

ard's gymnasium, and soon became a card. Where a year before he was but a ham-and-egg fighter, snubbed by the stars of the profession, he now was in demand.

The veteran Joe Sherman was first to bow before Hammer's slambang ring tactics, losing a 10-round affair by an overwhelming majority. Joe Welling, just returned from a successful campaign in Australian rings, was next to fall a victim of the Swede Kid in ten rounds. Then Ad Wolgast got it, and he got it good, also in ten sessions.

Having mused up the former champ, Hammer engaged Welsh for ten rounds at Milwaukee and easily

the battle toward a home he was going to build for his mother.

Hammer for several months has been an employe of Jim Pugh, who owns a big warehouse and a chain of stores in western cities. Pugh also is the owner of Disturber IV, the speediest motorboat ever built. Pugh, like his protege, thinks Hammer is going to become champion of the world. Every time Ever enters the



beat the title-holder. During this bout Welsh is alleged to have violated rules made by the Wisconsin boxing commission and that body suspended him for four months. Hammer appealed to the commissioners, urging them to lift the suspension that he might again face Freddie in Milwaukee, but the order wasn't changed.

Hammer's last fight was with the Bitter Root Kid of Montana and it was a fizzle, because Bitter Root was afraid to fight and finally was knocked kicking in the seventh round. Johnny Dundee, the great little trial horse of the lightweight division, will be Ever's next opponent in a 20-rounder July 4, after which he will go gunning again for Welsh.

Returning from Milwaukee after defeating the champion, Hammer confided to a friend that he intended applying the \$900 he earned during



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