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FOES OF BOXING DECLARE RING IS MONEY PAINTED

Earnings of Athletes in Other Branches of Effort Creditable. PUGLISTS WORK HARD Even Amateur Glove Wielders Draw Large Sums for the A. A. U.

By CHARLES F. MATHISON. A popular form of attack by those opposed to boxing is to refer to the commercialism of the sport. Canon Chase, leader of the down-with-boxing forces, was first to fling the phrase "sordid commercialism" at the boxing element, and his example has been followed by other blue law adherents. As a result, the impression has been created in the minds of many persons that a boxer is not entitled to compensation for his work in training camps and in the ring. In some quarters the opinion is held that a boxer should give his services free, which would tend to remove the taint of commercialism from the sport.

This idea sprouted from the fact that the boxers controlled by the Amateur Athletic Union box for medals and jewelry. But the fact remains that the gate receipts of all amateur tournaments go into the coffers of the A. A. U. The enrichment of that organization, though, while the amateur boxers themselves are not tainted by commercialism, the organization which controls them profits from their efforts in the ring.

So far as the question of asking a professional boxer, who devotes all his time to ring work, to give his services for nothing is illogical as asking a professional baseball player, wrestler, football player, trapezist or expert in a score of professional sports to receive their compensation and exert themselves for the sake of the sport.

The professional boxer works hard, and if he devotes all his time to it, to warrant him fighting for a championship he then gets a chance to earn a good sized purse. If he does not become a skillful boxer his earnings are restricted. In order to be a professional boxer must start at an early age, as few men who begin boxing later than their 15th year ever achieve success. The boxer has no other profession, the same as a ball player or an athlete in any other branch of endeavor.

Boxers Have Rights. Therefore a boxer, has as much right to earn a living through the medium of his skill in the ring as a ball player by reason of his ability on the diamond. The public demands baseball, boxing and other athletic contests between expert professionals. To discriminate against the boxer and declare that he should not be paid for his services seems to verge closely on unconstitutionality.

Promoters of boxing clubs, managers of boxing affairs and others connected with boxing work have been accused of being baseball managers, racing trainers and those in other branches of sport. Therefore there is no apparent reason why the man engaged in the business of boxing should not be paid as well for his services as the men who make a business of other sports.

Each horse is sold for a quarter of a million dollars or a baseball expert is sold for \$150,000, and yet the "commercialism" is passed without comment. But when a boxer who by years of hard, dangerous work has reached the point where he is to receive a large purse for defending his title a howl goes up from every rabid blue law bigot in the land. Championship bouts where the purses offered are far in excess of those far between, so that the average earnings of title holders are not excessive.

The original complaint against boxing was that it was brutal, but as reliable figures prove that the sports of racing, baseball and other branches of athletics are far more dangerous and productive of more serious injuries than boxing, the hue and cry of brutality has gone up in smoke.

Another argument against boxing was that it attracted a low class of spectators. This charge has been flatly refuted by the character of those who have attended the bouts of the International Sporting Club and those of the Madison Square Garden Sporting Club.

The opponents of boxing now find themselves restricted to the spectacle of commercialism, and that is the least convincing of all the arguments advanced.

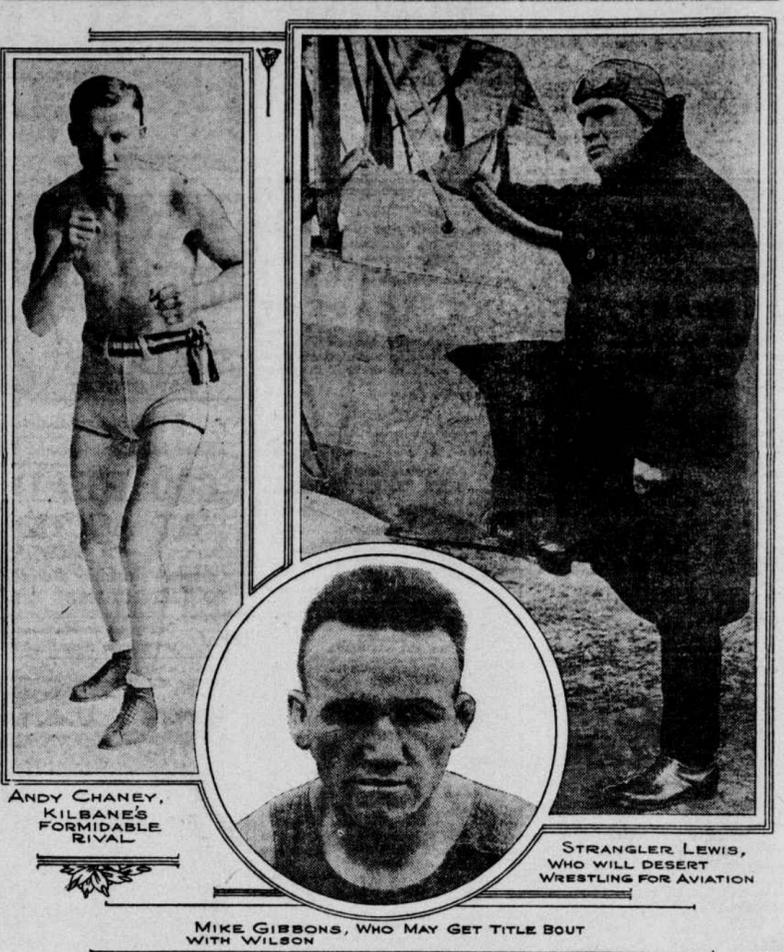
As boxing now stands in this State there is little fault to be found with it. The provisions of the Walker law are admirable, and the rules of the International Sporting Club can hardly be improved upon. It is to be hoped that the rules and regulations are strictly enforced by the men to be appointed by Gov. Miller, boxing will attain a higher position than ever before in its history.

Boston Scandal Grows. Loud, excited talk continues in Boston about the decision in the bout between Pete Herman and Young Montreal. Many persons insist that there was a scheme to defraud those who wagered on Herman, the logical favorite.

The ringside reports of the bout agree that Herman had all the better of the contest, and one of the judges and the referee have been asked by the Boxing Commission to explain how they came to give the decision to Montreal.

In commenting on the suspicious shift in the betting odds one critic writes: "For a week Herman was a 10 to 6 or 2 to 1 favorite. He was in such position until the half hour or so preceding the start of the bout. In that time, and with no change in the condition of the New Orleans boy, the odds shifted until at odds of 10 to 7 and 10 to 8. There seemed no apparent reason for the shift. Montreal was in no better condition than Herman. In fact the bout testified that the Italian was a proverbial pink. Providence speculators wagered heavily on Montreal. They gathered in every available bet. And among others they took one from a Boston newsboy who thinks \$25 a great sum.

Leading Figures in Ring and on Mat Now in Limelight



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against good men looked so much better than Montreal that no one familiar with the qualifications of the boxers would have placed a wager on the Providence boy.

The Massachusetts Boxing Commission has a golden opportunity before it to change the game in that State, and it is to be hoped it will not fail to grasp it, and thus avoid the mistake of the New York Boxing Commission in the case of the fouling of Mike O'Dowd by Johnny Wilson.

Incidentally it would be an excellent idea for the Massachusetts commission to set on foot an investigation of the Wilson-O'Dowd affair, Wilson being a resident of the Bay State.

Benny Leonard is quoted as declaring that he is ambitious to acquire three titles. The writer and middle weight honors are desired by the present lightweight champion. Leonard is quoted as follows:

"I would have been willing to meet Mike O'Dowd when he was champion because he was made for a good boxer, Johnny Wilson, with his southpaw style, would be just as easy. I'm sure I could at least outpoint him in a decision bout."

This is a very laudable ambition on the part of Leonard, and it is unfortunate that he cannot put it into execution at once. However, as Wilson put O'Dowd out of commission, both as a champion and physically, and as Britton is very busy fighting men in his own class, perhaps Benny might be induced to fill in the interval by boxing Rocky and Kansas, who weighs in fighting trim 133 pounds, but is willing to concede the weight to the champion.

John Hamm of Pittsburgh, the national 108 pound amateur champion boxer, might possibly become a worthy contender for the professional flyweight title. Hamm is a steel worker, 17 years of age, and has been boxing but a year and a half.

During his very short career in the ring Hamm has managed to annex a small flock of boxing championships and titles, including the 108 pound championship of the entire Carnegie Steel Company and the 110 pound national championship of the American Industrial Athletic Association, the latter won at the tournament at Johnson City, N. Y., February 21 and 22, 1921.

In winning his national championship at Boston last week Hamm defeated four of the best amateurs in the country in two successive evenings, his scores being 1-0, 2-0, 3-0 and 4-0.

Myron Townsend, sporting editor of the El Paso, Tex., in an effort to solve the color line problem, writes as follows: "Should a white world's boxing champion defend his title against a negro fighter of the first class?"

"This is one of the prize questions propounded to 600 sporting and boxing writers in Europe, America, Canada and Australia in the El Paso Herald's questionnaire on the outcome of the Carpenter-Dempsey bout at Jersey City, on July 2.

"Answers already have been received from some of America's foremost boxing authorities, including Charles F. Mathison, NEW YORK HERALD; William H. Roca, sporting editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger; Otto Flock, boxing premier of the Denver Post; Harry Williams, sporting editor of the Los Angeles Times; Bill Yeager, sporting editor of the San Francisco Examiner; Sandy Griswold, sports editor of the Omaha World-Herald; J. B. Sheridan, brilliant sporting oracle of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and more than 200 other writers and critics of high class, and a large percentage of these sportsmen believe that 'race, color and previous condition of servitude' should be entirely ignored, and that the world's champion should be compelled to defend his title against all worthy challengers. Are there any good reasons why Jack Dempsey, for instance, shouldn't meet Harry Hills in the squared circle?"

"The fear of being defeated by the compelling motive in causing a boxer like Dempsey to draw the color line?"

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DISABLED SOLDIERS TO SEE LEAGUE CONTESTS

CHICAGO, April 23.—Letters have been received from heads of three other leagues endorsing the proposal of President Ben Johnson of the American League to hold a "party" throughout the United States and Canada for disabled war veterans from neighboring hospitals who are selected at Hospital Day. President Hickey of the American Association and President Tearney of the Western and Three-League wrote the message endorsing the suggestion into effect. The White Sox, who will be playing the Red Sox here on that day, have invited wounded soldiers from the hospitals around Chicago to be their guests.

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MIDGET BEATS BOY MOORE. MONTREAL, April 23.—Midget Both, New York, in a six round bout, beat Boy Moore, St. Paul, in a ten round bout here tonight, in the opinion of ringside experts.

MESSENGRERS JEER BOXING JUDGES

Western Union Lads Boo at Official Ruling. Messenger boys that attended the boxing tournament of the Western Union A. A., held in the auditorium of Washington Irving High School last night, showed themselves to be severe critics of judicial golf decisions. They gave John Boyd and John O'Brien, veteran judges of amateur bouts, the worst razzing of their career just because they did not like a decision rendered in favor of Edmond Reidy of the St. Christopher Boxing Club. Boyd and O'Brien, an unattached boxer, the messengers showed their disapproval by booing and hissing for twenty minutes. It was the most unusual demonstration yet witnessed at a boxing tournament in this city. The summaries:

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COX OUTPOINTS WILLIAMS. Heavyweights featured the weakly boxing show of the Commonwealth Boxing Club last night. Joe Cox easily defeated Larry Williams in the main contest of twelve rounds. The bout was unusually fast for "heavyweights," with Cox leading in almost every round. Cox weighed 144 and Williams 154 pounds.

The semi-final contests resulted in a victory for Patsy Finnegan over Joe Dundee via the ten round route. This "setto" was full of action from start to finish and had the crowd in an uproar on several occasions.

WOODHAVEN S. C. RESULTS. At the Woodhaven Sporting Club of Brooklyn last night, O. Joe Daly won the judges' decision over Terry Davis in the main bout of twelve rounds. The ten round bouts resulted in victories for Eddie Anderson over Charles Kid Kober and Kid Sullivan over Willie Dany.

SUMMERS DEFEATS HERMAN. Johnny Summers knocked out Johnny Herman in the fifth round of a bout at the Ridgewood Grove Sporting Club last night. Summers dropped his man for a nine count in the third round, and Herman was on the verge of a knockout in the fifth when the referee intervened.

The judges disagreed in the ten round contest between Connie Hoffman and Jimmy Flynn and the referee voted for Hoffman. This verdict displeased the onlookers.

SENIOR DEFEATS LANGDON. Julian Rice, a class B player, last night defeated James Langdon, a class C contestant, in the handicap amateur balking billiard tournament for the Foregenburg cup in the National Recreation Club in Brooklyn. Rice triumphed over his opponent by 175 to 67.

Atlanta Girl Proves She Is Not Far Behind Great Britain's Best.

Carpenter to Do His Training at Manhasset.

GEORGES CARPENTIER will train for his championship fight with Jack Dempsey at Manhasset, L. I. The lease and all terms for the place were closed by Jack Curley yesterday and he immediately called on Francois Desamps, who the place was most suitable and ready for immediate occupancy.

The proposed training place consists of a quiet farm house with forty acres surrounding it, a large barn fit for indoor exercise when the weather will not permit outdoor work, and a garage. It is located on Hamersburg road, a few minutes walk from Great Neck, and has as neighbors Payne Whitney, Louis Sherry and Nicholas Brady.

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"We have fifty acres of fairway which must be cut at least twice a week and in some places three times. There is also twenty acres of rough to be cut every two weeks, and still in addition, one man gives his entire time to trimming around the greens and trees.

"If the club does all this to make a golf course a pleasure, the members surely can do the little asked by replacing divots, smoothing out the sand and helping to keep the course clean."

Truly it is an ill wind that blows nobody good. Within the next week or two there is certain to be a rush of golfers to take advantage of the offer which the already famous Lido Beach Club has found it necessary to make to get America's most remarkable links on a paying and running basis.

So small a proportion of the original members of the club continued their membership that the income last year was not sufficient to pay expenses even without providing anything for rent. The club has, therefore, been unable to carry out the arrangements made at the time of its organization for a lease of the golf course with option to purchase. Last autumn the arrests of the property at foreclosure sold the property to new owners, who have also acquired a large amount of surrounding property and who have announced their intention of proceeding at once with an extensive high class development, including the erection of a large hotel just east of the golf course, which they expect to open in the autumn of this year.

The new owners offered the club a lease of the golf course on somewhat more favorable terms than had been agreed upon with the previous owners, but the proposed rent and the option price still constituted, in the opinion of the governors, too heavy a burden for the club to undertake under present conditions. The owners have, however, offered the club the exclusive use of the golf course until March 31, 1922, on the following terms:

"The owners will undertake the entire management of the property at their own expense, keep the golf course in first class condition, furnish the club house, install a shop with a professional caddy, change, maintain restaurant service, bathing facilities, etc., and in return for its exclusive right of occupancy the club is to pay over all its receipts from dues and green fees for the year in excess of \$7,500. The amount so retained the club will be able to pay off the accrued deficit for last season and have a small margin for expenses. The club's only expense will be for printing, postage and incidental expenses of the secretary's office.

Ridgewood Hills Membership. The Ridgewood Country Club of Ridgewood, N. J., has filled its membership quota of 500 and now has a waiting list. This club, which is under the leadership of George M. O'Brien, as president, is making more extensive changes in its golf course this season than in any year previous. There will be no golf events until after May 1, when all the improvements on the course will have been completed.

The eleven hole which heretofore has been a troublesome uphill dogleg and sidehill affair, is being changed radically. The side hill is being leveled and the far side of the green is being built up and topped, so that the second shot can be played directly to the green without excessive penalty for a shot over the cup. Heretofore, in dry season, it has been almost impossible to hold an approach shot on the green, no matter how well played. A number of changes have also been made