

Charges Against Dempsey Being Investigated : Judge Landis Likely to Head Commission

SPARRING PARTNERS IN DEMAND

Boy McCormick and Captain Roper Hand Out K. O. Punches in Sunday's Workouts.

By Bob
ARE there any sparring partners loose in town anywhere? Two are wanted for just one day.
Boy McCormick would like to have someone knock him out between now and Wednesday and Captain Bob Roper is looking for some husky who will be accommodating enough to do the same act of kindness for him.
The Roy rocked the cradle for two of 'em Sunday, and the captain lullabied Mart Cutler for a home run twice.

BOY IS SORRY

"Don't you know, I'm awful sorry," said the boy. "I didn't know I was hitting so hard. Excuse me, please; it will not happen again," and then the boy proceeded to hang one on another innocent looking person.

"Marty, I didn't know I'd have to support you, and I'm off of you so far as these hard ones are concerned," said Captain Bob Roper to Big Marty Cutler.

"Don't you apologize to me," retorted Cutler, and he whanged away at Roper's jaw. Merely whanged. Didn't hit anything. Missed him a little bit. But 'twas hard enough to change the hand of time.

STARS APPEAR

Step Spar, Hop Bang! Stars and constellations and comets and all that stuff.
"Hello, captain, how long you been here? You look good to me. Where have I seen you before. I'd like to spar with you sometime when I feel better."
The great big army captain walked over and told Cutler that he had just "appeared" a few rounds.

"Is that so?" said Cutler. "Wonder why I wasn't here?"
And so it went.

Sunday was one of those hard workout days that the boys yearn for and the sparring partners want out until pile time comes in the sweet bye and bye.

Nobody Barred

No one was admitted to Garlock's, where Roper was putting on the keen edge, except a few of the chosen. These were recalled to the captain's best, and outside afterward there was at least one hat, new and unworn, that might be paid for. He's a bear, said them and they and those.

MAVES PUT UP BATTLE

And then the boy took on someone who wouldn't be too rough—Tommy Hayes, the hurricane that blew up here from San Francisco.
"This was the battle royal, and a well-known doctor, who ought to know as much about the flu as he does about boxers, pronounced them both able to live a couple of more such workouts after he had sounded their pulse, taken the depth of their hearts and found out that their lungs were capable of grabbing up everything that blows off Mount Hood.

Astoria, Jan. 24.—Boxing fans of Astoria are manifesting much interest in the boxing smoker to be staged January 30, when Oscar Koch, well known Astoria heavyweight, will meet Joe Bonds in a 10 round bout. This is the first event to be held under the newly formed boxing commission. Koch won the heavyweight title at American Lake from some of the best boxers in this section of the country. Bonds has met some of the best men in the game.

Marty Cutler Is Willing to Box Some 'Berry' Guy

A slight outcropping of bad blood between the McCormick and the Roper camps.
"Roper may knock me out, as he has, and McCormick might perform the same trick, but I want to tell the whole world that Gooseberry or Dusenberry or whatever may be the name of the guy that trains McCormick, can't do it now or at any other time," said Marty Cutler between periods of consciousness Sunday.
"Who is this Dusenberry or Gooseberry, anyway?" queried Marty as he woke up between swings on the pi-crashers from Roper's right.
"Who is he? I don't tell him to go get a rep., but just to come up here to Garlock's and I'll drift out of a swoon, have a nightmare, send him to Rocky's and then come to in time to work a few more rounds with Roper. Poo! How these has-beens and never-wases move up into good company. Yes, tell him I'll be one with the other but once."

BOXING

FIGHT WORTH, TEXAS, JAN. 24.—(L. N. S.)

—George Dewey, veteran middleweight prizefighter, who was known as "Bob York" in the ring, died here today following an operation on his ear. He fought two weeks ago last night, knocking out his opponent. He became ill a few days later. His home was in Pueblo, Colo.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 25.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, did little better than hold his own Saturday night in a six round no-decision bout here with Johnny Murray of New York. In the first half of the mill the New Yorker had the better of the contest, forcing the fighting most of the time, but in the last three rounds Kilbane came back strongly, hammering Murray hard in the sixth.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 26.—(L. N. S.)

—Young Bob Fitzsimmons will be the feature attraction of a boxing show at the Arena Athletic club here tonight when he faces Eddie West of Newark in an eight round bout. Gene Tunney, another fast coming heavyweight, will meet Jim Monahan on the same card. Old-time boxing fans recalled today that it is just 29 years ago this month since old Bob Fitzsimmons met the original Jack Dempsey for the world's championship and knocked him out in 12 rounds.

New York, Jan. 26.—(L. N. S.)—Willie Lewis, internationally known pugilist, was reported to be resting easily at St. Vincent's hospital today following an attack made upon him in a cabaret last night in which he received three bullet wounds. Lewis was attacked by two men who made their escape. His condition is not serious.

Intra-Mural Meets Arranged for Aggies

Corvallis, Or., Jan. 26.—Four intra-mural track and field meets as well as an intra-mural outdoor baseball schedule have been arranged for the students of the Oregon Agricultural college by Ralph O. Coleman, captain of the Oregon Aggie track squad a couple of years ago. There is a possibility that two additional track meets will be planned in order that every person attending the institution will have an opportunity of competing. Five of the best distance runners in the school will be taken to Portland to run in the 100 blocks race February 21.

Oaks Buy Billy Purcell

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 26.—Announcement of the sale of William Purcell, third baseman of the local International league club, to the Oakland coast league team was made here Sunday. Purcell lives in California.

LANDIS IS FAVORED FOR POST

New York Yankee Owners Boost Chicago Jurist as Herrmann's Successor.

By Jack Veelock
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(L. N. S.)—Judge Keneaw M. Landis of Chicago will be offered the chairmanship of the national baseball commission prior to the joint meeting of the major leagues February 11. It is believed in local baseball circles today, following announcement of Colonel T. L. Huston of the Yankees that the New York club will back Judge Landis unless some big New York man is favored by the joint committee appointed to select a candidate.

CUB BOSS IS STRONG

Judge Landis is the only man whose candidacy has been espoused by any member of the inter-league committee, William Veek of the Chicago Cubs having come out strongly in his favor.

The Chicago jurist has received consistent boosting from many directions and his attitude in the famous Federal league suit in Chicago, when he declined to render a decision, won him many firm friends in organized baseball. "Baseball has come to be a pretty big business," said Colonel Huston today, "and we need a big man as chairman of the commission. In my own opinion, Judge Landis fills all qualifications. Should the joint committee name a big New York man we might feel inclined to back him for civic pride. If for nothing else, but otherwise we are in favor of Judge Landis if he is nominated."

Whether the Chicago jurist would consider the chairmanship of the commission is still a question, but he is known to be an ardent follower of baseball and if assured the united support of the two big leagues it is believed he would accept the nomination.

GOOD SCORES HUNG UP IN OPENING OF TRAPSHOOTING YEAR

Thirty Shooters Participate in Merchandise Tourney on Portland Gun Club Traps.

SOME exceptionally good scores were registered in the opening merchandise trapshooting event of the 1920 Portland Gun club season Sunday, despite the steady downpour of rain. Thirty shooters participated in the event.

Name	Score	Added	Total
A. A. Schwarz	15	15	30
Frank Tompkins	13	13	26
P. R. Preston	8	8	16
E. H. Keller	14	14	28
W. H. Carey	12	12	24
Charles Eilers	10	10	20
J. E. Reid	11	11	22
A. W. Strouse	11	11	22
Ada Schilling	11	11	22
J. R. Trach	13	13	26
R. L. Dutton	9	9	18
W. O. Joy	11	11	22
R. E. Martel	7	7	14
A. L. Zarlowski	11	11	22
A. K. Hoare	14	14	28
P. G. Kiehl, Tacoma	12	12	24
M. H. Veatch	12	12	24
W. C. Bristol	13	13	26
J. C. Morris	10	10	20
J. W. Stealey	10	10	20
H. B. Newland	10	10	20
E. E. Adams, Hegner	9	9	18
Alb. Bowker, Hegner	9	9	18
J. R. McPherson, Mont.	10	10	20
V. V. Rexford	14	14	28
A. A. Troch	8	8	16
Frank Van Alta	11	11	22
W. H. Enderly	9	9	18
P. J. Holohan	7	7	14

(*) Professional.

Wounded Soldiers Query Champion

DEMPSEY'S FUTURE IS NOW IN EX-WIFE'S HANDS

May Plan to Stop Bout With Georges

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—The department of justice here is conducting an investigation of the "slacker" charges against Champion Jack Dempsey by his divorced wife, Maxine Dempsey. This information was given out by an official of the department of justice, who added that no evidence had been received to warrant arrest.

New York, Jan. 26.—Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight prizefighter, whose non-participation in the war has been criticized, is to be afforded an opportunity to defend himself before a self-constituted court of 1000 wounded American fighting men, now in United States general hospital No. 41, at Fox Hills, Staten Island.

With the view of passing impartial judgment upon the answers Dempsey may make to a questionnaire containing 15 questions, the wounded soldiers and sailors, through Lieutenant Arthur Robinson, 110th infantry, 28th division, A. E. F., have sent to the pugilist a letter enclosing the questionnaire, the answer to each of whose questions is to count a certain number of points.

PLAN WIDE SCOPE

The letter concludes:
"Tending the receipt of your answers, the action, contemplated here, will be deferred. Upon receipt of an answer which satisfactorily replies to the questionnaire, I shall send you the indorsement which you seem to desire so much."
"In the event that your answer is not satisfactory, an organization will be effected which will take up with the state department and the governor and legislature of each state the manner of preventing you from boxing before the public in their respective states. In addition to this, the governments of those countries which fought Germany will also be communicated with. Very truly,
(Signed) "ARTHUR ROBINSON,"
Lieutenant 110th Infantry, 28th Division, A. E. F."

MRS. DEMPSEY HOLDS IMPORTANT LETTERS

Wells, Nev., Jan. 26.—Upon the next whim of Mrs. Maxine Dempsey, divorced wife of Jack Dempsey, hinges the future career of the heavyweight champion pugilist of the world.

Mrs. Dempsey, so she declares, and her claim is said to be substantiated by tangible legal documents, has proof absolute that Jack Dempsey, who has been dubbed a "slacker" by numerous posts of the American Legion throughout the country, did seek to evade military service on the grounds of dependencies.

Further, she avers that she herself signed Dempsey's questionnaire substantiating his claim for exemption, under threats not only of bodily harm, but that if she refused to do more than mere pain, shame and degradation, she would be "killed."

HAS PROOF OF EVASION

Proof of Dempsey's alleged evasion of military duty, so says his former wife, consists of not one, but numerous letters in the champion's own handwriting, written to her to arrange the "deal" whereby Dempsey might be enabled to ply his trade as a professional boxer without hindrance from the military authorities.

But through fear of personal injury at the hands of enemies who might be hired to take her precious letters from her by force, she will not reveal the hiding places of her alleged proofs. In her own good time, so she says, these letters will be given all due publicity. But until that time no one shall see them.

F. Giles, the justice of the peace here, is known to have seen Maxine Dempsey's "proofs" and to have put them in the form of affidavits. He refuses to divulge their contents, but admits that the evidence therein contained is "startling and conclusive."

Kearns Makes Denial

Los Angeles, Jan. 26.—(U. P.)—Jack Kearns, who does the talking for Jack Dempsey, today answered published statements attributed to Maxine Dempsey, the champion's divorced wife, charging Dempsey is a "slacker."

Kearns declared in a signed statement that the charges are "ridiculous and absurd," and that it is the duty of Dempsey's former wife either to prosecute Dempsey as a slacker or to retract the statements attributed to her. Mrs. Dempsey now is at Wells, Nev.

BASKETBALL GAMES

FIVE games are listed for this week in the Portland inter-scholastic league, the first to take place Monday afternoon when the Jefferson high and James John high quintets meet in the Washington high school gymnasium.

Tuesday afternoon will find the Franklin high and the High School of Commerce basketball squads tangling while Washington high and Hill Military academy are listed for Wednesday.

Columbia university and Lincoln high, 1919 Oregon state champions, are billed for Thursday with Benson Tech and James John high winding up the week on Friday. If the coaches of the five cannot agree on a floor to stage the games, the Portland Y. M. C. A. gymnasium must be used, according to a ruling made by the directors of the league.

The Tualatin high will send its basketball team to Portland Monday to meet the Dunway park contingent in the neighborhood house. The match will start at 8 o'clock, and Louis Gallo has arranged a preliminary contest between the Dunway Juniors and the Y. M. C. A. Juniors. The opening clash will start at 7:15 o'clock.

The South Parkway basketball team will entertain the Chemawa Indians on the Y. M. C. A. floor, February 5, according to contracts signed by Manager Samuel Foster of the South Parkway. A preliminary match will be arranged for the occasion so that Portland fans can rest assured of witnessing a night of real basket tossing.

Sheridan, Jan. 24.—The Dallas high school basketball team defeated the Sheridan high school five on the Sheridan game floor Friday night in an exciting game, score 17 to 12.

Sneerer Games Postponed

With the fields covered with water and a steady downpour in progress, no games were played Sunday in the Portland Soccer Football association. The Waverleigh Athletic club-Mount Scott affair was slated for Reed college grounds, while the Peninsula-Kerns

RACING

NEVER in the history of harness racing has there been so much importance attached to a grand circuit stewards' convention as the Syracuse session January 13. A mighty change in present conditions may result.

Dartmouth will hold its winter carnival February 12 to 14.

Cleveland will hold a pocket billiard tourney.



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