Johnson Will Battle Fulton in Mexico ∴ Portland May Lose Out on Trades for Walker

J. JOHNSON PLANS TO COME BACK IN SQUARED CIRCLE

By W. Boyd Gatewood

MEXICALI, Mexico, April 1.(—I. N. S.)—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion of the world, has started "beating back."

"I am under a contract with a big American fight syndicate today which calls for three fights, the final one for the championship," Johnson declared today. "I am going to come back, not only in the fight world, but with the government of the United States. After my first fight, which will be with Fred Fulton, I am going to return to Chicago, give myself up and fight for proof of my innocence in the new trial that was granted me when I acted foolish and ran away.

"My next fight, after flopping Fulton, will be with Carpentier. He'll be offered between $40,000 and $50,000 to take me on, and he'll do it, boy! You can bet odds on that. And after him comes Dempsey. This syndicate backing me means business, and those are the fights it has planned."

That pretty well epitomizes the big black man's plans today as he walked aimlessly around this little Mexican town within the shadow of Old Glory and its courts of law, from which he fled nearly half a dozen years ago.

Jack refused to name the men forming the syndicate which has him signed, but it has gold, and plenty of it, to further its plans, he says. As a subtle evidence of that, "Li'l Artha" flashed a fistful of yellow double eagles from an American mint and flipped one carelessly to an obsequious Chinese who had just served him with a generous portion of "ham and."

GOING TO TIA JUANA

Johnson is en route, with his white wife and two servants, to Tia Juana, Mexico, across from San Diego. It is in that Mexican town where his first fight of importance will be staged since his Waterloo at Havana, if plans do not go awry. Over a late breakfast in a Chinese eating place Johnson planned the future and scanned the eventful past.

"I was sent for to come to Tia Juana by this syndicate," Johnson advised. "Its plans are already pretty well along, and I believe negotiations already have been opened with Fulton to fight me at Tia Juana at some date soon. I sent a man to San Francisco and Los Angeles today to gather up a sparring partner and a training staff. I will go to Tia Juana Sunday or Monday to begin training. No man on earth can beat me when I want to fight," he added. It was a boast in words, but not in effect. The man who dropped Jim Jeffries at Reno meant it from his heart.

CANVAS BURNED HIM

"Willard?" he repeated, responding to a question. "Willard was never a fighter. He was just a big, jolly fellow. Why, I had a dickens of a time tolpping in that fight. I was supposed to go in the tenth, but I couldn't find a chance, and when I did flop on that hot canvas it burned me so bad I could hardly stay down long enough to take the count.

"Carpentier? I've worked with the French boy lots of times. The first American fighter that meets him will beat him, sure.

"It's foolish, it seems like, to tout him as a contender for the championship, to tote him over here from France to meet the champion. Why, every American fighter that ever went to France whipped Carpentier as soon as they met. If the Frenchman ever meets anybody before he does Dempsey, he'll never meet that fellow, because Carpentier won't be a drawing card any more.

WANT TO MEET GEORGES

"He's fairly clever, yes. Just fair. He can hit a little, and then you've said it. I've seen him fight in Paris several times, and worked with him myself. I believe I know. He would be pie for me and I hope to meet him after I get a crack at Fulton.

"There's the best man in the states today—Fred Fulton. You say look at Dempsey. I'd like to look at him in the ring, and I expect to some day, after I've met Fulton and Carpentier, and I'll sure meet 'em if money will talk, because my syndicate has the 'jack' oh boy!"

Johnson intimated that the syndicate includes Baron Long, rich hotel owner and sportsman of San Diego. He said that James W. Coffroth is not connected with the plan.

Johnson carries passports from the American ambassador in Spain and from the charge d'affaires ad interim at Mexico City, showing his objective is the "return to the United States."

The big black man looks remarkably fit. Men on the ground here who saw him at Reno and the fatal day at Havana declare he appears in better condition comparatively than he did then. He weighed 228, he says.

"What did you weigh the day you fought Willard?" he was asked.

"In condition, 242," he laughed.

He explains that he has been in almost continuous training, doing "strong man" acts in Mexico, wrestling bulls, tugging against a team of horses and lifting heavy weights.

"I'm a strong man now, like Sandow and those fellows. And, oh, oh, how 'Lil Artha' can hit. You watch and see, mistah."

Dempsey Will Refuse Bout

Los Angeles, April 1.—(I. N. S.)—Jack Johnson will not get a chance to meet Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, according to a statement made by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, today.

"Johnson's record is a blot on the boxing game and he should never be recognized again," said Kearns. "I am positive no regular promoter will ever give him a match. One thing is certain, he never will be allowed to box Dempsey."

BOXING

WEDNESDAY night's fights:

At Kenosha, Wis.—Tony Melichar knocked out Jack Doyle in one round.

At Cleveland—Charlies O'Connell beat Benny Valgar in 10 rounds.

At Detroit—Carl Tremaine trimmed Earl Puryear in 10 rounds.

At Indiana Harbor, Ind.—Bud Purcell won from Maurice Flynn in 10 rounds.

At New Orleans — Frankie Conifre beat Pat Moran in 15 rounds.

At Camden, N. J.—Pete Herman defeated Joe O'Donnell in eight round; Sergeant Ray Smith secured a draw with Clay Turner in eight rounds; Willie Jackson outpointed Ralph Brady in eight rounds, and Perry outfought Joe Walsh in an eight-round bout.

At Salt Lake City—Kid Dutch beat Harry Casey in six rounds.

Seattle, Wash., April 1.—(U. P.)—Billy Shade of San Francisco and Billy Wright of Seattle put up a sterling four round draw in the main event here last night. Wright should have won the call as he left-handed his way to a shade in the first three rounds. They stood toe to toe in the last frame and battled even. Joe Farrell, local featherweight, had no trouble beating Harry Mansell, English bantam.

Sacramento, Cal., April 1.—(U. P.)—Harlan Bunker and Soldier Marples, San Francisco, box the main event here tonight. The winner will meet Fred Fulton in this city next month, promoters said.

Preston High Man In Gun Club Event

C. B. Preston led the field in the midweek shoot held at the Everding Park traps of the Portland Gun club Wednesday when he smashed 95 bluerocks out of a possible 100. He was followed by Eddie Keller, secretary of the organization, with four less breaks to his credit. Rain fell throughout the shooting and despite this handicap the scattergun artists were able to powder the birds.

Jim Morris let several easy shots get away from him when the wind blew the rain in his face, but at that he broke 88 out of 100, while H. W. Skuse made 82, A. A. Hoover 86 and Fred H. Peterson 67 out of 75.

Members of the Portland Gun club are getting ready for the merchandise shoot billed for a week from Sunday.

DOUGLAS TO LEAD POLOISTS

Change in Date of Contest With Victoria Team Requested; Tryouts for Olympic in Bay City.

BUS DOUGLAS, star of the United States water polo team in the interallied games at Paris last June, has been elected captain of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club poloists and he has issued orders that practices will be held every Monday and Friday nights in the club tank. Jack Cody, swimming and diving instructor of the Winged "M" institution, will leave Portland Friday night with Miss Thelma Payne, national woman's fancy diving champion, to coach his protege to another national title at Detroit, Mich., April 10.

In his absence the water polo players will work out under the direction of Captain Douglas, and they will put themselves in shape to be ready to battle their way to the top of the national water polo championship tourney slated for San Francisco April 25.

Locke Webster was elected to manage the team. The first team will be selected from the following: Myron Wilsey, Bus Douglas, Locke Webster, Phil Patterson, Olin J. Hosford, Eddie Humphrey, Ted Alonen, Ted Steffen, Frank McHale, A. Olson, Deo Mallett, Emmett Rogers, Bill Smith, Hal Waide, W. H. Wallace, Van Schriner, York Herron, Collie Wheeler and Frank Kiernan.

A telegram has been dispatched to W. H. Davies, manager of the Vancouver Island Athletic association at Victoria, B. C., asking that a change be made in the dates for the proposed water polo game betwen Victoria and Portland. The original announcement was April 25, but this conflicts with the national championships at San Francisco, and as a result April 16 and 17 have been suggested.

BILLIARDS

"HANDLESS GEORGE" SUTTON, famous exhibition billiard player, has been scheduled to give several performances in Portland April 12 and 13 at the Rialto Billiard Palace, according to an announcement made by Manager Harry Green. Sutton, when he was 8 years of age, but lost his arms in an accident and his feat of making the most difficult shots on the green cloth is all the more remarkable.

No admission will be charged to witness the exhibitions, and the "Miracle Man of Billiards" will compete against the best local talent both in balk line and straight rail.

Sam Goodland had a poor evening in the three cishion billiard tournament at the Rialto Wednesday night, when he dropped three games in a row. He lost to Bert Cruikshank, 24 to 30, succumbed to Joe McCloskey, 26 to 30, and was defeated by W. A. Walby, 23 to 30.

Greensboro, N. C., April 1.—(U. P.)—Playing bush league ball, the Detroit Tigers trounced the Boston Braves, 14 to 7, here yesterday.

Life of Georges Carpentier Is Most Talked-of Athlete

(Note—This is the first of a series of articles on the life of Georges Carpentier, European boxing champion, written by Jack Veiock, sports editor of the International News Service. The second installment will appear Friday.)

By Jack Veiock
International News Service Sporting Editor

THIS is the story of Georges Carpentier, most popular athlete of the age. It is the tale of the career of the idol of France, the holder of the heavyweight championship of Europe, who has come to our shores in search of more fame and fortune.

Here is a French youth who started his boxing career at the tender age of 12 in the bantamweight division, and punched his way to the pinnacle of the heavyweight class on the other side of the world.

FANS WELCOME HIM

Smiling, debonair, like a tiger, yet modest as a school girl, Carpentier won his way into the hearts of Europeans just as he is now winning favor in the hearts of devotees of sport on this side of the Atlantic.

Georges looks and dresses like a college man. And he wears his togs with the native grace of the Frenchman. His gleaming white teeth, expressive blue eyes and even features are in no way suggestive of the prize ring, for he bears none of the marks that are carried by a big majority in the boxing fraternity, such as the cauliflower ear, the broken nose or other scars of prize ring battles.

IS MODEL ATHLETE

He speaks but little English, and that very brokenly. But he is attentive to the casual inquisitor and smilingly obliges by answering questions through the medium of an interpreter. He is every inch an athlete and every ounce a gentleman, who is bound to win popular favor wherever he goes. He is, withal, a model of the new, cleaner-cut and clear-eyed type of athlete who predominates all branches of sport today, and if he is a trifle proud of his popularity and ability as a ringster he may easily be pardoned, for he has earned his place in the spotlight.

New York received Carpentier with open arms when he stepped from the gangplank of the liner La Savoie recently, with his bride on his arm, to make his bow to America. And he will be given just as hearty a greeting in many of the largest cities of the country which he will visit before he bids adieu to our shores.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Standing on the deck of the trans-Atlantic liner that brought him to New York, with head uncovered to the Statue of Liberty and eyes that drank in the wonders that lower Manhattan has to offer to the foreigner who is viewing her mountainous skyline for the first time, Carpentier startled a score or more interviewers with the assertion that he believes he can defeat Jack Dempsey in six rounds.

His point-blank statement was startling. It caused the reporters to gasp for a few moments with an exchange of expressive glances. But on second thought it was what had been expected. It merely sounded too egotistic because Georges named the number of rounds in which he believes he can win the world's championship. Yet it was said with a rather apologetic expression. It was only Carpentier's way of stating what he hopes to do.

Carpentier could not have been expected to admit that he believes Dempsey can whip him. He is youthful, has a lot of confidence in himself, and like nearly every athlete who succeeds, he does not entertain thoughts of defeat.

IS MASTER BOXER

"I believe I can defeat Monsieur Dempsey in six rounds if he rushes me," Carpentier said, "for it is the rushing type of fighter I have always found most easy to handle."

Had Carpentier even so much as hinted that he did not believe himself capable of winning he would have taken all the color out of his proposed meeting with the terror from Salt Lake. So he said the proper thing, after all, and should he succeed in winning from Jack Dempsey he will merely be living up to a prediction that he felt he was called upon to make.

Carpentier is a master of boxing science, a lightning-like puncher and one of the quickest thinkers the ring has ever known. He is by far the most colorful fighter who has ever been developed in the Old World, and he is entitled to a generous portion of consideration as a prospective opponent for the present champion.

"Boxing is a subtle art," he said recently. "Individuality plays a tremendous part in the game of the ring, and, other things being equal, it is the boxer with the most perfect method who wins, barring the element of luck."

HAS COMBINED STYLES

He explained that he has studied the finer points of the three distinct schools of boxing—English, French and American—and, by combining the finer points he succeeded in making himself Europe's champion boxer. He does not seem to consider that he will be greatly handicapped by Dempsey's superior weight and reach. In short, he believes that he can defeat anyone he can hit and he feels confident that he can hit any fighter who rushes him.

Carpentier is certainly entitled to hold a good opinion of himself. He has beaten every good European heavyweight boxer of any note who has been developed in the last eight years or so and he learned what he knows about the game through rugged experience. He learned the English style from English boxers and the American style of fighting from several widely different and altogether capable boxers from this country.

The fact that he was beaten by Billy Papke and Frank Klaus eight years ago, or that his record bears the unwelcome "L" in connection with his bout with Joe Jeanette, the giant negro, whom he met in a 15-round bout in Paris on March 21, 1914, is nothing against him as he stands today.

Those who were at the ringside when the met Gunboat Smith in London in 1914 and won from the Californian on a foul in the sixth round, recorded that Georges had all the better of the massive, heavy-hitting "Gooner" when the bout came to a sudden end. And it may be well to paste a note in your hat to the effect that when he boxed the great Jeanette — a really wonderful, massive and powerful boxer — he was learning the fine points of the game in the hard school of experience. That Carpentier profited by his hard-earned experience he has proved conclusively by coming back to the ring a more brilliant and harder hitting boxer than the one who left London after meeting Smith in 1914 in answer to the call of his country, and spent more than four years in the French army.

Carpentier today and Carpentier five years ago are just about as far removed from one another as the freshman football player is removed from the seasoned moleskin gladiator who is earning his last college letter as a member of the varsity eleven.

IN PRIME CONDITION

Fortunately, Carpentier came through the war without maiming wounds. He came out of the army enjoying better health than he had ever enjoyed before and, although he did not have an opportunity to put many hard fistic battles under his belt during the four years of strife, he managed to keep himself in prime condition and he did quite a lot of boxing, all the while working to improve his style.

Here, then, is the sort of a challenger who has come to our fair land to seek battle with the great Dempsey. And the story of his hard climb to fame and the right to challenge for the most coveted title fistiana has to offer to the knight of the squared circle will be recounted in these columns in succeeding installments.

(To Be Continued.)

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—(I. N. S.)—The Cubs came back strong at the San Francisco Pacific Coast league team yesterday, taking the game 6 to 0. Alexander and Vaughn pitched and the lineup was mostly composed of the regulars. Herzog, it was announced, can continue to play without an operation.

San Antonio, April 1.—(I. N. S.)—Spencer Heath, rookie pitcher, led the White Sox to a 5 to 1 win over the San Antonio, Texas, league team yesterday. He showed up in big league style in every phase of the hurling game, and it looks now that he has cinched a place with the Alabaster Hose.

Joplin, Mo., April 1.—(I. N. S.)—The Browns won the last game of their training season exhibition games from Joplin by the score of 18 to 2. Shocker worked 7 innings, while Burwell pitched the last two.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 1.—(U. P.)—George Mohart, the Dodgers' pitching find, was as wild as the last March wind and the regulars found him for five runs in four innings, beating the recruits 8 to 6.

St. Louis, Mo., April 1.—(U. P.)—The St. Louis Browns came home today after "cleaning up" teams of the Texas and Western leagues.

New Orleans, La., April 1.—(U. P.)—Tris Speaker devoted much of his time to repairing the weaknesses of his Indian pitchers yesterday.

Christy Mathewson's Rival Now Manager

Terre Haute, Ind., April 1.—(I. N. S.)—Minor Brown, once famous pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, is the manager of the local team this year. Though he has drifted to the minors he is still remembered as Christy Mathewson's most famous rival in the days of the old Cub-Giant feuds.

Multnomah Guard Hoopers Honored

The Multnomah Guard basketball squad, claimants of the city and state 1920 championship, was tendered a banquet at the Benson hotel Wednesday night, at which time life memberships were given to Captain William J. Lewis, Manager D. M. Simonson, Hubert A. Goode, David Wright, Walter Fearnley, Kenneth Irle, William Beck, Arthur Daniels, Alstock, Harder, "Dutch" Wettle, Kenneth Hill, Irwin Cole and C. Vader Darling.

Lloyd Smith, a member of the athletic committee of the club, was toastmaster and presented the memberships, after which speeches were heard from Manager Simonsen and the players. The Multnomah Guard athletic committee has decided on a broader scope in athletics and already a baseball team is in the field. All branches of athletics will be on the Guard schedule from now on, according to present plans.

HEAVIES WORKOUT FOR BOUT

Frank Kendall Hurts Ankle and Will Not Be Able to Spar With Fulton Sunday.

FRANK KENDALL, matchmaker of the Milwaukie Boxing commission, is hobbling around with a slightly sprained ankle as the result of running into one of 'Gunboat' Smith's punches during a workout Wednesday afternoon.

Kendall is not worrying a great deal over his ankle, but is bemoaning the luck that will prevent him from working out with Fred Fulton, who will tackle Smith in the main event of the Milwaukie smoker next Wednesday night, Sunday afternoon. Kendall assisted Fulton in training for three of his most important battles a couple of years ago and was rarin' to get another crack at the Minnesotan.

The big heavyweights put in a hard day Wednesday preparing for their encounter. Both worked several rounds on the weights and with the punching bag in addition to boxing and rope skipping. The other battlers scheduled to appear at Milwaukie put in strenuous days.

BAIRD MAT BOX GORMAN

Bobby Evans, the newly appointed matchmaker of the Portland Boxing commission, is planning to bring Earl Baird and Joe Gorman together in one of the bouts on the Portland card April 16.

Eddie Shannon, the Coast lightweight, may appear on the same card.

Frank Carter, manager of 'Gunboat' Smith, says that San Francisco promoters contemplate using Alex Trambitas against Benny Leonard, provided they secure the services of the lightweight champion. According to Carter, Trambitas is a big favorite in the Bay district.

"Y" Acorns Win Three Games

Three games were played by the Young Men's Christian Association Acorns' basketball team on the trip to Seattle and all of them were victories for the Portlanders. The first clash was against the Winlock, Wash., Athletic club and the count was 37 to 36, the locals being outweighed several pounds to the man. On the following night the Moran Military academy aggregation dropped the match, 11 to 48, while the Young Men's division of the Seattle Y. M. C. A. lost to Portland 20 to 26. Arrangements have been completed whereby the Seattle outfit will meet the Acorns in the Portland Y. M. C. A. gymnasium next Saturday night, starting at 8:30 o'clock.

He Wears Enough Clothes

Frank Zuna, a native of Newark, who won the recent Brooklyn to Seagate marathon race of 25 miles, will be entered in the historic English classic June 21 next. He is 24 years of age. In the recent big test he wore trousers, light stockings, a worsted shirt and lightweight jersey. His hands were encased in gloves and he wore a cap.

PORTLAND TEAM NOT TO PROFIT ON WALKER DEAL

By George Bertz

THERE is little likelihood of the Beavers profiting by arranging a trade for Frank Walker, the hard-hitting left fielder of last year's aggregation.

Walker has notified Judge McCredie he will refuse to report to any club in organized baseball save the Rocky Mount club of the Virginia league. Rocky Mount is near Walker's home and he wants to remain as near his "nicotine" plantation as possible.

Manager Mac had planned to use Walker in a trade to strengthen his club before it opened the season in Portland. He turned down numerous cash offers as well as a number of trades for the player, desiring to wait until he could see just what men he needed for the team.

He had a trade with the Kansas City team in view, exchanging Walker for Beals Becker, the leading slugger of the American association in 1919, but Walker's desire to remain at home puts a crimp in this plan, unless Becker comes to Portland via the Detroit Tigers.

The only way the Beavers can profit in letting Walker go is by a cash sale or taking an option of the Rocky Mount club, which has in the past developed some very good players.

WOULD HELP TEAM

Walker would fit in nicely in the Beaver make-up this season, and Manager Mac went the limit in trying to secure his services this season, but when Walker asked permission to quit July 15, all negotiations to have him report were dropped as it would be injurious to the team-work to have him drop out in the middle of the pennant race.

WILLIAMS TO TAKE BEAVERS

Nick Williams, manager of the Moose Jaw club of the Western Canada league, will probably sign up three or four of the youngsters tried out by the Portland Beavers this year. He has wired terms to William J. Lesher, the Canadian southpaw, and Fred Libke, the Astoria portsider. Herb Cuyler, the Los Angeles youngster, who is a very promising piece of outfield material, and Sylvester Johnson, pitcher, may also be grabbed by Williams.

Williams has let it be known that he would like to have "Lead" Barnabee, the youthful star of the Beaver camp, but there is no chance of his getting away from McCredie as he appears to be one of the best "finds" of the season.

TO TOUCH UP TEAM WORK

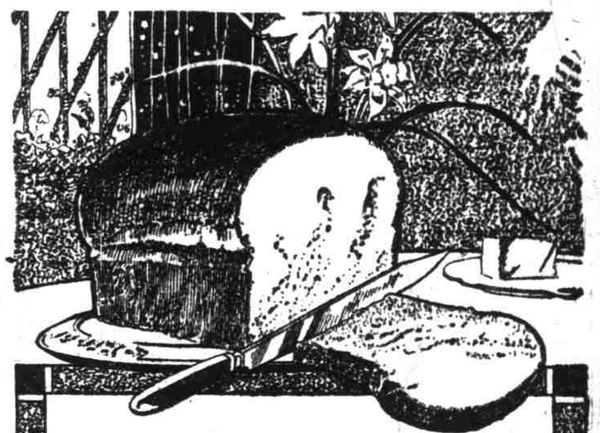
During the four morning practices, that remain before the Beavers leave Ontario, Manager McCredie put his players through signal practice for the opening of the season. In the afternoons, the Mackmen will play various semi-pro aggregations.

This afternoon, they will meet the strong Stahl and Dean team of Los Angeles. Friday afternoon, they will play the Pasadena team at Pasadena. This game is a welcome one to Mac as it will give the players a little work on a grass infield.

The Pomona college team will be the opponents Saturday and Sunday, the camp will break up after a contest with the Ontario aggregation.

Two New Arenas Planned

Newark will have two big outdoor boxing arenas this summer. One promotor intends operating under a big circus tent that will seat 20,000, and another contemplates staging bouts in a bicycle racing stadium just outside the city.



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