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1924 BOXING CAMPAIGN PASSES INTO HISTORY

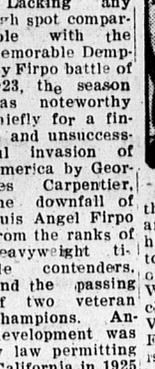
Dempsey Still Monarch of All He Surveys—Unsuccessful Invasion of Carpentier and Downfall of Firpo Among Important Changes.

(Associatd Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Despite a record-breaking amount of activity, marked by no little color, the 1924 boxing campaign passes into history with few dominant developments or sensational results.

G. Carpentier

Lacking any high spot comparable with the memorable Dempsey Firpo battle of 1923, the season was noteworthy chiefly for a final and unsuccessful invasion of America by Georges Carpentier, the downfall of Luis Angel Firpo from the ranks of heavyweight title contenders, and the passing of two veteran champions. Another important development was approval of a new law permitting 12-round bouts in California in 1925 and forecasting a big ring revival on the coast.


Harry Greb

Harry Greb's middleweight title was in little jeopardy during the year while Pancho Villa flyweight title-holder left for his native Philippines after failing to go through with a match with his closest rival, Frankie Genaro. Villa claimed an injury prevented his fighting, but the boxing commision was dissatisfied with this explanation and suspended him. Greb's victories included one over Johnny Wilson, former champion, while Villa disposed of Frankie Ash, British flyweight.

F. Genaro

With the memory of his spectacular fight against Dempsey still fresh in the minds of ring followers, Firpo returned from Argentina for another campaign but it proved a dismal failure. The big South American, obviously not in the best of condition and affected by legal entanglements in which he had become involved, was outclassed by Harry Wills, giant negro, in a bout at Boyle's Thirty Acres, and then suffered a crowning setback when he was defeated by Charley Weinert, who had been an easy victim for the "Wild Bull" in 1923.

Joe Lynch

Only one world's title change took place in the ring and that occurred when Abe Attel Goldstein dethroned Joe Lynch as bantamweight titleholder in a colorless 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden that set a colorless champion upon the 118-pound throne.

These defeats were looked upon as eliminating Firpo from the front rank of Dempsey's challengers, but the Argentinian may attempt another comeback.

Wills stood out again at the end of the season as the chief heavyweight contender but his victory over Firpo failed to increase the negro's prestige and the prospect that he will gain a long-sought match with Dempsey still is the ring's principal uncertainty.

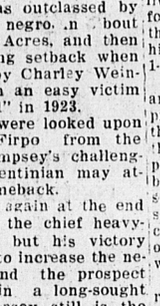
Jack Renault, hard-hitting Canadian, has been regarded as a formidable Dempsey rival, but recently his stock slumped when he unexpectedly met defeat in Boston at the hands of Quintin Romero, Chilean, who had failed to impress in any of his previous bouts.

The year failed to uncover much promising new material in any division. The few exceptions were chiefly in the featherweight ranks, where Dundee's retirement stimulated activity, while Sid Terris, flashy New Yorker, developed into a formidable lightweight contender. Paul Berlenbach, Jimmy Slattery and Stribling added color and interest to light heavy ranks.

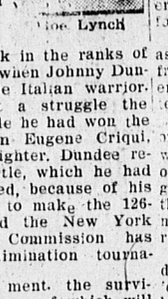
Stribling

Foreign talent continued to invade American rings but met with scant success. Discarding Firpo and Romero, South America's chief threat was Luis Vicentini, hard-hitting Chilean lightweight, who performed impressively at times but in recent months met defeat against Jack Bernstein and Terris. Panama sent a formidable feather contender in Jose Lombardo.

Besides Carpentier, France had another entry in Charley Ledoux, veteran bantamweight, but neither was successful. Carpentier lost spectacular fights to Gene Tunney, American light heavyweight champion and Tom Gibbons. Ledoux was beaten decisively by Goldstein.


Gene Tunney

Erminio Spalla, the European heavyweight champio came to the United States after being knocked out in the Argentine by Firpo but was defeated by Tunney. Gibbons crossed to England for an international bout in which he knocked out Jack Bloomfield.


M. McTigue

The other break in the ranks of champions came when Johnny Dundee, durable little Italian warrior, forfeited without a struggle the featherweight title he had won the year before from Eugene Criqui, gallant French fighter. Dundee relinquished the title, which he had not once defended, because of his inability further to make the 126-pound limit, and the New York State Athletic Commission has launched an elimination tournament, the survivor of which will be recognized by that body as the new feather champion. It seems likely that the result of this procedure also will be universally accepted, thus shattering pugilistic precedent and upsetting the old theory that a champion can lose hs crown only in the ring.

J. Dundee

Dundee was shorn completely of titles when he lost to Kid Sullivan, the junior lightweight, or 130-pound championship, a division, however, which is not generally recognized.

Starting out with prospects of an unusual amount of title activity, the year fell far short of expectations in this respect for a variety of reasons. The failure of Jack Dempsey heavyweight king, to defend his crown no doubt had its effect on the rest of the ranks, while suspensions by ring authorities, eleventh hour mishaps, and a disinclination on the part of several champions to risk their crowns were other factors to bring about a dearth of championship activity.

Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, defended his crown once by defeating Pal Moran at Cleveland but in this bout injured his hands to such an extent that he was forced to call off a scheduled battle with Mickey Walker, the welterweight champion. Walker, bandicapped by incurring the displeasure of New York ring solons for refusing to accept a challenge from Dave Shade, nevertheless was one of the most active champions and has an unusual opportunity in prospect early in the new year when he fights Mike McTigue, the world's light heavyweight champion.

McTigue, early this year, had a close call against his schoolboy rival, Young Stribling, who nearly scored a knockout over the champion in a no-decision bout at Newark, N. J.

LABOR

There is dignity in labor—death lurks in idleness. Moral and physical rot is the lot ofthose who "toil not neither do they spin." The brilliant sage of East Aurora said that life was complete in Labor, Love, and Laughter, and, as was often the case, he struck a fundamental truth in his pithy, inimitable way.

ABBIES WILL TAPER OFF TO-NIGHT

The Abegweit sextette will taper off tonight at the Arena in preparation for their initial tussel of the season, when hey meet the Dalhousie aggregation Wednesday night. Hockey will commence at 6:45. What is meant by hockey, is that the following teams will line up against each other in a real hockey battle de luxe:

Goal	
Dougan	Kielly
Defence	
Kelly	Dewar
Campbell	Craig
Centre	
Cox	Rodd
Right Wing	
Bradley	Cronin
Left Wing	
E. Prowse	Gordon
Subs	
Ryan	Ellsworth
Saunders	Dalton

The above named hockeyists are asked to be at the Arena in plenty time for the whistle at 6:45.

Jimmy King is Knocked Out By McTigue in 4th

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 28.—Mike McTigue, who holds the world's light-heavyweight championship tonight won a technical knockout over Jimmy King, New Orleans in the fourth round of a ten round bout here.

In the semi-final of 12 rounds, Jack Delaney of Bridgeport, Conn., played with Pal Reed, of Boston, and captured the decision, although the crowd railed at the conquerer of Berlenbach for his failure to deliver the finishing blow. Reed fought gamely but could not equal the speed or meet the left jabs of his adversary. Each weighed 163 1-2.

Estridge, heralded as the best among the negro middleweights proved a dismal failure, being on the run and out-classed throughout the five minutes of fighting which preceded the knockout. Berlenbach hurled rights and lefts at the start but they failed and lefts at start but they failed to and because his opponent was continually on the move, contending himself with a feeble jab.

After two minutes of the second round the negro went down under a volley to the head from both hands. He arose at eight but was unable to continue and the referee stepped between them.

Department of Public Works

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Bells bridge, near Stanley, 200 feet.

Paynters bridge, near Clifton, 520 feet.

McLeod's Mill bridge, head of Montague, 240 feet.

McIntyre's bridge, Savage Harbor, 400 feet.

The ferry wharf at Lower Montague and the wharf at Fortune suffered severely by the storm of October '23, and it was found necessary to rebuild them almost entirely. This entailed heavy expenditure, and the reconstruction work carried on has been the more appreciated by the people of this part of the country for the reason that the wharves had been in bad shape for a good many years past. Considerable repair and rebuilding was also done on the wharf at Poplar Point.

The Aboiteau bridges at Tryon River and Mount Stewart underwent extensive repairs. In both cases the dumps, which act as dams to hold back the tide, had developed leaks and considerable difficulty was experienced in overcoming these defects.

HIGHWAY PROJECTS

At the beginning of this season, which marked the end of the five year period originally set by the Canada Highway Act for Federal assistance, it was found that one-third of the grant was still unearned. Fortunately, the period for earning this was extended by two years, and a program was prepared that would enable the Province to take up more than half the balance during the current season. Twelve new projects totalling 115 miles were undertake nin addition to the completing of 125 mils left from former projects. This work consisted of clearing, grubbing, widening, and grading 240 miles of road requiring the removal of approximately 400,000 cubic yards of earth, the building of 125 concrete culverts with a span varying from 4 to 20 feet, and the placing of 400 culverts of corrugated steel pipe from 2 to 3 feet diameter.

The expenditure incurred in this work exceeded $350,000 and the program laid out has been carried through almost to completion. At the end of this season nearly 700 miles of the 850 mile program originally laid down was completed, and it would seem possible to easily earn the balance of the Federal allotment and complete the program next year.

The following new projects were undertaken this year:

Alberton to Tignish, 14 miles.
Wellington to Mt. Carmel, 5 miles.
Tryon Road, from Crapaud to Searletown, 17 miles.
Crapaud to Bradalbane, 9 miles.
Glasgow Road, from New Glasgow to Milton, 10 miles.
Souris Line Road, 7 miles.
Peakes-Martinvale Road, 15 miles.
Sturgeon Road from Lower Montague to Murray Harbor North 9 miles.
48 Road from Bunbury to Monaghan road, 10 miles.
Stanley to Emerald, 9 miles.
Cardigan to Launching, 11 miles.

All of these projects were fully completed excepting a section of the Souris Line Road.

On the following old propects much work was done during the season:

Hunter River to Clifton.
Kensington to Malpeque.
Bloomfield to Miminegash
Rollo Bay to McMahan's Bridge.
St. Peters to Elmira.
Murray River to Murray Harbor South.
Hillsboro Bridge to Orwell.
Bloomfield to Tignish.
Alberton to Portage.
West Devon to West Point.
Western Road to Tyne Valley.
Wellington to St. Chrystothem.
Hunter River to Kensington.
Crapaud to Brookfield.
Glasgow Mills to Oyster Bed.
Central Bedeque to Rose Valley.
Rocky Point to Long Creek.
Brackley Point Road.
Fort Augustus to Pisquid.
Orwell to County Line.
Vernon River to Grand View.
Mt. Stewart to Cardigan.
Kinross to Montogue.
Caledonia to Lower Montague.
Murray River to Murray Harbor North.
Rollo Bay to Annandale.

These projects were laid out by the late Government as a pragram for the year 1923, but owing to all work being stopped in July of that year the bulk of the work on them was carried into the 1924 season making an extensely heavy programme for this year.

Much credit is due to the staff both clerical and engineering for the efficient carrying on of all this work, especially in view of the fact that it was done with an engineering force little more than half the number employed in previous years, and no addition to the office force. The minister of Public Works feels that each and every member of the Departmental organization, gave loyal and at times very strenuous effort to their respective duties, thereby contributing largely to the splendid results of the years work.

National Hockey League Results

(Special to The Guardian)

The following is the results of games played Saturday night in the National Hockey League:

At Toronto—St. Pats 3; Ottawa 4.

At Montreal—Canadiens 1; Montreal 1.

Minard's Liniment for Colds.

COUPLE OF GREYHOUNDS

"FLAT" WALSH

Goalkeeper for the Soo Greyhounds, present Allan Cup holders, who were more outlucked than outplayed in the Sportsman's Patriotic Association game played with the Peterborough Senior team, which the latter won 3-2. Both teams played championship hockey during the game which took 20 minutes overtime to decide.

"STAN" BROWN

Plays defence for the Soo Greyhounds of Sault Ste. Marie, winners of the Allan Cup last year. "Stan" made a name for himself when he played for the University of Toronto. He is regarded as one of the best defence men in the game.

Happenings Of The Day At The "Y"

10 till 12—Special classes.
3 till 5—Students.
5 till 6.15—Business men.
BOWLING:
7 p.m.—City League.
8.30 p.m.—Rebecca League.
GAMES:
Billiard and checker tournament for juniors.
9 a.m. till 10 p.m.— GENERAL Reading room, showers, billiards and bowling.

GOOD BOWLING

The highest string of five games rolled so far on these alleys was shattered into oblivion Saturday night when Mr. Herrman Ebers rolled a remarkable string which totalled as above. Individually the score reads—267, 281, 307, 240 and 227.

SING-SONG AT THE "Y"

At ten o'clock the Juniors despite the exceedingly cold weather turned out in a fair number for their service, after which all went to their respective churches.

SENIORS

The usual after church service was held for the grown ups which was well attended. Rev. Mr. Ryan gave an excellent ten minute address which was very interesting to all. Two special numbers added greatly to the success of the evening. Mr. Winston Laugille kindly acted as accompaniest.

Thanks are due to all who assisted with the program.

Firpo is Anxious For Another Bout

Luis Firpo.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Luis Firpo, who is yearning for another chance at Jack Dempsey's crown, expects to be matched with either Tom Gibbons or Jack Renault for a fight at Madison Square Garden in April, he told the French sports writers upon his arrival here.

Questioned about Quintin Romero-Rojas, who was recently given the South American heavyweight title because of Firpo's failure to meet him, the Argentine said his rival was "a third rater."

"It amuses me when the South American Boxing Commission, which is hardly an official body, gave him the title champion of South America," Firpo added. "If he uses the title in Buenos Aires everybody will laugh at him.

"The fight which left me the most regrets," he told the sporting paper L'Auto, "was the one with Dempsey. Just think—I knocked him out of the ring in the first round, which he finished groggy and you might almost say he was saved by the gong. Alas, in the second he came up as fresh as ever, and I lost.

"If I meet him again—and I have every reason to believe I shall do so in 1926, if I beat Gibbons—I hope to have better luck, although Dempsey is a terrible opponent."

ISLAND PUCK CHASER DUE HOME TONIGHT

Jack McEachern, fast centre with the Sons of Ireland, Quebec and formerly with the Abegweits, will arrive home tonight on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McEachern. "Wack's" many friends in this city will be right glad to shake the ol' mitt and again welcome him back to the Island of puck chasers, even if it is only for a few days.

It is not known definitely whether Roy Prowse (another former Abegweit with the Sons) will accompany McEachern.

DEFENCE

LIONEL HITCHMAN

Is numbered among the well-known professional hockey players in Canada. "Hitch" plays defence for the Ottawa Senators.

CENTRE

LLOYD (SHRIMP) ANDREWS

Plays centre for St. Patrick's professional hockey team of Toronto. The St. Pat's former owners found Andrews playing hockey in Niagara Falls with an intermediate team and decided he could make good in professional company which he has done.

VICS LOSE TO SONS OF IRELAND 3-1

(Special to The Guardian)

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—The Sons of Ireland last year's champions of the E. A. H. L. successfully maintained their reputation here Saturday night by trouncing the fast and highly touted Montreal Victorians by a score of 3 to 1.

The game was one of the most thrilling amateur hockey fixtures played here in years, the killing pace which was held throughout by both teams, playing havoc with the players.

CURLERS

A banquet will be held tonight at 6 p. m. sharp for all Curlers and their friends. The idea of this banquet is to get together and organize the games, etc. for the coming season.

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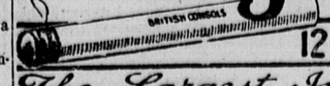

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