

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

NO BOUT IN SIGHT FOR JACK DEMPSEY

Is in Same Position as Jim Jeffries Found Him-self.

New York, Sept. 25.—(United Press)—After several convincing examples given the boxing public in the last two years, it seems that a new heavyweight champion will arrive, not when a challenger has been built up, but when Jack Dempsey falls down to the level of an ordinary rival.

Dempsey is in the same position that Jim Jeffries found himself several years ago, when he was forced to go back to the farm because there was no heavy weight left for him to fight.

The present champion, however, is playing in harder luck than the former title-holder, because in Jeffries' case the championship was not a million-dollar asset and there was no system of building up a challenger to fool the public as there is today.

The unusual scarcity of heavyweights good enough to be steamed up into challenger material is evidenced most strikingly in the admission of Tex Rickard that he has failed to find a heavy weight good enough to risk the money that is necessary to put over a show in which the champion takes a part.

Rickard was very gloomy about future business prospects after Harry Wills and Luis Angel Firpo had made such a mess out of the fight in Jersey City that was staged for the purpose of finding an opponent for Dempsey in the next championship bout.

Wills had the finest chance of his life to make a showing that would force a promoter to arrange a match for him with the champion. He had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Wills did win the fight, of course, but he made such a bad showing that more than 40,000 paid customers, who support big boxing, left the arena firm in the conviction that Wills couldn't go more than a round with the Dempsey of the Firpo fight.

There is no question that Wills did prove himself the outstanding challenger for the championship. But at the same time he showed himself to be a very poor one. He is entitled to a bout with Dempsey because he is the only one of the contending bunch that has never been beaten by the champion.

Good as he may be, Wills never was an interesting fighter. He has never given a good fight around New York and has soured the fans in the only section where it is possible to get the money that Dempsey demands for defending his title.

As it has been shown that Firpo and Wills are no match for the champion, it would be the best thing to do through the public-roofing process of showing that Dempsey is not as good as he used to be before Rickard or as good as he is now. It is a pity that the promoter could not put over a Dempsey-Wills fight.

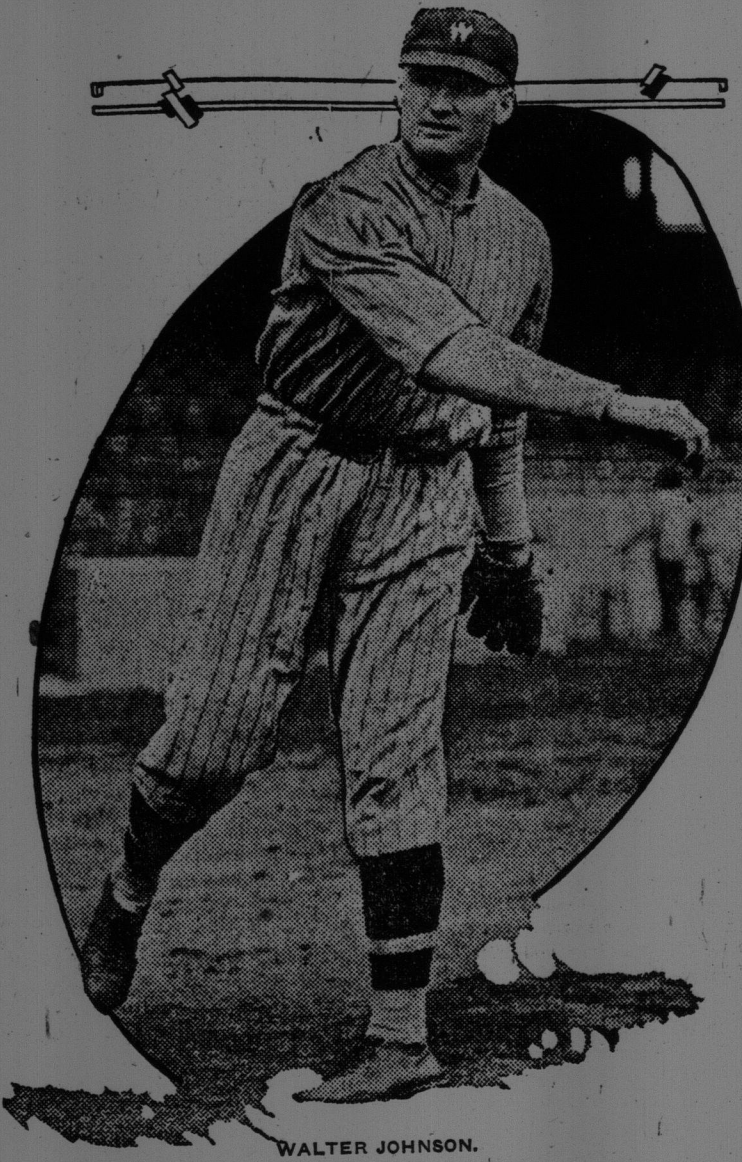
Dempsey might be matched with some second-rater and take his time about winning to put over the idea that he had gone back, but he would want more money than the public would pay to look at a set-up match.

It always has been believed that Dempsey worked under wraps in his last fight against the late Bill Brown. He was winning, but he would not let the public know it. He was taking mighty fine care of himself and that he is not going the way of other champions when he is not working.

If past performance is any indication, Tom Gibbons was more right for considering as the next opponent for Dempsey than Wills has. Wills never has fought Dempsey, and therein lies the chief argument of his supporters. Wills never has been beaten by Dempsey, it is true, but it is likewise a fact that Wills has done nothing else to earn a lot of consideration and he has done a lot to show that he hasn't the class of Gibbons.

Gibbons went fifteen rounds with Dempsey and wasn't hurt or knocked off his feet. Gibbons would have stopped in four rounds the Wild Bull who fought Wills and lasted through two weary rounds. Gibbons also would have made a show of the Wills who couldn't knock out Firpo when he was allowed to get away with infractions

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Champion Has Workout—May Defend His Title This Winter.

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All told Dempsey was in the gymnasium for perhaps forty minutes in a midday workout. When the title-holder concluded his drill he stepped on the scales which showed his weight at 199 pounds. He looked in excellent condition and seemed to delight in the return to gymnasium work.

It was announced at the gymnasium that the champion plans to work out daily now for an indefinite period. While the resumption of training would indicate that Dempsey is keeping himself in fighting shape for an indoor battle, it was impossible to get definite information as to whether this really was the motive which dictated the champion's departure from the career of vacationist he has followed since his arrival here.

Westville Wins N. S. Championship.

Turro, N. S., Sept. 24.—Westville defeated Springfield 6 to 4 and won the Nova Scotia baseball championship today before a crowd of 1,000 people, who braved the cold wind and a rain storm that interrupted the game in the fifth inning. Westville's superior team work was said to have proved the winning factor over the Springfield nine's heavy hitting.

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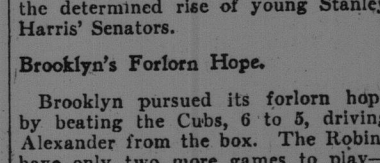
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Unless a diamond miracle intercedes, the Giants, representing New York, and the Senators, battling for the allies, will fight it out in the world series.

Today the Giants lead Brooklyn by one game, and Pittsburgh by three and one-half, and Washington maintains its two-contest margin over the Red Sox. Each club, with four games to play, needs to win only three to clinch its respective pennant.

The gods smiled upon the Giants yesterday in their 4 to 2 victory over Pittsburgh, which virtually eliminated the Pirates, but it was a smile earned by grit and the ability to rise to the occasion, which is as potent a factor in the prospective fourth consecutive pennant for John McGraw as it is in the determined rise of young Stanley Harris' Senators.

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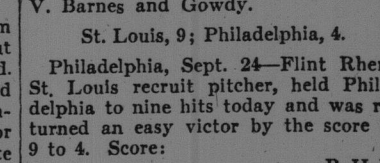
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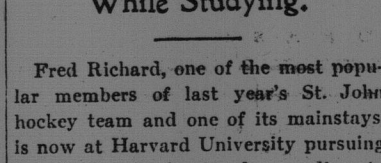
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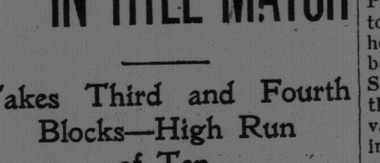
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The effect of the new rule on champions is expected to result in a greater number of title bouts or enforced idleness for those champions who decline to make their class weight for every one of their bouts. It has been customary for a title-holder to defend his title, as provided by the law, once every six months, and in the interim to engage in championship matches in bouts at catch weights where a title is not at stake.

Plans for a lightweight championship elimination tournament, designed some time ago for the purpose of developing a qualified challenger for Champion Benny Leonard, was definitely abandoned. It was announced by Chairman George E. Brower, because of the inability of Matchmakers Andy Neidermeyer and Jess McMahon and Jimmy Johnson to induce eligible candidates for this tournament to accept terms for proposed bouts.

GETS OFFER TO COACH HARVARD

Fred Richard, Local Star, is Considering Accepting While Studying.

Fred Richard, one of the most popular members of last year's St. John hockey team and one of its mainstays, is now at Harvard University pursuing his studies in law and according to word received here yesterday has been made a tentative offer to assist in coaching the Harvard University hockey squad. Whether he will accept or not will depend on how much time he can spare from his lectures but it is considered probable that if at all possible he will do so. Otherwise, he probably will look up to his studies and play during the winter months in the eastern section of the U. S. H. A. Richard is not eligible to play for Harvard as he already has played for the University of Saskatchewan and U. N. B. but his knowledge of the game and his fine points should prove invaluable to Harvard candidates if he accepts the coaching position.

Although Richard only played last season here, he showed local hockey fans enough stuff to convince them he would easily make good in Boston hockey ranks. He was the outstanding player on the U. N. B. team that made an excursion into the United States and Upper Canada last winter before the opening of the season and attracted much attention in Boston when the team beat the powerful Boston College sextette.

He is tall and rangy and a tireless worker and filled every position on the St. John team last year except goal although his proper place was centre. He teamed well with "Phil" Hallisey on the defence and his departure leaves a big gap in the local lineup that will prove rather hard to fill with local talent. If he does take the Harvard coaching job, fans hereabouts will wish him every success.

Outside of Richard, practically all of last year's local team that made such a great finish will turn out this year. Nicholson, "Brad" Gilbert, Montelli, Greig, Rathburn, Short, "Jimmie" Gilbert and others are still on hand and ready for the first call to practice. Local hockey players are watching with considerable interest the move on foot in Halifax to cut down the five-month residence clause. If a few months are sliced off this, it is probable some outside talent might reach here in time to play on the local line-up. It certainly needs strengthening as even its most ardent admirers admit. The fans sure like a winning team.

FRED SLINGS