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STAGE SET FOR TO-NIGHT'S BIG BATTLE WITH DEMPSEY AND FIRPO PRINCIPALS

Experts All Over Differ As to Outcome But Dempsey Favored By Most Fans On His Past Fight Records.

New York, Sept. 14.—A system of price graduation seems to be in vogue among the speculators handling tickets for the Dempsey-Firpo fight at the Polo Grounds to-night, for among ten who were approached last night in the neighborhood of Broadway and Forty-second street the amount demanded for a \$27.50 ringside seat within the rows of the ring was \$75 in almost every instance. Other seats, as far back as forty-five rows, at the same price, are offered for \$50, while \$22 tickets are bringing from \$35 to \$40.

A careful canvass of barber shops, stores, stands and bona-fide agencies offering tickets developed the fact that seats are plentiful, at least as far as the speculators are concerned. That the boxing fans are not rushing to the speculators, demanding seats at any price, was also evidenced by the manner in which prospective purchasers were received and the huge bunches of tickets immediately produced for selection.

The most popular offer in all of the agencies is the \$16.50 ticket for a seat in the lower stand and in the semi-circle between first and third base. The advance on this seat is nominal, as \$22 seems to be the price agreed upon except in one instance, when \$25 was asked.

The \$5.50 tickets are said to be popular, as they are selling at \$8.75, the speculators claiming to have paid as high as \$7 for them. There is also a demand for \$11 tickets at \$16.

The regular scale of prices, including tax, is as follows: General admission, \$2.50; reserved seats, \$5.50, \$7.70, \$11, \$16.50, \$22 and \$27.50.

Jack McAuliffe is one of very few New York critics who pick Firpo to win. But no man has come out so emphatic as did the undefeated lightweight champion in his story of yesterday. Jack, having fought many battles in the ring, during his boxing career, is perhaps a more capable judge than some of the other writers, but whether he is right or wrong in his predictions, he must be given credit for not trying to "beat around the bush."—Hamilton Spectator.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 13.—The state of the cattle market, wheat crop prospects, foreign exchange quotations, next Sunday's winning race horse, Europe's troubles, domestic politics—topics that ordinarily occupy public attention in Argentina—all seem forgotten in the almost feverish excitement of the public mind over the Firpo-Dempsey bout. Expectancy pervading all classes had increased to such a pitch as the day of the match approaches one would almost think that some national interest was at stake, which the victory or defeat of the Argentine champion would decide.

Public confidence that Firpo will win does not seem to be affected by reports from the United States embodying the predictions of the sport writers and experts of that country that Dempsey will carry off the victory. Even though some misgivings are expressed in local sport circles that Firpo may not win, the general public seems to be in a spell of patriotic exultation which will brook no pessimistic prophecies.

The manner in which the event is given international significance here is demonstrated by interviews with prominent personages, in which they express hope for "the triumph of Argentine brain and brawn," as well as a score of messages which various organizations are calling to Firpo appealing to him to box "for Argentina and our race."

Announcement was made of the men who will handle Dempsey Friday night. Manager Kearns, of course, will be chief second. Others in the champion's corner will be his brother, Johnny; Trainer Jerry Lavandis; and Joe Benjamin, Pacific coast lightweight, who arrived at Saratoga Springs this afternoon to make the trip to New York with Dempsey on Friday morning. Bernard Dempsey, older brother of the champion, originally was intended to occupy a place in the corner, but because of his inability to get a second license he has decided to attend the bout in the role of spectator.

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FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

By the time we go to press again Luis Firpo's immediate hopes for the heavyweight title will be settled or the world will have a new champion. There are few indeed who will prophesy the outcome without any qualifying phrases.

Limestones had another good turnout last night and the squad is coming along fast under the tutoring of Major Lawson. There is still a shortage of candidates and those who intend trying out should report at once. The first game is but two weeks off.

This afternoon the second game in the finals of the Frontenac Girls' Soft-ball league was to be played at Sydenham and is probably under way as this is printed. Wilton, after winning an exhibition game with Bath, will undertake to play the crack Sydenham team with every confidence.

Belleville will have its last baseball chance of the year tomorrow when the Grand Trunks meet the Royals on home ground. The outlook is not extra promising for the C. O. B. L. winners but upsets are common in every sport and their supporters are far from down hearted.

Football's official opening is but two weeks from tomorrow. In Kingston R. M. C. and Limestones will meet. Hamilton plays Argos in Toronto and Ottawas will journey to Montreal to meet M. A. A. A.

After all the conflicting opinions of supposedly sure-fire boxing "experts" most fans will bet on Tex Rickard to win in the Firpo-Dempsey battle tonight.

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DEFEAT NO OBSTACLE.

To Trip of Papyrus to America For International Race.

The defeat of Papyrus in the historic St. Leger will not interfere with the plans to have him come to America to meet Zev. Yesterday's race was longer than he will be called upon to cover in the international gallop and his defeat does not necessarily mean that he is not the best three-year-old in England. His vic-

tory in the Derby stamped him as a real high-class colt, and the fact that he finished second yesterday shows that he is consistent, for the class of three-year-olds on the whole in England is much better than on this continent. There are but three or four really high-class three-year-olds in America, while there are a dozen or more in England.

BIG FIGHT NEWS.

The Dempsey-Firpo fight is due to commence in New York tonight at 8.30 o'clock and as soon as the first wires start sending the news from the ringside the British Whig will keep fans in touch with the progress of affairs down there with a running story of the battle. This will be bulletined in the Whig windows as it comes in. Be there for the beginning.

GRAND OLD SINGLE G.

HAS RED-LETTER DAY

At Syracuse, on Wednesday, a red-letter day was chalked up in the annals of light harness racing when trotters and pacers of the Grand Circuit, led by Peter Manning and Single G., established world's, season and local records in epochal performances.

Among the new marks one is a world's record for a third heat in a race, 1.58 3-4, hung up by 13-year-old Single G. in what was called a free-for-all pacé. The only other starter was Sir Roche. Single G., driven by Ed. Allen, also made two other records in the same race, pacing the one and two fastest single miles of the year. The time for the wonder horse were 1.58 1-2, 2.01 3-4 and 1.58 3-4.

The mark of 1.58 1-2 made by Single G. stands as the great horse's all-time record. Single G., racing eleven years and considered by horsemen as "the greatest horse that ever wore a harness," has completed a score of miles under two minutes, but never quite as fast as on Wednesday. "Incidentally Single G. broke his record twice, for he stepped the third heat in 1.58 3-4. His former record, 1.59, was made first in an exhibition at North Randall and later at Atlanta.

Peter Manning, piloted by Tommy Murphy, stepped around the oval in 1.58 1-2, thereby setting a new trotting mark for the 1928 season.

Wilton Imps Soft Ball. Wilton Imps and Strathcona Orioles met on the Newburgh grounds for their play-off. This was the third game between the teams. The umpires were one from Newburgh and one from Bath, who certainly knew the game and filled their positions well. The score was 29 to 24 in favor of the Imps and they did not play their last innings, as it was not needed. This game leaves the Orioles out of the league.

The Bath girls and Wilton girls played a friendly game at Bath on Sept. 1st. At the ninth inning they were tied; after the tie was played off, it left the score 20 to 19, for the Wilton Imps. The Imps pitcher and first base girls at that time were attending Toronto fair, so they substituted these two places.

On September 8th, Sydenham girls and Wilton Imps played their first league game on Wilton grounds, the score being 11-13 in favor of Sydenham. Wilton still played without their first base girl. The second game is at Sydenham on Friday, Sept. 14th, at 3.30 p.m.

The Wilton Imps will play a friendly game with Strathcona Orioles at Centreville fair, Sept. 15th. A liberal prize is given to both the winners and losers.

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The quartette of "unluckies" were Johnny KZane, Eugene Criqui, Jimmy Wilde and Johnny Wilson.

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Every evening sees a marked improvement in the Limestones and if progress keeps on at the present rate they should round out a crowd that will keep Queen's 11 and R.M.C. on their toes to keep up with. The turnout, although not as large as it should be for a good football town like Kingston, is nevertheless encouraging and there will be no trouble picking a good team from the back division are commencing to look formidable.

Panet, who with R.M.C. was usually a line man, though an unusually fast one it must be admitted, looks good as a backfield man. His plunging runs and good catching mark him as one hard to stop and he has that same perseverance and immunity to injury on the ice with Frontenac last winter. His old team-mate, Evans, has been laid up since the injury he received a few nights ago but will be in shape very soon.

"Jim" McLeod worked out lightly last night and his long high punts attracted considerable attention, while the manner in which some of them were run back shows promising material in the hitherto unknown. Conspicuous by their absence last night were Cherry, "Ken" Douglas and Dungan but if they have any intentions of making the team, they had better get on the job as there is no scarcity of good back division men.

It was the line that really encouraged those who have been watching the progress of the squad. "Jim" Aykroyd, a former K.C.I. player, showed that he has not lost the tricks taught him in the old days. Chase, the plunger from Hamilton behaved in promising style and Revella, a beginner who looks like a coming line plunger, battered his way through on several occasions. The tackling of the wings was amazing for so little practice.

The arc lights for later practice are soon to be available and it is understood that the Richardson Bathing House will soon be at the disposal of the club also. With steady attendance, and escape from injuries things should go on in good style during the next two weeks.

Africa will follow shortly. Switzerland, Spain, Holland and Denmark have announced their intention to compete, but their official entries have not yet been received.

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