

Miske Takes Count In The Third Round

Jack Dempsey Successfully Defends Title
Before Large Throng

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 6.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, defending his title for the first time, knocked out Billy Miske, St. Paul, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round championship fight here this afternoon. The finish came after they had fought one minute and thirteen seconds of the third round. The challenger had been floored with a right hand punch to the chin and Miske took the count of nine. As he staggered to his feet Dempsey whipped over another right hander and Miske fell in his own corner.

The fight was witnessed by a crowd of approximately 17,000. The gate receipts were estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

The sand pit arena where the fight took place was a steaming vapor bath when the gates opened. An all night rain and a morning drizzle gave way soon after noon to hot sun that rolled the moisture up in hot waves from the soaking sand floor.

Dempsey and Miske both were pronounced fit for their ten rounds by medical examiners of the Michigan state boxing commission. Dempsey stepped on the scales at 187 pounds about five hours before the fight and Miske at 185. After weighing in, the champion and the contender both returned to card games to while away the time. Two hours before the first preliminary the cheapest section of the arena was filled while the high priced ticket holders remained downtown, jamming the streets, clamoring for sandwiches and coffee from street

quick lunch booths. A Benton Harbor religious sect, The House of David, sent a band wagon through the streets with bullyhoo men, announcing a circus at their own grounds as a counter attraction.

Benton Harbor's police and a rate of fifteen dollars a pint, effectively enforced the prohibition laws. But incoming spectators reported that night trains had been not only wide open for selling drinks, but that in some cars, nearly every known variety of gambling games flourished.

The big crowds were good natured, and often sleepy-eyed, having arrived so late at night that their brief sleep cost about two dollars an hour.

The local police force was supplemented by a detachment of Michigan constabulary. At the arena squads of uniformed soldiers on leave from Camp Custer, offloaded as ushers and kept order. High fences surmounted by barbed wire separated the sections of the sand pit saucer, and husky guards were on duty at the turnstiles prepared to prevent a repetition of the debacle at Toledo last year, when hundreds of spectators, with common accord, swarmed into the ringside seats and refused to be ousted.

As the main gates were thrown open and the fight fans began drifting in, workmen were still busy completing preparations in the ring. They used old-fashioned bed quilts for gadding the floor.

Start of the preliminaries was long delayed waiting the arrival of several trains from Chicago. Umbrellas carried by women spectators in anticipation of a renewal of the morning rain storm stood them in good stead and helped ward off the hot sun. The impromptu sunshades dotted the arena.

Miske wearing a cap and a bath robe over his ring togs was the first to enter the ring. He faced a battery of photographers.

Manager Jack Reddy was in charge of Miske's corner. He was assisted by Ike Bernstein, Jack Heinen, Jim Delaney and Johnny Tillman.

Dempsey crawled into the ring ten minutes later. The champion wore a red sweater and a day's growth of whiskers. Dempsey obligingly backed into a neutral corner and posed for some pictures. After individual pictures had been taken of Dempsey, he and Miske, Chairman Biggers of the state commission, Referee Dougherty, Philadelphia, and Promoter Fitzsimmons posed for a group picture.

Dempsey chose the corner with the sun at his back. Manager Jack Kearns was in charge of the champion's corner.

The Contest.
Round one—Miske's weight was announced at 187 pounds, while Dempsey's was announced as 188. The ring was cleared at 4:27 (central time). Miske hooked a left to the head. They danced around the ring. Dempsey landed a right and left to the head. Dempsey missed a left hook, but landed two rights to the head. Dempsey drove a right to the head. Dempsey hooked a light left to the mouth. Dempsey hooked two lefts to the head and exchanged punches to the body as they came together in a clinch. The bell sounded with both men fighting in the center of the ring.

Round two—They rushed into a clinch. Referee Dougherty had difficulty breaking them. Dempsey landed a left hook to the chin and followed it with a right cross. He floored Miske with a right hand punch and the challenger took the count of five. Miske fell into a clinch to protect himself. Dempsey landed three lefts to the jaw on the break away and a half dozen hard rights to the body. The champion missed a right swing to the head, and drove Miske into his own corner, hooking him with a left to the chin.

Round three—Dempsey danced around the ring and hooked a hard right to Miske's body. Miske landed a left to the jaw, and Dempsey swung a right to the jaw knocking Miske down. When Miske started to his feet Dempsey swung over the finishing blow with a right to the chin and Miske crumpled in his own corner, completely knocked out.

Bill Tate, of New York, Dempsey's sparring partner, had the better of Sam Langford, Boston, in a tame six-round preliminary. Tate outboxed the veteran Langford, keeping him away with rangy lefts to the face. Langford weighed 194 and Tate scaled 200 pounds.

Harry Greb, Pittsburgh, and Chuck Wiggins, Indianapolis, boxed six even rounds in the second preliminary. Wiggins outboxed the Pittsburgh man in the first three rounds but Greb scored heavily in the last three, cutting Wiggins over the eye in the fourth round. Wiggins entered the ring weighing 164 pounds and Greb's weight was announced at 160½. The match was advertised as for the light heavyweight championship.

probably will be October before the rooms in the Victoria annex are ready for occupation.

SACRIFICE OLD SHIP FOR NAVAL EFFICIENCY

The Indiana Will Be Subjected to a Hail of Bombs from Seaplanes.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The cause of naval efficiency is soon to claim as a sacrifice another oldtime fighting ship of the United States navy,—the battleship Indiana. In Lower Chesapeake Bay this month the vessel will be subjected to a rain of bombs from a squadron of naval seaplanes, just to see what the bombs will do to her.

The United States naval officers claim that this will be the first actual test to be conducted by any navy to show the possibilities of direct attack upon war-

ships from the air. Flying at heights ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 feet six planes which it is planned to include in the squadron will attempt first to demonstrate the practicability of hitting a target the size of a battleship, and for this purpose non-explosive bombs. If the range is found the battleship will then be subjected to the explosive force of bombs carrying a minimum of 1,000 pounds of TNT. If there is a visible remnant of the Indiana at the conclusion of the bombing experiment, she will be used later as a stationary target for the dreadnaughts of the Atlantic fleet.

The Indiana was one of the first battleships of the U. S. Navy and recently was placed out of commission to make way for a new super-dreadnaught of the same name. She played a part in the destruction of Cervera's fleet at Santiago.

CITY MISSION PICNIC

The City Mission of Brussels street, thoroughly enjoyed its annual outing held yesterday afternoon and evening when a happy party, numbering some 150 or 200 grown-ups and children, were transported to Rockwood Park in two

On Friday evening a party of friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hamilton gathered at their home, 83 Ludlow street, to extend greeting to them on their return from their wedding tour. During the evening two leather armchairs were presented to them, John Cooney making the presentation on behalf of the gathering. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cooney, Mrs. Graham and Miss White.



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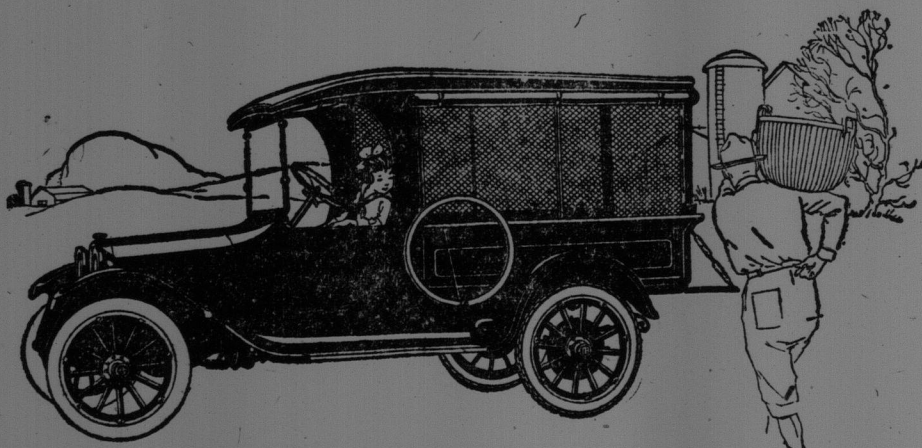


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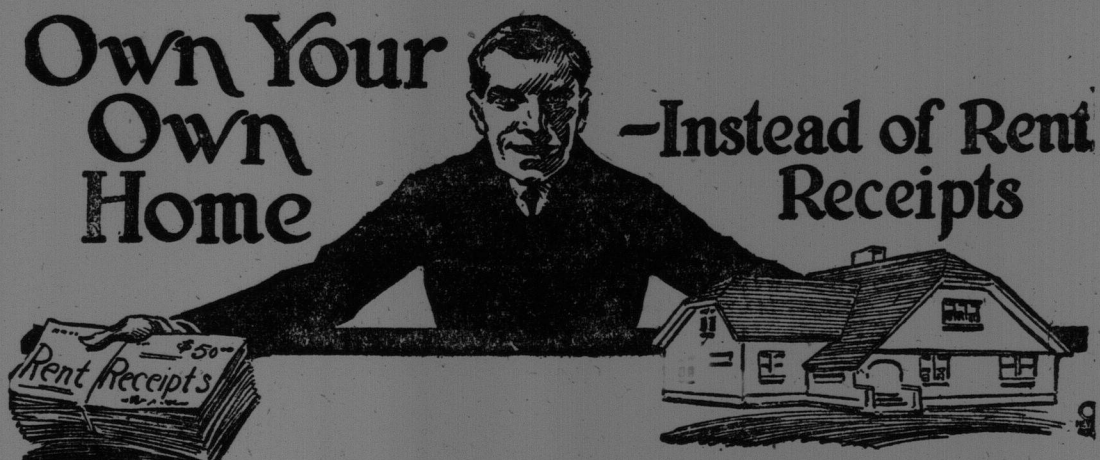
SCHOOLS RE-OPEN AFTER LONG HOLIDAY

Between Eight and Nine
Thousand Pupils Will be in
Attendance—Several New
Class-rooms Will be Added
to Accommodation.

The summer holidays for the school children are over today and, while they have been almost the longest that they could possibly be, since they were extended over Labor Day and Labor Day fell just one day short of the latest date on which it could fall, they have come to an end. There will be between 8,000 and 9,000 children trooping to school, and probably there will be some reluctant feet on the way to school. It is usual for 1,000 to 1,100 children to be entered as newcomers each year. Permits issued up to Saturday afternoon numbered about 740 and a big rush for permits probably will be made today. A comparison of the number of permits issued previous to the opening of school this year and last year shows this year in the lead with a few more to its credit. No prediction can be made as to whether this year the number of new scholars will be greater or less than last fall, as it cannot be judged how big a percentage has been foresighted enough to get permits early.

There will be several changes made in the teaching staff when the schools re-open this morning. Changes in the arrangements of the schools are comparatively few. The synagogue building in Hazen avenue is to be opened as an extra class room for high school pupils but it will be some little time before the desks and other equipment are installed as it has been found necessary to send to Quebec for some of the iron castings. Two new rooms in the Victoria annex will be opened for use this term, but these also are not yet in readiness. It

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