

In the World of Sport

CARPENTIER AND WILLARD

ARE TO MEET IN TEN-ROUND NO DECISION BOUT

In New York Some Time Late in January or Early in February—Tex Rickard Arranging For Carpenter to Visit America.

Tex Rickard, the world's greatest promoter of boxing bouts, is about to daze the public with another of his smashing "beats" in his own excellence.

If Rickard's plans for annexing a license for Madison square garden go through, and if Rickard can induce the French military authorities to give their consent, Jess Willard and Georges Carpentier will box a ten-round, no-decision bout in New York some time late in January or early February.

Willard already has given his word to go through with the bout, telling Rickard at the same time that all he required was six weeks' notice to begin training. Rickard declares Willard appears to be in good condition and would have little trouble getting ready.

At the present time Carpentier, the European heavyweight champion, is in Paris on a furlough. He is a member of the French aerial service, having joined that branch of the army when the war broke out. He has been sounded on the probability of a New York match and has given his consent. If things can be arranged satisfactorily he soon will sail for New York.

With such a match up his sleeve Rickard probably would be only slightly disheartened if he failed to get the garden. Undoubtedly he would go the limit to stage it and would leave nothing unturned to get the proper sort of an enclosure. The leasing of Madison square garden, of course, would add more fame to his crown, but a Willard-Carpentier bout, with the glamor of a war hero pitted against the hulking world's champion, would draw a massive throng.

Carpentier has done little boxing since he won from Gunboat Smith, the American heavyweight, in what was to have been a twenty-round bout in London. The bout ended when Smith struck Carpentier after the latter had fallen or had been knocked to his knees and the referee declared a foul. That was in July, 1914, and shortly afterward war was declared and Carpentier joined the colors. The idol of France, he had been kept in good condition at the front, occasionally taking part in boxing contests.

In announcing the probability of this match Rickard said he also was planning matches between Freddie Welsh and Johnny Kilbane and a bout between Les Darcy and the best middleweight he could find, providing Darcy really is on his way to this country. He declared his policy, if he gains control of the garden, will be to put on only the highest class attractions, preferring champions as opponents for rising boxers. Samuel McCracken, who long has been associated with Rickard, will be matchmaker.

In an interview to a Montreal paper upon his return from his visit to Toronto, President Robinson, of the N.H.A., stated that there would be no difficulty in the two Toronto clubs reaching an agreement over the Keats trouble. The same opinion does not prevail in Toronto.

SOLDIER TEAMS ONLY IN O.E.A. SENIOR RACE

Intermediate and Junior Series as Usual—Play Commences January 1st.

The most important change advocated by the Ontario Basketball Association for the coming season is the abolition of the senior series, and the inclusion of competitions for soldier teams instead. This was unanimously agreed to, and in future the senior series will be composed entirely of khaki teams.

There are three teams at London, and the 158th Battalion at St. Thomas, has a fourth, so that that district will be well looked after.

There will be intermediate and junior competitions. In the junior group, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Stratford and London will compete. In the intermediate series St. Thomas, Western University, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph and London Y. M. C. A. will furnish the batties.

The play will open about January 1. The winners of the districts will play off with the winners of other districts for the buntins.

The officers elected were: President, J. W. Baker, O.A.C., Guelph; vice-president, S. H. Armstrong, director of playgrounds, of this city; secretary-treasurer, M. F. Smith, Hamilton.

May Be Changed.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Excitement was caused at the City Hall by the circulation of a rumor that the Provincial Government intended to wipe out the City Council and Board of control and substitute a commission form of municipal government. The rumor stated Sir Lomer Gouin, Premier of the province, had told a member of a civic delegation to Quebec, that the present municipal system of Montreal was to be done away with.

The administration of Montreal has been under fire for a long time. Several commissions have investigated allegations against Alderman and Controllers and have reported unfavorably against them. Another investigation into the dealings of the City Fathers with the tramway company in connection with a new franchise, is pending.

BOXING GOSSIP.

A Montreal boy who was taken prisoner at St. Julien and sent to the German detention camp in Glessen, Grand Duchy of Hesse, has written home, making an urgent appeal for a set of boxing gloves. He said that the gloves would be greatly appreciated by himself and fellow prisoners.

Eddie Wallace must be coming along some if he can floor Johnny Dundee and get a clear verdict over him as he did last week in Brooklyn. A right-hand swing in the fourth round did the trick. It is said to be the first time Dundee was ever knocked off his feet.

Charles Mitchell, Jr., son of the former British heavyweight, has been promoted to sergeant in the Sportsmen's Battalion (25th Royal Fusiliers). The young man has developed into a crack shot.

Abé Attell, the former featherweight champion, intends to lace on the gloves again. He is anxious to box Franklin Burns, the crack Jersey City bantam, in New Orleans.

Harry Tracey, the Philadelphia featherweight, will return to the ring at Quebec on Dec. 22nd. His opponent will be Frankie Fleming, the champion of Canada.

Harry Pollok, manager of Charlie Weinert, declares that the reason Billy Miske "ran away" from New York was because he was afraid he'd be forced into a battle with the Newark heavyweight if he remained there.

Sam Wallace sends word that three clubs in Providence are bidding for a Marty Cross-Sam Robideau match, the one meeting his demands to get it. He also says that several clubs are seeking the return Cross-Radoud Bout, which Dan McKetrick, Baftoud's manager, is claiming Marty has run out of.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Milton will be out of hockey this season, every player in the town having enlisted.

Manager George Kennedy, of the Canadiens, has signed a wing player by the name of Jimmy Roy, of Chicoutimi. The Canadiens will be captained by "Newy" Lalonde this winter.

Winnipeg will likely have three hockey leagues this winter. Two of them are called the Winnipeg Military League and the Winnipeg Patriotic League. The name of the third has not yet been decided.

Cody Winters, who has played on the defence for Cleveland for the last three years, has declined an offer to coach and play for the Duluth club this season.

The junior series of the O.H.A. will include more clubs this season than for years. The enlistment of so many intermediate and senior players is ascribed as the reason for the popularity of the junior section.

St. Michael's College, being in affiliation with University of Toronto, is bound by the rule of the athletic directorate prohibiting outside competition during the war. The Saints have notified the O.H.A. that they will retain their membership, but will have no team in the big leagues.

Competition for the Jennings Cup will be the only hockey at University of Toronto this year.

"Vic" Gilbert will be missed this season at the Toronto Arena. The Argonaut goalie of last winter could always be depended upon to give an exhibition worth the price of admission, providing the other team gave him enough work to do. Gilbert is now with the 235th Battalion.

An effort is being made in Western Ontario to form an interscholastic Hockey League, after the plan of the interscholastic Football League that has been in operation for several years. Guelph, Galt, Kitchener and Woodstock Collegiate will likely enter. Woodstock College have also been invited, but as they have already entered in the junior series of the O.H.A. it is likely they will remain there.

The Aberdeen team, of Ottawa, is planning an extensive tour this winter. They have practically closed for games at New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, St. Paul and Detroit.

BROWN DRAWS RELEASE.

Famous Three-Fingered Hurler Was a Major 18 Years.

After playing thirteen years in the major league, Mordecai Brown, the famous three-fingered pitcher of the Chicago National League club, has been given his unconditional release by Charles H. Geeghtman, president of the club.

Brown is 38 years old. He came to Chicago from the St. Louis Nationals in 1904.

Helping to Save the Ducks.

If you shoot a duck and find an aluminum band on one leg send band to the Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., giving place, date and circumstances under which the duck was shot. The Biological Survey is making a study of the longevity and migration of wild fowl, and returning tags will be of value in this work. Some of the tagged ducks were treated in Utah for a malady that was killing them off by the thousands.

What's the Reason?

Isn't it strange that one or two Montreal and Toronto papers devote barrels of space in summer to baseball, hundreds of miles away, and are equally liberal during winter with information concerning horse races down in Mexico and Cuba, yet practically ignore their own national sport—hockey? In such case there's a reason.—Ottawa Citizen.

Gansel For Kansas City.

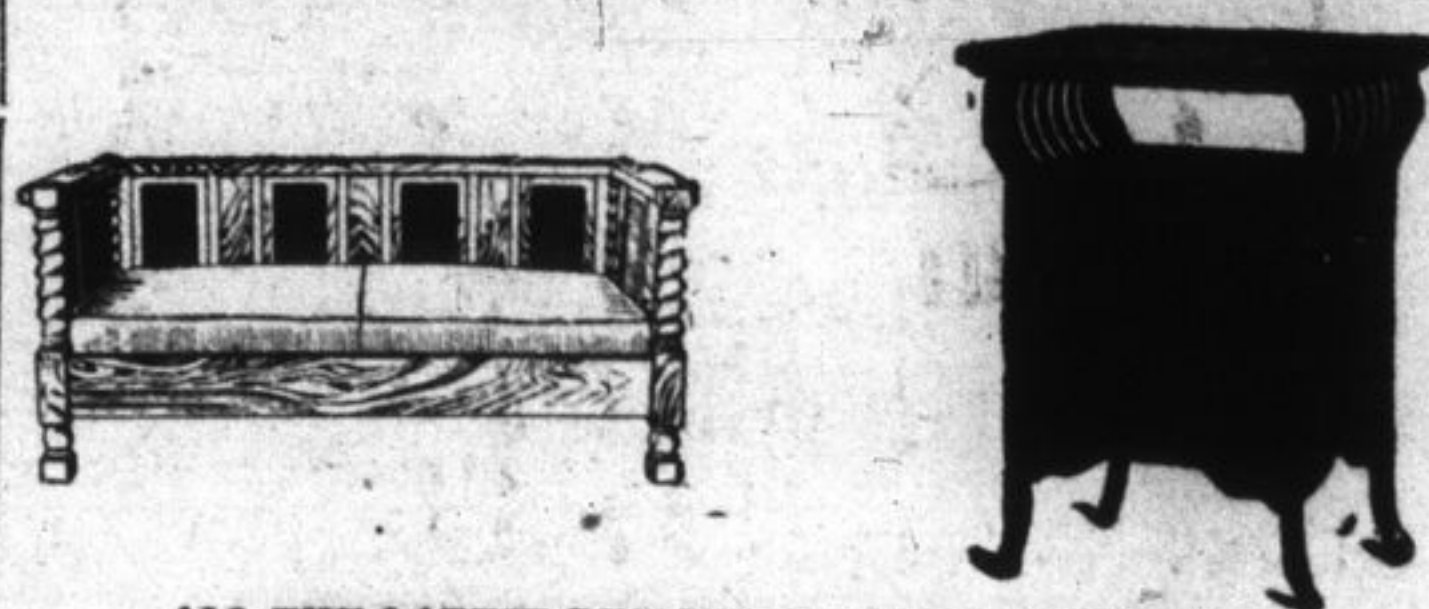
John Gansel, widely known as a baseball manager, will manage the Kansas City team in the American Association, the coming season, it is announced here by George Tebeau, owner of the club. Gansel managed the Rochester team, in the International League, for several seasons.

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