

SHELBY IS CROWDED FOR FIGHT

Champion and Challenger Both Confident of Success in World's Heavyweight Title Bout—Dempsey Has Advantage.

JIMMY DOUGHERTY OF PHILADELPHIA IS REFEREE

Gibbons Declares He Has Plan of Attack Firmly in Mind—Kearn's Chance for Balance of \$300,000 Looks Slim.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
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SHELBY, Mont., July 4.—In the big white saucer out on the Montana plains, Jack Dempsey this afternoon answers another challenge for his world's heavyweight crown.

At daybreak, this little cow town swelled to a hundred times its population, besieged the big arena with its 40,000 seating capacity to see what Dempsey is going to do with his latest competitor, Tommy Gibbons, the Irish lad from St. Paul.

In a circus setting—hotel tents, hot dog vendors, concessionaries, pen-pants, flags, milling, excited crowds—the pre-flight scene was set. Over at Great Falls, Jack Dempsey arose early and parked himself in the splendor of the private car which is bringing him from his training camp.

About half a mile out from the dirt streets Tommy Gibbons rolled out of bed and busied himself doing nothing while he waited for the tap of a little iron bell which is to send him into the ring that will make or break him. For three years he has been waiting for this chance and now he is confident he will be successful.

It will be a wide-open fight.

Rules Agreed Upon
Jack Kearns and Eddie Kane, managers of the two heavyweights, met with the Shelby boxing commission and agreed upon a set of rules that will permit either one of the fighters to hit any time anywhere above the belt.

The rabbit punch, the kidney punch and other questionable blows will be permitted.

This gives the rugged Dempsey a decided advantage because he always does his most effective doing in the clinches and at close quarters.

Upon insistence of Eddie Kane, builders of the arena changed the ring and made it twenty-one feet inside the ropes, instead of eighteen feet. This will give Tommy more (Continued on Page 2)

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW BIG GAINS

\$500,000 Increase Made Over Last Year's Figures.

Gain of 14.61 per cent of Postal revenue at the Indianapolis postoffice for the fiscal year ending June 30 over the receipts for the same period last year, was recorded at the close of this year's business, according to Robert G. Bryson, postmaster.

The total gain over the previous year was nearly \$500,000. The biggest receipts were recorded the six months of this year.

December failed to be the biggest month of the fiscal year despite the Christmas rush. The receipts for December last year amounted to \$334,755.77. March of the present year surpassed it by \$2,000.

CITY TO ATTACK RATES

Groninger Says He Will Take Offensive in Water Case.

The city will not only resist the proposed water rate increase in the hearing before the public service commission July 18, but also will attack some of the existing rates, Corporation Counsel Taylor E. Groninger said today.

Groninger spoke Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Mapleton Civic Association. The association authorized President George W. Beaman to appoint not less than ten members to represent it at the hearing.

GET FIGHT NEWS IN AIR

Miller and Upson Have Radio-Equipped Balloons.

Capt. Lester T. Miller and Ralph Upson, two of the air pilots who take off in the national balloon race this afternoon about the time the Dempsey-Gibbons fight starts in Shelby, Mont., will not have to wait until they land to hear the results.

The balloons carry radio sets so that they will receive the news round by round with all the slights, igoes, New York sport writer, will send a running story by wire from the ring-side to Schenectady, N. Y., where it will be broadcast by WGY, the General Electric Company's radio station.

Pink Will Tell Fight Results

Will Tommy Gibbons wrest the heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey today or will the champion continue on his throne?
The Indianapolis Times pink edition to be published this afternoon will carry a graphic account of the battle. It will be on the streets immediately after the result at Shelby, Mont.
The pink will also carry accounts of the local balloon races, auto races, baseball and racing results.
It will be complete.

PRIVATE COMPANY JOINS IN SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

Times Story Brings Clues to Whereabouts of Frances Webb.

Twenty-seven days have passed since Frances Vinnie Webb, 16, of 420 N. Emerson Ave., disappeared. An appeal by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Len S. Webb, through The Times Tuesday, began to bring results today.

Some important clues have been obtained, and these are being investigated by detectives. The mother of the girl was much encouraged when told of the clues and expressed a feeling that through the help of the public her daughter would be returned.

Insurance Company Helps

Leo L. Black, agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, today offered the service of eighty-five field agents in searching for Miss Webb. These men visit homes in Indianapolis and suburban cities and each will be given cards with a picture and description of the missing girl.

Black said that if Miss Webb is not found in a few days the cards will be sent to agents of the Prudential Life Insurance Company in every part of the United States.

Girl in Red Auto

One of the most important clues was furnished by Mrs. John Kent, 1819 E. Thirty-Third St. She told Webb she had seen a girl answering the description of her daughter.

Mrs. Kent told a startling story. She had gone in an automobile to Fifty-Second St. east of College Ave. to put "for sale" signs on some property she owns, one morning in the second week in June, shortly after Miss Webb disappeared. Mrs. Kent told Webb the girl was asleep in a large red automobile. Three roughly dressed men were in the car. When Mrs. Kent's car approached the red car was driven away rapidly.

Strange Telephone Call

Webb stated he received a telephone call telling him that a week ago a girl answering the description of Frances went to the home of Theodore S. Saylor, 2705 N. Gale St., and requested to use a telephone. She called up some one living in Denny St., and then requested the persons present at the Saylor home not to say anything about her using the telephone. The girl then left the Saylor St. house and has not been seen since.

Harry Jesse, a newspaper man, reported to Webb he had on several occasions seen a girl answering the description of Miss Webb, in the 1300 block in Udel St.

ACCIDENT BLAMED ON LOOSE BRAKES

City Truck Injures Five at Playground.

Defective brakes today were blamed for an accident which resulted in injury of five children at the newly opened Finch playground, Spann and Fletcher Aves., late Tuesday. A city truck backed into and overturned a slide on which the children were playing.

Edwin Martin, employee of the city recreation department, admitted, according to police who tested the brakes, that they were loose and that he had reported the condition to the recreation department.

The only one of the children whose injuries were serious was Murry Hollingsworth, Jr., 6, of 1528 Spann Ave., whose left hip was broken. Others injured were Jack Hollingsworth, 7, brother of Murry; Helen Alice Snell, 3, and Maxine Snell, 5, of 1706 Fletcher Ave., and Joseph Kafader, 5, of 1804 Spann Ave.

Glorious Birthday Greetings!



UNCLE SAM is 147 years old this Fourth of July, dating from the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. In those 147 years the red-white-and-blue orators have said about everything possible on the subject.

But as the years slip by the fact that stands forth most indelibly about the Glorious Fourth is that the men who engineered the Declaration of Independence and later framed the Constitution which, with the Ten Commandments, is the basis of our laws, had remarkably far-sighted vision.

Lawyers frequently comment that it is almost uncanny how the Constitution makers were able to see into the future and anticipate so many phases of modern life. The things they overlooked were relatively few, and probably they didn't overlook at all, the "over-looking" being in the way their followers have interpreted the original. Amendments can correct anything the framers overlooked.

The Declaration of Independence was the father of the Constitution of the United States. We began getting our independence back on July 4, 1776. The job isn't finished yet. For one thing, we have free speech—except when it is needed most.

But you cast your mind's eye out over the troubled world and you wouldn't trade places with the people of any other country.

Fourth of July has changed a lot in the way we observe it. Fireworks have been banned in most communities. That saves many lives. It indicates that in at least this one way we're becoming more sensible.

Wouldn't you like to come back 147 years from now, in the year 2070, and see what's doing on the Fourth in Indianapolis?

AIR RACE ON DESPITE RAIN

National Balloon Contest Starts at Speedway at 4 p. m.

The Army balloon piloted by Lieut. James B. Parker was ripped three feet near the top today when Parker's foot went through it as he climbed to straighten a wrinkle caused by the rain.

The bag was being repaired. It will get into the race. Gates opened at 8 a. m. today at the Speedway for the national balloon race, in which fourteen balloons will vie for endurance and distance records when they take off late this afternoon.

Cloudy skies and rain held no terrors for spectators or pilots. Special features were arranged to entertain the crowds until start of the race. The balloons probably will take off with a wind of about twelve miles an hour, which will send them to the northeast, according to forecasts of the local weather bureau.

As the gas bags rise the velocity will increase to twenty miles or more an hour, it was said, and the direction will become more easterly. At 4 p. m. the balloons will take off, ascending at five-minute intervals. Drawings for starting positions were held late Tuesday under direction of Blaine McGrath, Chamber of Commerce promoter for the race.

LEGION OFFICIAL RETURNS

Dr. Carlton B. McCulloch Expected From Europe Today.

Dr. Carlton B. McCulloch is expected to return this evening from a six-week mission to France for the American Legion. He carried greetings from national Legion headquarters to many French national officials, cities and veterans' organizations. His experiences will be related in several meetings being arranged.

ROST LEASE ANNOUNCED

Jewelry Company Consummates Ten-Year occupancy Terms.

Officials of the Rost Jewelry Company, 25 N. Illinois St., today announced a ten-year lease on property at 27 N. Illinois St.

A shoe repairing shop now occupies part of the building, its lease expiring in January, 1925. As soon as the building is available, remodeling and expansion will begin. The jewelry store is thirty-seven years old.

KU-KLUX STONED ON CARS

One Man Slugged at Terminal Station—Rock Hurlled Through Interurban Carrying Klansmen Before Police Disperse Gathering.

JEERS AND HOOTS GREET VISITORS DURING NIGHT

Local Members Leave for Gigantic Kokomo Gathering—200,000 Expected at All-Day Program—Speech Scheduled on Constitution.

A rock was thrown through the window of a special interurban car carrying members of the Ku-Klux Klan through this city to a tri-state celebration at Kokomo early today. One man was slugged.

Police were called from headquarters to disperse persons said to have threatened members of the Klan at the Terminal Station and at Ohio St. and Capitol Ave.

Preston Knight, 512 N. Illinois St., called police to the Terminal station at 1 a. m. Knight is a waiter in the dairy lunch room in the station. He told Motor Police Bernauer and Gooch that a special interurban car of Klansmen had arrived at the station and some of the men from the car went to the lunch room. A crowd of young men gathered on the outside, and hissed the men on the inside of the cafe, and invited them to come out. The travelers paid no attention to the crowd.

Assault Not Seen
Knight was standing near the front door of the cafe after the travelers had returned to the interurban car. Suddenly Knight was struck. He did not see the man who hit him. Sergeant Hett and squad of police dispersed the crowd.

A second call was received by the police at 3:30 a. m. Myron Milander of the St. Denis Hotel told Motor Police Gooch and Bernauer an interurban car of Ku-Klux Klan members en route to Kokomo was going north on Capitol Ave. When the interurban car reached Wabash St. a man threw a rock through the rear of the car. The car had continued on its way before police arrived. Police dispersed a crowd that had gathered at Capitol Ave. and Ohio St. and another crowd at the Terminal Station.

Crowds left the city early today for Kokomo. The meeting began at 10 a. m. A special train over the L. E. & W. Railroad left at 7 a. m. and a special interurban car began leaving at 6 a. m. Most of the pilgrims departed in automobiles.

National Officers Talk
National officers of the organization were scheduled to speak. Local Klan officials said preparations for a crowd of 200,000 from Indianapolis and neighboring States, with members of the women's auxiliary, have been made.

The grand dragon of Indiana, known as "The Old Man," was first on the speakers' list. He spoke on "Back to the Constitution." Charters will be issued to ninety-three klans, representing 400,000 Klansmen, according to Milton Elrod, editor of the Flurry Cross. A gigantic cross will be illuminated in the evening, Elrod said.

A band concert will be given from 2 to 5 p. m. at Riverside Amusement Park. Daylight fireworks at 3:30 p. m., a balloon ascension, and five parachute drops at 5:30 p. m., and fireworks at 10:30 p. m., are other features of the program there.

At Broad Ripple Park, swimming contests, band concerts and fireworks were scheduled.

A Knights of Columbus picnic will be held at Fairview. The Indianapolis caledonian Club held a picnic at Orchard Acres, north of Broad Ripple.

EXPLOSION MAY COST BOY'S SIGHT

Explosion Results When Lad Tinkers With Chemicals.

As the result of experimenting with chemicals to bring about an exploding solution, Ernest Quick, 14, son of Mrs. Ella Quick, 2435 N. Capitol Ave., may lose his sight. He was seriously burned about the face, eyes, head and hands late Tuesday and taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

According to his mother, the boy received a chemical set last Christmas and when she left home on an errand he was tinkering with the outfit. The boy suffered for a period of over thirty minutes without aid after he was burned before he returned and rushed him to the hospital.

POPE AIDS REFUGEES

Pontiff Orders Daily Breaks Served to 800 Greek Children.

By United Press
ROME, July 4.—Pope Pius XI has directed that a sum be appropriated for serving a daily breakfast to 800 sick Greek orthodox children at Constantinople.

They are the remnants of the Asia Minor evacuation, now gathered in filthy refugee camps along the Bosphorus and behind Scutari.

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The price of white mule is away down. Another thing that has made dry law enforcement comparatively successful here is for the close cooperation of all enforcement agencies, officers, City, Federal, county and State officers have been working in closest harmony for several months in contrast with the situation in some cities where the different groups are at

CITY CELEBRATES AS AMUSEMENTS HOLD PUBLIC EYE

Threatening Skies Fail to Dampen Enthusiasm of Holiday Throng.

Firecrackers popped as Indianapolis celebrated the Fourth rain or shine today.

Only picnickers had their enthusiasm dampened by wet weather. The program today was safe and sane. The national balloon race at the Speedway was the big feature. A 100-mile automobile race was scheduled to be run at the Hoosier Speedway.

The State fairground had scheduled another big feature with fireworks display, pushmobile race, dancing pageant, and band music.

Unless rain interferes, the Indianapolis Military Band will play in University Square at 8 p. m. Clay's Military Band will play at 2 p. m. in Douglass Park.

The Marimba Band will be at Garfield Park and the municipal stock company at Brookside Park. All amateur baseball diamonds have been reserved for games. A record number of picnic permits were issued, according to P. Walter Jarvis, superintendent of parks and recreation.

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TITLE FIGHT Weather Fair

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SHELBY, Mont., July 4.—Fair Montana weather—a clear sky, hot sun and very little breeze—dawned for the Dempsey-Gibbons title fight today.

Only a few fleecy clouds lined the horizon. Preparations for the bout have been completed at the arena.

MESSANGER 17 IS LUCKY

Roland Aufderheide Has Narrow Escape in Accident.

Seventeen is a lucky number. Roland Aufderheide, 14, of 982 Indiana Ave., messenger 17, of Postal Telegraph Company, turned his bicycle east across Meridian St. just south of Washington St. today. The bicycle slipped just as a Meridian St. car gained speed.

The boy leaped from his skidding bicycle and was out of danger in an instant. The motorman applied the brakes. The bicycle was caught under the fender of the car. The car crew extricated the bicycle, the boy straightened the handle bars, and said: "I'm not hurt," and rode away.

CHAMPIONS HOLD TITLE

Miss Martha Long and Rudolph Elmore Best Dancers in State.

Miss Martha Long, 547 N. Senate Ave., and Rudolph Elmore, 721 N. Pershing St., today retained their titles at State champion dancers, following a contest held at Mackinac Island, S. Delaware St., Tuesday night.

Two gold medals were awarded the winning couple. Miss Long and Elmore, who first won the title May 10, will defend it again Labor day. The free-style dancing contest was won by Mrs. Mamie McGuffin and Albert Stahlhut, both of Indianapolis, who

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