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Polk County News Correspondent Interviews Jack Dempsey at Training Camp

Situated on the extreme heights of the Laurel Park Development holdings on the crest of a bluff that overlooks the countryside for miles around, in located the Indian Cave Lodge in which Jack Dempsey, Champion Heavyweight Pugilist of World and his retinue are housed for their Spring Training, under an arrangement with the Laurel Park people which calls for a cash consideration of \$35,000.00 to be paid Jack Dempsey for a sojourn there of one month. With Mr. A. A. Merrick, I motored up there last Wednesday in accordance with a wire from a Metropolitan newspaper to proceed to Hendersonville to collect material for a special Sunday run for that publication.

Mr. Dempsey was not on the premises on our arrival but was in evidence shortly after and I made my mission known, whereupon he invited us to dinner and watch him workout later in the afternoon.

Such an assortment of copped haired, cauliflower eared, flattened nosed gentlemen I never before had the privilege of placing foot under table with. For table conversation these Knights of the Padded Arena had but one theme and it made steak taste like boxing gloves "Kin e lick im, I'll tel the cock-eyed world he kin" "Naw he cin" "I busts him on the biffer and gives him twilight sleep in the tir-d" "Good rite jab is all that boby got" and so on endlessly. Of course Mr. Dempsey did not share our table. He has his meals served in a little cottage adjoining the Lodge.

After dinner, one of the sparring

partners a gentleman with a feminine sounding name but with an "All male fist", Tillie "Kid" Herman and myself on the invite of the "Champ" as he is called by the retinue, sat down to a game of pinochle. For two hours, the squared, roped and padded Arena was forgotten, the Kings, the Jacks and the Queens of the Deck, etc. were shuffled, delt, played, re-shuffled, etc. Not a word, but reference to the game. Mr. Dempsey kept score religiously and when he finally arouse and announced it was time for his exhibition bouts and workouts, I learned I was \$4.50 on the short end of the ledger. Payment was refused with a gesture and the words "we'll continue later."

First the punching bag, which Dempsey handles with the deft hands of a skilled circus juggler. Next the Dummy much after the fashion of those used in the army for bayonet practice a canvas covered mass in the shape of a man's torso. With his first rebounding with perfect precision, first the right then the left, thud, thud, I had the very cheerful thought occur to me that if I had the choice of facing a bayonet or Dempsey's first I would hesitate, perhaps toss up a coin to decide. Now he is ready for his first bout, over the ropes he goes, followed by another, perhaps twenty pounds heavier. A little preliminary shadow boxing and there goes the bell. Back and forth they go, feinting, swinging, clinching they are separated by the referee. If one could only see these men from the waist down, he might be prone to think its a tryout of new steps, for the Charleston. Dempsey's arm which carries with it sleep for any mortal, shoots out his flashing white even teeth, clenched with an effort to lighten the blow. The sparring partner totters under the deluge of lightened blows, and rocks like a ship at anchor then the bell. Next partner and so on four in a row without any rest

for Dempsey. At the end steaming like a tea kettle but apparently fresh enough to take on half dozen more. A few wrestling holds opened by his trainer to work loose certain muscles which do not come into play in boxing and then the bathrobe donned-poses for photographers and then on his way lazely back into his dressing room.

While his Masseur was working on Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Rogers and I came in and spent a half hour or more discussing the possible contenders for the Heavyweight Crown. Mr. Dempsey ventured opinions but requested that he not be quoted. Mr. Carroll Rogers tried to get Dempsey to do things in conjunction with the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, but the "Champ" explained that he was tied up actually "sewedup" by the Laurel Park interests for the month so that he could not even venture off the premises without their permission.

Carpentier to Fight



Georges Carpentier of France, former light heavyweight champion, and Eddie Huffman of California have been matched to fight ten rounds at Madison Square garden on May 21. The match will mark Carpentier's first ring appearance of his present American invasion.

Passing of Wally Pipp From American League

The mystery surrounding the passing of Wally Pipp from the American league has finally been explained. It is all a matter of finance.

No club in the American league valued Pipp to the extent of \$15,000, and thereby hangs the tale that made him a member of the Cincinnati club of the National league.

The Reds, badly in need of a first baseman, offered the Yankees \$15,000 for Pipp. The New York club having no particular use for Pipp, since Gehrig had displaced him at first base, asked waivers.

It is said two American league clubs, Philadelphia and Cleveland, refused to take a chance on Pipp at the waiver price, which is much less than the \$15,000 offered by the Cincinnati club.

On many major league baseball matters there exists a gentlemen's agreement between the magnates. New York explained its reason for asking waivers was due to the offer received from the Cincinnati club.

Cleveland or Philadelphia could have Pipp before Cincinnati if either cared to pay \$15,000. Neither club believed him worth that much of a gamble, in addition to the big salary he would demand.

Both clubs withdrew their admitted desire of taking on Pipp and permitted him to go to Cincinnati. He is certain to add much strength to that club and is worth twice the price paid for him.

Boxing Replacing Duels Among German Students

Boxing is slowly replacing student duels with sabers as a major sport in German universities and high schools. The first interscholastic boxing matches ever held here have just taken place between pugilists of the University of Goettingen and the Hannover School of Technology.

Educational authorities in many states, including Prussia, have sanctioned boxing and its popularity is becoming widespread. The lower house of the Baden legislature has passed a bill prescribing the same punishment for student duellists with sharpened sabers as that meted out to those who attempt to settle affairs of honor with other weapons.

Administrators have been sent to ten leading European athletes for competition in an international track and field contest to be held in Philadelphia July 5 and 6.

Loren Murchison will be out of amateur sprint racing for a month or longer because of a pulled tendon in his right leg in a recent meet in Newark, N. J.

Reggie McNamara and Franco Georgetown, winners of the recent six-day bike race in Madison Square garden, New York city, received \$10,000 as their share of the spoils.

Sporting Squibs

There are quite a few rounds missing in Mr. Dempsey's ladder of fame.

A team could not fall to be popular when it wins a half-holiday for the student body.

The total number of clubs affiliated with the Ladies' Golf Union of Great Britain is 968.

Public High School Athletic league of New York city will add hand ball to its activities this year.

Sixteen students were killed in China, where the state police evidently permit overcrowding automobiles on the way to basketball games.

President Elliott of Purdue says that every student ought to be developed along some special line—as, for instance, football and basketball players.

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"The Lion of the Pyrenees," as Paulino, the French heavyweight pugilist, is called, is reported matched with Spalla of Italy for a bout in Barcelona, Spain, May 15.

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The authority who says some snakes are a necessity seems to know of some that one never meets.

One pleasant thing about the north side of a hill is that the boys can coast there when all the other snow is gone.

Battling one's way up from poverty is commonly a matter of mistaking the wolf at the door for Opportunity.

Each of us has his weakness, and the promoter of the hypothetical oil well is on somebody else's sucker list.

Brown eyes may be more desirable than blue, but it will be hard to convince the poets and popular song writers.

A father, whose young heir is in the habit of spilling ice cream on his clothes, refers to them as "rompers a la mode."

Sir Oliver Lodge says the world will not come to an end for thousands of millions of years, if that is what's worrying you.

Girl is Given



Miss Iris Houston, retiring president of the Southern Women's Athletic Association, awarded a large trophy to the Northwestern Women's association at their first Northern intercollegiate letter, having scored 100 points in intramural athletics.

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Prices Paid for Players Not Revealed by Clubs

Announcements of large sums changing hands for baseball players are heard no more.

When Ernie Nevers, the Pacific coast football sensation, was signed by the Browns, Owner Phil Ball said the contract was "up in four figures."

Earl McBea, an Indian pitcher from the Southern association, cost the White Sox "a fancy price," according to Owner Comiskey.

Tony Lazere and Mark Koenig, the most expensive purchases of the New York Yankees, cost "plenty of money and players," said Manager Huggins.

For Walter Christensen, the St. Paul outfielder, the Cincinnati Reds "paid enough for him to make good," Manager Jack Hendricks revealed.

The Coast league outfield star, Paul Waner, and infielder Hal Rhyne, cost Owner Barney Dreyfus of the Pirates "plenty."

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This 14th day of April, 1926.
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