

FIELDS WINS DECISION; REGAINS WELTER CROWN FROM LOU BROUILLARD

Coast Boy Outpunches New Englander In Fast Battle

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CHICAGO STADIUM, CHICAGO, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Jackie Fields of Los Angeles won back the world welterweight championship tonight from Lou Brouillard, Worcester, Mass., and he did it by the unanimous decision of the referee and two judges.

Fields, who held the title from July 25, 1929 when he won on a foul from Joe Dundee until May 9, 1930, when he lost to Jack Thompson, succeeded in outpunching and outlasting Brouillard through a spectacular finish which had the crowd of 11,203 in a constant uproar.

Fields, who weighed 145½, half a pound less than Brouillard, turned a slow, crab match into a thrilling battle by a two-fisted attack he launched in the sixth round and kept up until the last bell.

A right hook to the jaw almost floored Brouillard in the sixth as he came off the ropes. It seemed that the champion was about to pitch forward when his head landed squarely on Fields' shoulder, and enabled him to clinch.

Fields let go with two more right hooks which made Brouillard's knees sag. The short-bodied, long-armed Worcester boy retreated across the ring, but when Fields caught him in a neutral corner he peppered him about the head with several more rights. Brouillard stood up under the fierce attack, but was obviously hurt badly as he went to his corner.

Fields kept up this fast pace during the remaining four rounds of the ten round fight. He did not win them all, but he won the sixth and seventh by wide margins and the tenth by a shade, while Brouillard took the eighth and the ninth was about even. There was little action in the first five rounds.

There were no knockdowns, but

Fields, moving in with his head, slipped to the canvas once just as Brouillard hit him a short right hand punch to the chin. Fields got right up, and danced into a corner to twist his shoes in resin dust. Again in the eighth round both fighters fell back against the ropes, Brouillard on top of Fields, from the savagery of their efforts.

Brouillard did not start to fight until Fields hurt him with a succession of right hooks to the head in the sixth round. The stocky little New Englander concentrated his attack on Fields' body, and punished the Los Angeles boy with stiff belts into the mid-section. Brouillard, however, never did have Fields in real distress.

In the eighth round Brouillard received a deep gash over his right eye which bled freely in that round and the next. The wound apparently was opened by a butt and not a punch. Fields bled from the mouth, and had his right eye blackened, but was strong enough even at the finish to stay on his feet for several minutes and allow General John V. Ciminin, president of the National Boxing association, to present him with the welterweight championship belt.

Fields is not the first welterweight champion to regain his title. Myzterious Billy Smith did it in 1907, Rube Ferns in 1900, Jack Britton in 1919 and Jack Thompson in 1931. Thus Fields is the fifth 147-pound king to lose and regain his title.

Jones, 174½, scored a technical knockout over Battling Bozo, 174½, Birmingham, Ala., after 2 minutes 40 seconds of the ninth round.

FAILS TO BREAK RECORD

DETROIT, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Gar Wood failed to establish a new world's speedboat record in Miami this week by 1-100th miles an hour in the opinion of W. D. Edeburn, race committee chairman of the Yachtsmen's association, which must pass on Miss America's performance before it is applicable to world recognition.

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

BETTING EVEN TITLE BATTLE ON LEVINSKY AND BAER FIGHT

Ticket Sale Is Heavy And Fans Flagging Interest Reflames

BY JACK CUDDY

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NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Bet-ting is even on tomorrow night's scheduled ten-round bout between King Levinsky, Chicago heavyweight, and Max Baer of California at Madison Square Garden.

J. S. Priest, Wall street betting commissioner, announced the betting odds tonight, but predicted that Chicago's fish-peddler might be a 6 to 5 favorite at bout-time if more Levinsky money came in to the market.

The ticket sale for the bout has been unusually heavy; more than 16,000 persons will attend, Garden officials stated. This indicates that New York fight followers expect a sizzling battle, despite the fact that Manhattan sports writers have tagged the bout "the battle of the nit-wits" because of the eccentricities of the two principals.

Both men are hard hitters, continuous maulers and tough as mules. Neither has been knocked out in a professional bout. Both are young: Baer, 22, and Levinsky, 21.

Baer, with his 202 pounds, will have a ten-pound weight advantage over the Chicagoan. Moreover, the California fighter is reputed to have the hardest short right jab among present-day heavyweights. But Levinsky is a tireless, rip-slashing swinger from song to gong. He relishes a stand-up fighter like Baer, one who will trade punches with him.

Because of the importance of tomorrow night's bout, both men have trained seriously. Baer has spent two weeks at Gus Wilson's camp, Orangeburg, N. Y., while Levinsky has been busy at Stillman's gymnasium. The winner of the match will meet the victor of next week's Ernie Schaal-Paulino Uzendun fight, for the privilege of being alternate for Jack Sharkey in the Schmeling title bout in June.

Each certain of victory, confident because of recent triumphs Baer recently defeated Arthur De guli, Jose Santa, Johnny Risko and Les Kennedy. Levinsky recently has scored a victory over Uzendun, after beating Tommy Loughran and almost beat Primo Carnera.

In the ten-round semi-final, Charley Retzlaff, Duluth heavyweight, meets Joe Woods of Michigan. In other ten-rounders John Rousseau, Canadian light heavyweight, meets Vincente Parillo of Argentina, and Tony Canela, Chicago middleweight, fights Yale Okun of New York.

JONES SCORES BOZO VICTORY

CHICAGO STADIUM, CHICAGO, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Billy Jones, Philadelphia negro, made another advance toward the National Boxing association's light-heavyweight title tonight by scoring a technical knockout over Battling Bozo, Birmingham, Ala., in the ninth round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

The bout was the semi-final on the Lou Brouillard-Jackie Fields welterweight title match. Referee Norm McGarrity stopped the bout after 2 minutes, ten seconds of the ninth round with Bozo vainly trying to defend himself from Jones' withering fire. Jones weighed 174½ and Bozo the same. Jones refused to be disconcerted by Bozo's clowning tactics, and fought carefully from the first bell, steadily wearing the Birmingham clown down by a two-fisted attack directed at his opponent's body.

KIDNAP VICTIM REMAINS MUM

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Howard A. Woolverton remained in seclusion with his family tonight, denying all would-be interviewers, but denying through his attorney that any ransom had been paid to the gang of kidnapers who held him prisoner for 23 hours.

Woolverton, 52-year-old wealthy industrialist, returned home just before last midnight. He had been released at Michigan City, Ind. He returned to find his wife in a state of collapse. She had been ordered to deliver \$50,000 to the kidnapers at 8 o'clock last night, but was too ill then to carry out instructions even had she had the money, which she denied.

Police believe that the "Seven Gang," a group of desperadoes accused of numerous kidnappings for ransom in the midwest had abducted Woolverton. Officers also believed that ransom had been paid or promised. It was doubted that the amount exceeded \$20,000.

Woolverton was kidnaped about midnight Tuesday. He said he was blindfolded all during his captivity.

question of vacating the German's title.

"Jacobs has resorted to propaganda in the form of telegrams sent to the membership of the N. B. A. for the purpose of influencing the vote of said membership against vacating Schmeling's title and in favor of extending his title to June, 1932," said Gen. Ciminin's letter.

"Why should America, or any country for that matter, lend itself to the whims of fight managers or promoters when their greed for gold evidences the fact that no other consideration but personal gain influences their interest in the future of boxing as a sport.

"An examination of Schmeling's record in this country in four years would indicate that he is not a fighting champion. Shades of John L. Sullivan, Jim Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey would rise in scorn to a record such as Schmeling's applied to a so-called heavyweight champion of the world."

VETERAN HURLER BURIED
ARLINGTON, Tex., Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Funeral services were held here today for Edward Samuel Appleton, 40, pitcher on the Brooklyn pennant winning baseball team of 1916.

Appleton dropped dead while training his bird dog.

GENE TUNNEY 'RETIRES' FROM RING TWICE, HE SAYS IN STORY

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Gene Tunney retired twice from the ring, he writes in the first installment of his autobiography, to be published by Collier's this week.

The first retirement came when fighting as a novice, he was soundly trounced by Willie Green, an experienced professional fighter. Tunney said the "retirement" lasted but a few weeks because the prospect of a return fight with Green "fascinated me."

Tunney admits to many defeats in his early fighting days. He writes: "I had my share of fist fights with my companions. I did not always win, either. Though I was not a belligerent kid, I do not think I ever passed up a good opportunity to fight. This was the training that the youngsters of the big cities got in those days."

Tunney told of one boyhood fight which lasted three days. "My opponent and I met and hammered at each other until a policeman chased us," he writes, then continued for the next two days, meeting at different places after school was out. On the third

day my opponent decided he had enough.

One of Tunney's early fights was with a capable boxer named Bobby Dawson. Dawson waived the requirement that boxers should weigh in before bouts. Bobby looked over his opponent and decided Tunney was so clumsy that he did not care "if he weighed a ton."

Dawson tried to bully Tunney but ran into several straight lefts and then began to box more cautiously.

"Along about the fifth round," Tunney says, "I began to feel the strain of the going. My arms got heavy, my legs began trembling. By the seventh round I was completely arm weary. Toward the end of this round I happened to catch him, coming in, with a wild uppercut which knocked him down. The count reached nine, when the bell rang. He did not come up for the eighth round."

"For this pugilistic effort, which was a scheduled ten-round star bout, I got the grand sum of eighteen dollars."

China's imports of American raw cotton during 1931 were the greatest in history.

SCHAEFER BOWS TO JOHN LAYTON

CHICAGO, Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Jake Schaefer, balkline billiard hero, suffered a decisive setback in his three-cushion championship quest when he was crushed by Johnny Layton of Sedalia, Mo., a ten-time titleholder, by 50 to 25 in 50 innings, in the world championship three-cushion tournament this afternoon. Layton had a high run of 8 to Schaefer's 6.

Layton came through with the same damaging game of three-cushions that twice frustrated Willie Hoppe in championship finals here in 1928. Layton played one of the greatest defensive games of his career and his safe was so strong that on few occasions did Schaefer, a master shot maker have anything like an easy shot.

JAPANESE WINS GOLF PRELIMS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 28. (U.P.)—Tomekichi Miyamoto, Japanese professional golfer, today shot a triumphant 66 over the Braekridge course here to enable him and his American partner to win the amateur-professional best ball event, preliminary to opening of the eleventh annual Texas open tournament tomorrow.

Miyamoto and his partner, Tom Rue of San Antonio, carried a 64 over the par 72 course. Miyamoto made seven birdies.

The scarlet fever death rate has declined 90 per cent in Montana in the last 20 years and that of typhoid fever, 92.5 per cent.

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