

THE FAULT IN THE A. L. MAY BE LEVELIER THAN THAT IN NATIONAL, BUT SUCH IS THE ELA GRACE

MISKE-DEMPSEY BOUT IS BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND FANS PAY TO SEE PRINCIPALS IN TRAINING

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THEY are taking this scrap between Jack Dempsey and Billy Miske seriously in this town. They—who are a way of referring to the natives and those who are not natives—believe the champion has a tough job on his hands next Monday, and is likely to have some hard luck.

This conversation is intensely interesting because it clothes the approaching conflict with an air of uncertainty. Difference of opinion makes pinocchio and checkers popular, and, perhaps, the unrestrained chatter will attract the cash customers to the fight.

Funny thing about this fight. On paper, it looks like a cinch for Dempsey, with Miske running a bum second like the horse which delivers the groceries to Ira Lowry at Betwoud, Pa., in a race with the principal.

However, after a short faint down the municipal and only street in this town, the dope gets an awful wallop. There is a feeling that Miske will be sticking around at the end of the tenth round, and might not be in as bad shape as the champion.

For that reason let's forget the expert stuff on who is going to win or lose. Dempsey should grab the verdict early in the battle, but whether he does or not remains to be seen.

BUT there is one thing certain, and that is the boys are training every day for the fight. They are certainly working right to the open, but nobody can see them unless the cashier at the gate is visited.

Modern training is a great thing, provided it doesn't rain. Big Crowd to See the Battle There will be a big crowd present when the big noise is pulled off, and both contestants will receive a lot of money for their services.

Speaking of this sort of thing, we saw Dempsey in action yesterday, and he looked good. He boxed two rounds with Harry Greb, who, to my mind, is a better man than Miske. Jack tore into the Pittsburgher, landed many hard slams and punches better and with more accuracy than at any time in Toledo.

Over at Eastman Springs, Miske, who worked out for the benefit of himself and the mercenary onlookers, punched Jack Helman, a big truck horse, around the ring for two rounds and again with Joe Wagner, another bimb. Miske seemed a trifle slow, and was flatfooted. Perhaps he is overtrained, but you never can tell after taking one look.

Daily Training Means Added Money THE boxer work out today. Ditto tomorrow. With the mob paying good money at the gate, they would be suckers if they laid off. Dempsey is in the ball park behind the arena. The grandstand is holding more people than ever before, and the parking spaces in the outfield are well filled.

Miske has his camp in the shadow of the House of David, which boasts of a bearded band of horn-blowers and a baseball team. Several safety razor salesmen have starved to death after wandering into the place by mistake, but that is neither here nor there.

Billy has a great scheme to get the coin. There isn't a fence around the place, but there is a swinging, shimmering bridge over a deep ravine, and it is impossible to cross unless the bridge tender's palm is caressed with silver. It's a great life!

As was said before, a big crowd is expected. Promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons, who, by the way, is a regular guy, says the arena will be packed. This means about 17,000 can be accommodated, and if such is the case, the receipts will be close to \$200,000.

FOR the benefit of those who have an idea that this battle is to be a referee's decision, allow us to state that it is a ten-round, no-decision affair. There can be no official verdict rendered, unless a knockout is scored. The referee has not yet been selected, but an announcement is likely to be made today.

SEVERAL men are being considered, but Jimmy Doughterty, the Baron of Leipsville, is said to be the man. Both Jack Kearns and Jack Reddy have agreed on him, and all that remains to be done is to get the consent of the commissioner of boxing.

Miske did not express much confidence, but said he was in wonderful shape, and would give Dempsey all he was looking for. "I expect to stop Miske as soon as I can," was the reply. "If an opening comes, I will knock him stiff. He would do the same to me, and I am not taking any chances."

HOWEVER, Billy is handicapped because of poor sparring partners, and this might serve as an excuse, if one is needed. Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



CRAVATH CHAMPION PINCH-HITTER; MEUSEL SETS RECORDS IN BATTING

Phil's Outfielder Connects Safely in 21 Consecutive Games for .444 Average THE Phillies have at least one champion. We nominate Garry Cravath, the boss of the outfit, as the best pinch hitter in either league. Right now Garry is on the top of the heap in the National batting race with a percentage of .390. He has had eleven hits out of twenty-eight times at bat, which is some pinch hitting.



LAUVY CRAVATH

Next to Meusel's string, the longest batting streak was eighteen games by Grime Fulleite. Grimmes with eighteen and nine is the pitching prince of the league. Cooper has twenty-one and eleven. Doak seventeen and ten and Alexander sixteen and seven.

Table titled 'National League Pitching' showing statistics for various pitchers including Cravath, Meusel, and others.

Table titled 'National League Batting' showing statistics for various batters including Cravath, Meusel, and others.

Table titled 'Am. League Club Batting' showing statistics for various American League clubs.

Dugan Equals Mark by Getting Five Blows in One Game; Sisler is Leading JOSEPH DUGAN has gone and tied another record. The snappy A's third baseman, in the fifteen-inning game against Detroit, slugged out five hits of Doc Ayer and Red Oldham. He is the eighth American League player to gather five hits in one game this season. Dugan still is holding on to his .390 average. He now has 324.

Whitely Witt hasn't lost any of his 321 average since sitting on the bench. After Whitely there's a long drop to the next Mackman, Tilly Walker, who has a mark of .204.

Table titled 'American League Batting' showing statistics for various American League batters including Dugan, Sisler, and others.

Table titled 'Am. League Club Batting' showing statistics for various American League clubs.

"PRIMA DONNA" REDS MADE A MESS OF IT

Pat Moran's Team Might Now Be Holding Comfortable Lead But for "Temperaments"—Our Amateur Golf Title in Grave Danger

By GRANTLAND RICE The Duffer's Inevitability Out of the blight that covers me, I have been next door to pole. I thank whatever gods there be When my ball pops into the hole. In the fall clutch of grip and stance, I have been next door to pole. From trap to pit I daily prance, My game is awful, but uncoined.

Experience EXPERIENCE is a wise teacher, but only a few have attended her school. It is surprising how many refuse to learn from this greatest of all instructors. The Reds this season might have profited from the Braves of 1916, but they didn't. After winning the 1914 championship the Braves developed an inflated case of temperament the next year to exhibit signs of temperment, which, as Heck once wisely remarked, "is only a high brow word for pure, ordinary cussedness."

WOMEN USHERS INNOVATION AT ICE PALACE RING BOUTS In Keeping With Nineteenth Amendment, Promoter Pawling Will Have Fair Sex Show Fight Fans to Seats By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Whether women ushers at a boxing club will be a successful innovation is confident that it will be. "When Director Cortelyou ruled out smoking at the clubs here was a progressive move," says Pawling. "Now ushers is certain to make places where boxing is conducted a safe home for women."

YOUNG LAWRENCE WINS Southpac Scores Eight-Round Victory Over Preston Brown Young Lawrence, the Camden southpaw, crossed the top line of the Cambria A. C. last night, when he was the winner after a fast eight rounder with Preston Brown. Lawrence was awarded the fight for the clever negro, all of which enable the Camdenite to land with telling punches. Lawrence weighed 132 pounds and Brown tipped the scale at 134.

Five Leading Batters in Two Major Leagues AMERICAN LEAGUE Sisler, St. Louis, .418; Cravath, Phil., .390; Meusel, Phil., .382; Dugan, Wash., .375; Cobb, Wash., .375. NATIONAL LEAGUE Cobb, Wash., .418; Cravath, Phil., .390; Meusel, Phil., .382; Dugan, Wash., .375; Cobb, Wash., .375.

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