

Courage and Character Retains Crown



JACK DEMPSEY AND TEX RICHARD

Another wonderful exhibition of clean boxing was given when the two Premier Artists of the Leather met.

CHARACTER WON WORLD'S TITLE TUNNEY BOXED DEMPSEY TO OBLIVION

Graphic, Dramatic Description Over the Radio Vividly Visualized World's Heavyweight Boxing Contest to Millions of "Listeners In."

THRILL ON THRILL!

Boxing Fans of Ontario and Quebec Owe a Debt of Gratitude to General Motors, Canadian National Railways (CNRO), and Toronto Daily Star (CFCA) for a Wonderful Entertainment.

BY R. E. GUNN.

Written immediately after the Broadcast before Press reports were available for check or reference.

None of us need be sorry we were not at Chicago for the big fight. Never has a more nerve wracking, heart thrilling, interesting holding broadcast been put upon the air than Graham MacNamee's dramatic description of the World's Fistic Title Contest at Soldiers Field, Chicago. From the first resonant deep throated and intense "The Bell, the Bell" until the last high pitched vibrant "I think Gene wins" the radio fans were held in the most gripping interest imaginable. The writer, an old fight fan, was absolutely "all in" from the intensity of the reaction to MacNamee's description.

THE PRELIMINARIES.

We were carried, in the earlier stages of the broadcast, to the scene of the conflict. Humorous and vividly the picture was painted. The gigantic Stadium, twice and a half larger than Toronto's Varsity Field; the monster crowd; the arrangements; statistics humorously running from three pair of cotton stockings to a lake of mustard for trainloads of "hot dogs" washed down with the sea of pop; the dignitaries that came into the announcer's ken. The ring, the lights, the movie men—all were painted on the mental canvas while the roar of the crowd and the high-pitched dirge of the official announcer came clearly through the air.

AN UNOCONSCIOUS TIT-BIT.

MacNamee's assistant was a splendid second to "the king" himself. One remark he made will be appreciated by all Canadians. He mentioned that C.N.R.O. (the Canadian National station at Ottawa), and C.F.C.A. (the Daily Star station at Toronto), were broadcasting to Canada and Alaska. Not appreciating Canada's extent, he did not realize that the U.S. Western stations were thousands of miles nearer Alaska than the stations he named.

THEY'RE OFF.

"The bell! the bell!" hissed MacNamee, and then blow followed blow. Tunney's "one, two, left, right" and Dempsey's rapid counter punches were recorded. The condition of the gladiators between rounds; the calling of the points as the gong clanged took the listeners out of themselves. The sweat of resin and sweat was in the nostrils. The gleaming skins and tense set faces of the combatants were in the eye. The timbre of MacNamee's voice and the hissing snap with which he described a punch brought the sickening thud to the ear. The dramatic seventh round when, under Dempsey's "wild animal" onslaught, when with every atom of his magnificent science and strength he strove to regain his lost crown and the blood-curdling suspense as the seconds were called, with Tunney hanging to the ropes, carried us to a climax unprecedented.

We saw this terrible human fighting tiger, motion with sneering assurance to his apparently vanquished opponent, to come on and be finished. We shook with Tunney's trembling knees as he fought off the effects of the appalling punishment he had received, and here is where our un-

stinted and hearty sympathy went out to the clean-living and modest Tunney as he out-generalized Dempsey. This was the crisis of the fight. Unaffected by Dempsey's taunts or the wild cries of the taunting, fight-mad throng (all distinctly heard), Tunney played his own game, and this is where character won.

THE FINISH.

Again we saw Dempsey attack, eyes bleeding now; we could feel him make that stupendous effort to hold his lead, but "Tunney's better condition is telling," showed that the ridiculed "softy" was more man than the "Manassa Mauler," and the dogged determination was depicted for us with uncanny control and extraordinary sustained enunciation. We were shown Tunney's magnificent rally and his strategic and glorious final attack which smothered the "natural fighter" and had him "out on his feet" in the tenth round and Tunney's crown retained. It was infinitely better than being there. A marvelous performance and a night long to be remembered by every listener-in.

MacNamee's call of the blows and rounds was:

Blows landed—Tunney 172, Dempsey 98.
Rounds called—
Round 1—Even.
Round 2—Even.
Round 3—Dempsey.
Round 4—Tunney.
Round 5—Even.
Round 6—Even.
Round 7—Dempsey.
Round 8—Dempsey.
Round 9—Tunney.
Round 10—Tunney.

RECOGNITION.

Canadian fight fans (and who doesn't love a fight) are deeply indebted to the General Motors of Canada, the Canadian National Railways, and the Toronto Daily Star station, for giving us the opportunity of sets—what one and all must agree was indeed "some fight."

Chicago.—The following figures, all estimated, were issued in connection with the Dempsey-Tunney bout:
Attendance 150,000
Receipts \$2,900,000
Federal tax 250,000
State tax 225,000
Tunney's share \$1,000,000
Dempsey's share 450,000
Preliminary bonuses 125,000
Rental of stadium 100,000
Incidental expenses 150,000
Richard's profits 250,000



GENE TUNNEY

An Open Letter to Gene Tunney

Man Grasps But Once the Opportunity that Lies in Hands of the Worlds Champion

My Dear Tunney:—

You have not only achieved your ambition in what appears to have been an epochal ring battle, but you have acquired a responsibility which I am sure you will appreciate and develop.

We in Canada love fighters, but when a fighter rises as you have risen with attributes of a man and a gentleman we extend to you not mere congratulations, but a true regard impossible to express in print.

You possess talents which should make you a national figure as well as the champion heavy-weight pugilist of the world.

Character, clean living, a desire for learning, the perseverance to carry a fine sensibility encased in a superb physique, such as yours, to success in the most heart-breaking contest in the world makes you as an extraordinary man. Do not let your success and affluence bring you tumbling down from the high pedestal you have hewed for yourself. Remain modest, cultivate poise and when you sign your vaudeville or whatever contracts you propose to enter into to tour the

world, insert a clause whereby you will be permitted to talk to the boys of your own country and of ours and teach them that the manly art of self-defence does not necessarily need to be associated with the "pug."

Your country has recently been glorified by the discovering of one of the world's greatest popular heroes—Col. Chas. Lindbergh. He is using his success for the national good. Without disparaging the Col., you have an opportunity to do more good as the school boys' hero than any man ever had before. I trust you will take my suggestions as a sincere compliment to your magnificent performance which we saw through Graham MacNamee's incomparable eyes. You have gone far, but no matter what pugilistic successes your future may have in store, you have an opportunity in teaching our boys by example, precept and personal contact to love their country, reverence their bodies, and endeavor to become as proficient in manly sports as Gene Tunney.

"Because Gene told us" can be and should be the boys' guiding phrase. "The torch is yours, hold it high." Yours most cordially, R. E. G.

France Honors American Dead

War-time Leaders Pay Tribute at Soldier Cemetery in Suresnes

Suresnes, France.—Thirty thousand American soldiers who died in France were honored recently by their war-time leader and high officers of France and the American Legion. They gathered in the American Cemetery here where 1,507 marble headstones lie row on row.

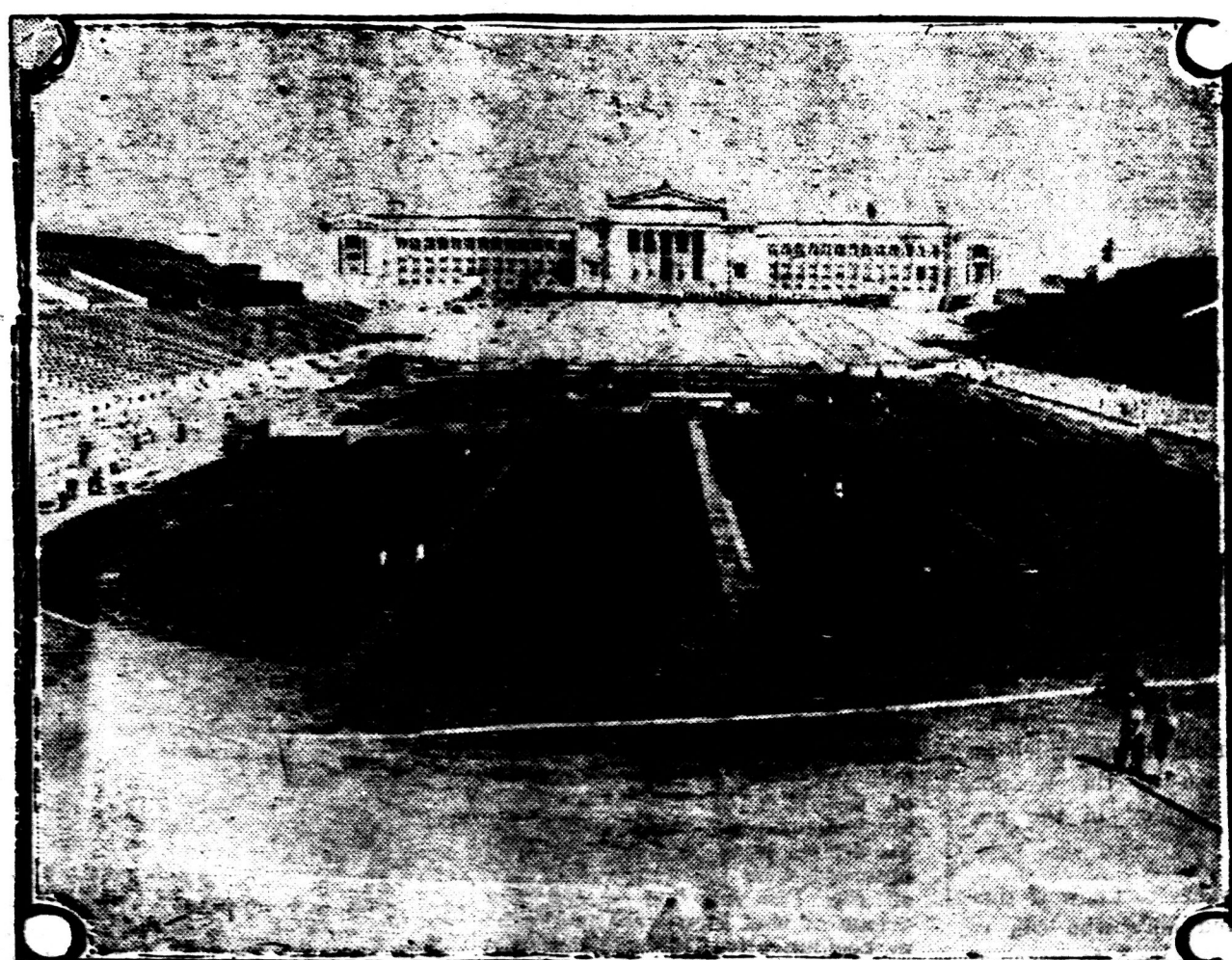
Pershing and Foch, who ordered the men forward on their last fight; Howard P. Savage, national commander of the American Legion; Generals Gouraud, De Beney, Ragenau and Hart were among those who participated in the tribute to the fallen ones.

Rural P.M.'s Pay

Edmonton Journal (Ind. Cons.)—In one fair-sized Alberta community the postmaster received \$84.35 per month in 1926 and 79.75 in the previous year. Out of these amounts he has expenses to meet for the upkeep of the office and had to be on the job from seven in the morning until seven at night, while his hours were often longer in rush periods. A permanent adjustment upwards is clearly demanded in fairness to these public servants and it should be brought about without further delay. It is a false economy to maintain the present scale.

"The newspaper is a poor man's university," says a speaker. Then it behooves the publishers to give the best education possible.

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Hindenburg Declares Fatherland Unsheathed Sword in Self-defence

UNMITIGATED NERVE

It is to be wondered at that we mistrust such people as the militant German. The blood of our boys cries out at the flaunting of such characteristics as the following:

Tannenberg, East Prussia.—Unveiling a monument in commemoration of the famous battle of Tannenberg, in August, 1914, President Von Hindenburg, who was victorious in that battle, delivered a speech repudiating Germany's war guilt.

It was in self-defence and with a pure conscience, he declared, that the sword was unsheathed by Germany. "The accusation that Germany was responsible for this greatest of all wars we repudiate," he said. "All

classes of German people unanimously repudiate it. It was not because of our envy or hate or desire for conquest that we drew swords. On the contrary, the war with all the terrible sacrifices it demanded from the whole country was an extreme measure resorted to for the preservation of our existence against a host of enemies.

"With clean hearts we marched out to defend the fatherland; with clean hands the German army wielded the sword. Germany is ready at any moment to prove this fact before impartial judges."

Clean hearts! Clean hands! God forbid. And Agnes MacPhail says "do away with military training." So long as such a spirit is alive and the Japan-Russian situation exists as it does, we must all live in fear and trembling or "gird up our loins." The thinking men must admit that British statesmen know their business, even if our American friends do criticize their action.

Canada Has Pride in Fearless Justice

Evil Doers Will Have Cause to Think of Sentence Meted Out to Sarnia Fiends

BY R. E. G.

Canadians can well be proud of the fearless severity of our justice in handling the Sarnia fiends.

We in Canada have been disgusted with the mawkish methods of court procedure across the line, and we sometimes wonder if we are following America's lead too closely. The heavy prison sentences and above all the adding of the best of all deterrents—the lash—unhesitatingly handed to these unspeakable creatures gives us cause for pride in our courts.

ACTION LOOKED FOR.

On the other hand, we can not but

be ashamed of the occurrence in Picton. A money fine levied by a friend of a Minister of the gospel, a hypocrite, to be spoken to by decent men, a man who brazenly worked to secure a position as Juvenile Judge when he knew himself to be a betrayer of the innocent. To allow such a man to remain at large will always remain a blot on our escutcheon. Nothing but the lash and imprisonment or incarceration in an asylum for life, is he is proved to be as mentally deranged (as it would appear he is from his actions), is the only thing that will clear the air.

THE MAGISTRATE.

A man who would be party to such a white-washing is not fit to be retained in office. We do not want, nor will we tolerate, the permitting of "Elmer Ganttry" to remain on our "Main Streets."

Find Lake Levels Higher in August

Water in St. Lawrence Highest in Ten Years, is Report

Ottawa.—The levels of all of the Great Lakes and of the St. Lawrence river for the month of August last were appreciably higher than those for the corresponding month of last year, according to figures compiled by the Canadian Hydrographer's Office. As was natural, however, largely because of lesser precipitation on all of the lakes with the exception of Lake Superior, the levels were lower in August than in July last. The same is true of the St. Lawrence river.

On Lake Superior the levels were .03 foot higher than in July, 1927; 1.164 foot higher than in August, 1926, and .44 foot higher than the average stage of August for the last 10 years. For Lake Huron the figures were: .08 foot lower, 1.05 foot higher, and .78 foot lower; on Lake Erie they were: .19 foot lower, .71 foot higher, .33 foot lower; Lake Ontario .33 foot lower, .75 foot higher, and .33 foot lower.

On the St. Lawrence river, .76 foot lower, 1.19 foot higher, .63 foot higher. In this respect it is to be noted that on the St. Lawrence during the last ten years the August level has averaged 1.05 foot lower than the July level.

Landlady—"I'll have to request you to pay in advance, Mr. Smith." Smith—"Why, isn't my portmanteau good for a week's board?" Landlady—"No, it looks like an old-fashioned emotional box." Smith—"Emotional?" Landlady—"Yes; one that is easily moved!"