

FIGHTERS WILL USE EIGHT-OUNCE GLOVES

Lighter Mitts Barred By New Jersey Boxing Body

Less Danger of Cutting and Bruising, But Knock-Out Chances Will Not Be Reduced.

No Dispute Over 18-Foot Ring.

By ROBERT EDGREN.
THURSDAY, June 30.—A heavy rain in New Jersey, starting yesterday and lasting through today, has worried holders of fight tickets, but the weather sharp says the downfall was the best thing that could have happened to insure fair weather on Saturday. For the week the air has been supercharged with moisture, and the heat has been terrific. The fighters have had no trouble in getting up the free flow of perspiration supposed to be essential to good condition and every one else has lost enough weight to make the huge stands at Boyle's forty acres safe for democracy. The builders, however, are not counting on a light-weight crowd. They have tested the stands by piling up empty hogheads on the high points and filling them with water to get a pressure many times the weight of any mass of spectators.

As for the possible chance of rain on the bout, nothing short of a cloudburst can cause a postponement and that only if it starts in the morning and continues through the day. In case of impossible weather the bout would be held Monday July 4 instead of Saturday. In case of rain during the bout the ring will be covered with a high canopy that won't interfere with the view. This is necessary to provide a dry footing for the boxers. Carpentier's fast footwork would be of little use on a slippery ring covering and Dempsey isn't so slow himself that he would get any advantage through having a skiddy floor under him.

No Kick Over Ring.
The tales about Carpentier insisting upon a 24-foot ring have been exaggerated by at least four feet. Carpentier told Dempsey that he would like to have a foot to cavort in, but he wasn't very insistent, and when Dempsey looked the ring over and found it satisfactory Carpentier withdrew any objection. As a matter of fact the 24-foot ring is an antiquarianism. It isn't used any more and hasn't been used for many years. All of the championship bouts promoted by Tex Rickard have been decided in 18-foot rings, and the New Jersey boxing rules provide for a ring not more than 20 nor less than 18 feet in size. In the contract both boxers agreed to abide by local regulations should the bout be held where the local rules conflicted with the original agreement. Rickard is sure to have a suitable ring in any case. The new ring platform built especially for this bout is 22 feet from edge to edge, and the ropes can be adjusted to a safe distance from the posts.

To Use Eight-Ounce Gloves.
A point about the championship contest that has been little talked of is the size of the gloves the men will use. Five-ounce gloves are customary, but under New Jersey laws the bigger and softer eight-ounce gloves will be worn.

Sol Levinson of San Francisco, who has made the gloves for nearly all American championship battles during the past few years, has made two sets for this fight—eight-ounce and eight-ounce. The six-ounce gloves will be left at the arena for use in some other bout. Eight-ounce gloves are the same as six-ounce gloves except they are heavier. So has Carpentier. Dropping from fourteen to eight ounces will make both men faster, although perhaps they may lack a small percentage of the speed given by fighting with five-ounce mittens—the standard thing.

There is less danger of a cut or a bruise with the eight-ounce gloves, but the superior effect will remain about the same. Both Dempsey and Carpentier prefer the lighter mitts, but bowed to the boxing commission's decision.

Both Have Huge Hands.
Either Dempsey or Carpentier would have a fairly effective weapon with fists encased in pillows. They are the two largest pairs of hands ever carried into a ring to settle a championship contest. Dempsey's hands are huge in proportion, his wrists heavy, and his knuckles have never broken down, even under the strain of his terrific hitting.

Carpentier's hands are fully as big as Dempsey's, and the muscles of his hands, undeveloped in most athletes, are so developed from acrobatic work that his hands are bunched, the palms and the fingers extraordinarily thick. These hands,

Just Before the Battle, Mother, There Are Some Things I'd Say

The Sayings of Jack Dempsey as Taken Down by Eye-Witness.

By EYE-WITNESS.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 30.—I grant you that perhaps the only thing that makes the accompanying sayings of Jack Dempsey interesting is the fact that he really did say them. They were not fabricated for him and then pushed at him for his signature. They are his and his alone. They are as authentic as one of his own right crosses to the law, and there are men of might still living who can tell you how real they are. They are the outstanding things he said to me during hours of conversation. Some of them he said when he was bored and grumpy; some of them just after dinner when he was feeling at his best. Sometimes Kearns would be sitting with us and occasionally Jack's candor would make him look up with quick calculation as to whether Jack were not tipping the beans. But Jack would grumble along just the same.

For what they are—wise or dull, genial or cross—they are Jack all over.

Time:
"My idea in life hasn't been fighting in order to succeed. I think if I'd been a bricklayer I'd succeeded at that too. I must have inherited somehow a gift for fighting, but I bet I could have succeeded at something else."

"It's a poor idea to go in with that you can't get licked. Any sucker can give you a crack on the chin. I had three brothers and all of 'em could lick me."

"They are always asking who taught me most. It was Kearns—and my fights."

"When I first met Kearns in 1917 I was kind of disgusted with the boxing game. There was his left for me after my match with Lesie Johnson."

"Corbett—he's an awful nice fellow."

"I know how to wash dishes and mop a floor and mix concrete and drive a wagon. I did all those things when I was helping around the house or earning my living by doing them. I was just as happy when I had nothing."

"I never was crazy about the fight game or crazy about money, either."

"A lot of folks tried to level me. Finally I had to go out and do a little leveling myself."

"I'm like a colored boy. When I get my stomach full I can sing or dance or go to sleep. Nothing worries me then."

"There's enough that's true, and enough that's real about me and my folks to make people the trouble of thinking up things that never happened."

"When two fighters look good nobody knows just what it is that makes one of them better than the other. There's the man that thinks too slow or moves too slow and yet he's a man that can look awful good. There's other fellows that ain't got the heart to hit a man after they've given him the punch in the stomach. They see his knees sinking under him. They see that look on his face. They see him going away and they say, 'I'll wait till he comes to.' But then it's too late. The man that holds back at a time like that hasn't got the fighting heart."

"Everybody knows about the glass chin fellow. When you hit him with a chin he forgets everything. He's as helpless as a baby then—just as helpless as a baby."

"It's the punch in the stomach that worries most of 'em most. It hurts awful sometimes, but you just pay no attention to that. You just keep coming. I call your attention to the fact that he said 'coming' not 'going.'"

"My one idea in life is to be on the square and up, and up and be sure the folks are all right. I know they are all right now and I ain't afraid to die tonight."

"It's the rip-tearing, bulldog, 'I'm a winner. When you get into that ring you got to say 'kill him, kill him!' otherwise they will kill you. I always had that idea in a fight."

"When I was a kid I was kind of a mamma's boy. I always been that way. I am yet."

"A fighter must be like a fox hound. Run—run—run till you get that fox."

Jack Worried By War Record

Public Opinion Injures The Champion's Chances.

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millions more of Americans blame Dempsey bitterly for not having fought in the war, and in consequence are rooting savagely for Carpentier, whose war record is good, to knock him out.

Public Opinion Powerful.
What of it? you ask. Perhaps nothing. Perhaps much. The scoffers say that that will not soften the blows that will be rained upon Carpentier's slender frame. Maybe the scoffers are right. Maybe, again, they are all wrong. Absolutely wrong.

It is on the cards of record that no man has as yet successfully prevailed against the weight of public opinion. In other words, no man in public life succeeds for long unless the public is for him.

Jack Johnson is an example. Public opinion was unfavorable to Jack Johnson. It did not prevent him from whipping Jeffries in the ring at Reno, but it did make him an exile and bring him finally to book in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth. It is true that Johnson was proven guilty of a certain crime. Can it be believed by any one conversant with the pugilistic world that other fighters have not been guilty of the same offense without having been prosecuted? Hardly. If public opinion had not decreed thumbs down on Johnson, the chances are that his offense would never have been noted. But public opinion was against him, and it crushed him to earth.

Jeffries' Nerves Demoralized.
Public opinion operated in a different way against Jeffries. The public was for Jeffries. Practically all the white people in the United States were rooting for him to beat the black. It was too much for the white man. He was too heavy of the trust reposed in him so heavily that his nerves went all to smash, and he entered the ring a helpless shell of a man, strong and rugged enough in appearance, but helpless because the muscles that were to direct the great muscles were paralyzed from worry and unable to function. Without the direction of that brain, what of avail were the mighty muscles?

Dempsey, then, is not a thick-skinned man. His hide is not that of a rhinoceros. He feels keenly the criticism that has been aimed at him. Meeting Dempsey for the first time, the average person, no matter how much prejudiced he may be against him, is aware of a rush of sympathy for the big fellow.

It is foolish, modest and likeable. The best of a man who values friends and puts much stress on the good opinion of his public. It is known that he deeply regrets not having gone to war when the going was good. He has told close friends that he wanted to go; that he wanted to join the marines; that advisers talked him out of it, and that he has since realized that by not getting into uniform he committed a blunder that he can never undo.

Possible Result Probable.
He has been worried and hurt by the criticism directed against him. When he goes into the ring in Jersey City he will face a huge crowd of his countrymen, many of whom will be rooting for the Frenchman. He will be a man fighting in his country for the retention of the heavyweight crown in America and without the undivided support of the spectators. What effect will it have on him? Perhaps none. Perhaps a great deal. What effect has it already had on him. Again perhaps none. And again probably a good deal.

It has been noted by those acquainted with him that Jack is deeply worried about something. Some of his intimates believe that the matter preying on his mind is his war record. Whether he was morally as guiltless of slackness as he has been demonstrated to be legally clear in the matter, the fact remains that public opinion is a thing that matters a great deal to him, and that things that matter, preying on the mind of an athlete, have a direct paralyzing effect on the mighty muscles that are no more than sodden helpless clay when the directing mind is not at ease.

Carpentier is ready and calm. He thinks he can win. There are few Americans who share his hope of victory, and yet there are many who hope that his hope is legitimate.

"Big Smoke" to Re-Enter Ring
Ex-Champion to Challenge Winner of July 2 Battle.

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If the challenge to the Jersey City winner is not issued at the ringside, as now planned, it will be issued as soon as possible after the fight, it was declared.

Detail at Poli's.
Poli's Theater has contracted for a special leased wire to furnish the fight fans of Washington with return of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight tomorrow. Every detail of the fight and each blow struck will be announced from the stage.

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Improved by Rain

Dr. Walter S. Harban, of the executive committee in charge of the open golf championship tournament, who perhaps more than anyone else is responsible for the excellent condition of the Columbia Country Club course, stated last night that the course is practically in readiness for the start of the tournament on July 15. Lack of rain, the one obstacle which it was feared would handicap the work of putting the course in shape, has now been removed. The downpours of the past few days have put the whole course, and particularly the greens, in excellent shape. The construction of new bridges and paths has been completed and the whole course has been cleaned up. From now on, it is only a question of keeping the course in its present shape.

Star New York Athletes to Compete in Irish Games Here

Word was yesterday received from New York that five star metropolitan athletes have definitely accepted invitations to compete in the athletic meet to be held at Georgetown field on July 4 under the auspices of the United Irish Societies of this city. The five athletes are Patrick Flynn, of the Paulist Athletic Club; William Ritola, unattached; H. L. Bowman, New York A. C.; William Boston, Alpha Club, and Robert Crawford, of the Millrose A. A.

Flynn and Ritola will compete in the special three-mile race, or Flynn may elect to start in the mile. Bob Crawford is scheduled to run in a special half mile, and Bowman, the newly-crowned metropolitan javelin thrower, will compete in the javelin event. Boston will face a high-class field in the high jump. Bob LeGendre, the pentathlon champ, is another entrant of national prominence.

Other entries received yesterday were those of Chamberlain, the South Atlantic high jump title holder, and Aaronson, the Johns Hopkins University pole vaulter.

The event which has attracted the greatest local interest is the inter-city relay between Baltimore and Washington. The local four will be picked from Griffith, Holden, Pugh, McNamara, Henderson and LeGendre. Baltimore's entrants for this event are Legg, Perkins, Whiteford and Flynn.