



RICKARD WAITS TILL MONDAY FOR FINAL MOVE IN FIGHT

AMERICA ROARS WELCOME TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Promoters Cling to Chance To Hold Big Battle in San Francisco

GOVERNOR'S LAST WORD IS: "THERE WILL BE NO FIGHT"

Upheld by a faint hope that there yet remains a chance for the Jeffries-Johnson fight to be staged in San Francisco, Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason, the promoters, delayed from making arrangements for a new battleground last night, declaring that they would maintain their position until noon Monday. At that time, at the very latest, the final definite statement as to where the contest will take place will be made.

"After consulting with my attorney," said Rickard, "I have decided that there is yet a chance for the fight to be held here and we are hanging on to that chance. The probabilities are that we will be able to give out a definite statement by Sunday night, but I can state positively that the final word will be given not later than noon Monday."

Hope Is Secret

On what ground the promoters base their hope they would not state, and none could be ascertained. Those who had heard Governor Gillett's views on the subject when he was in San Francisco fail to see how any later conferences can alter the circumstances.

"These fighters, he said, 'might as well understand that there is going to be no fight in the state of California. I am ready to take extreme measures, but I am determined to prevent it. Before they will be allowed to lick one another they will have to lick every militiaman in the state. It must be palpable to all observers that I am thoroughly and absolutely sincere in this matter. When I first entered upon this subject and declared myself I had the Jeffries-Johnson contest in mind. I am not interested in sporting events of this character, and it was not until I had written to the attorney general about the Jeffries-Johnson fight that it was brought to my attention that there was another pending between Langford and Kaufman. I thereupon telegraphed to the attorney general that whatever orders I had given regarding the Jeffries-Johnson fight were applicable to the other; but my original stand was against the fight scheduled for the fourth of July."

Final Word: No Fight

"It is useless for these fight promoters to argue any longer. That fight will not be held within the state of California. That is my final word."

And so while the promoters hang back the patrons of the ring, drawing their conclusions from the utterances of the governor and from his drastic measures in the Langford-Kaufman fight, are making preparations for a change. The general impression is that the contest will be held in Reno, and many have made their plans to go there today.

TEX SMILES AGAIN

Rickard appeared to be more hopeful and sanguine of success than he has been since the startling action was taken by the chief executive of the state. He smiled broadly on leaving the St. Francis hotel, and to a few friends said affairs looked better for him than at any time in the last four days.

It was commonly understood that Rickard and his attorney, William H. Metson, were closeted with Mayor McCarthy, who arrived yesterday evening, but this the promoter denied. The consultation lasted all evening, and shortly after 10 o'clock Rickard, accompanied by District Attorney Fickert, entered the St. Francis hotel.

Fickert refused to discuss the subject absolutely, saying he had nothing to do with it. Inasmuch as it had been given out previously that the question of the location of the fight would be finally determined by Saturday night, there was a large crowd thronging the lobby of the hotel, waiting for the word. Rickard, on his entrance, was surrounded by them immediately, but he waved them away with a smile.

"We have not gone yet," he said. From every quarter questions were hurled at him, and he replied to them generally.

"After consulting with my attorneys this evening," he said, "I learned that there were some new developments, which gave me hope that the fight will be allowed to take place in San Francisco. On this faint hope we are hanging. More than this I can not say, but I state positively that by Monday noon the question will be settled finally. The probabilities are, however, that we will be able to give out a definite statement by Sunday night."

JEFF READY TO LEAVE

Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, was an interested member of the audience. He holds out absolutely no hope for San Francisco. He phoned Jeff last night and was informed that the big fellow has everything ready to leave for the Nevada City tonight. Camp is practically broken up, and it does not look as though the former champion will do any more work there.

Johnson is also ready to take his trip. He may go in his automobile and he may compromise by going on the train like the majority of them. But, anyhow, he is awaiting the word to be on to Reno. Like most of them, he has no hope at all.

Rickard was a busy man all day

Grand Parlor Is With Gillett on Fighting Question

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SANTA BARBARA, June 18.—Governor Gillett received the strongest possible indorsement of his stand in stopping prize fighting in California from the grand parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West just before their final adjournment tonight. As a special order of business the grand parlor adopted the following resolution upholding the governor in his act and extending to him, on behalf of the womanhood of California, the deepest thanks for his decision to prevent fighting in the state:

The resolutions follow: Whereas, the Native Daughters of the Golden West is an order devoted to the upholding of our state of California and the perpetuation of its fair fame, and whereas it is our loyal duty to support every act which is calculated to protect the good name of California and which makes for the betterment of our commonwealth, and it is our privilege to uphold those who work to save our state from shame and our people from demoralization, therefore be it

Resolved by the grand parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, that we indorse the splendid stand taken by Governor James N. Gillett in stopping in California the degrading sport of prize fighting, and that on behalf of the womanhood of California we extend to Governor Gillett our thanks for his fearlessness in the protection of the good name of California, and furthermore be it

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Governor Gillett.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT



With Theodore Roosevelt on the remarkable journey he has just completed through Africa and Europe.

Tremendous Greeting Sends Real Flush of Emotion to Bronzed Cheek

FORMER PRESIDENT DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE OVATION

NEW YORK, June 18.—Theodore Roosevelt set foot on home shores today for the first time in nearly 15 months, and received a rousing welcome. He bore with his usual buoyancy a day of heavy fatigues, public duties and private emotions commingled, and at 4:40 o'clock this afternoon, after a family reunion at the home of Theron Butler, grandfather of his prospective daughter in law, Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander, left the city he had surveyed the same morning from afloat, reviewed in parade ashore and greeted by explicit word of mouth, to be welcomed more intimately by his life long neighbors at Oyster Bay, Long Island, tonight. Tomorrow he will rest.

MCCARTHY RETURNS AND CROWD CHEERS

Mayor Refuses to Discuss Fight Question, but Denies Chicago "Interview"

Seated in a wheeled chair, his foot in a plaster cast, but his face wreathed in a radiant smile, Mayor P. H. McCarthy came into his own yesterday afternoon when the overland train drew up at the end of its journey on the Oakland pier and 500 admirers, flanked by a 40 piece brass band, welcomed the returning traveler to his home city—San Francisco.

As the mayor was wheeled from his car to the automobile which awaited him, the crowd formed into two rows and right and left McCarthy was kept busy grasping hands, nodding his head and shouting his appreciation over the roar of the music. Men and women were there to cheer him, officials and labor delegations crowded about him, and his machine was virtually pushed by the crowd that had gathered aboard the waiting ferry boat.

Reception on Ferry Boat

During the ride across the bay the mayor held an impromptu reception, and on arriving on this side was driven to his home. He will rest a few days before attempting to take any active part in municipal affairs.

In the coach with the mayor rode Mrs. McCarthy and her son, who had joined him at Sacramento; Elmer C. Leffingwell, his secretary; Attorney Cleveland L. Dam, Sheriff Thomas Finn, James Bowen of the San Francisco buildings trades, Walter Matthews of the San Jose building trades and G. D. Phillips, all of whom boarded the train at Reno.

A delegation of the hotelmen's association met the train at the Sixteenth street depot in Oakland. This was composed of Edward T. Maples, E. R. Rolkins, R. B. Virtue and Kirk Harris. Among the delegations to cross the bay was the former president of the police commission, Harry P. Flannery, in a big touring car, with Fire Commissioner W. H. McDonnell, State Senator Hare and two others, while in a second machine were Supervisors John L. Hergert and William C. Pugh, Dr. Charles L. Eaton, president of the board of health, Edward F. Moran, District Attorney Charles M. Fickert and Acting Mayor John A. Kelly.

Chicago Interview Denied

On leaving the ferry building the mayor occupied the machine with Kelly, Mrs. McCarthy and his son, Miss Cecelia Campbell and District Attorney Fickert. He was followed by Flannery's machine, the band and a large number of cheering admirers. Chief of Police John B. Martin was at the ferry to welcome the mayor with a number of those who had not crossed the bay. He reached San Francisco at 5:18 o'clock.

McCarthy's first declaration to his interviewers was a denial of the reputed Chicago interview in which he was quoted as saying that he was "running San Francisco" and would do all in his power to assist the fight promoters. He not only characterized it as false, but announced that he had taken steps to secure a retraction from those who were responsible for it.

He declined to discuss the possibility of Flannery being reinstated as president of the police commission and refused to say a word on the prize fight controversy.

Two Messages for City

He had two messages for San Francisco and to these he confined himself—the Hetch Hetchy water supply and the exposition.

In respect to the Panama-Pacific exposition McCarthy said that he was assured that San Francisco had won the battle at Washington. He declared that the city had made the showing congress wanted and that at the next session the west would secure government support. In the matter of Hetch Hetchy, he took occasion to say that the representations of James D. Phelan that San Francisco was safe with a permit from the secretary of the interior was ridiculous; that the city's security in that respect lay with congress and that from present indications,

As a private citizen he was the same outspoken, vigorous man of words and deeds the city of his birth has known for 30 years as assemblyman, police commissioner, assistant secretary of the navy, colonel of the Rough Riders, governor of the state, vice president and president of the nation, and, more latterly, ambassador to the jungle and monitor to those who sit in the seats of the mighty.

OUTSPOKEN AND VIGOROUS

He had an expansive smile for everybody, a cheery word for "the boys," his old friends, the newspapermen, a pat anecdote for the politicians, and greetings of affection for his old command, the Rough Riders, and a quick eye for absolutely everything. Lyman Abbott, he called "partner," Jacob Riis was plain "Jake"; Assemblyman "Paradise Jimmy" Oliver was greeted by his nickname; Senator Thomas Grady, his old antagonist in state politics, he greeted jovially, and so it went down the line.

Roosevelt Good Luck

"Roosevelt good luck" still followed him. Though hot and sultry, the weather held fair until the marine parade, the exercises at the battery and the march up Broadway and Fifth avenue to Central park had been carried through with punctuality and precision, and then it rained great guns.

It cleared again shortly before 5 o'clock in plenty of time to give his eager fellow citizens of Long Island ample chance to see him standing on the rear platform of his special train as he waved them a welcome.

Three Great Welcomes

Within a generation the nation remembers three great welcomes before the one of today—to General Grant in San Francisco, after his triumphal tour of the world, following the expiration of his two terms as president; to Admiral Dewey on his return from the Philippines; and to William Jennings Bryan, also after a tour of the world. The welcome to Grant was the most tumultuous; that to Dewey the most elaborate and stately, but the welcome to Roosevelt today was shot through with a dramatic expectancy which long ago found popular expression in the typical phrase—"The return from Elba."

Grant, on his return, was still a political possibility, but, as events proved, foredoomed to defeat. Admiral Dewey was a hero, not a national leader. Bryan, prominent as his part had been before the people, had never been intrusted by them with executive responsibility.

Roosevelt's Versatility

Roosevelt had been something of all things all these men had been—statesman, and "soldier and sailor, too." Born in the east, he had made an especial friend of the west. His welcome today brought men from all parts of the country. It was national.

The first zest of public curiosity satisfied, speculation now turns on what share Roosevelt will take in an acute political situation within his own party, of which he had already been advised abroad by old associates who had carried him tidings. But on that score, speculation must rest unsatisfied. The colonel had positively declared his intentions by wireless the night before. "I shall have nothing whatever to say in the immediate future about politics." And he kept his word.

Therefore there was nothing in the only speech he made here today that could be construed as applying specifically to this or that phase of immediate state or national issues. That he will be impetuous to take a hand in the New York campaign this fall is a foregone conclusion, but by his own declaration he will not commit himself to any expression of opinion until he has acquainted himself at first hand after long conferences with those best informed just how the political land shapes itself.

The presidential salute awakened Roosevelt at 7 o'clock this morning as his ship, the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, drew into the harbor. From the mists of early morning emerged first the drab hull of the battleship South Carolina, with two lean, swift destroyers and two torpedo boats behind her. Then

CHARLTON ALIVE, SAYS LEISHMAN

Angry Police of Italy Say That American Authorities Have Retarded Justice

[Special Cable to The Call]

COMO, Italy, June 18.—Ambassador Leishman has finally been obliged to revise the report he first made to Washington, in which he declared his theory that both Charlton and wife had been murdered. Inasmuch as Constable Caughy had reported that no bloodstains had been found on the woman's body, Leishman's theory was that the bloodstains in the villa indicated that

FOURTEEN KILLED IN EXPRESS WRECK

Trains Crash Together in France, and the Debris Is Consumed by Fire

VILLEPREUX, France, June 18.—The Granville express today crashed into the rear of a local train near the station here. Both the trains were wrecked and the wreckage caught fire. Fourteen dead and twenty injured have been taken out. It is feared many others are under the blazing debris.

Steamer Dakotah Arrives
The steamer Dakotah from Karatsu, Japan, arrived in port at 10 o'clock last night in ballast for the Standard Oil company. The Dakotah put in at the quarantine station for the night.

PRESIDENT SIGNS THE RAILWAY BILL

Statehood Measure Passes Congress and Rests With Taft in White House

WASHINGTON, June 18.—President Taft signed the railroad bill at 10:15 o'clock tonight, shortly after his return from Pennsylvania. That measure and the statehood bill were passed by the house today and sent immediately to the White House. The president did not sign the statehood bill.

The senate having previously disposed of both measures, the house adopted them today practically without debate and in record time, not even a