

DEMPSEY AND WILLS EXPECTED TO SIGN FOR BOUT TODAY; JACK TO MEET TUNNEY FIRST, THOUGH

Wills-Dempsey Bout Will Be First Mixed-Color Affair Since Jack Johnson Lost Title To Jess Willard In Havana; Gawgy Godfrey, Tunney Or Renault Will Meet Dempsey First; Dempsey Will Give Kearns The Air

NEW YORK, July 16.—(United News)—Another battle of the century will enter its preliminary stage Friday, some 14 months in advance of the actual bout, when Jack Dempsey will sign an agreement with Tex Rickard to fight the colored Harry Wills next summer.

Rickard's card probably will be put on Labor day, next year, the first great mixed colored match since Jack Johnson lost the heavyweight title in Havana to Jess Willard.

The promoter announced that Dempsey, who went into conference with him Thursday morning after returning from Europe, had agreed to sign for a Wills bout next summer, and for a bout with any one else Rickard might name in September of this year. Dempsey's first opponent seems certain to be Gene Tunney, although Rickard threatens to drag out George Godfrey, the Philadelphia negro, or Jack Renault, the Canadian champion, if Tunney doesn't listen to reason when the question of terms arises.

The contract for the fights will be signed at 11 o'clock Friday morning, according to Rickard.

This announcement seems to have demonstrated four things of importance in the fight world.

1. That Dempsey isn't through with the ring and that he isn't afraid to meet Wills or any one else, as has been rumored constantly since the champion went abroad.
2. That Dempsey is finished with Jack Kearns, his manager, so far as his contract will let him be.
3. That Rickard has obtained tacit consent from the state authorities for a mixed bout. A subordination in this respect has been feared despite the fact that the New York boxing commission has frequently demanded that Dempsey fight Wills.
4. That Wills, the ex-champion who has been knocking at the champion's door for these many years, will at last realize his life's ambition by obtaining a whack at the championship.

Must Build It Up

One reason the Wills bout has been so long deferred, Rickard admitted, is that it will take months to "build it up."

But another reason probably is that Dempsey prefers not to share with Kearns the huge purse which he will receive. Until the contract between the two expires a year from September, Dempsey will give Kearns his stipulated share of his fight purses which has been reported to be one-half.

"I am going to make my own matches and handle my own affairs from now on," said Jack.

"In addition to the contract with Rickard, Dempsey will sign for a third bout Friday with Floyd Fitzsimmons, the midwest promoter. In this bout he will tackle Bartley Madden or some other second rate at Benton Harbor, Mich., in September.

The Dempsey-Tunney match, according to Rickard, probably will be fought here at the Yankee stadium September 7 or 14.

Returns to Show Home Folk



Miss Elizabeth Ryan, an American girl, has confined her tennis activities to Europe for so many seasons that the continent has adapted her. She is returning to the U. S. shortly to play Miss Mary K. Browne, Mrs. Mollie Bjorstedt Mallory and other feminine stars.

LEFTY MOHLER GETS ASSIGNMENT TO HURL PELICANS TO VICTORY AGAINST TURBULENT WEEDS SUN.

Bert Arnold May Scintillate As Chucker In Case Sunny Fails To Get His Avowed Revenge On Weeds; Neutral Umpires To Be Sent Here For Important Game; Weed Delegation Coming 400 Strong

Probably the greatest baseball drawing card of the season will be the game Sunday at the fair grounds against Weed—for more reasons than one. If the game isn't a hectic affair, it will be the first game the Weeds have played yet, anywhere, that wasn't.

A wire yesterday from J. P. McNamara, of Yreka, president of the league, assured Fred Glover, local manager, that there would be neutral umpires, the best in the league. The Pelicans had the misfortune when Weed and Klamath Falls battled 11 innings here in their last encounter, of having a dedicated partial umpire—a gent named Mr. Renton, of Weed. This same gent was showered with over-ripe apples for his ignoble work at Yreka last Sunday.

All things considered, however, the Pelicans are going to have a tough time of it, even with strictly neutral ump.

"Sunny" Mohler, the old, most always reliable "Lefty" will twirl for the Pelicans. Sunny is thoroughly in favor of winning the game against Weed. He, as well as the rest of the Pelican flock, have burned up the diamond all week in preparation for the game. Last night, the boys never looked better. Not a fly ball, or a bum peg resulted from the high ones lifted out to the invincible outfield—Mathews, Noel and Booth.

The infield was like a flash—Haynes, to Norwest, to Watta, to Ar-

nold. The boys appear to have reached the acme of a well oiled machine.

Tough Job For Sunny

While Sunny will not have Street in the dugout to signal for in a time of great distress, Bert Arnold stands ready to throw down his first baseman's mitt, hand it to Mathews, and go right in after a couple of warm-up balls, to hurl for the Pelicans. Arnold has been throwing fast ones all week, and, like Babe Ruth, appears to be equally as good in three places—the outfield, at first and as a chucker.

Sunny is going to have four slugging foals to pitch to—the first four men up, mind you—if the Weeds stick to their last week's batting order, and they probably will, after the way they slugged themselves to a double victory against the Shastas last week. Kaer, the Weed slugging third baseman, and as fast a runner as he is a sure hitter, will lead off. Big Bill Painter, leftfield, will walk up to the plate with his big war club next, and if he fails, Grant, the flashy St. Mary's college second baseman, stands ready to drive in a run. And then—man, oh, man, up will walk Stobener, the big lumberjack center fielder. Stobener hit Mohler three times out of four the last game, and all he socks went for extra bases. But Mohler has some heavy Pelican sluggers behind him to chalk up the runs for the home club.

Anthony, Winn and Gschner stand ready to hurl against the Pelicans, but Anthony seems to be slated for the turn Sunday.

Big Weed Delegation

The Weeds will be as thick as weeds here Sunday—with all their swashbuckling mannerisms. If the Pelicans don't get in and slam the proverbial stuff out of that ball—well, strong men of Klamath Falls will weep.

Arrangements are about completed for a special Southern Pacific train to accommodate 400 Weeds

SPORTS DONE BY

It's a pretty good bet that George Mogridge will be benefited by the recent move which sent him and his baseball belongings to the St. Louis Browns from the camp of the Washington Senators. A change of scenery often revives a veteran ball player. In Mogridge's case this shift not only puts him in a new environment but should give him more chance to shine.

Mogridge and Zeb Zachary were the southpaw stars of the Senators last year. He won more games than Zachary, copping 16 while Zeb won 15.

Last spring the Senators added Vean Gregg and Dutch Ruether, two more southpaws, to the roster. Both Gregg and Ruether delivered the goods in the expected manner and, as a result, Mogridge found himself forced to take his turn.

With the Browns Mogridge will get a chance to work regularly.

When right Mogridge is a great southpaw. Clark Griffith will tell you that. George has had varying success in the league, however. He labored six years for the New York Yankees and had but one good year. That was in 1918, when he won 15 and lost 13 games.

The previous year he entered the hall of fame by pitching a no-hit game against Boston. A few days after the opening of the campaign—April 24 to be exact—he turned the Red Sox back hitless. They shoved one run on him on an error.

In 1920 the Yanks traded him to Washington for Bobby Roth. The very next season he made the New

York Yankees

slip by the gatekeepers

at erring umpires—

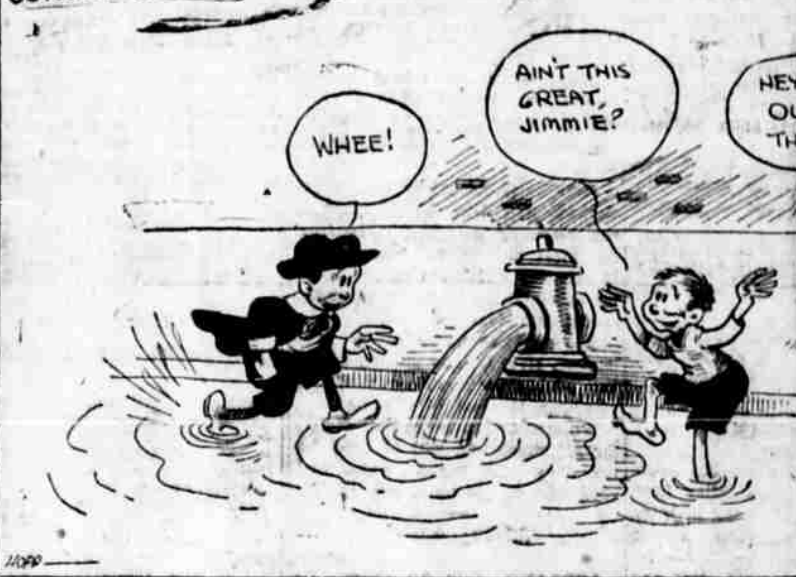
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Pelicans and a break-

tage tie between the

FAMOUS FANS

THE LITTLE BOY WHOSE MOTHER GOT HIM ALL DRESSED TO TAKE OUT AND TOLD HIM TO WAIT OUTSIDE FOR HER.



IN OUR OFFICE



PARLING UP BILL



COAST LEAGUE

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Portland	3	11	1
Los Angeles	5	9	3

Batteries—Yarrison and Tobin; Glazner and Sandberg.

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Seattle	6	11	1
San Francisco	8	11	1

Batteries—Miljus and Baldwin; Geary, Williams and Agnew.

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Vernon	15	18	2
Salt Lake	16	29	0

Batteries—Johnson, Ludolph, Swanson, Pilette and Whitney; Ponder, Stroud, Mulcahey, Piercy and Peters, Cook.

Score—	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	6	12	1
Sacramento	7	7	2

Batteries—Boehler, Praett and Read, Byler; Keating, Martin and Wachenfeld, M. Shea.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Score—	R.	H.	E.
New York	9	16	1
Cleveland	17	20	1

HOW THEY STAND

Teams—	W.	L.	Pct.
McCloud	6	2	.750
K. F.	5	3	.625
Yreka	5	3	.625
Weed	5	3	.625
Dunsmuir	2	6	.250
Mt. Shasta	1	7	.125

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