

# WELL, NOW FOR DEMPSEY BOUT WITH JOHNSON

### Negro's Return to United States Starts Fight Fans Over Country Talking Title Bout.

By RAY PEARSON

Boxing fans of this country and perhaps other countries as well have something new to interest them, something that they can chew over for the next year or so. It concerns a heavyweight championship bout, contest that may or may not bring the titleholder, Jack Dempsey, into action. It is made possible by the sudden return to the United States of the seven-year fugitive from justice, Jack Johnson, who formerly held the crown and lost it to Jess Willard at Havana.

There are many angles to any proposition that would result in Jack Dempsey and Jack Johnson squaring off in the ring. There are perhaps quite a number of followers of this game who believe that the negro, at present incarcerated in an Illinois jail awaiting the time when he must serve out the year's sentence handed him before he hastily departed from America a bit more than seven years ago, has a chance of defeating Dempsey. But there are a lot more who don't think that Johnson would have a "China-man's chance" against Salt Lake Jack.

**A Few Questions.**  
Even with it quite possible that this fight may never take place there are many things to be considered when one argues over this proposed contest. Here are a few of them: Will Champ Dempsey and Johnson draw the color line and for that reason refuse to box Johnson?

Is there a promoter in the United States who thinks well enough of a contest between Dempsey and Johnson to offer terms that would satisfy both fighters?

Will the boxing fans of the country pay their money to watch a contest between a white and a colored man?

Is Jack Johnson, now 42 years old, still able to get himself in condition for a fight against a man of Dempsey's caliber?

Those are just a few questions that will be argued pro and con for the next year. Taking the first question, whether or not the champion will fight a colored man, it cannot be answered here, because it is a question that Dempsey hasn't answered since he knocked out Jess Willard and became the champion one year ago. The writer does not believe that Dempsey would refuse to fight Johnson or any other black man if he found that public sentiment demanded such a battle.

**Dempsey Might Fight.**

There have been white champions of the past who drew the color line, partly because they were opposed to boxing colored men; but the principal reason behind such refusals was that these titleholders feared the result. With Dempsey it is different, and any one who knows Dempsey will agree that if Dempsey refuses to meet Johnson it will not be because he fears the negro. No champion ever was so strongly imbued with the belief that he can whip every other man, be he white or black, as this same Dempsey. Undoubtedly Dempsey would fight Johnson in a minute if he found out that it was expected of him and if suitable terms were offered.

With that offered as a solution of the first question, one jumps to the second, which concerns the promoters. Will the promoters find there is a demand from the public that would insure a "fat" gate for a battle between Dempsey and Johnson?

**Bout Long Way Off.**  
Since a contest cannot be definitely scheduled until something like a year has passed, because it is quite possible the government will firmly insist that the negro serve the sentence of a year which was imposed on him when he jumped his bond and fled from America. Johnson will then be 43 years old, an age far past that at which fighters are supposed to be able to hold their own in the ring. Now, then, we ask, where do you think the world match Dempsey, who will then be 26 years old, against this 43-year-old negro? That's a tough one, so write your own answer, Mr. Fan.

Few of those who are supposed to know pugilism believe that Johnson could get himself into condition to fight for the championship. The negro says he is better than he ever was, which will be doubted by nearly everybody, for no one believes that Johnson at 43 years could lick Jack Dempsey.

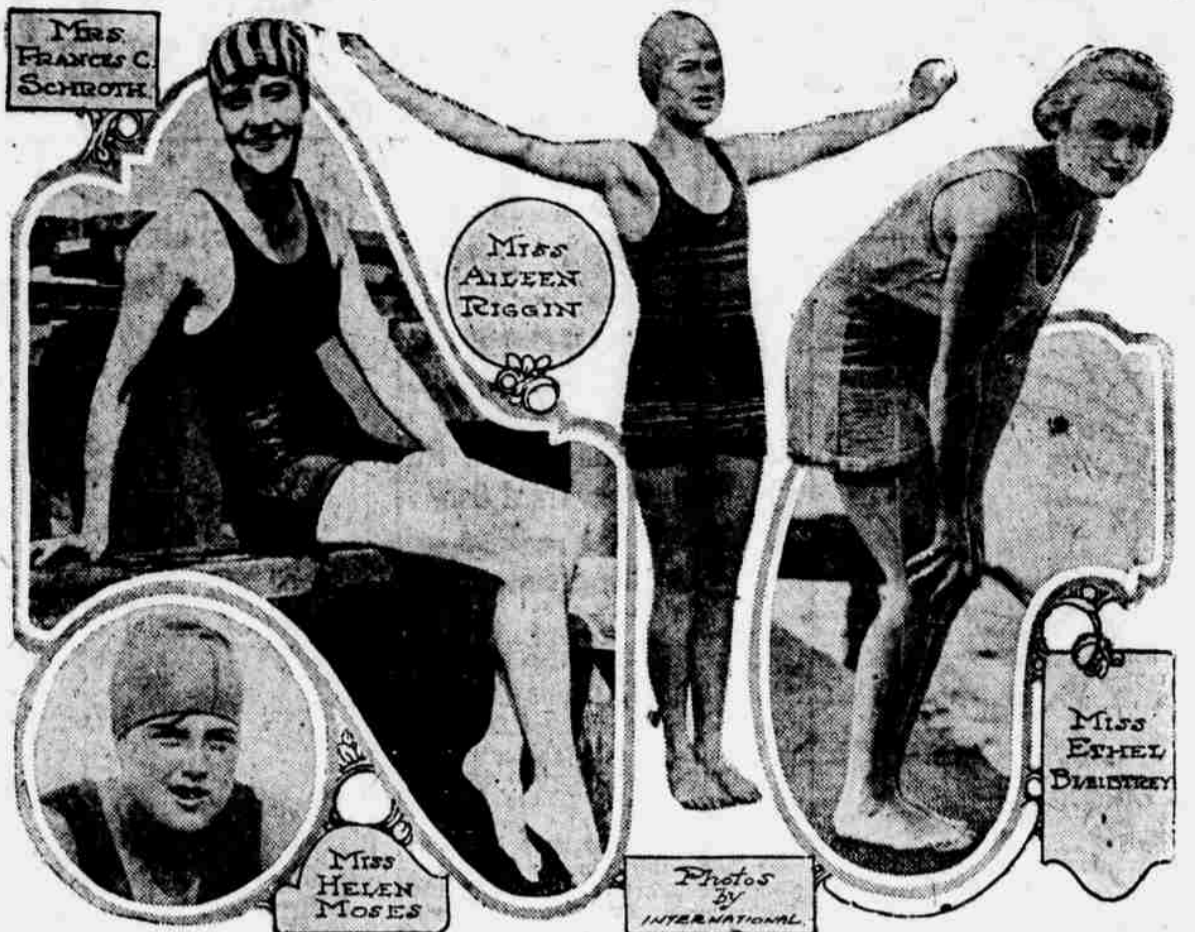
**Fans Strange People.**  
As for the fans attending such a contest—that's another matter again. Boxing fans are surely strange people. They'd probably be at the ring-side in floes to see Dempsey and Johnson scrap if some promoter managed to get them together. They'd go just because it was labeled a fight, whether or not it was a fight, and they'd shell out their jack to be ringsters.

**Olympic Track Meet to Be Run Off Aug. 15-23**  
The Antwerp Olympic track and field games will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and continue until 5 in the afternoon August 15 to 23. The swimming races will also occur in the afternoon, finishing with the water polo. In the evening in the Zoological Garden's amphitheater the wrestling and boxing will take place.

**Yale Expects Huge Crowd For Harvard Grid Game**  
Yale expects to seat 68,000 for its gridiron battle with Harvard in the New Haven bowl Saturday, November 20.

**Are Going Fishing.**  
C. D. Glover, E. W. Bedford, James Lyons, all realtors, and their wives, with Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson will leave August 7 for a fishing trip to the Minnesota lakes. They expect to be gone about

# American Girls to Swim in Olympic Games for First Time in History



For the first time in the history of the Olympic games American women swimmers will compete in the games. When the American Olympic team arrives at Antwerp for the 1920 Olympiad 14 of America's champion women swimmers and divers will be among 'em. Miss Ethel Dabney of Brooklyn, N. Y., hailed as the greatest water woman the world has ever seen, heads the delegation of nymphs that will strive for honors in Belgium. Commencing competition about two years ago, this Flatbush girl has left a trail of shattered records behind her wherever she has entered in aquatic events. She has never been beaten in a scratch race, in which she actually finished. And in the last year she has won the national 50, 100, 220 and 500-yard, half-mile and mile championships in the backstroke. With such a record there was not the slightest hesitation on the part of the committee as to Miss Dabney's nomination and acceptance. The Brooklyn girl has shattered world's records and substituted ones of her own making at 100 meters and at 300 meters, and from all indications her record-breaking streak is going as healthily as the slugging streak of Babe Ruth, showing no signs of abating. She has proven invincible in all her contests and has not even had dangerous competition from anyone save her teammate, Miss Boyle. In the recently-held tryouts Miss Dabney entered two events and shattered existing records in both. In the 300 she set a new world's record of 4m. 31.1-5s., a mark that should stand for years to come. She also set a world's mark for the 100 meters of 4 m. 12.3-5s. that is just as unmovable. A half way around the world came a 15-year-old girl, Miss Helen Moses, of the Outrigger Canoe club, of Honolulu, to try for a place on the Olympic team. The Hawaiian girl is the best woman swimmer who has ever been produced in Aloha Land. Although she did not win in the tryouts, the members of the selection committee were visibly impressed by the wonderful stroke and endurance of the girl and, accordingly, have placed her in a position to go another quarter way round the globe. Brooklyn scores again with the selection of little Eileen Riggan, the girl champion. Eileen has worked harder in practice than any of her older rivals, and her selection was pleasing to all. When she appears in front of the august assemblage of the crowned heads of Europe at Antwerp there is bound to be some laughter because of the smallness of her stature, but when her diving and swimming ability is comprehended those who came to laugh will remain to cheer. Miss Helen Wainwright, who had the distinction of defeating every woman diver of note in the United States recently at the fancy diving tryouts, will represent the W. S. A. Just what success McDevitt will have remains to be seen. He has one of the hardest schedules of any team in the conference. On October 9 Northwestern will meet Minnesota at Evanston. McDevitt has not much of a line on his players, while Coach Williams will have one of the strongest teams which has represented Minnesota in recent years. In addition to opening with a formidable opponent, the Purple is slated to meet Notre Dame in the closing bout.

# SWAT MALADY IS ENIGMA TO LEAGUE HEADS

### McGraw, Prexy John and Others Puzzled Over Epidemic of Terrific Hitting This Year.

What is the secret of the epidemic of terrific hitting that has swept over the major leagues this year? Is it the result of the new pitching rules, or have the manufacturers turned out a livelier ball than has ever been used?

The question has been argued pro and con by baseball men, but it is not definitely settled, for no one has advanced a satisfactory solution to it. As a matter of fact, the season is not quite old enough to blame the hitting epidemic on the new pitching rules, for with the coming of torrid weather the heavies will get better control and will put more stuff on the spheroid.

**Heydler Puzzled.**  
President John Heydler, of the National league, and Prexy Ban Johnson of the American, both agree that the ball seems livelier. John McGraw is inclined to believe that the abolition of the use of resin, which gave pitchers a better grip on the ball in past years, is the secret. Thomas Shibe, vice president of the Athletics and a member of a firm that manufactures base balls, strings along with McGraw.

According to Shibe, the specifications under which the official base ball used in the American league have been manufactured this year are the same as have been in use for some time. The same cork center, rubber and horsehide are being put into the ball.

A few oldtimers who have performed autopsies on baseballs hit into the stands declare there is more rubber in the 1920 ball, but others are inclined to believe that the raw materials are merely of better quality, which lends the new ball more resiliency.

**McGraw Explains.**  
In upholding his contention that the new pitching rules are to blame John McGraw points out that the best pitchers in both leagues are getting tired roughly week in and week out.

"The new pitching rules are too drastic," said McGraw recently. "In my opinion the rule which prevents the pitchers from using resin on their fingers in order to remove the gloss from the cover of the ball is largely responsible for the fact that they are not getting as much stuff on both sides. So far this season 'he has been too much slugging—too many home runs. And the fan who enjoys the scientific game is being denied the chance to witness it because of a sort of 'go as you please' style of playing. I think the rules should be amended immediately."

An Hawaiian irrigation project, when completed, will penetrate five mountain ranges and deliver 50,000,000 gallons of water daily to plantations.

# Cubs Sign Underhand Pitcher—Hope to Have Only One In League

Chicago, Ill., July 31.—With the signing of Pitcher Joe Jaeger, Manager Mitchell of the Chicago Nationals hopes to have the only real underhand pitcher in the National league next season.

There is not a single underhand twirler in the league, that style of pitching having become extinct when Erskine Mayer, formerly of the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh clubs, passed out of the ranks.

Mitchell regards Jaeger, an overseas veteran, who recently received his discharge from the army, as a real "find." Mitchell declares he never saw a pitcher start a ball as slow as Jaeger. He nearly touches the ground with his hand before he delivers the ball, and his curve ball takes a peculiar upward shoot, like his fast one, as he pitches with terrific speed.

Jaeger has not much professional experience but Manager Mitchell regards him as the most promising prospect in years. He is built along the lines of Grover Alexander, is just as tall and pitches with the same speed as the big Nebraskan.

Before entering the army Jaeger pitched for independent clubs around St. Cloud, Minn., his home. He pitched several games while overseas.

**Kelly, Amateur Scull Champ, Thirty Years Old**  
Jack Kelly, amateur single sculls champion, started his career in 1908. He is 39 years old, stands six feet two inches, and weighs 170 pounds. He has always worn the colors of the Veppers, Philadelphia, and wears a green cap in all his races. His work in the Olympic regatta will be awaited with interest.

**"Vets" of Foreign Wars in Small Bore League**  
It will interest riflemen to learn that the League of Associated Rifle Clubs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, have united as affiliated members of the American Small Bore league, an organization with a membership of 250,000.

**Elgin Race August 21**  
Chicago, Ill., July 31.—The annual 250-mile automobile race over the historic Elgin, Ill., course will be decided on August 21 this year. Ralph De Palma, who led the field in the Indianapolis 500-mile race this spring, only to lose when his car caught fire, has entered the Elgin event. De Palma's car probably will be the only foreign entry in the race.

**Plan Polo Games**  
Holding the polo championships on Meadow Brook club's grounds at Cedarhurst, L. I., beginning September 11, will in a measure aid in the developing of plans for the challenge for the international matches with England in 1921. The championships will bring together the best of the junior and senior players, in all 1,800 being registered.

**Big Bounty Claims**  
Pennsylvania has paid out in the last five years a total of \$34,014 in bounty claims for the skins of noxious animals, including the wildcat, gray fox, red fox, mink, and weasels. The money is supplied from fees secured by payment of \$1 a year for hunting licenses by sportsmen of that state.

# NEW YORK MECCA FOR PUGILISTIC STARS THIS FALL

### Famous Ringsters to Be Seen in Action in Gotham This Fall and Winter Fans Are Assured.

Professional boxing will be booming in New York by next fall. With the game restored to good standing through the medium of the Walker bill and the creation of the state boxing commission soon to be accomplished by Governor Smith, fisticians will be the rage here, along with Babe Ruth and Man o' War.

The metropolis, with boxing in full swing again, will be the Mecca for the best performers in the country. Benny Leonard will soon return to his native health in Harlem, and Jack Dempsey will be seen on Broadway pretty regularly. The heavyweight champion recently notified friends here that he intended to cross the continent on a bee line for Gotham as soon as he could arrange business matters on the coast.

Johnny Kilbane, Pete Herman, Jack Britton and Johnny Wilson, the new middleweight champion, will be in demand for bouts here just as soon as licenses are issued to clubs, and all the topnotchers in the various divisions will be clamoring for bouts over the decision route.

The reinstatement of boxing here has acted as a magnet on boxers across the water, too. Joe Beckett, who refused to meet Tom Gibbons and Frank Moran in England, will probably lead a procession of English and French boxers to this country next fall. Beckett has already completed plans to visit America, and it is likely that Bomb Wells will come over also.

Some of the big bouts in prospect for Gotham fans are these: Georges Carpentier or one of the likeliest heavyweight aspirants, Benny Leonard against Lew Tendler, Jack Britton against Ted Lewis, Johnny Wilson against Mike O'Dowd, in a return match, Pete Herman against Pat Moore, Johnny Kilbane against Young Chaney.

**U. S. Should Win**  
America may depend upon Johnson and Tilden in their endeavor to win the Davis cup tennis matches at Auckland, Australia, next December. They are clever double players, have all kinds of shots and with practice will no doubt develop and blend their individual games with the one composite whole so necessary to the fine performance of the real doubles game. With Johnson's magnificent serve of the service and Tilden's reach they might well take the Australian players as their model and play the strikers' partner up at the service line, thus converting the obsolete defensive game on the receiving end into a snappy offense.

**Four Teams Pennantless**  
Clubs in each major league which have yet to win a championship are St. Louis in National, and New York, Washington and St. Louis in American.

# COLLEGES SHIFT COACHES IN HOPE OF BIG SEASON

### Gridiron Director Shunted Around to Various Schools —Chic Harley to Stay at Ohio State.

That a successful college athletic year is anticipated at all universities and colleges is shown by the manner in which the coaching staffs at the various institutions are being strengthened. Activity will not start until the middle of next month, but the members already are planning for what promises to be a busy year.

One of the most important changes in the western conference has taken place at Northwestern university. Charley Bachman, who was in charge of the gridiron situation last year, has been succeeded by Elmer McDevitt, a former Yale player who was assistant to Fred Murphy when the latter guided Purple football fortunes.

**Hark Back to McCormack.**  
A foot ball coach at Northwestern has been more or less of an experiment for years. In fact, many have been more or less of a lesser light in the western prep athletic world for years. He will have the power to engage coaches for various branches of sport, but will personally direct the fortunes of the basket ball squad, and may take an active part in the development of the foot ball team.

**Meanwell Back at Wisconsin.**  
Another important coaching change will take place at Wisconsin. Dr. W. E. Meanwell, a former Badger mentor, who had been athletic director at Missouri, will return to the Madison institution to coach basket ball. Dr. Meanwell is considered one of the best basket ball men in the country, and during the time he was at Wisconsin developed championship fines. In the east the most important change has taken place at Yale, where Tad Jones will again take over a foot ball situation. Dr. A. L. Sharpe will continue as athletic director, but the responsibility of turning out a foot ball team will be up to Jones.

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he makes good will have a permanent berth. Harley Assistant at Ohio. Chick Harley, who led the Ohio State eleven last year in a successful season, will be assistant to Jack Wilce at Columbus. Although he received several offers to handle foot ball squads at other institutions, Harley elected to spend a few years with his alma mater in order to absorb a few ideas of imparting his foot ball knowledge to others.

The former Buckeye leader was a smart foot ball player, but like other well known performers may not possess the faculty to teach the games. Harley has had plenty of opportunities to discern the faults in the men who will be eligible for this year's team, and he should be a great help to the head coach. In addition to his knowledge of foot ball, Harley will handle the kickers and field goal kickers in the west last year, and was the unanimous choice of critics for a backfield position on the All-American team.

**Jones at Lake Forest.**  
Ralph Jones, who has coached basket ball at Illinois since 1912, has severed his connection with the downstate institution to take over the athletic directorship of Lake Forest academy. In addition to his knowledge of the floor game, Jones knows foot ball and base ball. He handled the freshman gridiron and diamond teams at Illinois and was Zuppke's leading scout in foot ball.

Jones will certainly bolster athletics at the academy, which has been more or less of a lesser light in the western prep athletic world for years. He will have the power to engage coaches for various branches of sport, but will personally direct the fortunes of the basket ball squad, and may take an active part in the development of the foot ball team.

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# Drake Grid Schedule for 1920 Is Toughest Ever

Des Moines, Ia., July 31.—Drake university's foot ball schedule for 1920, announced by Coach Mark B. Banks, is one of the heaviest in the Missouri valley, and perhaps the toughest ever undertaken by Drake. Games will be played with Illinois university, Big Ten champions in 1919; with Missouri university, champions of the Missouri valley, as well as with Kansas university, Grinnell, Washington university and Oklahoma university of the Missouri valley conference, Creighton, Morrisville, Simpson and Penn. The Bulldogs will be seen in action five times on the home gridiron, and five teams will be met away from the Drake stadium. The schedule follows:

September 25, Penn at Des Moines.  
October 2, Simpson at Des Moines.  
October 9, Illinois at Urbana.  
October 16, Kansas at Lawrence.  
October 22, Missouri at Des Moines.  
October 29, Grinnell at Des Moines.  
November 6, Washington at St. Louis.  
November 13, Creighton at Omaha.  
November 20, Morrisville at St. City.  
November 27, Oklahoma at Des Moines.

**Australia Leads Nations In Winning of Davis Cup**  
Australia has won the Davis cup six times, England five times and America three times. No other nation has won the famous trophy put up by Dwight F. Davis.

**Brown to Retire**  
Chicago, Ill., July 31.—Mordcai Brown of three-fingered pitching fame plans to retire from base ball. After relinquishing the management of the Terre Haute, Ind., club of the Three-I league, Brown was deluged with offers, but declined them. The Omaha club of the Western league wanted the former star of the Chicago Nationals as a relief pitcher and coach.

**Oagers Form League**  
Managers and owners of professional basketball teams of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey plan to form a governing body to control the players modeled after the base ball commission. Representatives of prominent organizations will meet in New York City today to adopt plans, elect officers and agree upon rules and regulations.

**Marshall Foch to Be Made Honorary Member of K. C.**  
New York, Aug. 1.—When Marshall Ferdinand Foch is made an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus August 21 he will be the fourth living celebrity to receive that honor, the others being Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop Hayes of New York and King Albert of Belgium. The marshal also will be the first man to be inducted into the K. of C. on European soil.

Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty of Philadelphia will personally conduct the ceremony after the presentation of the jeweled K. C. marshal's baton to the French war chief, who will unveil the K. of C. statue of Lafayette at Metz before 250 knights from all states of the Union and a picked honor guard division of the French army.

**Watch the Yanks from now on,** is the tip that is going the rounds. And it is a sensible tip, for although no one expects to see New York stretch-eagle the field in the home stretch toward Pennantville, there are plenty of folks who are willing to risk the family plate on New York's chances of getting into the 1920 world's series through the medium of Clan Huggins.

# YANKS TOUTED AS CHAMPIONS BY GOTHAMITES

### Bambino Has "Made" the Team—New Yorkers Are Already Talking About World Series There.

Yankee fans are talking about the American league pennant and the world's series of 1920. Ever since the Yanks got going, with the pitchers doing their share and "murderers' row," headed by Babe Ruth, slugging all kinds of pitching to all points of the compass, Gothamites have been indulging in sweet dreams. And not without reason.

**Can Certainly Hit.**  
Miller Huggins' outfit is blessed with a tremendous amount of rugged hitting and pitching ability. In Shawkey, Mogridge, Quinn, Mays, Thormahlen, Shore and Russell they have a staff of wigglers who can or should hold their own with any in the league. But best of all is the Yankee hitting, than which there is no better in either league.

In past years Yankee teams have often blown up on the road, or suffered injuries to players that broke up a winning batting order and gave the old jinx an opportunity to get in his deadly work.

Long before the season opened—in fact, ever since Ruth became a member of the team—the Yanks were figured as sure pennant contenders. But they got away to a rather poor start and in the first two weeks of the race they did not begin to play up to their "paper strength."

**Are Going Great.**  
Today, however, the Yanks have apparently found themselves. They have managed to put up a pretty sweet fielding game despite the fact that Manager Huggins has been forced to shift the lineup a number of times. But Frank Baker isn't greatly missed, and while Chick Fewster at his best would probably be playing second base in place of Del Pratt, the Yanks are getting by in grand shape.

Babe Ruth has "made" the team. The Big Bambino just simply loves to play baseball and he is putting everything he has into every game. True, he goes up there and swings for home runs when it might sometimes be considered better base ball to wait 'em out or play 'em down. But there's no argument that will stand against the performances of such a prolific slugger, and there you are.

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