

# BOXING UNDER AMERICAN LEGION CONTROL IS PROPOSED

## Commander of Oklahoma City Post Says Action Imperative

Army Established Boxing  
—Must Save It Now,  
He Says

## BOXING BILL SOUGHT

Legion Would Regulate Sport  
Until State Measure  
Can Be Passed

For years Oklahoma has been looking for some one to come to its rescue by establishing a commission controlling boxing in the state. Twice bills providing for a state boxing commission have been introduced in the Oklahoma legislature, only to fail. This resulted partly because of being caught in the cleaning up of closing days; partly because they came before the war when the general public was apathetic toward boxing.

Now it looks like the day of victory is near at hand. An apathetic public has become clamorously insistent for boxing. Those who labored under the misbelief that boxing was an undesirable sport have been converted. It has been adopted as a collegiate pastime, nine of the big eastern universities during the last week meeting and forming the Intercollegiate boxing association.

**Legion to the Rescue.**

Responding to this demand for an Oklahoma boxing commission, Howard B. Hopkins, commander-in-chief of the Oklahoma City post of the American Legion, has come out as champion of the cause. Hopkins, a prominent attorney of Oklahoma City, not only is a boxing enthusiast, but pretty much of aistic athlete himself. He knows the game, inside and out, he knows the situation in Oklahoma, he studied the first hand observations of boxing as conducted in the army, the system that has brought it back into popularity, and he is drafting a measure to be presented to the approaching session of the Oklahoma legislature which he believes will lift this state out of the depths if it is enacted into law.

**Speedy Action Needed.**

With the session of the legislature only three months distant it will take an intensive campaign of enlightenment. That example is the best educator, the author of the bill proposes to have the American Legion take over boxing in the state immediately, operating voluntarily under the provisions of the measure as clubs will operate after the measure becomes law. He has asked assurance of the plan by Harold B. Pohl, state commander of the legion and feels confident the chief will gladly throw the entire power of the Oklahoma department into the campaign—Editor's note.

**By H. B. HOPKINS,**  
Commander of the Oklahoma City  
Post, American Legion.

As far as delivering the deciding punch in the world war, the greatest achievement of the American army during those months of mobilization, preparation, fighting and demobilization was its rescue of the boxing game from the depths into which it had fallen. Boxing, one of the oldest and most popular sports on the calendar, was about to take the count at the hands of the crooks into whose clutches it had fallen simply because no organized effort had ever been made to regulate it as baseball, football and other sports were regulated.

By the way, banned boxing, the army proved the sport in itself was the most desirable of all athletic games for the upbuilding of vigorous manhood. It proved it was a wholesome, inspiring sport for the spectator. It proved the fault of its degeneration lay with its handlers. And it proved that it could be regenerated by proper regulation.

Now, however, boxing is held in high popular esteem, placed there by the army. But this army has been demobilized. It no longer can maintain its protecting influence over the sport. The greedy promoter, the man who grabs only for what is in sight at the moment, having no thought or respect for the future, shows but little desire getting his grip on the game again and unless that grip is released soon, he is going to drag this great, manly sport

into the mud. Boxing is a sport that needs a competent matchmaker, no legions post should make the mistake

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## BRITTON FIGHTING BOXING CHAMPION

Welter King Engages in Many Bouts With Good Boxers

(By Edward W. Cochrane.)

With the non-contests of pugilists—Johnny Wilson, middleweight champion; John Kilbane, feather-weight king; and Pete Herman, leader of the bantams—ranging out of the ring through fear of relinquishing their crowns should they face worthy foes; Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpenter signed to meet next year; and Bonny Leonard engaging in a bout of minor importance, only occasionally, it's evident that Jim Britton, welter king, is attempting a lion's share of the attention in the popular arena. Britton is the champion who will appear this

week, unless some matches are made at the eleventh hour. The calendar is a slim one, but there are two or three contests worthy of consider-

ation.

Britton is the champion willing to meet anyone in his division and he is the ablest of the reigning kings of pugilism. Last week he was matched with Ted Lewis for a round scrap at Cleveland and the

side of the Atlantic.

**Top Gun Out Powder.**  
Undoubtedly the best fighter in match, which will be a very good one from a financial standpoint for both boxers, was the real reason for Lewis cancelling the Britton engagement. He was to receive \$4,000 for boxing the world's champion and might have taken a beating in the bargain, as he did in his last fight.

Britton is the best fighter in Milwaukee, and is a brother of Billie Mitchell and is a hard fighter right. He will concede a few pounds to the champion. He is a good fighter, and may give Jack a little trouble. Britton is to receive \$3,000 for this engagement unless there is another eleventh hour postponement.

Britton will meet Pinkeye Mitchell for ten rounds in Milwaukee.

Nov. 2—Kid Regan vs. Frankie Daley, 10 rounds, at Beardstown, Ill.

Nov. 3—Jack Britton vs. Pinkeye Mitchell, 10 rounds, at Milwaukee.

Nov. 4—George Chaney vs. Johnny Rose, 12 rounds, at Baldwin.

Nov. 5—Jack Sharkey vs. Joe Lynch, 15 rounds, at New York.

Nov. 6—Ruttle Mitchell, vs. Ray Pryall, 10 rounds, at Pittsburg.

of trying to promote for itself and no post should select one of its own members as matchmaker.

Should the post attempt to promote this champion then would degenerate into a money-making scheme instead of a battle for principle.

**THE OBJECT OF THE MOVE.**  
**TO DEMONSTRATE THAT SELFISHNESS IN BOXING CAN BE CURED BY THESE REGULATIONS.** We cannot prove the efficiency of the system unless the machine is established uniformly everywhere. There can be no proof of control where the control and the game are one and the same. At the same time, provision is made for a certain percentage of the profits going to the post treasury and another sum to the state committee to defray expenses of the educational campaign.

To appoint a member of the post matchmaker would be as unwise, for not only would it lead to factional strife, tend to destroy the public confidence, for there would be a question in the minds of many whether the committee would harsh with a post comrade if he should fail to conduct boxing as he should. We must avoid even the appearance of evil to succeed.

Right now I am drafting the proposed bill, modeling it after the New York state law but adapting some of its main details to suit Oklahoma and conditions here. If the state commander approves, I shall be glad to offer my services as a member of this committee, and shall be glad to co-operate any way with others to the American Legion in establishing and protecting this great American sport.

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taking title away from Johnny Wilson and possibly to Herman until the fighters show an inclination to engage in bouts where the crowds. Wilson has had to face many fighters no matter of what caliber. His title is worth \$10,000 and the public is deprived of seeing him in his best matches. Miss O'Dowd is trying to find him another match but, to date, has had any luck.

Kilbane refuses to talkights. He is about through and knows it. He will not consent to a bout where referee's decision will be given. He may return to the ring in case the title will be open to competition. Hartman says he is going to fight again but has not shown any inclination to keep his word.

**Need New Champion.**  
There is some talk in New York of

take place in Havana, Cuba, some time in 1921 so that he will remain down for the count of ten.

**Billy Britton in Front.**

One of the best fighters to be developed in the west since the war will engage in another bout this week when Billy Britton, a sensational middleweight of Columbus, Kan., will meet "Chubby" Walker at Chanute, Kan., Monday night. Britton is the champion who will not be considered now that Frenchman has consented to the match. Britton is eleven rounds.

Britton has won everyone of his 22 fights, many of them by the knockout route. He is a combination of speed and strength and is known for a middleweight and a powerful punch in his right hand. Britton expects to score a decisive victory over Walker, adding one more scalp to his belt which is well supplied.

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