

## 2 Fighters Give Versions Of Bout; Tom Complains

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YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 26.—(AP)—After defending his heavyweight title like a true champion here tonight, Gene first paid a glowing tribute to the rugged gameness of Tom Heenev, his opponent, over whom he scored a technical knockout in the 11th round of their 15 round bout and then he broadcast the following message to the world: "I intend to remain in the fight business."

"I am very gratified to have won," Tunney exclaimed when he had gained his dressing room only after a large detail of police fought a way for him through a cheering crowd which numbered thousands of his admirers.

Tunney was greatly concerned over Heenev's condition and, though he was happy over his victory, his joy increased when word came from the challenger's quarters that the New Zealander was not in serious shape.

"I made Heenev fight my fight for me," Tunney said when he was asked about the most important factor in his victory.

"I almost knocked Heenev down in the first round," he continued, "and when I saw what a tough fellow he was, I decided to center my attack on his body. He was too courageous to be knocked out with one punch. It took a good many hard rights to his body before he weakened."

"His habit of coming in at me was also of great assistance to me. His pushing just added so much more force to my blows and he was weakened by every one of them."

"I thought the referee should have stopped the contest in the eighth round when I paralyzed Heenev's optic nerve with a hard right hand punch just above his eye. I had cut that organ with a similar punch earlier in the bout."

Tunney indignantly denied the charges made by Heenev's handlers at the end of this round that he had poked his gloved thumb in the challenger's eye.

"It was a hard, clean right hook to Heenev's head that started him blinking," Tunney said.

Tunney then went on to explain that he fought his battle according to the plan outlined early in May when he went to Speculator and started training.

"You saw me fight tonight's contest a score of times at Speculator," he told the Associated Press. "Every move I made against Heenev was exactly the same one I made against the punching bags and the sparring partners."

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YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 26.—(AP)—Tom Heenev, vanquished challenger, blamed "that blimy thumb" for his sudden collapse in his first quest of Gene Tunney's heavy weight crown.

"Gene's thumb stuck in my eye as we squared off for the eighth round and I ne'er could see anything out of that eye from then on," declared Tom in his dressing room after the fight.

Five minutes after he had reached his quarters, Tom, stripped to the hide, was a far different picture from the plucky figure that had half dragged himself from the ring. His face bathed and the flow of blood from his numerous wounds stanching, Tom walked about the room, eating oranges and seeking to ward off the sympathetic advice of his three managers—Charles Harvey and John and Bernard Mortimer.

"That bloomin' thumb—why I know I was leading," said Heenev more in the tone of a confident boxer starting a fight than one who has just been rocked into unconsciousness.

"I couldn't see a thing for a minute. My right eye was affected by the thumping and before I could get straightened out Gene had me blimy sight. The punch with his thumb curled my upper eyelid down and under and blinking couldn't fit it. It didn't uncurl until after Gene had cracked me with that bloomin' right."

The conquered challenger strolled about the room munching half oranges to soothe his cut, bruised lips. There was no sign of blood then and his slashed left eye had been deftly taped so that his sight from the battered optic was half normal.

"Tom fought a wonderful fight and I know he would have won had not Tunney's thumb poked him in the eye," moaned Charley Harvey, Heenev's American representative.

"He was away ahead we figured and we had it all figured for him to continue keeping on top of Tunney and making him back up. Tom was fresh when the eighth round opened and kept telling us he never felt better in his life."

The only time Tunney's prowess was mentioned was when Bernard and John Mortimer, Heenev's British managers pulled the pudgy Anzac aside and assured him together that "you were fighting the world's champion tonight and your showing was no disgrace."

line contingent close to the ring-side applauded the champ between each round and some times carried their handclapping on into the next round.

An almost impossible feat was performed by the crowd in the tenth round. In spite of the fact that it seemed no burst of cheers could subdue the noise of the gigantic bell, there was such a cheer when Heenev measured his length on the canvas and almost rolled from the ring, the bell could not be heard ending the round and when the challenger's seconds rushed out and pulled him to the center of the ring and then to his corner, most of the crowd thought it was a knockout.

## HAGEN COMES BACK TO WHIP COMPTON

RYE, N. Y., July 26.—(AP)—After trailing by one hole at the end of the first day's play Tuesday, Walter Hagen, American holder of the British open golf championship, staged a brilliant comeback to defeat Archie Compston of England 6 up and 5 to play in their 72 hole exhibition match which was completed at the Westchester-Biltmore country club Wednesday. The first 36 holes were played at the Sandy Burr country club, Wyand, Mass., yesterday.

The American professional started his comeback on the first nine holes today, leading Compston three up at the turn of the first round. The British star, who defeated Hagen 18 up and 17 to play in a similar match in England this spring, managed to regain one hole before the end of the first 18, and was trailing by a two hole margin at the 54th hole mark.

Starting the afternoon round "the Hag" captured the second hole, sinking a 15 foot putt for a birdie four, against a five for Compston. The lanky Britisher came back to take the fourth, again cutting down Hagen's lead. Hagen won the fifth with a 25 foot putt which gave him a birdie 2 and increased his lead to four holes by taking the eighth when Compston was in a trap with his second shot.

Compston won the long ninth with a birdie five while Hagen made the par figure, bringing them to the turn with the American three holes in the lead. The tenth hole was halved in three, then Hagen flashed a brilliant series of three successive fours against a like number of fives for Compston to give him the match on the 67th hole.

## Coolidge Opens Baseball Tournament At Superior

SUPERIOR, Wis., July 26.—(AP)—In his first appearance at a public function since coming to northern Wisconsin for his vacation, President Coolidge today opened the lakes baseball tournament by throwing out the first ball.

The appearance of the chief executive, whose past contacts with the national pastime have been in opening big league games with thousands looking on, was a magnet which filled the local park to capacity, but even then but a few hundred could squeeze into the grounds.

Motoring in from Cedar Island lodge, the president and his party arrived promptly at 2:00 o'clock. The preliminaries were soon over, the presidential party posed for photographers, Mr. Coolidge tossed

out a ball to the first pitcher, and the game was on.

Inspired, evidently by the fact the president was watching him, the first batter up knocked the ball over the fence. Local rules allowed him only two bases, but it was a fitting beginning to the game, which, spotted by errors and frequent hits, was a thriller throughout.

President Coolidge, seated comfortably in a box built especially for the occasion, seemed to enjoy the efforts of the semi-professional players. Sometimes he leaned forward at a tense moment in the play. Mrs. Coolidge evidenced her approval several times by applauding, while John, on the other side of his father, sat intently watching the game.

The field was muddy. Players slipped and fell and fielders sometimes kicked up sprays of water from the tall grass as they chased the much-hit ball.

The president appeared to be in high spirits. Tanned a healthy brown from his frequent fishing expeditions on the Brule river, he smiled frequently and resting easily on a large cushioned chair, seemed to find the change from his usual vacation routine much to his liking.

Leaving at the end of the third inning, president Coolidge drove to his executive office at the Central high school where he looked over some papers, before proceeding to the summer white house.

Mrs. Coolidge went into the offices with him and stood by his desk as he went through his correspondence.

Members of the Roundtable class of the summer session at the Monticello school met at the home of Thomas H. Gentle, their instructor, and tendered him a congratulatory surprise party Tuesday evening. As a token of their appreciation, love and high esteem the class presented Mr. Gentle with a very beautiful Hamilton watch.

An impromptu program of songs and speeches was enjoyed with the class of 100 members seated on the spacious lawns and porches in the typical roundtable fashion. The occasion was one that will long be remembered. Guests of the evening who were not members of the class included Mr. Gentle's family, Grace Bridges, Julia Spooner and Anna Elder.

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YANKEE STADIUM, New York, July 26.—(AP)—A leather lunged supporter of Heenev showed an ability to make himself heard above the cheers of the big crowd. He had two stock cries: "How do you like that, Gene?" no matter what happened in the ring, followed by "get in there Tom" with equal disregard to what Tom was or was not doing.

Many of the crowd thought they were in a kill when Heenev

slipped and fell to the ring floor in the fifth round. However, he had not been knocked down. Tunney quickly stepped back and the referee rubbed off the challengers' gloves.

A definite snarl was on the challenger's face as he came out for the sixth round; earlier there had been a trace of a smile. He had masked his normally good nature with a grim look in the sixth and all through the round remained.

Tunney seemed to have the women's vote. A majority of fem-

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