

GEORGE WILLARD BEGINS HIS HEAVYWEIGHT BATTLE

WILLARD BEGINS REPAIRS THAT HE IS DEAD OR INSANE

Ex-Champion Already Recovered From Dempsey's Punishment—Receipts Estimated at \$500,000.

TOLEDO, July 7.—Official check of the total gate receipts and attendance at the Jack Dempsey-George Willard heavyweight championship contest is expected to be completed before tonight, Tex Rickard, promoter of the match, announced today.

Rickard said he would be "consistently surprised" if the gate receipts exceeded \$500,000.

Rumor persisted today that Willard was dead or insane, but the effects of the punishment Dempsey gave him, newspaper offices were besieged with telephone calls from Cleveland and other cities, and the report was that the defeated champion had died from a burst blood vessel.

Willard intends to start on his motor trip to his home in Cleveland, Ohio, as quickly as his cut and bruised eye is healed. The swelling responded to ice applications and medication, and a slight cut under the eye and a cut lip are the only remaining marks the former champion bears of his recent punishment.

Promoter Rickard announced the arena would be sold to the highest bidder, there are approximately 1,000,000 feet of lumber in the big saucer and it is expected the sale will net Rickard and his partner, Frank Flourney, a refund of about \$40,000 on the \$50,000 it cost to purchase the lumber.

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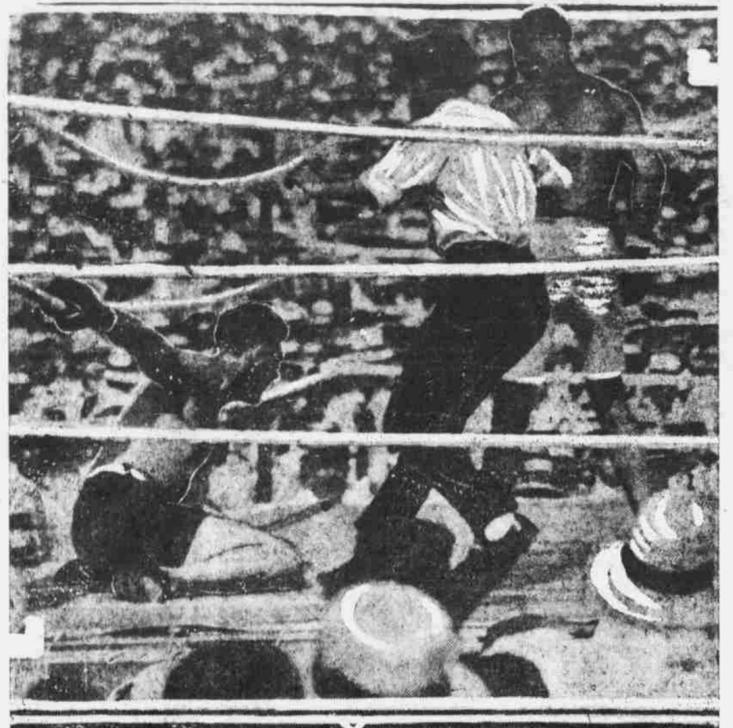
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HERE'S END OF JESS WILLARD WHICH REALLY CAME IN FIRST ROUND OF MEMORABLE BATTLE JULY 4



This picture shows how Jess Willard finished the first round of his losing battle. He had been felled by Dempsey's pile-driver blow to the head and Referee Ollie Percord, in center, was counting Jess out when the bell saved Willard. Dempsey is waiting for Willard to rise.

Pop Boy Smith Is Grateful For Aid From Fans

Pop Boy Smith, ex-New Orleans pitcher, now in St. Joseph's sanitarium at Asheville, N. C., suffering with tuberculosis, stopped at the benefit Memphis fans contributed over \$300 recently, has received the following card of thanks to Memphis friends for their contribution:

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Pets and Travelers Look Good as Fight Contenders

Between New Orleans and Little Rock Will Pennant in Southern Be Decided.

HE Dixie flag race has developed into a two-club affair, with the Orleans Pelicans and Little Rock Travelers fighting it out for the lead, with the Little Rock club at present setting the pace.

Both the New Orleans and Little Rock clubs have the pitchers, which is the answer to their being in the front rank and runner-up in the flag hunt.

Johnny Doobis has been named as his pitching ace, along with Red Torkelson, the comedian hurler, both of whom are proving difficult to get out of the box.

The Little Rock club has a trio of pitchers as good as the New Orleans club, and it is expected that the Pelicans will be the team to watch in the future.

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QUONAT REELS QUOT THE GIANTS

Pat Moran's Men Playing Great Ball—New York Yanks Retain Lead in the American League.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The New York Nationals were defeated by the Philadelphia Athletics in a four-inning game yesterday.

Everything is moving along in the even tenor of its way in the Southern at present. President John D. Martin is still in the lead, and was a guest in Birmingham recently when former president Bob Baugh was honored with a "day" and presented with a gold pass.

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HOW THEY STAND Southern League, American League, National League, Southern Atlantic League, American Association.

HERE'S HOW OUR BIG BOUTS DREW. Following is a list of receipts and purses of big battles in recent years.

Now Is a Good Time to Drive Out Catarrh. It May Not Be Troubling You During the Warm Weather, But It Is Still In Your Blood.

WET AT RUSSWOOD. Rain felled Russwood park Sunday and gave George Willard a lead in the first round of the fight.

GIBRALTAR WINS DERBY. BRITAIN July 7.—The German derby, which was won by the British, was held in Gibraltar.

Read News Scimitar Wants. The news scimitar wants to know what you think of the news.

Fred Mitchell Quits As Club President To Manage Club. CHICAGO, July 7.—Fred Mitchell, president and manager of the Chicago National League club, has announced that he has resigned his position as president to manage the club.