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A BIG ATTRACTION.

Johnny Wilson who won the middleweight championship from Mike O'Dowd in Boston recently, should lose no time in signing for a return match with the man from St. Paul. It seems to be the general opinion that O'Dowd is the better fighter of the two and that Wilson was decidedly lucky to get the decision over him. Wilson should do his best to remove that impression.

In view of the fact that O'Dowd was the only ring champion to enlist and cross to France he deserves every consideration in his present trouble. Paddy Mullins insists that the decision that deprived Mike of his honors was a most unjust one, and judging by the way the fight fans greet O'Dowd wherever he is introduced they are of the same opinion.

Mullins says that if Mike does not stop Wilson in four or five rounds the next time they meet he will take a back seat and have no more to say. In the meantime Mullins has set up the claim that O'Dowd did not lose the title because the decision was obviously unjust. That is a ridiculous stand to take. To consider it for even a moment would set a most harmful precedent. It is bad enough to have no-decision bouts that permit a champion to be beaten without losing the title. If it ever comes about that champions are permitted to ignore referees' decisions, ring titles will cease to have any meaning.

O'Dowd is one of the very few champions to lose the honors while still young and improving. Even Al McCoy, the poorest excuse for a champion the ring ever saw, hung on to the title until he had gone away back.

That O'Dowd is getting better all the time was shown by the way he handled Jackie Clark recently. Clark, who claimed a victory over O'Dowd while the two were wearing the uniform in France, appeared to be his only serious rival. Mike beat him handily, and if it had not been for the Wilson affair the man from St. Paul would now stand further in his class than any other champion of the day.

O'Dowd Stands Out.

Even Jack Dempsey has Fred Fulton and Georges Carpentier on his trail for a match. Jack Britton has plenty of challengers and there are three or four crack lightweights who would like to meet Leonard. If the champion would only agree to make the weight limit of his class. At least a score of featherweights think they can beat Johnny Kilbane, and Peter Herman is by no means invincible in the bantam class. But aside from Wilson, O'Dowd is without a rival.

The fact that there are so few middleweights is still another reason why Wilson should agree to a return match without delay. There is no interest in any other middleweight, and if Wilson wants to obtain a big purse he must fight O'Dowd.

The return match, when it does take place, promises to be a great attraction, provided that Wilson does not get himself beaten by some second-rater in the meantime. Should he lose one or two popular decisions Wilson's drawing power would be cut to nothing. Al McCoy never was a card in New York and was forced to do all his boxing in Brooklyn, where he came from and enjoyed a purely local following.

But if Wilson fights O'Dowd right back without delay the battle might break all attendance records. It is seldom that such a situation as the present one is created. Here is O'Dowd, a defeated champion, intensely popular with the fans, who believe that he did not receive a fair deal. They want him to win the title back, and they firmly believe he can do it. Then there is Wilson, an unknown quantity. There always is a great deal of interest in a new champion's first match, especially when he happens to be a stranger. Every fan who takes the least interest in boxing will have some strong reason for wanting

to see the two in action, so that there appears to be no limit to what they will draw if Wilson does not spill the beans in the meantime.

BIG CANADIAN PURSE OFFERED WILDE.

Toronto, May 28.—Freeman Bernstein, who is handling the boxing carnival here, under the auspices of which Jimmy Wilde, of England, and Fatsy Wallace, of Philadelphia, boxed on Monday night, has offered Wilde a purse of \$25,000 and Wallace \$15,000 for a return engagement in this city. Wilde would not give the promoters a definite reply as he is under the necessity of caging to England in the matter. He has engagement there that would be interfered with should he consent to remain here for another bout with Wallace. The flyweight champion some weeks ago booked passage on a ship leaving New York on Saturday next. Should Wilde find it possible to secure a cancellation of his English engagements it is proposed to box here again within two weeks.

Wallace is eager for another chance at the champion, who has now beaten him twice. "Any terms at all will suit me," says the little champion. "I will meet him for a twenty-five cent piece.

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WILSON AND O'DOWD AGAIN.

Boston, May 29.—George Mulligan, of Waterbury, has commissioned Benny Murphy to try to sign champion Johnny Wilson for a return match to be arranged for Labor Day, the distance to be 12 rounds to a referee's decision.

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Marty Killilea, manager of the champion, \$20,000 and a privilege of percentage, and stands ready to pay said sum with any bank.

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