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Forecast

PARTLY cloudy tonight and
Thursday. Probably thunder
showers. Little change.

TWO CENTS

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—
Kearns' Chance for Balance of \$300,000 Looks Slim.

By HENRY L. FARRELL

United Press Staff Correspondent
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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE INCLUDED ON VETS' PROGRAM

Committee Named for Cadle Tabernacle Arrangements—
Other Plans Made.

Appointment of a special committee to be in charge of the memorial services Sunday afternoon at Cadle Tabernacle, July 15, as a part of the Rainbow Division Veterans' Association convention, was made today by Samuel D. Miller, general chairman of the citizens' committee.

Judge Solon J. Carter is chairman. Other members of the committee are Charles W. Jewett, Clarence Nicholas, Aaron Wolfson, Eph Imman and Bryant W. Gillespie.

Special speakers will be obtained for the memorial service, although Gen. Henri Gouraud, "the Lion of the Aronne," famous French soldier, will be the principal speaker. Others will include Father Francis P. Duffey, who served as the chaplain of the 165th New York Infantry of the Rainbow Division.

The Indianapolis Board of Trade has appropriated \$500 to the entertainment fund of the convention. Other civic organizations are expected to contribute. A. M. Gossbrenner is chairman of the finance committee, and A. L. Riggs, who served as treasurer for the Welcome Home day celebration, is treasurer.

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are planning to entertain any women who may attend the convention. Mrs. Solon J. Carter is president, Mrs. B. F. Whitaker, vice president; Mrs. B. L. Moon, secretary, and Mrs. George Lacey, treasurer of the auxiliary.

Tickets for the boxing show to be given at Washington park Friday night have been placed on sale at the convention headquarters, 1011 Lemcke building. H. E. Cook, secretary announced today. Requests for reduced rates continue to come, indicating a large attendance.

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POSTAL RECEIPTS

SHOW BIG GAINS

\$500,000 Increase Made

Over Last Year's Figures.

Gain of 14.01 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. Bry.

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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.

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

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

..... 66 8 a.m.

68 12 p.m.

67 2 p.m.

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 race, baseball and racing results.

It will be complete.

PRIVATE COMPANY JOINS IN SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

Times Story Brings Clews 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 clews have been obtained, and these are being investigated by detectives. The mother of the girl was much encouraged when told of the clews 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 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 clews was furnished by Mrs. John Kent, 1319 E. Thirty-Third St. She told Webb she had seen a girl answering the description of his 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 and some one living in Denny St. and then inquired if the persons present at the Saylor home not to say anything about her using the telephone. The girl then left the Gale 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 Uddell St.

ACCIDENT BLAMED ON LOOSE BRAKES

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.

International Sept. 23

The three winners of this race will earn the right to represent the United States in the international balloon race at Brussels, Belgium, Sept. 23.

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