

CARPENTIER MAKES U. S. DEBUT IN TILT WITH TONY BIDDLE

Two-Round "Sleeve" Setto Follows Dinner Given in Frenchman's Honor at Commodore Hotel

MUCH ENTHUSIASM

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
New York, March 26.—Georges CARPENTIER put on his first boxing exhibition in the United States here early this morning. It was at a rather odd hour for M. Carpentier to put on the gloves, to exact, at 12:42, but the Frenchman was "forced" into the match, and he went through with it when his European crowd was "threatened."

More than 12,000 sportsmen, including some of the most prominent followers of athletics, saw Carpentier prance through two two-minute rounds with Major Anthony J. Drexel ("Tony") Biddle, of Philadelphia, in what proved to be the feature of an interesting program arranged by the International Sporting Club of America as a formal welcome to the European heavyweight champion, war hero of France and ring idol of his country.

Following several speeches and boxing exhibitions, Carpentier, who was seated at the middle of the table for guests of honor, was called to the ring, pitched in the middle of the grand ball room of the Commodore Hotel. After a lengthy introduction by Joe Humphreys, the latter was instructed to challenge Georges on behalf of Major Biddle, who is president of the International Boxing Club.

Accepts the Def
Humphreys tried his best to make Carpentier understand, using both hands when his tongue failed him, and finally an interpreter had to be called to the rescue. The Frenchman absolutely refused to box the Philadelphia sportsman. Then Carpentier was made

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

German town A. A.—Bobby Doyle defeated Little Bear. Jack Perry shaded Pine Hollie. Jimmie Smith knocked out Kid Fleck. Frank R. O. Pryor won from Billy Williams. Second later quitting with injured thumb. Jack Lewis knocked out Kid Fleck. First. John Komatell beat Henry Brown. Jersey City.—Fate Herman outpointed Peter Johnson. Detroit.—Sammy Sandow defeated Roy Moore. Denver.—Harry Grah won referee's decision from George Knockout Brown. twelve rounds. Baltimore.—Johnny Piazzi beat Frankie Rice. (Both declared draw by referee, whose decision met with disapproval.) Grand Rapids, Mich.—Frankie Mason won from Solly Epstein. BUFFALO, N. Y.—Chis Davis won from Dick Leomin. ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Jack Kid Wolfe outpointed Mike Dundee.

Regret Prevention of Admitting Carpentier A Legion Post Member

New York, March 26.—Georges Carpentier was the guest of 250 wounded ex-soldiers, who are members of the New York University Post of the American Legion, yesterday. Carpentier spoke through an interpreter on France's debt to the American soldiers. Resolutions were adopted by the post regretting that the constitution of the Legion prevented them from making him a member.

To understand that "Tony," who permits himself to be so addressed by his intimate friends, would claim the heavy-weight title, and then Carpentier, smilingly, consented to meet Major Biddle.

This acceptance of Biddle's challenge came rather as a surprise because papers in this city published yesterday that a moving-picture company which had the Frenchman under contract to pose for a series of pictures had protested any ring exhibitions by Carpentier. But Georges and "Tony" went to it anyway.

They shed their dress coats and collars in the ring, rolled up their shirt sleeves and for the second time looked as if Carpentier and Biddle would mingle in a rough-and-tumble fistfight. But Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Francois Descamps finally appeared in the respective corners and tied the gloves on the gladiators, each of whom wore patent leather shoes, trousers and stiff shirt.

Easy for Georges
Carpentier won the first round by a mile, but Biddle showed advantage in the second round, because Georges didn't make any effort to hit the Philadelphia. So a good draw wouldn't hurt either man, as some sports writers say when a pair of kids put up a good battle. At the finish neither was hurt with the exception of Tex Rickard, the promoter, who referred the bout, and he was suffering from a smarting nose as a result of an intentional jab landed thereon by the frisky Frenchman.

In the first round, Carpentier, standing up on his toes almost like a toe-dancer, skipped around the ring showing all sorts of speed. He was down in a crouch for a fraction of a second, then in the air off the floor, jabbing, hooking and right-crossing with lightning speed. Of course, Georges was pulling his blows. Biddle tried his utmost to knock Carpentier's block off, but the idol of France never stood still long enough for "Tony" to land. Just before the bell sounded Carpentier landed a right cross similar to that used by Benny Leonard, and then fell into a clinch, holding up the major.

After demonstrating in the first frame how clever he was on the offensive, reminding many of Johnny Kilbane because of his boxing on his toes almost continually, Carpentier showed in the second round that he was just as crafty on the defense. He ducked, sidestepped, shifted his head from side to side, making no effort to strike back, while Biddle tried in vain to land with a haymaker, or something like that.

"Tony" missed about 90 per cent of his blows, scoring with four wallop—two were when the clever Frenchman was going away. Nevertheless, Biddle was credited with the round, saving himself from a defeat by the man who is here to box for the world's heavy-weight title.

"I am very sorry I cannot speak English well. I thank you for your welcome and hospitality. I hope to fight Mr. Dempsey. I hope that the best man wins. I thank you." This was the painfully, yet well-spoken, speech made by Georges when he was introduced by Toastmaster Major General John E. O'Ryan, of the Twenty-seventh Division, amid thunderous applause.

After his exhibition with the gloves, which apparently did not wind Carpentier in the least, he returned to the honored guests' table, donned his collar and coat, then very suavely puffed a cigarette.

Bride at Dinner
Seated up in the balcony, amid a party of five women, was Georges's bride, dressed in a large black hat and pale blue silk dress, and she continually waved her right hand at her smiling spouse. Carpentier kept a steady gaze upon his beautiful wife almost continually through the procedure of the reception. And when Georges went through with his bout with Major Biddle she did not leave her seat. It was the first time she had seen her handsome Georges perform with the gloves. Mme. Carpentier was presented with a bouquet and lots of applause.

Among the speakers besides Major Biddle and Major General O'Ryan were Gaston Bergium, the sculptor, and Gaston Liebert, French consul general, who represented Ambassador Jules Jusserand. M. Liebert said, in part: "It will be a magnificent and great fight (a Dempsey-Carpentier) bout, our two great countries and two nations, and I do not care whether Carpentier wins or not. The winner will be a real man."

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This is sufficient to prevent his appearance against Dempsey this year, the promoter added, explaining that for the international bout to be a financial success it would have to be held in the open and as Carpentier will be busy until July he would not have enough time to train before the arrival of cold weather.

Hagerstown Signs Pitcher Phillips
Hagerstown, Md., March 26.—Richard Hartle, manager of the Hagerstown baseball club, Blue Ridge League, has announced he has signed Wilber M. Phillips, star pitcher of the Philadelphia Industrial League Phillies, who pitched for the Maryland Pressed Steel Co. team, is the property of the Washington Americans.


Thirteen Games for Millville H. S. Surlville, N. J., March 26.—Manager Jack Wood of the Millville High School baseball team, has arranged the following schedule for the season: April 1, Clayton, home; 12, Glassboro, away; 21, Glassboro, home; 28, Glassboro, home; 27, Hammonton, away; 30, Temple University, home; May 4, Vineland, away; 7, Collingswood, home; 12, Bridgeton, away; 19, Hammonton, home; 21, Moorestown, home; 28, Bridgeton, away; 29, Vineland, home.

Race Bill Passes Third Reading
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