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## In the Prize Ring.

## MEXICO TO GET WORLD FIGHT.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan.—Tlajana, Mexico, will get the Dempsey-Carpenter fight, said Jack Kearns, manager of the world's champion when advised by the Associated Press of George Carpenter's conditional acceptance of promoter Coffroth's offer. Kearns said he would prepare a further statement for publication.

## 100,000 FOR CARPENTIER-O'DOWD BOUT.

New York, Jan.—In a conference at the Hotel Biltmore, Paddy Mullins, manager of middleweight champion, Mike O'Dowd, signed an agreement with the Turner-Harris syndicate, composed of eminent theatrical folk, to let O'Dowd meet Georges Carpentier, the European heavyweight champion, within the next three months. A purse of \$200,000 is hung up for the match by this syndicate, to be divided on the basis of 60 per cent to the victor and the remaining share for the loser. This offer has been called the Frenchman, with the hope that an answer will be received from him shortly.

Speaking of O'Dowd's experience in London a few months ago, while the latter was serving for Uncle Sam, Mullins said Carpentier refused to fight the middleweight king at a benefit show one night. The Frenchman, according to Mullins, gave his reasons for declining as being out of condition and in no mood for action.

## JIMMY WILDE SCORES.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 8.—Jimmy Wilde, English flyweight champion, defeated Johnny "Babe" Asher, stamweight champion of the U. S. Expeditionary Forces, in an eight round bout here to-night, according to newspapermen. Apparently, without extending himself, Wilde carried off the honors in every round. In the 4th, 5th and 6th, Britisher scored knock-downs. Wilde fought coolly and deliberately, allowing Asher (the American bantamweight champion) around the ring, however, occasionally speedily stepped in and out, scoring points, but his blows had no evident effect on Wilde.

A few seconds after the first gong sounded, Wilde had Asher's nose bleeding, and in the second round a left brought blood from the American boy's mouth. Both boys fought cleanly and there was no punching or holding.

Asher started out strong and leaped at Wilde. He appeared to lose heart, though, when the blood began flowing from his nostrils. In the second and third rounds Wilde rained lefts and rights on Asher's head and body. In the latter round the boys fought toe-to-toe for a few seconds, during which Asher scored a clean upper-cut with

his right. Wilde scored Asher with several lightning blows to the face, and easily in the fourth for the count of eight.

In the seventh and eighth rounds Wilde had Asher against the ropes the majority of the time. Wilde stopped the fight in the sixth round and requested that Asher's chest be dried. His request was complied with and the contest continued. It was announced that Wilde, clad in a sweater, failed to move the beam placed at 105 pounds. Asher's weight was announced at 113½ pounds.

## GUNBOAT SMITH'S OPINION.

Gunboat Smith, who has fought both Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier in his time, made the following statement concerning his ideas of the outcome of a fight between the two rival heavyweights:

"I hope Jack Dempsey, in agreeing to the match with Georges Carpentier, doesn't run away with the idea that he is an easy mark. He isn't. I have fought both men and let me say that Carpentier hit me harder with his right than I have ever been hit by any other fighter in the world. That goes for Dempsey, whom I have boxed twice.

"Carpentier is a young fellow. He can't be more than 25 or 26. Dempsey has never met a real young fellow. You can't take it away from him that he has done the best he could with a lot of poor material. But going right down the line, who of any importance has Dempsey ever beaten? Jess Willard! Why, they needed a derrier to get him in the ring at Toledo. And even at his best he was no fighter. I know, I fought him. Those other fellows Dempsey beat, who are they? Why, I could check my crutches at the box office and beat most of them myself. There wasn't a single, rugged, healthy fighting youngster in the lot.

"Dempsey has never met a fighter quite like this Carpentier," continued the Gunboat. "He is active on his feet, jumps around like a cat and has the most peculiar style of ducking I have ever seen. He almost drags his face on the canvas. He ducks so low. That is how I happened to lose on the foul to him when we fought in 1914. He had been pulling that duck on me so much I decided that I would just about beat him one when he bent over next time. I hit him one, not a very hard punch, I think, and he went down. I thought it was one more of those ducks so I lashed out at him. I did not hit him, mind you. The pictures show I missed him by a foot. But Dempsey, his manager, jumped into the ring, claimed his man was down when I

hit at him and I was ruled off for foul.

"Billy Mike, the St. Paul, heavy-weight, always keeps about even with Dempsey when they box. Carpenter would knock Mike out. I tell you that right hand of his is poison. Dempsey cannot hit as dead as a punch as the Frenchman.

"And do not imagine that right hand is all this great Frenchman has, either. He uses his left to jolt and jab. It is a wicked jab, too, one of those that raise little bumps on your face when they land. And fast? He is in and about all the time.

## Would Go 20 Rounds.

"Understand, I am a great admirer of Jack Dempsey. He is the most wonderful fighter developed in my time and my first opinion is that he can beat Carpentier. I am a great stickler for first 'hunches.' But for all that, the bout would be a wonderful one. I suppose the fight will be for twenty rounds. Dempsey has never gone half that far. Carpentier has never fought anything else but twenty round bouts. Of course, it is not Dempsey's fault that his fights have not gone any distance. You have to hand it to him for ending every one of them in rapid order.

"But Dempsey is not going to stop Carpentier with the same speed he flattened everyone else from Al Norton to Jess Willard. That Frenchman is game. He took the count from Bombardier Wells and came back and knocked the Englishman dead. They thought it was a fake victory so they rematched them. Wells got his again and faster than the first time.

## Dempsey in Luck.

"Dempsey in a way was lucky. He came along at a time when the fight game had a mighty punk assortment of heavyweights. Even Fred Fulton is a champ, I think. No punch from Fulton would knock me off my feet. Dempsey I know can take a punch. In my fight with him in San Francisco I hit him as hard on the chin as I ever hit any man, but I couldn't put him away. He said afterward he was dazed for several minutes but he certainly did not fight like it.

"Summing up, I will say Dempsey ought to win. I will not be surprised if the Frenchman does, and I am inclined to think the fight will go the limit. I will not say that Carpentier will hit Dempsey any harder than I did in my first meeting with him. And the Dempsey that Carpentier will meet is a world champion who has met, and a sorry lot to be true, and none the equal of the Frenchman.

"Dempsey will likely have plenty of confidence. I hope he does not underestimate his opponent, for I want the title to remain in our country."

## Where "Woody" Fails.

As soon as the president's health improves Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the Department of the Interior, will resign. It is a temperamental fault of President Wilson that he cannot bring his mind into co-operation with other minds. He is mentally so constituted that he cannot accept the view of others whose capacity for reasoning is equal to his own. His fixed habit is to examine his own mind and heart, and what he finds there is the only guide for him. He rejects the conclusions of other men when these conclusions run counter to his. Portland (Oregon) Telegram.

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## Origin of the Cheque.

The word "Cheque" came into its present use from an ancient and foreign source, and a remote significance. Its original is a Persian word, pronounced something like "chak" a term in chess—which game was invented by the Persians to designate a movement of chess men in an attack upon the king-piece. In the later Latin the word "scacorum" meant a chess board, and "scacorum" the checkmating movement in the game. Passing into the French this later word became "eschec," and through the Norman into old English in a form from which the word "cheque" or "check" developed. From its usage in chess it was extended to designate an action stopping a movement or progress in any affair. The noun developed in applying the idea of checking to a thing that would accomplish this purpose, as with a ticket or token. In banking the original "cheque" was a stub or counterfoil to prevent forgery. With the development of transactions in banking, drawn notes, drafts and cheques were synonymous terms. It is maintained that it has been only within the last forty years that a cheque has become established in its statutory definition as "a written order to a banker to pay a named sum on a drawer's account to bearer or named person.—Home Bank Monthly.



## BROKEN PROMISES.

I promised her roses to wear in her hair.  
And satins and silks for her gown;  
I promised her freedom from trouble—some care  
With never a reason to frown;  
But, oh, I was young in the glad days of old,  
And little I knew what the years would unfold.

I promised a carriage in which she should ride  
And servants to come at her call;  
I promised that never her heart should be tried  
And never a tear drop should fall;  
But little I knew in the glad days of old,  
The hardships that lie in the pathway of men.

I promised her jewels to wear at her breast,  
I promised her silver and gold;  
She should know life at its fairest and best  
With never a bleak day and cold;  
But, oh, I was young in that glad long ago  
And thought I could win all those gifts to bestow.

Now I've learned that at times men and women must weep  
And hearts must grow heavy with care;  
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## The Master Spy.

Remarkable disclosures of the Secret Service for the Allies performed by a Jesuit, Pere Meus, a distinguished social worker, who went to England from Louvain recently, were published a few days ago.

Pere Meus served his country from the beginning of the war, working at continual risk of his life as a director of the organization for maintaining the morale of the Belgians under the German yoke, and he also was a collaborator of the clandestine Press, La Libre Belgique, the source of which the Germans could never trace.

He organized a daring scheme by which he was able to forward

1,200,000 letters from Belgian soldiers to their wives in invaded districts, and also worked with Nurse Cavell and others in passing soldiers over the frontier. Four hundred British soldiers, in addition to his own compatriots, benefitted from his services. He became so famous for his work that he was ordered by his superiors in 1916 to escape, and, proceeding to London, he found work awaiting him at Earl's Court. Returning to Belgium this year he was decorated by King Albert.

Describing his work with Nurse Cavell, Pere Meus says, prisoners were taken into Brussels in disguise, and were then met by the "grande espionne," a little girl who carried a big doll, ran about and played and looked into shop windows. The soldiers would follow her without any sign of recognition on her part, and then she would stop outside the house in which Nurse Cavell met them. The soldiers were then bandaged up and transformed into "hospital" patients, and were introduced to Pere Meus as "M. Janssen" or "Baron Janssen," who would get the men across the frontier.

Once as a cattle driver he got to Ostend and found the real lurking place of the German submarines. At another time, hearing that prior to air raids on England it was the custom of Zeppelin and Gotha officers to meet at dinner, he set himself up as a pastry cook, and was thus able to find out where the dinners were to be held. Then, by means of carrier pigeons to Holland, he informed the Admiralty of impending raids.

It was only by chance that he was not taken with Nurse Cavell. The three chief conspirators had arranged to meet in conference. Cardinal Mercier had sent for Pere Meus to get an important message into Holland. Meus' fellow-conspirator chiefs were arrested and shot.

Later a reunion of conspirators was decided upon. Pere Meus arrived dressed as a mason, and bluffed the German police officer. A fellow-conspirator arrived having in his stockings plans of the Ostend fortifications and the Year, and the third arrived disguised as a servant. The latter was recognized, but feigning illness he was taken to hospital, from which, however, he managed to escape. This spy is described by Pere Meus as the "priestlike Charlie Chaplin." The sixty Secret Agents in Brussels soon learned of the police vigilance, and all got away. Pere Meus swam the canal into Holland, and helped a colleague across who could not swim.

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