SportNews

DEMPSEY, FIRPO NOT YET SIGNED

Argentine Wants Fight In Native City and Bigger Share of Purse

NEW YORK, July 21.—Champion Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo, pride of the Argentine, still remained unmatched today after a conference held in the office of Promoter Tex Rickard who hopes to bring the boxers together either in Buenos Aires or Jersey City.

Just what held up the signing Promoter Rickard did not state when he stepped from the conference chamber with Jack Kearns, the champion's manager, Firpo and the Argentine's trainer, Jimmy DeForest. Negotiations were still on, he indicated and something might be forthcoming later. Firpo, it was learned, was strong for arranging the fight in his native city. Kearns, on the other hand favored Bokle's Thirty Acres across the Hudson, but was reported not to be adverse to a journey to the Argentine provided he could be assured of a good gate and not another frenzied financial battle like that at Shelby.

Another report had it that the site was not the only question that was holding up the match. The South American youngster was understood to be standing out for a greater share of the purse than had been offered him. The terms of the Rickard proposal have not been made public.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 21.—A prize fight between Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, and Tom Gibbons, St. Paul, would not be permitted on the Fort Benjamin Harrison army reservation, a telegram received by the Indianapolis News from the war department said. Because Governor McCray had stated he would not permit the fight to be held in Indianapolis, J. L. Baugh, said to who to represent a number of business men who wish the fight held here, said he would attempt to obtain the war department's sanction of the bout at the military post.

BOYS SIGN PLEDGE, PAY ONE DIME EACH, SIT IN BLEACHERS

GREENWOOD, S. C., July 21.—Greenwood's boys no longer climb trees or raise their voices in protest at decisions of umpires of the Carolina baseball league as seen through knotholes in the fence. "The Keyhole Boys" have moved inside and now do their protesting from the first-base line.

Visions of the days when inability to raise a quarter kept him and his friends from getting more than a stolen glimpse of their favorite team in action brought about formation of the "Knothole Boys club" here by Joel S. Bailey, president of the Greenwood baseball club and a member of the local Rotary club. As a result the Greenwood Rotary club took up the plan as a part of its boy's work program.

For the sum of 10 cents and presentation of a card issued when he signs a pledge, any boy in Greenwood can join the club. The plan is to get every boy in town into the baseball park and the results, it is said, have been so good that the Rotary club is planning to enlarge the bleacher sections assigned to the boys.

The pledge the boys sign follows: "I will attend Sunday school every Sunday, except in case of sickness. I will not use curse words. I will not gamble. I will not lie. I will be honest. I will live a clean life. I have read, or had read to me, the above obligation and I promise that I will always try to obey it."

Membership in the club and attendance at the ball games does not preclude the occasional visits to "grandma's out in the country" or frequent trips to the "old swimmin' hole." For the Caroline league teams play only on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays.

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