

*Tunney and Dempsey Are Ready to
Stage Ring's Greatest Drama Tonight*



GENE TUNNEY

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Chicago, Sept. 22 (AP).—For the brief space of 39 minutes, or less, Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey, fighting for the heavyweight championship in a ten-round decision match tonight at Soldier Field, will hold the eyes and ears of the sporting world.

For that short span of time, close to 150,000 pairs of eyes, paying upwards of \$2,500,000 for the privilege, will focus upon the most expensive, most talked of and most spectacular drama the ring has ever known. Millions all over the world will hear or read about the details of this gigantic spectacle through the greatest concentration of radio, telegraph and cable facilities in the history of communication for any single event.

Great Interest Shown.—Today, as the time for the battle nears, as the lurch of random from all parts of the country reached its height, and the last minute hysteria increased, it seemed that nothing short of a world war could cause at this time as much commotion, as the interest in the last night's boxing match. As this duel of padded mitts between a scholarly, scientific young champion of 29, and a 160-lb., rippling slinger of 32 trying to batter his way back to the top of the pugilistic ladder, on the crest of a wave of popularity and sentiment that attracted thousands of spectators, seemed destined to enter the ring a favorite, so far as the crowd was concerned, but the general presence of the crowd, and the fact of the home as a toss up. Betting odds on a knockout favored Dempsey, considered to be the harder puncher of the two, but the odds on the underdog sports have gone on record in support of Tunney.

Challenger's Support Unusual. Such strong support for a challenger, in the face of ring history that always has made champions pronounced favorites, was itself unprecedented but it was only one of the record breaking angles. Whether it was the size of the crowd, the amount of the gate receipts, the extent of the radio hookup, the immensity of the newspaper and press association operations, the number of assembled critics or the various financial arrangements—all surpassed anything in fist-

Tunney was assured an unprecedented purse of \$1,000,000, regardless of whether he retires or loses his grasp on the principal sceptre of the prize ring. Dempsey adds \$450,000 to a collection of ring earnings that already have run well over \$2,000,000 to prove beyond a doubt that the Kansas Mauler is the greatest drawing card in boxing history.

The traditional weather luck of the man who pulls the string for the post office is being tested. Tex Rickard, seemed as good as ever in this prediction of clear weather. It was likely to be cool enough, however, to make the crowd quite comfortable usually does for football games and gave a sharp contrast to the shirt retired, sweating through that saw the crowd in the rain. The crowd of salt Jess Willard on the Fourth of July, eight years ago, at Toledo, or the soaked and dripping mass of the crowd at the Philadelphia Convention of the peak at Philadelphia year ago.

Guided by Tex Rickard, the showman who has raised his ante for the quarter of 21 years from around \$5,000 to a price of \$1,450,000, Rickard promotion scales its highest point, most vivid peak in the history of the sport. The weather of the night, millionaire, business dealers, and figures high in public life, offering the choicest \$40 seats.

The champion's reliance was in his footwork, his counter-attacking of the opponent's attack as well as in a stamina that has enabled him to weather many a flurry of gloves.

Tunney's right eye was a factor that concerned many of those speculating on rival chances. It was injured and cut twice in training. Under careful treatment it has healed rapidly and completely, to outward appearance, but it may be subject to renewed and fateful damage if one of Dempsey's short left hooks lands a glancing blow.

Who Will Officiate.

The selection of the referee and judges who will decide the issues remained a matter of speculation in the early days of the fight. The members of the State Athletic Commission and possibly the fighters and their managers, was to be kept a secret until the day of the fight, before the main bout.

The boxing authorities have taken all possible precautions to prevent any possible bias on the part of the judges in the ring or claims of foul. Barring anything untoward, the judges and referee will decide the matter by a majority vote of the commissioners, official physician, as well as judges and referee, will render before a final decision is conferred.

The big battle was to start at approximately 3:45 p. m. Chicago daylight time, under last minute agreement, but this was subject to change. In the event of threatening weather, Rickard said, it would be moved ahead of schedule. The preliminary bouts were to start at

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Major General not only to but the minis- "Like an angel" she made their wounds. me. Mills pressed the British had structure as a clean cannon-

Syracuse to Use White Football

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 22 (AP)—A white football instead of the regulation tan leather sphere will be used here Saturday at the opening of the Syracuse University gridiron season, university officials announced today. The purpose of the experiment, it was said, is to make the game more interesting for the spectators.

Later in the season, football followers in New York city will be given an opportunity to see a

CHURCH SERVICES

Mr. Tremper and Shaskan The Rev. John H. Stokette is to be the preacher at the services on Sunday, September 25, at 9:30 and 11 a. m., respectively. On October 2 Mr. Ross will resume his ministrations. Bloomington, N. M. 88 will again to conduct the service here on September 26 at 9:45 a. m.

Heating Industry Active.
The heating industry of New England is active again, according to reports of the Canfield Supply Company which is unloading two car loads of radiators and other items to be distributed throughout New England and New York state.

Hats Carry Lights
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