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In the Realms of Sport

WHERE WAS LUIS' TERRIBLE RIGHT? ASKS HARRY WILLS.

"He Dropped Dempsey, But Not Me"—"Twas Only A Workout—Bring On Dempsey."

(By HARRY WILLS.)

What became of Luis Firpo's murderous right? I don't know yet whether or not he can hit. He may have dropped Jack Dempsey, but he never had me in danger, for he never landed one good wallop in the entire fight.

I nearly had him out in the second round every round with ease, and had the Bull not held on all the way I would have knocked him out sure. You can't make a man fight when he wants. He "kicked" all the way from my body punishment.

I am sure, had the fight been a 15-round bout as they have in New York, I would have stopped him. He sure would never have gone the limit had he not clinched like a wrestler. I do not think he is very game because he falls when he's hurt. I bet a few of his ribs are broken. It was just a walk-out for me and I guess everyone will say I easily proved his master. Now bring on Dempsey.

Wanted to Forest's Advice.

I was winded a bit coming out for the fifth round. Jimmy De Forest, Firpo's old trainer was yelling at me, "Fighting him, Harry," and I did. When we were in close and I landed Firpo a wallop, "hey, hey," at the referee to make me stop. I smacked him with a left and then a right shook him up again.

I felt I had the honors safe when we came out for the sixth. I was as cool as a cucumber. About the only place Firpo had hit me so far was back of the head. He wanted to hold me, but he could land on my neck. I was laughing at him, he seemed so easy. I landed a hard right to Firpo's jaw and he just glanced my jaw with a right as I was backing away.

I landed a nice left on Firpo's stomach at the start of the seventh and he said "Back." He did not like it in the "kitchen." Firpo tried his left and I countered with a hard right to his jaw. Every time I landed a right on Firpo's ribs he complained. He wasn't acting exactly game.

Thought He Had Firpo.

At the start of the eighth I thought I had Firpo at my mercy. He wanted to hold all the time. Firpo was tired. I sent a terrific right under Luis' heart. I just slipped from the bottle of water to rinse my mouth during the round. My handlers, Jeff Clark, Jack Dougherty and Paddy Mullins didn't have any "reviving" to do. You can't beat that Southampton air.

I was glad to see my old rival, Joe Jeanette, and he wished me luck against the Wild Bull.

About 4 o'clock I ate a nice juicy piece of steak, with several pieces of toast and a glass of milk and I returned to my quarters to rest and await the time to be called to the arena.

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I shook Firpo in the ninth with a punch back of the head. I was scoring at with with lefts and rights. What had become of Luis' murderous right? They were working hard over Firpo between rounds.

At the start of the tenth Firpo was still complaining of being hit by my right on the ribs. The skin was red from punishment. Firpo tried a right uppercut and I knocked it down. Firpo could not hit me, and the Bull was getting madder and madder by the minute. I didn't think the Argentine had a round so far.

There was little doing in the eleventh as Firpo just would not fight. In the twelfth Firpo held on to save himself.

Felt "Chipper" In Morning.

When I hopped out of bed on this day of days for me I was feeling just as chipper as I ever did when I was a youngster riding horses. In early morning workouts at the track I was glad to see that Tex Rickard had his usual luck and that it was a good day to hold a fight.

You know I never eat more than two meals a day whether I'm in training for a fight or when I have no bout booked. I planned two meals just the same as on ordinary days.

I'm usually pretty hungry when I get out of bed, so I had three soft-boiled eggs—fresh eggs that I brought from Southampton with me—some toast, oatmeal and a glass of milk.

I then packed up my ring paraphernalia, all the stuff that I used in training for my battle with the Bull, and started downtown in my car on the way to Jersey City, where I hired a room close to Boyle's Thirty Acres. I had a short walk after which I returned to my room and rested until my manager, Paddy Mullins, called to take me over to my old friend Joe Jeanette's gym, in West Hoboken, where we weighed in. Of course we were not making any weight for this bout and the weighing in seems a foolish idea—but I guess it assures the Boxing Commission and the promoter that the principals will be on deck for the fight in the evening. I weighed 217 to Firpo's 224 1-4 pounds.

Glad To See Joe.

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Jack Dempsey for the title had he been pitted against me.

"WILLS NO DEMPSEY" DECLARES LUIS FIRPO.

"I'll Beat Him In A 20-Round Bout—Would Like Another Chance." (By LUIS ANGEL FIRPO.)

I have never set up to be a fancy boxer. I am a fighter and although my showing against Wills recently is not what I had hoped to make it, I am altogether confident that I can beat him. I was not tired or weak at the end of the twelve rounds. If I had a few more rounds I could have turned the tide of the battle.

I had weathered all the best punches that Wills had. I had reached a point in the fight when I had nothing more to fear from him and he was getting slower all the time.

In a twenty-round fight I am sure I would have knocked him out. The referee's rulings were at times confusing but I am not complaining. It seemed to me that Wills hit me many times after the referee had given the order to break. But let that go. All I want is another fight with Wills.

The blow which he struck me in the second round that knocked me off my feet had sufficient shock in it to knock me off my balance, but it did not affect my senses. It left me absolutely clear-headed. I was not in the least weakened by it as I proved by taking the fight to Wills as soon as I got to my feet.

"Wills is no Dempsey!"

WOMAN TENNIS CHAMPION WIELDS CLEVER PEN AS WELL AS RACQUET.

BERKELEY, Cal., Sept. 20 (A.P.)—Miss Helen Wills, the youthful national women's tennis champion, who returned to her home here recently from a triumphant tour during which she won the Olympic championship and successfully defended her American title, had a pen and ink drawing of a tennis scene in a late issue of Pelican, the campus comic magazine at the University of California.

Miss Wills is majoring in art at the University, where she is a sophomore.

RICKARD PLANS GIBBONS-TUNNEY BOUT IN NEW JERSEY. (By ED. VAN EVERY.)

Although Tex Rickard will be lucky to break even financially in the promotion of the Wills-Firpo contest he is already planning to stage one more open-air show at Boyle's Thirty Acres this year. A match between Tom Gibbons and Gene Tunney is now in the making and Eddie Kane, manager of Gibbons, has already signed on behalf of Gibbons. It is planned to stage the contest at night about the 1st of Oct., or the afternoon of Oct. 13 (Columbus Day), if Tunney will sign.

"Gibbons has agreed to make 175 pounds for Tunney," said Rickard, "and the match is now squarely up to Gene. Naturally, I am somewhat disappointed at the gate for Thursday night's show, but thanks to Cannon Chase, the advance sale was checked just when it was at its height and uncertainty as to the bout taking place held back many visitors who usually come from a distance for an important match. The bout proved that Boyle's Thirty Acres is the best place in the world for the staging of a big match."

In view of the paid attendance, which was only 48,005, there must have been a number of dead heads among those present. In appearance the size of the gathering compared favorably with the Firpo-Willard crowd which drew close to \$400,000 at a \$15 a top, while Thursday night's contest with the admission up to \$25, drew only about \$75,000 more.

Firpo visited the Garden yesterday showing but little effects from Wills' punches. A good part of his share of the purse, which is around \$160,000, has been tied up by legal actions. He admitted that his showing had been extremely unsatisfactory.

The bounding I have been under of late was too much for my nerves," he explained. "Even up until 4 o'clock the day of the fight I was pestered and served with another paper of some kind. The legal precautions that were taken Thursday had me on the go almost the entire day. I wasn't able to get anything to eat till late in the day and finally I was so mentally upset that I couldn't concentrate and I admitted to my handlers that I would have to win in two rounds if I was to win at all. I don't think the blow that dropped me in the second round was entirely fair, nor do I think the kidney punches and those around my spine were delivered according to the rules."

The consensus of opinion seems to be that Firpo didn't get the best deal from Danny Sullivan, the referee. At the time Luis was dropped Wills shot over the damaging blow on the break but did not step back before shooting his blow. Wills did considerable hitting and holding despite the instructions of the referee, and the latter did not live up to his promise to disqualify after two warnings.

However, the fact remains that Wills probably could have beaten Firpo in the condition he showed Thursday under any circumstances, and he has every right to be accepted as the next Dempsey opponent. He is entitled to his chance.

But as a fight every one agrees that it was a great hugging match. One ringsider kept an account and claimed

to have tabulated exactly 251 clinches. "Where was Firpo's right?" some one asked Bill Tate.

"They subpoenaed even that," answered Bill.

TOM GIBBONS GETS JUDGMENT AGAINST ENGLISH PROMOTER. He is Entitled to \$40,000—Question is: Will He Get It?

LONDON, Sept. 22—(United News)—Tom Gibbons, who went over to England at the invitation of promoter Arnold Wilson and slugged Jack Bloomfield, the British pride, to the canvas in short order, is going to get something more than glory for his efforts.

When Tom went around to Wilson to collect after the fight, the promoter was gone and there was no money. Now the high court has decided that Tom is entitled to \$,073 pounds and three shillings and eleven pence, which amounts to about \$40,000 without counting the three silver coins and the pennies.

Gibbons sued Wilson for the purse which has been promised him. All the American fighter has to do now is collect his money. Wilson says he is broke and that the fight was a financial failure.

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There may be arguments advanced against his claims for a chance at Dempsey, but who else is there for Jack to mingle with unless it is the big colored scrapper? The case has been on the calendar for many years, and must be disposed of before the boxing fans will be satisfied that Dempsey is fully entitled to reign over the heavy-weight class.

Eddie Collins, of Chicago, long time king of second basemen, ran a close second in the balloting, with a total of 49 points.
Johnson's name will be inscribed on the 1924 tablet on the \$100,000 baseball memorial to be erected in Potomac Park, Washington.

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