

### Wally Schang Swapped for "Muddy" Ruel

#### Rube Marquard of Robins and "Dutch" Reuther to Exchange Places — "Del" Pratt Goes to Boston.

New York, Dec. 16.—The National league completed its annual meeting here yesterday with an agreement to recommend to the advisory council that the 1927 schedule season open on April 13. The case of Pitcher Rube Marquard of the Brooklyn club, charged with ticket speculation at Cleveland during the last world series, was discussed by President Heydler and the club owners. It was announced as the sense of the meeting that Marquard had been sufficiently punished and that, as far as the National league was concerned, he was eligible to play.

Marquard was given an even trade by the Brooklyn Nationals to the Cincinnati club for Walter H. Reuther here today.

#### Yanks Complete Trade.

The New York and Boston clubs of the American league completed a trade involving eight players.

Catcher "Muddy" Ruel, Pitcher Herb Thormahlen, Second Baseman "Del" Pratt and Outfielder Sam Vick of the Yanks go to the Red Sox, in exchange for Catcher Wally Schang, Pitchers Harry Harper and Wally Hoyt, and Infielder Mike McNally.

The trade was engineered by Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Harry Frazee, presidents of the New York and Boston clubs, respectively. They announced no money was involved in the transaction. The trade was made on the condition that both clubs assume the responsibility of signing the players.

Del Pratt is the only one of the players about whom there seems to be doubt about playing next season. He signed a contract as athletic coach with a western university at the conclusion of the last season and declared his intention to play base ball. The Yankee manager, however, today expressed confidence that Pratt will play next season.

Manager Huggins said the deal was made primarily to give each club a player that both were badly in need of. Boston wanted a second baseman and gets Pratt, while New York needed an experienced left-handed pitcher and gets Harry Harper.

The trade of Pitcher Rube Marquard of Brooklyn for Pitcher Walter Reuther of Cincinnati, the only other deal involving players consummated during the week, was announced shortly after the National league let it be known that there was no desire to punish Marquard further because of his alleged ticket scalping during the last world's series. Discussion of that case and the recommendation that the 1927 season open on April 13, completed the business of the National league's meeting.

#### Annual Meeting Friday.

The annual meeting of the American league will be held here Friday. President Naylor of the Detroit club today telegraphed to the New York club to complete the appointment of Cobb as manager of the Tigers. Friends of Cobb at the base ball meetings declared he was not particularly anxious to become a manager for a year or two, but since the resignation of Hugh Jennings let it be known that the President Naylor offered him the position he would accept it.

During the meeting of the American league President Johnson will have a conference with President Heydler of the National league, relative to playing rules and other matters which must be decided upon as members of the advisory council created under the new major league agreement.

#### The Base Ball Writers' Association of America today elected I. E. Sanborn, Chicago, president; Fredrick G. Lieb, New York, vice president, and Joseph McCredie, Philadelphia, secretary-treasurer.

### Willard Says Dempsey Got All the Breaks

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 16.—"Dempsey don't look a bit tough to me," was the cryptic comment of Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, when informed of Jack Dempsey's knockout victory over Bill Brennan.

"Dempsey's victory suits me fine for I wanted one more crack at him," continued Jess, who will meet Dempsey March 17 in a "comeback" attempt to win the heavyweight crown.

"Brennan staying 12 rounds don't make Dempsey look so tough after all," said Willard. "I've always had confidence in my ability to beat him, and I'm certainly not worrying after hearing of Brennan's showing."

"Brennan gave him a good fight. This 'bird' gets the breaks. He has gotten a good many. You tell the world I'm full of confidence."

#### Legion Committees to Meet With Governor

The state legislative and executive committee of the American Legion will meet with Governor McKelvie in Lincoln Friday afternoon to discuss the boxing bill which the former soldiers will present before the state legislature next month.

#### Timmy Noble and Frush Mill Through Ten Rounds

Detroit, Dec. 16.—Timmy Noble, English featherweight champion, and Danny Frush of Baltimore, boxed 10 rounds last night with newspaper opinion divided between a draw verdict and a decision for Frush. Frush dropped his opponent for a count of nine in the first round and had the better of three others.

### Here's What Carpentier Thinks of Champion Dempsey

#### Light Heavyweight Champ of the World says "Utah Mauler" Is Not the Teasing, Annihilating Brute of the Ring He Has Been Pictured—Sees Wherein He Can Defeat Opponent.

By GEORGES CARPENTIER, Light Heavyweight Champion of the World.

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London, Dec. 16.—"And I am glad to know you."

This was how Jack Dempsey greeted me when we met to sign articles to fight for the championship of the world. Which was very different from what I had expected and was led to believe. I had pictured Dempsey as a big, roaring fellow, with little personal charm, intolerant rather, not nice, a stranger to softness and what passes for common courtesies. I made the pleasant discovery that, outside the ring at least, he is just a human, well-ordered young man, softly spoken, extremely pleasant in a quiet, reserved way, and altogether opposite to what I had prepared myself for. At least on 50 occasions, when alone I had seen him, as represented by the film in his fight with Willard, fierce, vicious, terrible mercilessly punching into helplessness the biggest, heaviest man I have ever seen.

That was the only Dempsey I knew until I met and spoke to him but a few short days ago.

My opponents have been many and of a widely different stamp. Bombardier Wells, almost offensive; Billy Papke and Frank Klaus, crust without imagination, just fighting men; Jeanette, a black man, who in his nature is white; Gunboat Smith, conceited, reckless of speech; Joe Beckett, good, honest, strong; Levinsky, with a jaw of iron and immensely courageous; but never a fighting man like Dempsey. There may be the brute in him; I believe there is, as there surely is in all of us; but he is not the monster he has been represented to be. Rather would I say that he has been misunderstood; for he has a mind and a soul and an intense liking for life that is not of the ring.

When we came to attach our signatures to the contract—the most voluminous that has ever concerned two pugilists (it is made up of 18 crowded folios which I, personally, found the utmost difficulty in dissecting and understanding—Dempsey had no questions to ask. Like myself he had sickened because of the long drawn-out negotiations, and the match was definitely made in a few minutes. Then it was that he gripped me heartily by the hand and took me on one side to chat about things far removed from the hammering and butchering business this fight is expected to be. We did not talk one word of fight; we were just two ordinary business men with many ideas in common. I do not think, by the way, that she shall meet in the ring before the first week of next July.

#### Dempsey Looks Boyish.

In appearance Dempsey, who is 18 months younger than myself, looks an unusually big and strong lad. I was surprised at his boyishness, and he has the ways of a boy. I should say that he has no liking for fuss and ceremony, and he is not given to boasting and bragging. There is nothing of the swagger about him, and I am certain that he has been misrepresented by the exaggeration which, all too often, creeps into the boxing columns of his country's newspapers. Neither do I think he is a party to the thumping of the big drum which is sounded in the world that he is impress upon the greatest pugilist ever reared by his country.

#### No Self-Advertiser.

This is what I would call my pen picture of him: Complexion, dark; face, strong and rugged, without being brutal; general physical makeup as nearly perfect as possible. He carries himself easily, there is much spring in his walk, and his face, which although not finely chiseled, is not like that of Beckett, as you would perhaps imagine it to be from the published photographs of him. It advertises tenseness and determination, yet when he allows a smile to play about it it is almost a kind, sympathetic face. Certainly there is much about Dempsey that would cause you to pick him out of a crowd; he is so obviously powerful and serious and fit—he is not of the Broadway. So far he is unspoiled, a healthy, natural man, who, by ready assimilation of what he has seen and heard and read, has more than average intelligence. He does not talk a great deal; when he does talk he reveals the practical, commonsense mind. His belief in himself is supreme, but the strictest man can pass through justifies that belief. Any man who can win first place in the American school of fighting must be conscious of his greatness, and he must be a believer in himself. But Dempsey is no advertiser of himself, and when I left him he swore that we were pals.

#### A Young Man in a Hurry.

It would never be dreamed that Dempsey was highly strung, that he had nerves. But of this I am certain. He does not beat himself into fidgetiness as does Bombardier Wells; neither is he a man who fumbles as does Beckett; but he has that restless manner that denotes the highly-strung temperament. He is a younger man in a hurry; he must rush and read; that which he embarks upon he must do quickly, and it is this weakness for helter-skeltering that has heightened my confidence that when we meet I shall take from him the world's title.

I would explain. One of the first things he ventured upon after making the match was a proposition that we should have a game of golf. I pleaded that my game was very poor. He was impatient; he would not listen. I had got to play. So we went to the links. If he made an indifferent shot his calmness would leave him; plainly did I see that if he had difficulty in doing any one given thing he would get ruffled and rattled, and as I followed and studied him closely I threw my mind back to the picture of his fight with Willard, which I had seen so many times.

In that contest he had Willard in extremis almost right away, and when he saw that he had not fin-

### Gives His Opinion of Dempsey



Georges Carpentier.

ished him completely in the first round he was all raging fire; mad because he could not do that which he realized was easy to do—knock out Willard, who had no sort of defense and whose chief virtue was his immense size.

#### Discovers Dempsey's Weakness.

Dempsey beat me easily at golf. I was nowhere, but although he must have known that he was very much my master, he developed irritability and not a little wildness when he made shots which he considered were not worthy of him. I formed the impression that if things did not go his way, his balance is uncertain, and I must confess that the discovery gave me much pleasure.

I know precisely what I shall be up against when I get into the ring with him. We shall still be the pals we were on the links, but with Dempsey, as with myself, it will be a fight to the last gasp. He will come for me with the same aggressiveness as he entered into the game of golf; he will rush and tear; he will feel that he is strong; he will try for victory with a furious haste.

Dempsey, if I understand him rightly, will gamble his all on his splendid power. As for myself, well, I have a feeling that I will triumph, as I did against your English champion, Beckett. It is not I who will insist upon strength against strength, for I am free to admit that in a test of sheer brute power the odds would be on Dempsey. I shall seek to make a happy combination of boxing and fighting, and if I succeed in doing this I shall bring back to my country the championship of the world, and I shall have realized the greatest ambition of my life.

#### Explains the Contract.

This in conclusion! The exact amount of the purse is \$500,000; Dempsey is to get three-fifths and myself the remaining two. Mr. Robert Edgren, the well-known American boxing writer, is to nominate the referee and judges. I am not barred from engaging in any contests before I meet Dempsey, but at the moment I do not intend to have anything more serious than a small affair at Monte Carlo some time this winter. I have worked very hard since I returned to civilian life and entered into the game of golf; he will rush and tear; he will feel that he is strong; he will try for victory with a furious haste.

#### Gus Kallio Defeats Bartell at Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Gus Kallio defeated Charles Bartell of Fort Worth, Tex., in two straight falls here. Kallio is scheduled to meet Jack Reynolds of Cedar Rapids, Ia., champion welterweight, here December 22.

#### Former Beatrice High Gridsters to Lead Gophers

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Lawrence Ellis, former captain of the Beatrice High school football team, and who has been attending school at Ann Arbor, Mich., has been elected captain of the Michigan university team for 1927, according to information received by Superintendent Stoddard of the Beatrice public schools.

#### "Mickey" Shannon's Death Accidental

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The death of "Mickey" Shannon, pugilist, killed during a boxing match with "Al" Roberts here December 7, was accidental, a coroner's jury decided after an inquest last night. Roberts, who was arrested as a result of Shannon's death, is now out on bail.

#### Braves Train at Galveston

Boston, Dec. 16.—Galveston, Tex., will be the training ground for the Boston Braves next spring, it was announced today. The barnstorming tour of recent years has been abandoned. The Braves have trained at Columbus, Ga., for the last two years.

### WITH THE PUGS.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Kelly with Pete Herman is in the making at New Orleans for the middle of next month. Herman is scheduled to box Joe Lynch at New York December 22, and if he loses the banishment championship, his match with Jimmy White in London the middle of January will be cancelled.

Captain Bob Roper, Chicago army heavyweight boxer, will meet Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh bager, in a 12-round decision match at Boston, December 21. Roper has also signed to box Hugh Walker at Kansas City, December 20, 15 rounds to a decision. The former army captain has won his last six stars.

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### Commission to Have Charge of Wrestling Matches in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wrestling matches in Chicago will be decided under the strict supervision of the city athletic commission. Mayor Thompson indicated today that he would sign the ordinance passed by the council yesterday creating the commission. The city will receive 10 per cent of the gross receipts of all wrestling shows.

#### Former All-American Grid Star Accepts Pastorate

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 16.—The Rev. Burleigh Cruikshank, former All-American football center, has accepted a call as assistant pastor of one of Pittsburgh's largest Presbyterian churches and in addition to his regular duties, will promote athletic activities, it was announced here today by Dr. Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First church.

#### French Bantamweight Champ Will Fight Tonight

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 16.—Charley Ledoux of France, European bantamweight champion, is to meet Kid Williams of Baltimore, former American champion of the same division, in a 15-round decision bout here tonight.

#### Hank Severeid Weds

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Henry "Hank" Severeid, catcher for the local American League club, and Miss Adela Messer of St. Louis were married yesterday.

### Jack Reynolds Wins Over Jap Wrestler

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Jack Reynolds, welterweight champion wrestler, defeated Matty Matsuda, Jap, here last night in two out of three falls. The Jap won the first fall in 45 minutes and Reynolds the second and third falls in 19 minutes and eight minutes, respectively.

Reynolds and Guss Kallio of Norfolk, Neb. will meet in a finish match at Norfolk on Wednesday night, December 22.

#### Pennsylvania Wins Title.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—Pennsylvania won the intercollegiate soccer league championship when it defeated Princeton at Haverford, four goals to two.

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