

SPORTS

LEWIS THROWS STECHEER TWICE

"Strangler" Wins First And Third Falls, Proving Right To Title

INS Special Correspondent
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 21.—Ed Strangler Lewis is the undisputed heavyweight wrestling champion of the world today. He proved his right to that title here last night when he pinned Joe Stecher two in three falls before a crowd of better than 10,000 people.

The first fall went to Lewis in 2 hours and 16 minutes, a combination of bar arm, head chancery and cross body. The second went to Joe Stecher in 56 seconds, the result of a double wrist lock, and the third and deciding fall was won by Lewis, a double wrist lock on the left arm with Lewis throwing his full weight on his opponent. This one came in fourteen minutes.

The body scissors hold, which brought down "unbroken colts" and won for Joe Stecher a title place in the wrestling world, failed for him last night and he crumbled under the terrific punishment of Lewis. The stranger at the close of the match made the public announcement that

he did not win the championship, but defended it.

Both Lewis and Stecher laid claim to the title, and last night's match brought to the close a seven year feud. It was the tenth battle between these men.

Except in the second fall which was a big surprise to Lewis as it was to the spectators, Lewis was the complete master of the situation throughout the wrestling.

The strange part of the whole battle is that neither Lewis' famous headlock or Stecher's body scissors, played any important part in the struggle. Lewis took some four or five headlocks from the front and from a standing position, but they availed nothing. Stecher never once availed himself of that grip that pinned many a heavyweight.

PUBLIC GULLIBLE SAYS GIRL CROOK

Gary, Ind., Feb. 21.—(UP)—Still puzzled as to how she had fooled the public for so long without being caught, Clara Louise Vestal, 26, of Marion, O. was to be arraigned on forgery charges in Gary's municipal court today.

"It really is surprising how gullible the public is," Miss Vestal told detectives after her arrest. Clerks never questioned me and always seemed to believe me when told I was Mrs. This or That."

The woman was taken into custody at Hotel Gary last week as she was preparing to leave the city.

Later, she confessed to forging six checks for \$66 in six down town Gary stores.

"I realize that I shouldn't forge checks, but I don't know why I can't get away from it," she said, when questioned. "I have served 14 months in the San Quentin, Calif. woman's prison for the same offense, yet I don't seem to be able to resist the temptation to forge more."

Miss Vestal admitted that she had plenty without forging.

"I didn't have to forge checks to get clothes or anything. I always had anything I wanted. There must be something fascinating and luring about pushing bad checks," she continued. "It's rather easy business too, because I never had any difficulty. The public seemed so easy to cater to my matter-of-fact attitude."

Miss Vestal said this was the third time she had been caught.

"I served the term in San Quentin for forgeries in Oakland, Calif., and that I stayed in the Columbus, O. city prison for six months until checks I forged there were made good by my parents," she said.

Admitting that she was sorry, the woman said she hoped the third time would be the charm—a cure for her mania for forging checks.

BERNE NEWS

Mrs. Leslie Stucky has been very ill with tonsillitis, since Tuesday.

Mrs. Berhardt Lehman and son, Frederick, were business callers at Fort Wayne Monday.

Jess A. Michaud left Friday morning for Lima, Ohio, where he attended to business matters Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Calvin Sprunger and daughter Jeanette spent Thursday at Monroe with her sister, Mrs. Homer Winter, egg and family.

Jeff Leichty and Ben Smith, salesmen for A. J. Moser and Company, attended the automobile show at Indianapolis on Wednesday.

Joseph D. Winterregg, cashier of the Bank of Berne, was at Decatur, Friday transacting business.

Rev. Menno Amstutz of Pettisville, Ohio, was here Thursday afternoon, visiting his father, John J. Amstutz, who has been very ill for some time.

Clarence Sprunger, of the Jefferson Garage, Richard Briggs of Geneva, Irvin Lehman, Alva Kinaker, and Palmer Zuercher returned home Thursday night from Flint Michigan, with new Chevrolet cars.

Miss Helen Atz, who teaches the fourth grade in the Berne schools, spent the week-end near Geneva at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Atz and family.

Rev. Leightner, principle of the Fort Wayne Bible Training School occupied the pulpit of the Evangelical church Sunday morning, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Arndt, who is holding meetings at Rochester.

Andrew Biberstein, who has been convalescing at the Wells county hospital from injuries received in an automobile accident two weeks ago, was removed to the home of his brother, Edward, in Bluffton, Thursday.

The Misses Peggy and Dorothy Isch spent Thursday evening with their brother, Harold at the Wells county hospital at Bluffton, where he is recuperating from a broken ankle received a week ago Thursday and from an operation for appendicitis performed on him last Saturday.

A birthday supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Allspaw and a granddaughter, little Emma Lou Riesen. Those who participated in the family gathering are: Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Allspaw, and sons Robert, Paul and Earl. Miss Florence Emick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Diesen and daughters Mary Ellen and Emma Lou Mr. and Mrs. Normal Allspaw and sons Rex and Donald.

Engene Runyon, of Decatur, was a business caller in Berne Thursday afternoon.

Noah Luginbill has been sick for the past few days, but was able to return to his duties as clerk at Sprunger, Lehman and Co., Friday.

Rev. P. R. Schroeder attended a Presbyterian conference at Fort Wayne Friday and attended to business matters.

Clinton Bierle went to Fort Wayne Friday to buy a new supply of barber paraphernalia. All his former barber tools were destroyed in the fire, Thursday.

Howard and Orlando Lehman were at Fort Wayne Thursday night to hear Paul Rader, who spoke at the Shrine Auditorium.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ebnit, who was operated on a few weeks ago, and brought to her home here from the Adams county memorial hospital, is getting better although she is unable to be lifted from her bed.

Miss Bernice Masters, of Pleasant Mills, who is a teacher in the local schools, and Oscar Yost, spent the week-end with their friend Price Bennett at Fort Wayne.

J. F. Lehman returned home from Chicago, Thursday evening, where he had attended the annual meeting of the executive committee of the International Council of Religious Education, of which he is a member.

Miss Rachel Eicher returned to her home at Sturgis, Michigan Friday afternoon, after visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Neuenschwander and family for two weeks. Miss Eicher is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eicher, who formerly lived here.

Oaron Yoder, of Wayne county, O. Mrs. Fanny Yoder, Mrs. Amos Roth and Bennie Roth of Archbold, Ohio, returned to their homes last Sunday, after spending the week visiting with Mrs. Emma Nichols, Mrs. Joe Rich, Joshua Yoder and other relatives in this community.

Vilas Lehman, of Orville, Ohio, arrived here Friday to spend a few weeks visiting relatives and friends here.

Noah Schindler is unable to be at his work on account of sickness.

L. L. Yager and the Rev. C. W. H. Sauerwein were at Decatur, Friday morning on business.

Officer Amos Neuenschwander, who is a patient at the Hossman Hospital here, since his operation for hernia, is getting along very nicely.

A birthday surprise for Mrs. Jonas Sprunger was held in her honor Thursday afternoon in the form of a quilting bee at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Gilliom. Those present besides her parents were Mrs. Dan Winterregg, Mrs. William Rawley, Mrs. A. A. Lehman, Mrs. Jeff Leichty, Mrs. O. F. Gilliom, Mrs. Jonas Sprunger, and children, Mrs. Clifton Gilliom and sons, Mrs. Tilman Fluckiger and son.

Senator T. A. Gottschalk returned home from Chicago, Saturday morning where he had attended the Power Show for the past few days.

SPORTSMATTER

BY FRANK GETTY
UNITED PRESS SPORTS EDITOR

A sensible solution to the difficulty of finding a logical opponent for Gene Tunney would be to have the champion fight each of the contenders.

One fight a month should keep the heavyweight titleholder in condition and funds.

There is nothing silly about the suggestion. In the old days, Tunney would have had to do that very thing, or he wouldn't have been recognized as champion. Any fighter who could get the necessary backing could challenge for the title, and the champion either fought or was branded as afraid.

Nowadays, a champion laughs when he is accused of being afraid. He knows the public will overlook his running away from dangerous opponents if he provides the glamor of a title fight with a "set-up."

Take Gene Tunney's case. Would he fight George Godfrey, for example? Certainly not. Moreover, he would have no shame in evading a match with the negro. And he would go somewhere and fight Jack Dempsey, the easiest kind of a push-over for him, a third time. And then talk over the radio about uplifting the sport of boxing and about what it can do for the youth today.

It is fortunate that the youth of today is too busy to develop perception.

There are six prominent contenders for Tunney's title: Godfrey, Paulino Uzcudun, Jack Sharkey, Jack Delaney, Tom Heeney and Johnny Risko.

Instead of trying to figure out which of the lot can help earn him \$1,900,000 for 30 minutes' work, what would be more reasonable than for Gene himself to decide which of the challengers he would like to fight first, and proceed to do so? Then, if still champion, he could take on the next one, and so on, down the line, until the name of Tunney became a by-word for the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and not for that of a rather bored student of Shakespeare.

There is, of course, an essential difference between a champion of today and yesterday. In by-gone days, a man was a fighter, and chose to storm and swagger through the speak louds of his period. Nowadays, why is a heavyweight champion? Perhaps my occasional correspondent, Mr. J. Carupa, of Harrisburg, Pa., can furnish the answer.

With these few unkind words anent Gene Tunney's good intentions, I must now go on record as being firmly convinced that the heavyweight champion could go through with a program of one fight a month against his more dangerous challengers and whip them all with comparative ease.

Tunney would knock Godfrey's head

Sage Tea Dandy to Darken Hair

By DOROTHY LANG

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