

CARPENTER AS HERO
OUTCLASSES DEMPSEYSlacker Fighters Declared to
Be Outside the Pale.

LOUD PROTEST IS SOUNDED

History of Eight American Boxers
Who Have Held Championship
Title Under Queensberry Rules.

BY WILL G. MAC RAE.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 19.—(Special.)—Professional promoters of ring contests, that genre of corkscrew mentality, who, because of their questionable methods, have all but ruined the boxing game in the United States, are proposing a battle between a American champion, and the Frenchman, Georges Carpentier. And right now is the time to enter a protest, with the request that every sporting writer join in the objection and use every means at his disposal to be heard. It should be made emphatic, for it is time to draw a line which may not be crossed by any slacker fighter and the double-crossing promoters.

Georges Carpentier has just passed through four and a half years of battle. Because he fought well Joffre and Foch and Petain have pinned on his chest many decorations. Not a line has come to the surface that he, like so many of our American fighters, ever used his professional prestige to get out of or be kept from the trenches. Surely no man who lived, endured and fought through the years of the war could pass through that ordeal and come out physically as strong as he went in.

Slacker Fighters Scored. Whether this Frenchman would consider a proposed fight with Dempsey should not be considered. Boxing fans in this country should loudly protest against pitting this slacker against a professional fighter who dodged the war and who spent the years this country was at war going about "picking up easy money" and "making a few dollars" while the world was fighting.

Taking the boxing game by and large, the recent fiasco at Toledo again strongly points out that fighting is too strenuous a game for elderly gentlemen, whether they be horsehoofers, boilermakers or farmers, approaching the age of 40. As a suggestion it might be pointed out that the promoters of the maturity of Willard would do well to cease trying to jump into the John D. Rockefeller class via the boxing route and take their place in the world of the Y. M. C. A., playing ping-pong or becoming devotees of golf. It has been pointed out that the Toledo fight was a fine object lesson, that men under 25 make the best soldiers. Thirty seems to be the dead line for athletes to show their best. The world of while a man in his 30s is able to play tournament tennis, pitch winning baseball or shoot on a high level, he is in some other field of endeavor. But and for the most part, most of the athletic champions we have are around 20. Sporting writers since the Toledo matinee have written reams about boxing, former title holders and the game in general in America, but none, as far as I know, has pointed out the relation of boxing fans that Jack Dempsey is the eighth title holder—sixth real technical champion—four Queensberry champion—and that James J. Corbett was the first American Queensberry champion. The pompadour gentleman traveled clear to the continent of California to the ring at New Orleans to dethrone John L. Sullivan, the last of the American London prize ring title holders. This was September 7, 1892. And by the same token that occasion was the marking of the modern era of boxing. Sullivan, who had defended his title for a period of 12 years, but always under London prize ring rules.

The Corbett-Sullivan fight was the first championship bout with padded gloves and marked the end of the bare-knuckled days on the turf. Booz Fitzsimmons succeeded Corbett, Jim Jeffries, but, after taking his toll, he was labeled "ex" in about two years. Counting the period of his retirement, Jeffries reigned longer than Corbett, but he was not at the top as long as Jim Sullivan, who covered four years and three months, so the average tenure of the honor of being heavyweight champion is a little less than five years.

Dempsey, being 34, a fighter after the John L. Sullivan type, there is no telling at this early period how long he will retain the coveted title. Just as there seems to be no heavyweight boxer in sight in America or Europe capable of making him extend himself.

Dempsey Seems to Like to Fight. Judging from Dempsey's past performance, what he lacks in ring action he more than makes up in wall-punching ability. Like Sullivan, he seems to fight because he loves to fight. The negro was famous for an uppercut that seemed rarely to travel more than six inches. Jeffries was famous for his crouch, that was always a puzzle for the man in front of him. Booz Fitzsimmons was famous for his shift and the solar plexus blow. Corbett for his great cunning and speed and science. Ring history is silent as to whether Willard had anything but 145 pounds of putty and a get-rich-quick disposition.

Of the two pretenders there was Marvin Hart, who defeated Jack Johnson. Jeffries announced his retirement. Hart was not even a good street-car conductor. After Jeffries had handed him the title as champion he fought Jack Johnson in San Francisco and if Johnson had not been paid to lay down and had not Alice Gregg promoted and refereed the fight, Hart would have been whipped to a frazzle by the negro on that occasion. Then came Tommy Burns, who in about a year and a half in Sydney Jack Johnson made the championship out of Burns.

MILTON WINS ON SPEEDWAY

Final Heat on Pennsylvania Track
Made at 101 Miles Per Hour.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., July 19.—Tommy Milton won the Independence derby automobile race of 112½ miles on the speedway today.

In the final heat, he averaged 101 miles an hour, the time being 13:27.8. Dave Lewis finished second in 13:27.98. I. P. Fetterman was third, time 13:31.20.

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COAST BOYS IN THE BIG LEAGUES—BY CHRISTY WALSH.

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