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Dempsey Retains Title

Firpo Bites The Dust In Second Round Of World Championship Struggle

Crowd of 85,000 People Break Into Wild Yells As Dempsey's Hand Is Raised Denoting That He Is Victor

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The South American contender for the world's pugilistic championship went down in defeat before the heavyweight champion's onslaught here last night, after fifty-seven seconds had elapsed in the second round of what was scheduled to be a fifteen-round bout between World Champion Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo, the only really promising pugilist the Latin race has produced. The Champion sent Firpo to the mat five times in the first round and twice in the second before the knockout blow was administered. Dempsey was knocked through the ropes in the first round by his foreign opponent, when Firpo landed his mighty right to the Champion's jaw. However, he quickly recovered from the blow, and came back with vengeance that spelled victory before the second round was finished.

The South American put up a game fight and made a feeble attempt to come back after Dempsey landed the fatal blow. He was forced to take the count before he could recover from the Champion's mighty wallop in the stomach, and when the referee raised Dempsey's hand denoting that he was champion, the frenzied crowd of 85,000 spectators broke into wild yells that pierced the cool night breeze for miles around.

A cool breeze blew from the east and many spectators appeared in top coats. They began to fill up the stands early in the afternoon and practically every seat was taken in the big arena on the Polo Grounds when the opposing fighters crawled through the ropes.

Mighty demonstration was accorded Dempsey's appearance in the ring, indicating that the great majority of the fans were supporters of the American Champion, while the South American contender was given a good round of applause from various sections of the huge crowd that thronged the Polo Grounds.

Manager Jack Kearns was Dempsey's chief second. The other seconds were Joe Benjamin, Jerry Luvadis, the trainer, and Johnny, a younger brother of the Champion. Horatio Levalle, Hugh Gartland and Carlos Vegas occupied the corner with the Argentine contender for the pugilistic title.

There were notables from every degree and variety at the fight, from the champion blind baggage rider on the benches to the titled and decorated gentry at the ringside. The gathering included leaders in the business, financial, and political world, who came from Washington and various industrial centers to witness the contest. Practically all the Envoys from the South American Countries were on hand to cheer their "Goliath" to victory.

Preliminary boxing matches between Jack Burke, of Pittsburgh, and Bill Reed, of Columbus, Ohio; Al Roberts and Mike Reed, both of New York; and Leo Brown, Australian, and Dan Bright, of England, elicited only mild interest, while the restless thousands anxiously waited the big contest of the evening. The semi-final bout between Gene Tunney, America's light-heavyweight Champion and Leo Bates of New York had to be given off on account of the injury of Tunney.

The excitement in the great arena at the polo grounds was estimated at approximately 85,000 people and the

gate receipts were said to approach the million and one quarter mark, though these figures could not be verified early this morning as the final results of tickets had not been checked. The seats ranged in price from \$3.50 to \$27.50, and most of them were taken before the fight started.

The Champion is a half million dollars richer as a result of the fight while the South American contender added approximately \$150,000 to his store of this world's goods. Promoter Tex Rickard came in for about three quarters of a million, a considerable portion of which will be used to defray the expenses of the match. Dempsey received 37 1/2 per cent of the gate receipts, Firpo 12 1/2 per cent and Rickard the other fifty per cent.

JACK DEMPSEY



Photo of Champion Jack Dempsey, taken during his training at Saratoga Lake, New York, where he prepared for the fight with Luis Angel Firpo. The smile still dominates.

Grandview School To Give Exercises

A school exercise, followed by a box supper, will be given at the Grandview Central High School Saturday night, September 15th, for the benefit of the school. The public is invited to this entertainment and it is hoped that a large crowd will attend.

BANKS MILLIONS SAVED

OSAKA.—It became known here Saturday that all the money in the Bank of Japan vaults was saved from destruction in the fire which followed the earthquake and tidal wave.

HARDING MEMORIAL STAMPS ISSUED



The first issue of special two cent stamps struck off by the Post Office Department at Washington, as a memorial to President Harding, was placed on sale in Marion, O., Mr. Harding's home town. The stamp is black and bears the picture of the late President's head. The first stamp, together with the die proof, was presented to Mrs. Harding. The stamp was bound in a black case. Photo shows Assistant Postmaster General Glover holding a sheet of the Harding Memorial stamps.

Championship History Since the Year 1892

The list of principal fights since 1892 in which the heavyweight crown was at stake, follows:

1892—James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan in 21 rounds with big gloves at New Orleans September 7.

1894—James J. Corbett stopped Charley Mitchell in three rounds at Jacksonville, Fla., January 25.

1897—Bob Fitzsimmons stopped James J. Corbett in 14 rounds at Carson City, Nev., March 17.

1899—James J. Jeffries stopped Bob Fitzsimmons in 11 rounds at Coney Island June 9.

1899—James J. Jeffries defeated Tom Sharkey in 25 rounds at Coney Island November 3.

1900—James J. Jeffries stopped James J. Corbett in 23 rounds at Coney Island May 11.

1902—James J. Jeffries stopped Bob Fitzsimmons in 8 rounds at San Francisco July 25.

1903—James J. Jeffries knocked out James J. Corbett in 10 rounds at San Francisco August 14.

1904—James J. Jeffries knocked out Jack Monroe in two rounds at San Francisco August 26.

1906—Tommy Burns beat Marvin Hart in 20 rounds at Los Angeles February 23.

1907—Tommy Burns beat "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien in 20 rounds at Los Angeles May 7.

1907—Tommy Burns stopped Bill Squires of Australia in one round at Colma, Calif., July 4.

1908—Jack Johnson defeated Tommy Burns in 14 rounds at

Sydney, N. S. W., the police interfering, December 25.

1909—Jack Johnson knocked out Stanley Ketchel in 12 rounds at Colma, Calif., October 16.

1910—Jack Johnson knocked out James J. Jeffries in 15 rounds at Reno, Nev., July 4.

1912—Jack Johnson beat Jim Flynn in nine rounds at Las Vegas, N. M., the police interfering, July 4.

1914—Jack Johnson beat Frank Moran on points in 20 rounds at Paris, France, June 27.

1915—Jess Willard knocked out Jack Johnson in 26 rounds at Havana, Cuba, April 5.

1916—Jess Willard defeated Frank Moran by popular verdict in New York (no decision) March 25.

1919—Jack Dempsey knocked out Jess Willard in three rounds at Toledo, Ohio, July 4.

1920—Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Miske in three rounds at Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 6.

1920—Jack Dempsey knocked out Bill Brennan in 12 rounds at New York December 14.

1921—Jack Dempsey knocked out Georges Carpentier, of France in four rounds at Jersey City, N. J., July 2.

1923—Jack Dempsey won on points from Tom Gibbons of St. Paul in 15 rounds at Shelby, Montana, July 4.

1923—Jack Dempsey knocked out Luis Angel Firpo in 2 rounds at New York on September 14.

*Title changed hands.

Road Contractors Barbecue at Brasstown

The barbecue just below Brasstown bridge last Tuesday evening proved a most enjoyable affair for the more than 200 guests present. Messrs. Herbert and Witt, contractors on a section of the road from Brasstown to Hayesville were responsible for the barbecue and a most excellent one it was. Besides the barbecue meat of various kinds, there were vegetables, stew, cake, coffee, etc. The guests were largely from the vicinity of Brasstown, Hayesville and Murphy.

Geysers in Iceland to Replace Heating Fuel

BENGEN, Norway.—In Iceland it has just been announced that the people are about to do away with coal as a heating medium. The authorities in Reykjavik, the capital are considering using the natural hot springs and geysers there for heating the whole country.

The famous geysers are about a mile from the city and have been long used by Reykjavik housewives for a free laundry and hot water supply.

Champions Of Two American Continents Enter Ring Confident

Both Dempsey and Firpo In Good Condition, With Overwhelming Odds In Favor Of Dempsey

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo went into the ring at the Polo grounds last evening with confidence in themselves and in perfect physical condition, to contend for the heavyweight pugilistic belt of the world, which Dempsey has held since he battled Willard, the Kansas giant, to the mat in 1919. The North American Champion was the undoubted favorite of the two, though Firpo was considered a dangerous rival by the followers of the ringside sport. Firpo realized that the odds were against him so far as the sentiment of the majority of the people were concerned but he put up a bold front.

L. & N. OFFICIALS TO HELP BEAUTIFY RAILWAY YARDS

Superintendent Sargent Here Tuesday—Great Increase in Local Freight Shipments

At a conference between officials of the Chamber of Commerce and Superintendent M. Sargent, of the L. & N. Railway, Tuesday night, plans were worked out for the joint planting and maintenance of the L. & N. Railway yards in Murphy. Mr. Sargent came to Murphy at the request of the Chamber of Commerce and City officials to discuss plans for improving the railway yards and while it was hoped that the road cross the tracks at the station might be paved, difficulties presented themselves that made this project seem unwise to the railway official. However Superintendent Sargent expressed entire sympathy with the beautification of the grounds around the station and readily consented to lend the full co-operation of the maintenance of way men in helping plant and care for the grounds.

It has not yet been definitely determined just what the nature of the planting will be, but a committee is at work considering the layout and the sort of plants that would be most suitable for the waste space on the station yard.

Plans for enlarging the yards of the railway company were discussed but on definite conclusion was reached.

"The increase of freight business in and out of Murphy demands that more yard space be developed in the near future so that our company can serve the shippers of this territory better," said Mr. Sargent, "and railway officials are giving the matter attention," he continued.

It is expected that the next few months will see a large expansion in the freight business of this section.

To Hold Quarterly Meeting At Unaka

According to an announcement given out a few days ago by the pastor, Rev. R. I. Trull, the regular quarterly meeting will be held with the Unaka Methodist Church on the 22nd and 23rd of September. upon these meetings.

Old Macadam Street Is Being Repaired

The pastor expresses the hope that there might be a large attendance. The street force spent several days this week repairing the old treated macadam street, which was built in Murphy ten or twelve years ago. The worn places are being patched with a cold patch preparation, sold under the trade name of Tarvia "KP" by the Barrett Company of Philadelphia.

Singing Convention Near Andrews

The Cherokee County Singing Convention will meet in semi-annual session with the Valley River Baptist Church near Andrews the second Sunday in October, which is October 14th, according to an announcement made the other day by Mr. E. L. Ballard, secretary and treasurer of the Convention. All classes in Cherokee County are urged to be present and take part in the contest. A class of the Cherokee Indians from Yellow Hill are expected to be present.