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In the Prize Ring.

TO STAGE THE FIGHT.

New York, Dec. 25.—C. B. Cochran, British fight promoter, arrived here to-day on the steamer Mauretania, prepared to offer a substantial sum for staging a world's heavy-weight boxing championship match between Georges Carpentier, champion of Europe, and Jack Dempsey, holder of the world's heavy-weight belt.

Mr. Cochran is on his way to see Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, and although unprepared to give details of his plans, he intimated that he had made tentative arrangements for the bout in either France or Great Britain, where it would be permitted to show a sufficient number of rounds to give the mettle of both men.

Carpentier, he said, would have the solid backing of a large number of French and English fight followers, because of his easy defeat of the English champion Beckett. No matter where a Carpentier-Dempsey fight was staged, it would be assured of a capacity attendance, he added.

SHARKEY OFFERS WILDE RE- TURN MATCH.

New York, Dec. 26.—Jack Sharkey is ready to give Jimmy Wilde a re-turn match, with the proviso that the bout be staged in London, twenty rounds to a decision. Joe Wagner, the manager of Sharkey, admits that he has received an offer from the International Sporting Club to have his protegee box at the opening show, but his answer, one way or the other, will not be made until negotiations pending with London promoters are settled.

Sharkey can get hundreds of dollars boxing "dubs," so to speak, around these United States, so he is not particular about boxing Wilde at home. "I want to beat him again right before his countrymen," said Sharkey to-day. "I have the Englishman's number, and I can stand him twenty rounds or more. I was getting stronger after the first six rounds of the ten we boxed in Milwaukee, and had it gone four or five more I'd surely have knocked him out."

Wagner believes he can earn a fortune for himself and Sharkey by appearing in three or four bouts on the other side. "Sharkey's style of boxing will make a big hit among the Londoners," chimed in Wagner in the presence of his lad. "Jack can hit as well as take it. He'll score so

many points that the referee will have to raise his hand in token of victory."

BOXING FAN SAYS CARPENTIER WILL SURPRISE DEMPSEY.

New York, Dec. 16.—Georges Carpentier, heavy-weight boxing champion of Europe, will surprise Jack Dempsey, world's titleholder, when the two come together in a bout for the world's title, for which American and European promoters are now frantically bidding. This was the inference to be gained yesterday from the remarks of Georges McDonald, British promoter and manager of boxers, who arrived here at noon on the Baltic.

"Carpentier will beat any man he can hit solidly," said Mr. McDonald, when asked as to the prospects of the French idol against Dempsey, if they should come together. "The French boxer has tremendous punching ability, and is wonderfully skilful and clever. Mind, I don't say he will beat Dempsey. I couldn't very well commit myself to that extent for I haven't seen your champion in action. I understand Dempsey is a wonderful fighter. He must have been to beat Jess Willard. From what I have seen of Carpentier, however, I will say without hesitation that any boxer who feels the full impact of his blows must experience defeat."

"I've seen many great fighters, including John L. Sullivan, whom I helped prepare for his memorable bout at Chantilly, France, against Charley Mitchell. In his fight against Beckett, Carpentier convinced me that he ranked with the best of them. He didn't make an unnecessary move. He worked like a master and made every move count. Beckett hadn't a chance to get started before the match was over, and the blow that ended Beckett's interest in the bout did not travel more than a foot. My, when I look back on that match I must confess I saw more real, interesting action in the short space of time required for the bout than I had seen in twenty previous bouts."

When asked as to Carpentier's ability to take punishment, Mr. McDonald expressed the opinion that the French idol's ability in this regard was not fully appreciated. The British promoter pointed out that in many of his bouts Carpentier had been forced to assimilate considerable punishment, mentioning specifically the bouts against Joe Jeannette and Frank Klaus, in both of which Carpentier was the loser. Mr. McDonald declared that while the French boxer lost these matches, he nevertheless stood up under hard punching and showed his courage.

Mr. McDonald is interested in the efforts to clinch a Dempsey-Carpentier bout, but to what extent he refused to commit himself. The visiting promoter preferred to await the decision of C. B. Cochran, leading European promoter. Promoter McDonald is here primarily for the purpose of disposing of the American rights to a British mechanical invention which he expects will interest the leaders in the American steel industry. In addition, however, he plans to investigate boxing conditions here with the view of arranging matches between American and English boxers. He expects to be in this city for several weeks, and plans a trip to Chicago later. He will probably attend the bouts at Newark Monday night for the purpose of watching Joey Fox, English feather-weight champion, who is scheduled for a match with Joe Lynch.

Fire on Schooner.

The Central and West End fire companies were called to Horwood's wharf last night where the schooner Percy Wells, lumber laden, was on fire. The watchman of the premises was the first to discover the fire and quickly rang in the alarm. The blaze was confined to the fore-castle, and had assumed far proportions when the firemen arrived. After an hour's watering it was gotten under control, but not before extensive damage to the inside of the vessel had been done. The origin of the fire is unknown. Capt. Barbour, who was the only person on the vessel, left her about eight o'clock, and at that time there was neither light nor fire in the fore-castle. Capt. Barbour had all his clothes on the vessel, these being destroyed.

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Our American Letter.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 18.—A decided sigh of relief went up the other day in the United States when the news was received that the coal strike had at last been settled. The amount of suffering and the loss to industry which the walk-out occasioned cannot be calculated. The general public was opposed to the strike on account of its selfish aspect. The men doubtless had grievances, but their action in stopping the production of coal because of those grievances can hardly be justified. Had the strike occurred in the summer the men would have rallied to their aid, the bulk of the workmen of the United States, but to strike at a time when the people of many states depended upon their efforts to keep from freezing was indefensible. The temporary settlement has caused the resignation of Dr. Garfield, the fuel administrator, who is somewhat peeved that the matter was taken out of his hands. The final outcome of the agreement between the miners and the government will probably mean that the former will receive more than the 14 per cent. increase offered by Dr. Garfield. It is possible that the figure will be raised to the 31 per cent. originally suggested by Secretary Wilson. What the attitude of the operators will be if they are asked to grant this increase without raising the price of coal to the consumer, remains to be seen. There is no reason why they should not be willing to grant the increase as their profits are large enough in all conscience. Former Secretary McAdoo is authority for the statement that in the past four years the mine owners averaged something like 33 per cent. profit. And he was in a position to know as he had received the income taxes of the operators for those years. It is a strange sort of logic which sees a crime in the attempt of the workingman to get the most for his labor and only good business in the action of the mine operator in holding up the public for all it can pay.

THE TREATY'S DEFEAT.

President Wilson caused the defeat of the Peace Treaty, and not the Senate. That body was entirely willing to ratify the pact if the President would accept the reservations which it had adopted. He refused and the whole treaty was thrown out. The Senate could not have done otherwise and have been true to American ideals. There were clauses in the League of Nations covenant which were inimical to American interests and gave the lie to every American pretension to justice and fair dealing. Take the Shantung provision for instance. Was there ever a more disgraceful clause written into a diplomatic document? China, the true ally during the war, believing implicitly in the good faith of its associates was compelled to give up to Japan, the slacker ally, the richest province she possessed. It made no difference that Germany had been occupying the territory before the world war. The province belonged to China and should have been restored to her. This was one of the things which caused the Senate to frown at ratifying the peace pact. Then there were the secret treaties between the allies, the publication of which amazed and disgusted the American people, who believed their associates in the war had all their cards on the table instead of playing a double game.

JAPANESE ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

There is much agitation in this section against the coming in of Japanese who are buying up the best lands in California and Oregon and stifling competition by cornering the markets. It has been shown that the Japs not only refuse to sell their fruit or produce at a reasonable price, but they actually destroy great quantities rather than sell at a price lower than that which they demand. It is reported that the Japanese government has agreed to stop the "picture bride" nuisance. This term is given to wives of Japanese settlers on the Pacific coast who become engaged through an exchange of photographs. The so-called "gentlemen's agreement" entered into between the United States and Japan some years ago, by which only a certain number of Japanese could emigrate to this country is being circumvented in many ways. The "picture bride" scheme is one. The Japanese are a prolific race, and if the present influx of brides continues it will not be long before this beautiful coast will be orientalized.

SQUARE RIGGER COMES BACK.

Who would have believed it? The sailing vessel and particularly the bark and barquentine are coming in to their own again. The harbors of Seattle, Portland, Astoria and San Francisco are filled with many of the stately craft which at one time sailed the seven seas. The wooden ship yards of the Pacific coast are busily engaged turning out windjammers for owners on both the Atlantic and the west coasts. A great many also are being built of steel with auxiliary power. The sentimentally inclined will see in the revival of the sailing ship a return to the days of the "roaring forties" and the period when the American clipper ship was queen of all the seas.

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