may all be true, but Dempsey isn't weak in shifty skill and effective boxing. Dempsey was a good fighter when he began. He earned a reputation as a knocker-out in his first preliminary bouts. He learned boxing by strapping his right arm to his side, using his left and ducking around punches.

He is a natural ring general. When he fought big Carl Morris in New Orleans he walked over and, diving under Morris' guard, hooked a left into the pit of the big man's stomach—a clean knock-out with one blow. With Fulton he stepped a few feet from his corner and waited. When Fulton jabbed and caught both of Dempsey's arms to hold them to his side, Dempsey simply turned his body until his left arm was in the air, and Fulton hooked an overhand left to Fulton's head that dazed him. Three more minutes of beating in but in less than 15 seconds of boxing.

Against Willard, Dempsey stepped in and retreated alternately. He almost turned his back to Willard, stepping away, and Willard followed. Whirling around Dempsey slipped under Willard's jab and delivered a right to the body and a left to the head. Willard never remembered what happened after that.

Short Blows, Says Brennan. Dempsey let Mike make a good start, and then hit him on the ribs with a right hand, practically leaving him defenseless. With Brennan he fought a lot of beating in a fairly round, weathered it, and sapped Brennan's strength with short inside body blows to the chest. Brennan, however, was conscious but he couldn't get up.

The arena built for the fight in Jersey City is the biggest ever constructed since Rome put up the Colosseum. It seats more than 90,000 persons. The crowd is so thick that tubes and ferries will be jammed. For hours before the bout and for hours after it scores of tents and private automobiles are parked in the arena. The police will establish lines two blocks from the arena, allowing only ticket holders to go through. As there are 18 entrances and 400 ushers and 600 police, there should be no trouble in getting to the seat any ticket calls for. The counterfeit tickets that have been seized are easily distinguished from the genuine.

Huge Sum Drawn. The big fight will draw about \$1,500,000, perhaps even \$1,600,000. This is more money than all the heavyweight championship fights in America in which titles changed hands have drawn, lumped together. Sullivan and Corbett, Corbett and Fitzsimmons, Fitz and Jeffries, Jeffries and Johnson, Johnson and Willard, Willard and Dempsey—all of these great championship battles together drew only a little more than half the sum paid by 90,000 fight fans to see Dempsey and Carpentier.

For the total gate the promoters might have tossed in about 30 fights like the McGovern-Ernest, Leonard-Leonard, Gans-Nelson, Wolgast-Ritchie, Leonard-Welch, Fitzsimmons-Dempsey, McLaughlin-Carney, and they would still be running the show at a profit. Tex Rickard paid more than \$269,000 for building the arena, which is two and a half times what the same arena built at Toledo cost him. He paid out so much money for everything he got before this bout, and has such taxes to pay, that with the \$500,000 paid Dempsey and Carpentier he would be a millionaire. A million dollars before he could break even with the expenses. They had a saying around New York that Rickard would be lucky to get out of New Jersey with his cane. But it looks as if he'll make a fair profit of the great sporting venture ever attempted by a promoter.

FANS START NIGHT VIGIL 300 Gathered at Midnight to Be Ready for Fight Seat Sale.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., July 1.—Fight fans whose enthusiasm for the art of swat was in no way dampened by their inability to pay for one of the choicest reservations at tomorrow's fight, started a vigil at midnight last night to show their devotion to the sport. At midnight 300 men and boys had gathered with the intention of standing in place all night.

the craft puts out into the sound Georges will lie down for a nap. The boat will dock in Jersey City at 1:45 and will be met by a detail of motorcycle policemen. The party will motor in a round-about way to the arena and will go into the ring promptly at 3 o'clock.

FREEDMAN'S SHOWING IS GOOD Challenger Expected to Give Leonard Hard Fight.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., July 1.—Sailor Freedman of Chicago, challenger for Benny Leonard's lightweight championship, today went through a workout that left little doubt among the spectators that he will give Leonard one of the toughest fights of the latter's career.

Freedman today looked better than at any time in his brief career. The youthful fighter made no defense, while boxing mates swung on his jaw, jabbed at his stomach, and pounded his head. Freedman only laughed.

He tipped the scales just under 137, the weight stipulated for 10 A. M. Monday. Tomorrow he will box three rounds and rest skipping and light training on Sunday will finish the training.

Benny Leonard, the champion, after a hurried trip here last night to inspect the arena, returned to Chicago to finish his training and will return either tonight or tomorrow to rest until the fight.

2 BOATS SUK IN RACING REGATTA AT PEORIA FILLED WITH THRILLS.

PEORIA, Ill., July 1.—Two boats sank to the bottom of the river and another threw its hands into the waters of Peoria lake at the opening of the Mississippi Valley power boat regatta here today.

Defender Weighs 190. Arriving here the party escaped a large crowd by emerging from the deserted side of the train and rushing to automobiles, in which the champion was taken to the private residence which he will not leave until immediately before the bout.

The defender was declared by Hayes to be in perfect condition. He weighed 190 pounds, exactly the figure at which he has expected for some weeks to challenge the ring.

Whistling American War Song, Carpentier Trips to Bed.

MANHASSET, N. Y., July 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Whistling an American war song, Georges Carpentier tripped up the stairs of his training camp residence at 9 o'clock tonight, called a cheery "good-night" to his comrades and jumped into bed.

Throughout the day the challenger was light-hearted. There was always a song on his lips and a smile on his face. He seemed oblivious of the fact that his chance at the long-desired world's heavyweight championship was less than 24 hours away. Fight talk was under the ban.

The challenger braved a heavy rain at Peoria today and was soaked to the skin when he returned from the road three-quarters of an hour later. Georges received a good rubdown and was swathed in blankets. He stayed indoors until after lunch, then went to the porch and his camp, and chair.

"There will be no fooling to-morrow," said Francois Desamps, Georges' manager, tonight. "Georges is in great condition, better than he ever was in his life, and we can offer no excuse. In fact we are confident. Of course, it would be silly to say flatly that Georges would win, but I think he never can tell what might happen."

"Trainer Wilson said before we came over that if he could get Georges in as good condition as he was for the Joe Beckett fight, he didn't believe Dempsey could defeat him. Georges is even better than he was for Beckett, and there's your answer."

"The fight will not be stopped. Either Georges will knock out Dempsey or Dempsey will knock out Georges. The only fight that will be as he has never fought before because he wants that championship. He isn't worrying one bit about it. He knows how he feels and he tells me he will go to it." Then Trainer Wilson spoke:

"Many people think that this will be a dancing exhibition. I am not saying that Carpentier will dive in foolishly and slug from the moment the first bell rings, but I do mean that he will fight Dempsey and fight him viciously. He has a plan against Carpentier in many of his bouts. For instance, I conditioned Joe Jeannette for his fight with Georges in Paris some years ago. When Joe went into the ring I cautioned him to be wary of Georges' right."

MASCOTT'S CLEVER WITS FOR FAN DANNY EDWARDS, NEGRO FLASH, LOSES DECISION.

DOUBT IN MINDS OF FANS Fight so Near a Stand-Off Best Boy Hard to Determine—Tar Lad Has Reverse Night.

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True enough Mascott was awarded the decision at the end of ten rounds of fast milling in the main event of last night's card at the Milwaukee, but the shade was nothing great enough for him to crow about.

As a boxer Mascott is a past master. He is the hardest proposition in the game to hit, takes advantage of every opening and covers and counters with equal ability. His delivery both at long range and at close quarters last night was a bit faulty until the ninth and tenth rounds, but he was fighting the best banty he has tackled in his career.

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HOTELS ARE OVERFLOWING Thousands Pour Into Manhattan for Big Fight. NEW YORK, July 1.—Registers in leading New York hotels today read like sections of the United States census books clipped at random. In the lobbies of the Biltmore, Astor, Commodore, Pennsylvania, Waldorf-Astoria, Ritz-Carlton, McAlpin and other hostesses, the prosperous farmer of the middle west and the equally prosperous manufacturer of the east, the cotton planter of the south and the native son of California, conversed eagerly about the fight.

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