

Devon to Contest Action Re "Lefty" Kerrigan

LOUIS LIKELY TO FLATTEN MAX EARLY

Ring Followers Buying Up Seats Though, Looking for Element of Surprise.

NEW YORK, May 30—If you ask the average ringworm what he thinks of the impending Louis-Schmeling fight, he says he thinks Louis will flatten the German in a couple of heats.

The average ringworm says it isn't a contest, in his opinion. He says it will be a massacre. Yet he wants to see it.

There you have a phase of human nature that makes a \$40 price scale and a \$1,000,000 gate for a prizefight possible in these times.

But of course you know very well that the real reason that the ringworm wishes to be there is the element of doubt in the matter—the possibility that something he doesn't expect will happen.

The ringworm convinces himself that as a fight it will be a joke—but still he might be wrong. He remembers other upsets. This might be one. Therefore, he rushes to the box office.

The ringworm is a curious institution. We have had fights that the children of the street knew beforehand would be extremely lopsided. But you couldn't keep Brother Ringworm away with a smallpox flag.

The first of the million-dollar gates was an instance in point. You couldn't figure Georges Carpentier, a mere lightweight, often licked by American fighters, as having a chance with Jack Dempsey, then in full fistic bloom. They trained Carpentier in secret to keep the public from getting too much of a look at him.

Yet Tex Rickard had no trouble selling that affair to the ringworms for the full capacity of a great timber bowl in Jersey City. They paid as high as \$500 per seat to the speculators, too.

Of course Joe Louis is a phenomenon at a gate attraction. We haven't seen anything like him since Dempsey was champion, and Dempsey didn't begin drawing big money until his fight with Carpentier.

It may be that the memory of Dempsey's most spectacular fight—one in which he was supposed to be an absolute cinch—keeps friend ring-

Careers of Carnera, Firpo Are Identical

(By "Boz" O'Meara)

Just about the time they seem to have washed up Prima Carnera for keeps the word comes along that Louis Firpo is threatening to come back to fight anyone they can muster for him in the United States.

Firpo is now rising forty, makes occasional passes at some well-prepared countryman in his native country, has never forgotten how easily he made a fortune when he was steered through some intricate fistic bypaths into a bout with Jack Dempsey.

Firpo almost became champion of the world. One of the hammiest of fighters with a prodigious punch when it landed knocked Dempsey out of the ring, was within a fraction of winning the title, in fact within technicality distance of dethroning the champion.

He figured in the most sensational slugfest in history. Lingered a little while, retired to Argentina. The news that he may come back indicates that the not so dumb Angel is figuring that there may still be a pile of pesos for fistic freaks.

Firpo and Carnera were born under lucky stars. Neither were great fighters. They could hit on occasion, though there is some doubt about the power of Carnera's fist. He knocked Jack Sharkey out with his "typhoon punch" a sort of blow generated by atmospheric pressure which probably caught Sharkey in a wind pocket.

Firpo could really hit provided he could find the target. He did so on occasion, particularly with Dempsey who was one of the easiest heavies to hit during most of his career. Dempsey always operated on the principle that he would trade two punches for one, provided he could land his shot chin high.

Carnera they say has saved a little. He was a pleasant fellow who when he first came to this country seemed to be a gullible sort of docile performer who was willing to submit to a strange build up to ensure the six or so meals necessary to keep him in fighting fettle.

No matter what they may say about him they could not deny his courage. When he came to Montreal it was just after his tour across the continent when he found himself so often in the tank that they did not know whether he was meeting fighters or natators.

He came into The Star office with little Alex Moore the time he showed here. Moore, who tiptoed about five foot six was completely obscured when Carnera moved round him.

There was also Good Time Charley Friedman, one of the characters of Broadway generally reputed to be one of the Carnera cabinet. His duties, according to gossip had something to do with steering the cargo into safe harbors.

There was also the voluble and volatile Leon See, the man who brought Carnera to America after he had visualized the possibilities of the big Italian. The legend is that See had seen Carnera in a circus doubling for a team of horses.

Carnera became a champion in time. After the laughter subsided he met Max Baer who helped along the general merriment by beating him, although old Primo put up a fair fight while toddling around on an injured ankle.

His defeat by Haynes the other night should mark the end of career. It could happen nowhere else but in the ring, unless of course you except the wrestling mat, where stranger things, like Ali Baba for instance, have happened. Firpo and Carnera were freaks who were shrewdly handled for the most parts. They were worked into title shots. One became a champion, the other was close enough to make a champion quake in his shoes. You will probably never see their like again. Which will be all right too for most of you.

KNEW HER MEN!

TAMPA, Fla., May 30—Mutt Hammond, umpire in the South Atlantic League, told this one on himself and a fellow umpire:

After a game at Macon, Ga., the ump's car collided with one driven by a woman. She demanded explanations.

"Sorry, Ma'am, but we didn't see you," Hammond said.

"You didn't see a machine as large as mine. You must be baseball umpires," she stormed.

The boys were blushing furiously as she drove away.

worm struggling up to the box office seeking the unexpected.

That was the fight with Luis Angel Firpo.

Something like that might happen to Louis, and the folks want to be there to see it. They don't expect it, understand—but it might happen.

It pays to advertise in The Daily Mail.

Carry Protest to M.P.B. Registration Branch for Right of Lefthander to Play Here This Season.

Kenneth H. Staples, secretary-treasurer of the N. B. Baseball Assn., and representative of the Devon Baseball Club, said today that the club was challenging the right of Sheriff C. D. Shipley, Amherst, secretary-treasurer of the M.P.B., to make a ruling on Clifford (Lefty) Kerrigan's eligibility to play with the Devon club this season.

The matter of the eligibility of Kerrigan to play with Devon has not been decided by the club. Kerrigan, it was said, signed an affidavit Saturday in support of Devon's claim.

On learning this last night Joe McGrath, manager of the Saint John Pontiacs, said that Staples or Keene, of the Devon club, had the opportunity at the annual of the N. B. Baseball Association here on Friday last to challenge Sheriff Shipley then but

did not do so.

The Devon club claims that a single official of the M.P.B., such as Sheriff Shipley, is not competent to rule in the matter.

Sheriff Shipley warned the Devon club not to use Kerrigan this season unless he obtained his release from the Pontiacs. This was his parting shot as he left the meeting Friday night.

The Devon club plans to take the matter up with the M.P.B. registration committee. Sheriff Shipley will present his report on his findings here and in all probability, Mr. McGrath said, Kerrigan might be ruled out altogether this season, unless he consents to play for Pontiacs.

Kerrigan said last night that he was leaving for his home in Aroos took this morning to await the decision.

Warning Issued To Softballists

(MONTREAL, May 30—Frank Greenleaf, chairman of the Registration Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, today issued a warning to all athletes participating in soft ball with or against professionals. His statement reads:

"A warning is hereby given to all athletes participating in soft ball with or against professionals that from this date they will automatically suspend themselves. Anyone violating this notice after May 29 will have his or her card lifted, which will mean they cannot compete in any other sport. We trust this warning will be adhered to, as our Registration Committee does not want to place any athlete in this embarrassing position," signed Frank C. Greenleaf, chairman Registration Committee of the A.A.U. of C.

In High Finance For a Few Seconds

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 31—It happened in one of the downtown cafeterias. Two men were engaged in a not-too-quiet conversation over their meals, the subject of which had revolved itself around money.

"Say, Joe," said one, just how much do you think this place takes in in one week?"

"Oh, I don't know," replied Joe. "But I wouldn't be surprised if it were \$5,000."

Five thousand dollars? scoffed his companion. "Why, Joe, that would be chicken feed to a place like this. Why just look at the number of people in her now. You can figure twenty-five cents a person on the average and then consider that each person stays fifteen minutes, also, on the average. Why, that would give them a much larger sum than that."

"I guess you're right," said Joe. "Maybe we better make it about \$10,000, eh?"

This estimate also seemed too conservative to his friends, and he began listing the many different expenses connected with running an establishment such as they were in, declaring it would take more than that to maintain it without profit. After much bickering that finally

AUSTRALIA WON FROM U.S. DAVIS CUP PLAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 1—Jack Crawford and Adrian Quist really came from "down under" yesterday to trim Donald Bugge and Gene Mako a couple of California kids, in a thrilling uphill five-set doubles match to give Australia a 2 to 1 lead over the United States in the American zone Davis Cup tennis series.

The scores were 4-6, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4. Needing only two points for victory in the 10th game of the fourth set Mako flubbed an easy smash in the net, attempting a put-away for the valuable point. This failure demoralized the Americans' team-work and paved the way for Australia's triumph.

enceville, has purchased a farm near Lockhart's mill at Bristol from the estate of the late Dr. George Somerville. Henry Tompkins has purchased the Burden Clarke farm and has

OLYMPIC TRIALS FOR SAINT JOHN

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 1—Saint John, for the first time in history, has been selected as the centre for the Maritime Olympic track and field trials.

Award of the trials was made Saturday by the Maritime Provinces Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, through D. W. Fraser, vice president of the M. P. B. and Sheriff C. D. Shipley, secretary-treasurer of the branch, following a meeting after they had inspected a proposed site for the big event here.

The deal was closed in the presence of the Olympic promotion committee here, including A. W. Covey, chairman; J. Harold Chown, secretary-treasurer, and G. Roy Soulis, president of the Saint John Kiwanis Club.

The date of the trials has been set for Saturday, July 4.

PROPERTY CHANGES

FLORENCEVILLE, Carleton Co., June 1—Donald Hunter, East Flor-

DOMINION MARKSMEN PISTOL COMPETITION AT MONTREAL

Montreal City Police Team Won Match — Tyro Title Goes to Calgary City Police Team

MONTREAL, May 29—The Montreal City Police team won the Senior Dominion Championship Match in the Dominion Marksmen Chief Constables' Revolver Competition with a score of 1,393x1,500, it was announced today. The Dominion Tyro Championship goes to the Calgary City Police team, who registered a score of 1,317x1,500.

To win the final match in the competition the Montreal City Police team defeated five other Provincial Championship teams. Sgt. Binette led the winning team with a score of 286x300, which included four perfect 25's in the rapid fire which was fired at a distance of 12 yards.

In the Provincial Championship Match, S. L. Fraser of the B. C. Penitentiary team, New Westminster, B. C., was tied with A. L. Mennie of the Ontario Provincial Police for the Individual High Score Trophy with a score of 285x300. The Dominion Championship Match results were used to break the tie with S. L. Fraser being successful with a score of 283x300. He made 186 in the deliberate fire and 97 in the rapid.

Following are the teams and scores—Senior: Montreal City Police, Montreal, P. Q. (No. 1 Team), 1393x1500; Winnipeg City Police, Winnipeg.

NEW YORK, May 30—Primo Carnera is definitely through fighting, at least so far as his manager, Louis Soresi, is concerned.

Soresi declared today that if Primo recovers from the paralysis of the left leg, and still insisted on fighting, he would have to find a new manager.

brought the amount to a rather fabulous sum, the two men decided that time was pressing and they must end their meals.

Turning to Joe, the 'man-of-a-million-figures' declared. "What do you say, pal, we get one of those nickel cakes between us?"

Man. (No. 3 Team), 1390; B. C. Penitentiary, New Westminster, B. C., (No. 1 Team), 1375. Saskatoon City Police, Saskatoon, Sask., 1350; Ontario Provincial Police (No. 1 Team), 1292. Edmonton City Police, Edmonton, Alta., 1273.

Tyro: Calgary City Police, Calgary, Alta. (No. 1 Team), 1317x1500; B. C. Penitentiary, New Westminster, B. C., (No. 2 Team), 1288; Montreal City Police, Montreal, P. Q. (No. 3 Team), 1274; Winnipeg City Police, Winnipeg, Man. (No. 4 Team), 1265; Dorchester Penitentiary, Dorchester, N. B. 1261.

The scores for the Montreal City Police, Senior Champions, are as follows: J. Levesque, Deliberate 185, Rapid 91, Total 276. A. Maranda, Deliberate 182, Rapid 95, Total 277. Sgt. Boucher, Deliberate 178, Rapid 91, Total 269. Sgt. L. Binette, Deliberate 186, Rapid 100, Total 286. Sgt. Guimond, Deliberate 187, Rapid 98, Total 285. Grand Total, 1393. Deliberate 918, Rapid 475.

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