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THE BIG FIGHT.

(By SPIKE WEBB).

Boxing Instructor United States Naval Academy, and Coach of American Olympic Boxing Team, 1920; Coach Inter-Allied American Boxing Team, Paris, France, 1919.

July 2nd is going to be a very sad day in the young life of Georges Carpentier, if expert opinion—that is the consensus of expert opinion—is worth as much as the hole in a doughnut. By an immense majority the knights of the typewriter have already voted the Frenchman a nice round-trip ducket to Dream Street, to be delivered on the eventful afternoon he is to grasp the hand of World's Champion Jack Dempsey in a 24 foot ring over Jersey way. There are few now grinding out stories on the big fight who don't believe Georges will be wallowing in the rosin of the ring before the dozen rounds slip away. Class me among the few. My prediction, guess, opinion or whatever you want to call it is that the idol of France will be in there on his feet at the end, and that the struggle will fail to bring the decisive result for which all fandom clamors. Utah Jack, I will venture to say, is not going to any pretty little jazz party July 2nd. I believe the heavyweight peer and his manager are aware of this fact. The early periods of the champ's training siege would indicate as much.

Carpentier, the fighter, the soldier, the gentleman and hero of France, is to me an esteemed friend, but in my series of articles on the battle that has stirred the fistic world as it has seldom been stirred before, I shall endeavor to prevent his friendship from running away with my judgment.

I first met Carpentier in France a few months after Uncle Sam had drawn on the mitts for his part in the seance with Kaiser Bill. I was there with the Twenty-ninth Division, of which I was Boxing Instructor. After our first meeting in Paris there were many things that brought us together. During the great Inter-Allied Games, or rather during the preparation for that event, Carpentier came around often to the gymnasium where I was training the American boxers, who later won the Inter-Allied Championships, to work out with our boys, and it was his earnestness, desire to help even the most insignificant entrant in the tourney, and quiet disposition that made an instant hit with all with whom he came in contact.

Carpentier is the most serious individual you could find, loves boxing and has made it a life study. That's why he has obtained such phenomenal results. Carpentier is a clean, keen thinker, one who is never idle. Every second he is in the ring teems with action. He moves in and out with uncanny speed. He is a wonderful distance hitter, never sets, but shoots punches from every conceivable angle and packs a dream-lulling kick in either hand. Carpentier typifies everything that's beautiful in a fighting man—a finished and polished piece of spectacular fighting craft.

This French boxer is marvellously quick and clever and one of the most accurate hitters I have ever seen, and I can say I have seen many of them, from poor old Stanley Ketchell right up to the mighty-punching Jack Dempsey. As fast on his feet as greased lightning the Frenchman can whip over short, choppy blows with either mitt and, wow! the force they do carry! Truly, Carpentier is a sharpshooter of the first rank. And the best part of his work is that the foreigner thinks, something few present-day mauelers can really do while in action. He is quick to take advantage of any unexpected opportunity and always has before him a perfect defense. In the face of all of this, which experts who have seen Carpentier must know, they declare that he is going to be knocked kicking before three rounds roll away.

I'll tell you why most people believe Jack is a cinch to score a knockout. They have seen him, with the one exception—the affair with Bill Brennan—run roughshod over all opponents since he reached the top or approached that pinnacle. Did you ever stop to ponder over the fighting abilities of these opponents? Just take the slow, ponderous Jess Willard, the even less capable Billy Miske, poor old Jim Flynn and a few others, over the prostrate forms of whom Dempsey has climbed to fame and riches. In combined ring assets, it would be a sin to endeavor to compare the crafty, finished fighter that Carpentier is with any of these men.

Then again, Dempsey is considered as a sort of cave man. His rushing, two-handed vicious attack has won him his reputation. On the other hand, Carpentier, sad-faced and frail-looking, of course didn't appear to be anything like a man-eater in his exhibitions in this country. See another reason there why they say it's going to be cold-blooded murder, but take a tip from me, Carpentier is strong, and any man with his smartness, his heart, and his fighting manners would be dangerous when pitted against any man's son.

Carpentier, with his smartness, will, of course, endeavor to evade Dempsey as much as possible in the early part of the fight, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding. As Jack chases him, Georges will thrust back with short, deadly lefts and rights, driven quickly and sharply through any opening that might crop up in his antagonist's defense, and it won't be healthy for Dempsey to absorb too many of them.

I think I have said enough to build a foundation upon which to base my belief that Carpentier will go the limit, but don't take it for granted after reading this that I have picked Carpentier to jolt the crown from the brow of Utah Jack. I will, as carefully as I am able, study the progress being made in training by the principals in the battle of the century and later come out unqualifiedly and name the man I believe will emerge with the edge.

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Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—The Great War Veterans appear perturbed over what they consider apathy on the part of the public towards the Memorial to those heroes of Newfoundland who laid down their lives in the Great War. They need not be. There is no apathy. The people of this country only requires to be shown the right thing and they will do it. I attended the well-advertised meeting in the Casino at which the Governor was to preside and make an address, and which was adjourned to the autumn owing to so few attending. I pitied the Governor being placed in such a position, but the reason is that there have been so many conflicting suggestions that the public does not want to waste its time. Life is short and time is fleeting, and there are the nickels and elsewhere, where young men can tak their girls and pleasantly pass the time. Put the proper suggestion before the people and you will then soon see how quickly they will respond.

I should like to illustrate my point by referring to the Earl Grey Ball. Your readers will remember how some years ago, while Sir Robert Bond was away, Earl Grey, the Governor General of Canada, one of the outstanding men of the Empire, intended paying this country a visit, and how, for his entertainment Sir Edward Morris (now Lord Morris) who was Acting Premier, allocated the sum of ten thousand dollars for his entertainment. When Sir Robert came back he would not allow this money to be used for such a purpose. It was then determined to give a public ball, and a committee of citizens was appointed to carry it out. A small committee was appointed from the larger committee to interview the leading men of the city to solicit their support, but they had to report to the larger committee that they met with very little success, not sufficient to warrant their undertaking the ball. I was at that meeting when the committee decided to give up the idea and disband. When that decision was arrived at, I, who was not one of the smaller committee, said that it was not often that a man of such outstanding prominence as Earl Grey came to Newfoundland, and that in my opinion it was a great mistake not to properly entertain him, and I asked Mr. Outerbridge (now Sir Joseph), the Chairman of the Committee, that if I undertook to get up a ball would he attend it. He said that he would be very pleased to do so. I then took the matter upon myself and you all know it was an exceptionally successful affair. It was probably as great a hoax as was ever perpetrated and the subject was no less a personality than a Governor General of Canada, an Earl and one of the builders of the Empire. At first I only intended that those who paid for their tickets should be present. I had fixed the price at ten dollars for gentlemen and six for ladies. At an "At Home" at Government House Sir William Reid told me that the tickets were too expensive. He suggested six dollars and three. I told him that I stood to lose a lot of money, but with ten and six dollar tickets I would not lose much. He said put the tickets at six and three dollars and I will make up any loss. That entirely altered my plans. I saw what was wanted and I immediately put the tickets at six and three dollars. I sent a complimentary ticket to the President of each Society. I invited everybody of a public character and gave the ball the appearance of a public nature. I never had any meeting of any kind, with the exception of one that Mrs. A. W. Harvey held at Omrac, when I wanted information as to what crockery and cutlery I should need. There I learned of the astonishing ability and memory of Mrs. Harvey, for without a note of any kind she told the committee of ladies all that was required, omitting not the slightest detail. I was present and took down page after page of notes. Mrs. Harvey, and the ladies with her, certainly did great work about the ball. The Reid Co. had their electricians to electrify the British Hall and on the night of the ball it looked like a fairy palace. I had forgotten, till the eve of the ball, to send Sir Robert Bond an invitation, but I then did so and he was there in full regalia, as were all the others entitled to wear any. I appointed all my committees. One thing occurred which is too good not to mention. While waiting in the hall of the tower to welcome Earl Grey, someone asked, "Who is to receive Earl Grey?" I said, "Well, considering it is my ball, I am the one." "Why," said the gentleman, "You have no official standing here." As the gentleman in question had been put on the committee by me as an afterthought at the last moment, I thought that this was rich. I had, as a matter of fact, arranged that Sir James Winter should receive Earl Grey and he did so. I had a photograph taken and that is where I came in, for I put myself next to Earl Grey and there I am to-day. Anyone can see me side by side with His Excellency, or whatever they call the Governor General. The next morning I gathered up all the chicken and other eatables, the port, sherry, and champagne and drove with them out to Mount Cashel to my friend Brother Slattery, who could make good use of the eatables and knew what to do with a bottle of port. It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. As I had hardly any sleep for a fortnight I retired to Topsail for a week's recuperation. Sir William Reid like a man footed the deficiency which was in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars. He offered the Hon. John Harvey, Chairman of the Regatta Committee, a similar amount to entertain the Governor General at the Regatta, but Mr. Harvey refused. They were all scared that it was a Confederation scheme. The joke was to make a ball entirely gotten up by myself appear a public demonstration in favor of Earl Grey. No one was harmed. Everybody was pleased and the so famed reputation of Newfoundland for hospitality was more than upheld.

I cite this to show that when anything is properly put before the people of this country they will always do the right thing.

My idea of a memorial is to take away the utility scheme. The most appreciated gift is one which the recipient uses for personal adornment or something of that sort. At Christmas one does not give his beloved a pair of stockings. He gives her some trinket and he is then the white-headed boy. So with this memorial. Put up something that the people can look at, something they can take pride in. If you want to put up a school, Hall or library or any such thing put it up, but let that have nothing to do with the War Memorial. Of course that is only my idea and I give it for what it is worth. Do not let the Veterans be down-hearted. That monument will be erected if I have to erect it myself.

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