

DEMPSEY AND WILLS TO MEET NEXT YEAR

Tentative Agreement Now Reached; Signatures Secured by Fitzsimmons

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—(By Associated Press.)—A tentative agreement for Harry Wills to fight Jack Dempsey next summer at Michigan City, Ind., under the direction of Promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons, was signed today by the negro challenger's manager, Paddy Mullins.

Fitzsimmons, announcing that he had finally come to terms with Wills' manager after a conference at the latter's home this afternoon, left early tonight for Chicago.

Prior to his departure he wired the following message to Dempsey: "Closed full details with Paddy Mullins this afternoon. Have been trying to get you on long distance for hours but all efforts failed. But the match is in the bag. Leaving for Chicago at 6 p. m."

"Floyd Fitzsimmons," Fitzsimmons carried with him Mullins' signature to an agreement calling for the fight to be staged somewhere in the middle-west, but Fitzsimmons announced that his present plans provided for the bout to be put on at Michigan City. His present arena there, he declared, will seat approximately 10,000.

but he said he proposed to build an addition to the structure large enough to accommodate 125,000. In verifying Fitzsimmons' statement that they had come to terms, Mullins said: "Yes, I have signed an agreement, but not the final articles. I know that Fitzsimmons has Dempsey's signature, for Dempsey told me so over the telephone; also it is evident if I want Wills to meet Dempsey I must negotiate with Fitzsimmons."

Fitzsimmons said that the final signing of articles would take place in Chicago on or about Sept. 20. He plans to stage this event, he said, in one of the Chicago ball parks, inviting the public to look on.

Jack Kearns, who claims he is still manager of Dempsey, expressed surprise when informed that Mullins had reached a tentative agreement with Fitzsimmons. "These are all preliminaries," he said. "You haven't seen any dough posted yet, have you? When the money is up it will be a different thing, and you can count on me to take a hand when the time is ripe. Jack Kearns will have much to say before this fight takes place."

"Just say for me," said Tex Rickard, "that all these offers of \$1,000,000 coming from Chicago are bunk. New York is the place for that fight. Any sane person knows that. There is a lot of big talk, but when this blows over and the boys come to earth, I expect to step in and have something to say."

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—(By Associated Press.)—News that Paddy Mullins had signed an agreement to put Harry Wills in the ring against Jack Dempsey next summer was greeted by the champion here tonight with the remark: "That's the best news I've heard since the referee held up my hand in the Jess Willard fight back in 1917."

"I congratulate Floyd Fitzsimmons upon obtaining the bout and I must say I am gratified to see that I have accomplished more in two weeks than Jack Kearns accomplished for me in two years."

The heavyweight title holder added that he expected the next move would be a conference between himself and Wills and Mullins to wind up the details of the match and post forfeits.

BASEBALL

By the Associated Press

American Philadelphia 6; Boston 3. St. Louis 10; Cleveland 7. Washington 2; New York 0. Only three games scheduled.

National New York 3-5; Brooklyn 2-3. Pittsburgh 14; Cincinnati 6. Chicago 7; St. Louis 4. Philadelphia 11; Boston 8.

Pacific Coast

Portland 4-13; Oakland 3-7. Vernon 4; Seattle 1. Los Angeles 7; Sacramento 5. Salt Lake 10; San Francisco 9.

Hance home. Several traps were laid for him but he was successful in eluding arrest until January 18.

The shooting today occurred after Mr. and Mrs. Hance met Anderson who, local officials say, was accompanied by at least two other men on the Middletown Pike, a main highway a few miles west of Muncie, shortly before 5 o'clock this afternoon, presumably by appointment. The shooting occurred at the conclusion of a parley, police believe.

Another version of the story is that Anderson and his gang were trailing the Hances all afternoon and that the shooting occurred after the pair had sought to throw their pursuers off the trail. It is known, however, that both Hance and his wife and at least three of the gunmen were standing in the road when the shooting occurred. The tracks in the dust of the road led officers to this conclusion.

One other man of the gang is supposed to have been Charles "One Arm" Wolfe of Muncie, known to have been a friend of Chapman and Anderson. Early in his afternoon Hance and his wife started to this city to visit Mrs. Hance's father. It is believed the Anderson gang picked up the trail a few minutes after the Hances drove from their home.

That Anderson has been in the vicinity of this city has been known by local police for some time and every effort was being made to close the net about the criminal.

After he had been rushed to the hospital and while he was breathing his last, Hance asked for Chief of Detectives Frederick Puckett, credited with engineering the arrest of Chapman.

The killing occurred almost in front of the Charles Cromer farm and Mrs. Cromer was an eye witness to the tragedy. She immediately telephoned for Marshall Booher of Middletown. To Booher Hance gasped: "He stayed at my home. I told on him. They shot me—Charles Wolfe and Dutch Anderson."

"Who are you?" asked the marshal. "Ben Hance."

"Did you know Gerald Chapman?" the officer asked. "Don't ask me," Hance returned. He then asked that Puckett be called.

It is known that members of the Chapman gang had sworn to obtain revenge on Hance for giving information which led to the arrest of the "Prince of Bandits."

Mrs. Hance has lived in dread of being murdered ever since her husband informed the police of Chapman's whereabouts.

000 in securities in October, 1921. They were both sentenced to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta for 25 years on August 23, 1922.

They both later escaped from the penitentiary. Anderson was later sought in connection with a bank robbery at Bellmore, N. Y., and later in connection with the killing of Patrolman James Skelly and the looting of a New Britain, Conn., department store for which Chapman was later convicted after he was arrested January 18 at Muncie, Ind. Anderson's whereabouts have been a mystery up to the present time. The last definite news of him was when Walter Sheehan, son of a wealthy hotel owner of Springfield, Mass., who was arrested in connection with the Skelly killing, mentioned with Chapman and Anderson as having engineered that crime.

GRID PROSPECTS GOOD

OAC ELEVEN EXPECTED TO BE BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 14.—Although he will lose seven through graduation or failure to return to school and six members of the varsity squad because of ineligibility, Coach Paul J. Schisler, of Oregon Agricultural college, considers the football prospects considerably better than last year.

Ray Price, quarterback, will enter the law school at Stanford, and Fred Tebb, end and punter; McIlwalt, tackle; "Mose" Lyman, guard; Andre, alternate guard; and Dick Garber, McCart and Boykin from the backfield will not return to school.

Regular football practice at the college will start September 15. Veterans expected to report are Ward, end, and Denman, alternate end; Dixon and Dickerson, tackles; Richert, alternate guard; Balcomb, Wernmark, substitute center and backfield men; Edwards substitute quarter last year; Schulmerich, Bell and Snyder, half backs, and Bob Quinn, subhalf.

DAIRYMAN IS BACK HOME

JEFFERSON MAN ATTENDS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cooley, of Jefferson, returned home this week after attending the 43rd annual meeting of the National Holstein Breeders' association in Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Cooley was a delegate to the convention and left Salem May 22.

Few dairymen in northern Michigan and Wisconsin are raising better calves, according to Mr. Cooley, who found that dairymen in general in that section of the country as mixed herds are common. Products are sent to these factories and no hogs are kept in connection with the industry, he said.

Before returning home Mr. and Mrs. Cooley visited stock at a large sale in Chicago and report that there is just as good in Oregon and along the coast. The return trip was made by way of Canada, and a stop was made at the famous Prince of Wales ranch, Vancouver, B. C., was also visited. There are large grain crops in certain sections of Canada, he said, while there is a great amount of interest in oil in certain parts of Canada, Mr. Cooley reports.

Vegalene, a new alcoholic carbon remover and gasoline energizer, is now being made at Gresham, Oregon, from cull potatoes, fruits and grains. It is to be marketed in pint and half-pint bottles, and tests are said to substantiate the claims made by its makers.

Springdale—Producers' Association will handle 150 cars cauliflower, 50 cars cabbage and 10 cars lettuce.

ECCENTRIC WOMAN IS BELIEVED KILLED

Quaint Character Thought to Have Been Victim of Auto Tramps

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—(By Associated Press.)—Identification of a woman found dead near Blue Water, N. M., was believed to have been established by investigators here today when they learned that a Mrs. Stella Oliver left her home at Paocolma, near San Fernando, several months ago on an automobile tour which she announced would probably take her to Old Mexico.

On the dead woman's person were found Liberty bonds worth \$375 bearing the name "Stella Oliver, San Fernando, Cal." The fact that a Mrs. Stella Oliver left San Fernando with her husband only a few days ago put investigators on the wrong track at first, but when they learned that little old Mrs. Oliver of Paocolma, a quaint character known thereabouts as "Cactus Kate," had spent part of her \$2500 Liberty bond board for a small automobile and had left town accompanied by a strange young man, they believed they had a logical explanation of the New Mexico murder.

"Cactus Kate," her neighbors explained, was quaint to the point of eccentricity. She chewed tobacco, used snuff and subscribed to matrimonial journals, and some months ago became friendly with a group of automobile tramps who camped near her little one-room home.

One day the woman bought an automobile chassis, two of her normal friends built a house upon it for her, and soon afterward the little cottage on wheels chugged away, carrying "Cactus Kate" and her "trout and beddine." Driving the car for her was a strange young man.

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SPORTS DONE BROWN

The recent activities of Jack Dempsey and Bill Tilden in becoming a law unto themselves as far as their respective sport fields are concerned has raised again the query as to whether any man can be bigger than the game he represents.

No need for discussion there. Babe Ruth found out that he was not only smaller than the game but took the count from a dish of French friend potatoes.

Matt Hinkel, well known sportsman and co-promoter with Tommy McInty of fights in and near Cleveland, O., has pulled the most startling one-round knockout of recent months.

Hinkel booked Eddie Anderson and Pete Sarmiento, Philippine bantamweight, for a bout a couple of weeks ago in Brooklyn, a Cleveland suburb. The battle drew a fair house. Most of the fans were agreeably startled when the fighters, never considered K. O. punchers, started knocking each other three times by the time the late rounds arrived. Then Sarmiento scored another on Anderson.

The fight looked good to all present except a few at the ringside who weren't impressed with the severity of the punches.

Nevertheless the boys were matched for a return engagement. The size of the house was trebled—likewise the receipts. Knockdowns galore were staged. But they came too easily.

The next day Hinkel, who referred both fights, announced that the last fight had been "hippodromed" and that neither of the men would be allowed to appear in future shows with which he was connected.

He asserted that he realized before the fight ended that the knockdowns weren't on the up and up, but believed they were staged "more out of a desire to give the public what it wanted than to fake the fight."

This shows again the reason why boxing is constantly under fire. Herculean efforts are being made in some centers to keep the men who are in a position to put it on a high plane and keep it there are usually interested financially in the game.

A promoter cannot give his entire time to uplift work or look at fights and fighters in a clear, unbiased light if he is getting a 50-50 split on the net receipts. He is only human.

Evil angles to the game are existent even where state or municipal commissions seek to control the sport. These commissions collect a percentage of the gate receipts. The amount in the

but it didn't do him much good. The Irishman hadn't been in the ring 20 seconds before Snell's heavy hitting sent him to the canvas. In all, O'Donnell was on the floor five times, three times in the first and twice in the second.

Vic Morrison, Oakland middleweight, punched Johnny Grella of Los Angeles all around the ring and won the decision in the six-round semi-windup.

Are we at last getting the real line on the situation existing between Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world—including New York state—and Jack Kearns the man who led him to the title.

Dempsey's recent statement that he will manage his own fights in the future and simply give Kearns the share his contract calls for until that contract runs out, indicates as much.

This statement at least verifies the feeling that all is not congenial between the champ and Kearns. This friction has been denied repeatedly, especially by Kearns.

Dempsey's move in signing with Tex Rickard for two fights—dates and opponents yet to be named—would indicate that it wasn't Kearns belief the champion would never re-enter the ring that caused Kearns to seek a new meal ticket in Mickey Walker.

The rumor that Dempsey's European trip was a flop financially does not furnish an explanation for his alleged change of heart.

I don't believe that Dempsey

ever intended to leave the ring game flat. Both he and Kearns were alive to the fact that the raising of such a rumor would draw considerable publicity. And both are awake to the value of public eye.

Whether or not Dempsey can go through with his plan to manage his own affairs and simply pay Kearns his split until their agreement expires remains to be seen. Kearns will stand upon his rights. He no doubt will be alive to the loss of prestige such a proceeding would cost him.



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