



Only Three Ring Champions Retain Title During Year

Jack Dempsey's spectacular attempt at a comeback which resulted in a knockout of Jack Sharkey and a return match against Gene Tunney which drew \$2,800,000 from 150,000 spectators in Chicago was the big feature of 1927 in the professional boxing ring.

Along with its big money record, 1927 probably will be recorded in boxing history as the year of the "Big Squawk."

When Dempsey won a sensational victory over Sharkey the howl was raised by Sharkey and those who had bet on him that Dempsey felled him with a punch far below the belt and that he had hit low at least a dozen times before Sharkey dropped.

When Gene Tunney got up off the floor in the seventh round of the Chicago fight and galloped away to an unquestionable decision over the former champion, a howl of equal volume was raised that Tunney had been given a count of at least fourteen and that if the champion had been forced to get up within the count of ten Dempsey surely would have clipped him.

Regardless of the protests and the squawks, the record book will have it that Dempsey knocked out Sharkey, the most promising of the younger contenders for the championship, and that Tunney retained the heavyweight championship by winning a ten-round decision from Dempsey. The books of the Madison Square Garden corporation will show also that it was a profitable year for Mr. Tex Rickard, even if he and his six hundred millionaire associates did clear only \$250,000 on the Chicago fight.

Tunney, with a flat purse of a cool million dollars, was the big money winner of the year, but Dempsey, with \$450,000 as his end of the Tunney fight, and \$250,000 as his bit of the Sharkey fight, did not have a lean year.

Gene Tunney, Mickey Walker and Sammy Mandell were the only champions who started the year as title-holders and survived without some question as to their property rights. Even in their cases they were fronted with some dispute.

The long count in the Chicago fight took some credit away from Tunney; Walker was charged with

the act of running out of an agreement to give the late Tiger Flowers a return match for the title, and Mandell was accused of picking set-ups in the tank towns.

Fidel LaBarba started the year as the flyweight champion but the title became vacant when he retired to enter Stanford University. Before he resigned LaBarba was trounced twice by Johnny Vacca, a Boston boy, in no-decision fights.

Charley Rosenberg, who for one reason or another always was an unsatisfactorybantamweight champion, got into trouble with the New York boxing commission for signing two sets of contracts for a fight with Bushy Graham and was suspended for a year. He had grown out of the class, however, and was ready to enter the featherweight division. Bud Taylor, who also is having trouble with the weight and with fragile hands, is the outstanding claimant for the title.

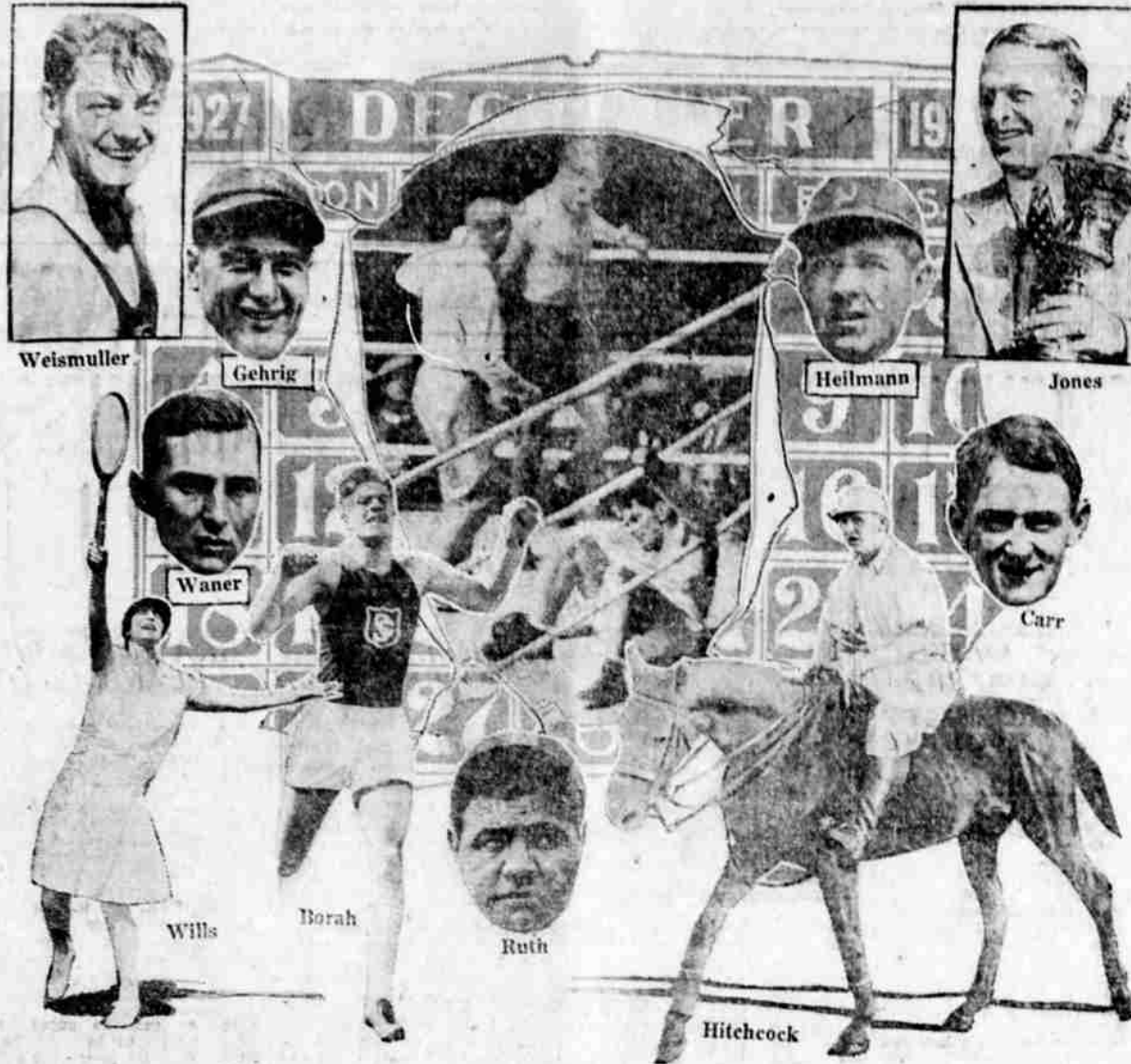
The featherweight championship became vacant when Kid Kaplan resigned to enter the lightweight class. He was knocked out in his first attempt by Billy Wallace. Benny Bass is generally recognized now as the champion.

Pete Laizo lost the welterweight championship to Joe Dundee and Dundee gave promise of being a fighting champion but he got into trouble in California when he failed to appear for a match against Ace Hudkins and a nation-wide suspension was slapped on him.

Jack Delaney, who had an unquestioned right to the lightweight championship, resigned to enter the heavyweight division where he hardly had ordinary success. Before he vacated the title he had been matched to meet the veteran former champion, Mike McTigue, and the New York commission passed the title on to McTigue, ruling that he was entitled to the title by default.

The National Boxing commission disputed the ruling of the New York commission and decreed that Jimmy Slattery was the champion. Loughran then met and defeated McTigue and then trimmed Slattery.

Champions of 1927



'FOX' WANTS TO TALK TO FATHER

PENDLETON, Dec. 21. (UP)—Opening his heart to a feminine visitor, Edward Hickman declared last night he wishes to see Perry Parker, Los Angeles banker and father of the girl he is accused of slaying, more than his own mother and father.

Hickman was interviewed by Mrs. J. Lawrence Gilbertson, wife of a Portland newspaperman. "Do you know that the person I want to see even more than my mother and father is Mr. Parker," Mrs. Gilbertson said Hickman had told her.

Hickman revealed to Mrs. Gilbertson that Marion Parker had dreamed of her kidnapping before he abducted her in Los Angeles last week.

"I presume those dreams were a premonition of her death," Mrs. Gilbertson commented.

"Yes, I suppose they were," Hickman dreamily agreed.

"She sure was a nice girl," Hickman went on.

"I guess you haven't got much of an appetite," Mrs. Gilbertson continued her leading remarks.

"Say I haven't eaten meat for a week, an old you had seen what I have you wouldn't either," Hickman returned, evidently referring to the ghastly sight of the girl's dismembered and broken body.

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A few seconds after the bell opening the second, Emanuel sent Emanuel to the canvas for an eight count. The San Francisco fighter got to his feet only to be knocked down for a similar count. Then, when he apparently was on the verge of being knocked out, he put Doman to sleep with a right to the head.

Tony Puente took eight out of ten rounds to win from Jack Roper in the semi-final.

Of the Chicago stenographer who became a grand opera star it might be said that she knows her notes.

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In the film version of Tolstoy's "Resurrection," which comes to the Orpheus Theatre for three days, starting today, every human emotion described in Tolstoy's immortal classic of love lost and regained is depicted in photomine. Rod La Rocque is the star and Delores del Rio the featured player. Edwin Carew, director, was assisted by Count Ilya Tolstoy, son of the author of "Resurrection," in filming the classic novel.

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