REGRETTED FLYNN FRAME

JACK DEMPSEY WORRIED OVER HIS FLOP TO FIGHTING FIREMAN.

"Wouldn't Do It Again if He Had His Life to Live Over," Jack Told Al Auerbach—Pressing Need Forced Him to It.

Assigned "to get the truth on Dempsey," "Eye Witness," a Chicago Tribune reporter, is trailing over old ground in Salt Lake. In this article, the twelfth of the series, the writer brings into play Al Auerbach, the promoter who staged the Flynn-Dempsey frame-up, and tells how Dempsey made the Salt Lake beauty parlor proprietor happy at Toledo.

By Eye Witness.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 26.—Your Uncle Al Auerbach's work is prettifying the women and, by the law of contradictions, his play is being a promoter of prize fights and a patron of prize fighters.

Al is the premier beauty doctor between Denver and San Francisco. He has quarter of a floor up in Walker's department store in Salt Lake City and employs a large staff of girls who while away the hours keeping the ladies of the Mormon capital pleased with themselves.

The beauty parlor prospers. Al's fights not so invariably. Sometimes he makes a pretty penny. Sometimes he is painstakingly cleaned. In the latter case he does not moan. He is willing to pay for his sport. He was conspicuous at the ringside in Toledo, and when he heard the murmur run 'round, "There's Al Auerbach," he was paying himself in pure and childish joy for any losses which the luxury of promoting prize fights may have caused in times past.

JACK'S SISTER WORKS THERE.

Mrs. William Barrow, Jack Dempsey's oldest sister, works in the beauty parlor and is thoroughly respected by the proprietor.

Al—I find that in sportdom we run quickly to the first names of our acquaintances—was Jack's third manager. He was also the promoter and responsible bill payer for the Flynn-Dempsey fight out at Murray three years ago, but no more than a new angel in heaven did he know that it was going to be queer. He did know, however, that exceptional worry, mischance and aggression marked the preparations for that function and made him wishful to unload a part of the burden.

Inspired with that human desire to share his cares, his bright eye rested with hope on Hardy Downing, but Hardy dashed the cup from his lips, saying, "If you offered me half that proposition in a silver platter with a thousand dollar bill attached I wouldn't take it," and he went on to tell the beauty doctor the number, variety and kind of things that persons concerned in the entertainment—from the Murray fire department, which was to be the beneficiary, to the fighters themselves—would undoubtedly do to him in their chosen task of looking out for number one.

AL LEARNS HIS LESSON.

Al sighed and went ahead.

On the night of the ruction, when the sports had got back to Salt Lake City, Hardy saw Al in a saloon and looking across the glasses he said, "Well, Al, they come pretty near doing to you what I told you they would, didn't they?"

Al lifted his eloquent shoulders and moved his eloquent hands and answered:

"Not pretty near, Hardy—E. exactly!"

It was with this surprisingly pithiness of speech in mind that I said to Hardy, apropos of Al, "He's clever, isn't he?"—meaning repartee and manicuring.

"He's one of them half-smart Jews," said the sardonic Hardy—meaning prize-fights and the promotion thereof.

"He was good for Jack Dempsey, though," continued Hardy. "He took good care of him for a year and a half—put him up at the Newhouse hotel and hired a secretary for him. Al said to me at the time, 'I want to get him to start a bank account, so he can draw a check once in a while. It makes a man feel more like himself.'"

SAME PLACE KAISER CAME FROM.

So, pleased with what I heard about Al, I went to see him and found him an eager, bright-eyed, quick-speaking man willing to talk and talking friendly. When I tried to break it to him inoffensively that I knew he was a German by saying that his name was a familiar one in the Rhineland on both sides of the frontier, he didn't pull any of the stuff about being an Alsatian, but said cheerily: "Yes, I'm a German Jew from the same place the kaiser comes from."

"You mean Berlin?" I fumbled, missing the point.

"No, no—down in Bavaria—the town where the kaiser bunch got its start. But I myself happened to be born in Marseilles. I left there when I was 8."

"Yes, it was when I was his manager in 1916 and part of '17 that Jack Dempsey fought Young Hector, Dick Gilbert, Fireman Flynn, Joe Bonds, Terry Kellar—twice—and Stanley Ketchel. Jack was just a slugger when the fights started, but he was faithful. He worked hard, training, training, training. He'd be out on the road at 5 every morning."

JACK HIS OWN TRAINER.

"Well, he never had a real trainer. He was his own best trainer. Of course, he was a fighter from the time he could put his hands up. He's got everything and can do everything—one time shadow boxing as pretty as anything and another time slugging away like Tom Sharkey used to. You never can tell about Jack—what he's going to do, I mean. He's got everything and uses everything."

Al seems to have had pretty complete knowledge of Jack's personal as well as professional affairs, for he told me that when the marriage which has since turned out so disastrously began to look squeamish Jack was very wretched about the future and spoke about the disgrace all the sorry business would bring if ever he became a champion. He seemed fully conscious of what he had let himself in for.

"He cried," said Al.

INDIAN BLOOD IN FAMILY.

That was the second time I had heard of Jack's crying and it recalled to me that George Bernard Shaw says pugilists are much given to kissing and crying, they being, he adds, "a sentimental feminine species."

Another domestic detail that Al imparted was that there really is in the family a strain of Indian blood which they acquired three or four generations ago in the West Virginia mountains and that Jack's oldest sister's second husband, William Barrow, had never done very well in a business way and that he was in the army during the war.

"Mrs. Barrow works half days in my place—makes from $28 to $30 a week. Jack helps here," he added.

"How about the dependents, anyway, Mr. Auerbach? That's partly what I'm sent out here to look into."

DEPENDENTS A PLENTY.

"Jack had dependents a-plenty," said the beauty doctor. "Jack paid the bills always. He'd be training hard between those early fights and then maybe get $25 or $40, and next day he'd be broke from paying mother's grocery bill. Now you take the Flynn fight and all the grief it caused. That was the result of driving need, I tell you."

Then Al, too, mentioned a figure, just as Hardy Downing and John Derks had, and it tallied with theirs, and his comment was, "Of course, the boy had never seen $500 of which he or the family hadn't owed most. Jack spoke to me about these things once. He said, 'I tell you, Al, if I had my life to live over I'd never do that thing again.'"

ALL SQUARE WITH DEMPSEY.

There was no venom in Al Auerbach's recital. "I had a contract with Jack," he said, "but it wasn't worth the paper it was written on and Jack doesn't owe me a cent. He cleaned up all he did owe me and had me to Toledo and paid everything—insisted on it—though I'm not a man that usually lets another pay my way. Why, my hotel bill alone was $360.70!

"As a rule a prize fighter's got no heart or soul, but with this fellow it was different. No sooner he got to Salt Lake than it was a home for the family—not much of a one, but it was the best he could do."

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(To be continued in The Star tomorrow.)

ST. MARY'S STARS WHO PLAY HERE TONIGHT.

LANE, guard — MAGNER, forward.

The fast speeding basket ball quintet Steve O'Rourke is piloting in the Kansas conference will make its first appearance on a Kansas City court tonight when it meets Henry Ashley's Blue Diamond five on the court of the Kansas City Athletic Club at 1016 Central street. The game will be open to the public at a small admission price. In Lewman Lane and Captain Magner Coach O'Rourke has two players of fine ability. Lane was captain of the football team last fall and winner of a place on the first all Kansas eleven.

TEACHERS UP IN THE RACE.

Twelve Victories and One Defeat Is Record of Warrensburg Five.

Warrensburg, Mo., Feb. 26.—The State Teachers' college basket ball team here is making a strong bid for the conference honors. In thirteen games only one decision has been unfavorable to the Warrensburg five and that to Springfield.

Several of the men who composed the team which defeated the Schmelzers are playing this year. Captain Caldwell is at guard. Moles and Dorland are playing the forward positions. Moles has scored 105 goals this season and is regarded as one of the best shots in the conference. Bryan, a light but aggressive man, is playing the other guard position, while Simpson and Ritter have been alternating at center.

There will be no baseball at Warrensburg this season and instead all time will be devoted to track, a new sport on Warrensburg's calendar.

The annual basket ball championship tourney for high schools will be held March 12 and 13. Any high school in this college district is invited to enter.

COMMUNITY CLUB TO ELECT.

Meeting of Members Tomorrow Night at St. Andrew's Chapel.

The Community Golf Links organization will hold a meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at St. Andrew's chapel, Fifty-eighth and Brookside. The annual election of officers will be held and all members of the Community Club are requested to attend the meeting. Also any resident of the district interested in golf is invited to be present.

The Community course is located at Sixty-first and Summit streets. It is a 9-hole course, with sand greens. The course was laid out last spring by J. W. Watson, the Mission Hills professional. Owing to the laying out of a new addition in the district the course this year will be changed slightly, but the three new holes will be better than the old ones, Mr. Watson says.

An expert ground keeper has been hired to keep the fairways trimmed and the greens in condition, working daily on the course this summer.

CHANGE THE DATE AGAIN, "DOC."

Tigers Will Send Athletes to New York Games March 13, It Is Said.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 26.—Nearly a score of colleges and universities will enter athletes in the amateur Athletic Union national indoor track and field championships here March 13. University of Pennsylvania has made the greatest number of entries. Three or four men will be sent by Cornell, University of Missouri, Princeton, Notre Dame, Georgetown, Lafayette, Boston college, Dartmouth, Columbia, Dubuque, New Hampshire state, New York university, Rutgers, Penn. state, Pittsburgh and Syracuse.

JOHNSON STILL AFTER A FIGHT.

Jones and Sargent Asked to Stage Bout at Tiajuana.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 26.—Jack Johnson, former heavy weight champion, in a telegram received here today addressed to Tom Jones and Fred Sargent, promoters, urged that a man be sent to him to close a contract for a fight at Tijuana, Lower California. The telegram was sent from Mexico City.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Gavvy Cravath has disentombed the ancient Jesse Tannehill, southpaw, great of the middle ages, and will put him to work coaching the young blood of the Phillies' curve corps at Birmingham next month.

SPORTING COMMENT

The new Lakewood course will be one of the best tests of golf, one of the finest courses in Kansas City or the valley when it is completed, according to present plans," said J. W. Watson, the Mission Hills professional. "The layout of ground for a golf course has anything in these parts parts that I have seen beaten. There are ditches and creeks, but not too many nor too hazardous. There will be seven twister holes and only one hole on the course that isn't a remarkably fine golf hole. There are no long, level stretches, and the course will never be tiresome, for it is without monotony."

Coach Allen evidently is teaching the K. U. basket ball team some new tricks. This is Allen's first year with the Kansas basket ball squad. He is known as one of the best basket ball coaches and officials in the West and may be counted on to establish a system at Kansas that will make basket ball at Lawrence as popular as Coach Meanwell has made the game at Missouri. The following line on one of the recent K. U. games with Washington at St. Louis was taken from the Globe Democrat of that city:

> One of the things that appeared to hold the Pikers in check was the baffling passing and formations that the Kansas lads used. These formations, which are unlike any seen in the games this season, were of the bunch type. Continually in the first half the Jayhawkers through these peculiar formations would work the ball to an easy shooting position. The Pikers appeared to be unable to keep up with their man, which was due to the way in which they placed themselves. Instead of playing in a certain limited vicinity, the players from Lawrence would scatter in every direction.
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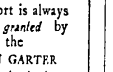
> As was the case in the first game with Oklahoma university, which the Pikers won with a similar type of game, long shots on the part of the visitors were the rule. Throughout the opening half the Jayhawkers appeared to take delight in trying for the goal with long and difficult shots. However, they were not so successful as was the Oklahoma university outfit, which scored from all points of the floor.

Tunis F. Dean, well remembered in baseball circles, is in the city, this time in a theatrical capacity. He was for several seasons secretary and treasurer of the Baltimore baseball club, during the period when Ned Hanlon was the manager and when the Orioles were three times pennant winners, with their all-star galaxy of baseball celebrities, including John McGraw, now the manager of the New York Giants; Hughey Jennings, manager of the Detroits; Wilber Robinson, manager of the Brooklyns, the famous Willie Keeler and other equally notable baseball players. More recently Mr. Dean was secretary and treasurer of the Toronto baseball club during the zenith of its career in the International League when Joe Kelley was the manager of the Maple Leafs. Mr. Dean is in Kansas City as the personal representative for David Belasco, who is sending to the Grand theater, March 8, Frances Starr, in Capt. Edward Knoblock's play, "Tiger! Tiger!" written by Captain Knoblock while he was fighting the cause of the allies in the trenches in France.

Too bad the Nebraska basket ball team didn't have a chance to display its wares and play its part in making the Valley conference season a better race. From all reports that have come this way, Paul Schissler has turned out a fine team at Lincoln, with one or two stars who would take their place in Valley history of 1920 along with Scott, Williams and Ruby of Missouri and Laslett and Lonborg of Kansas. In Patty, a forward, Coach Schissler has a point getter who would rank high among the Valley stars. In three games Patty counted sixty-six points. C. E. McB.



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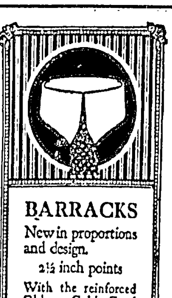

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KILBANE CLAIMED $1,000 FORFEIT.

Valger Was Less Than a Pound Over Weight for Last Night's Bout.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 26.—A forfeit of $1,000 put up by Benny Valger under an agreement to weigh 124 pounds or under at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon was claimed by Johnny Kilbane when his opponent tipped the beam at three-quarters of a pound over the mark. Kilbane, who was not forced to make the weight, weighed 125½ pounds.

The start of the contest was delayed when it was found that Kilbane wore hard tape bandages on his hands, which Referee "Slim" Brennan ordered removed. The champion gave a disappointing exhibition, seldom taking the aggressive and frequently resorting to clinching, hugging and wrestling.

Valger sent in five left jabs to the stomach without a return in the first round, but Kilbane uncovered a sharp attack which made honors even. In all the succeeding sessions Valger forced the pace. When able to get into close quarters he landed lefts to the wind and short right uppercuts. The champion favored exchanges at longer range. In the second round Valger came out the better in a rapid exchange of blows.

Kilbane sent across several stiff lefts and a right to the head in the fourth, but received considerable punishment in return. In the sixth Valger rushed into a straight left, which landed on the point of his nose. The blow failed to stop him from boring in. Valger hammered the title holder about the body in the seventh and shot a hook to Kilbane's mouth, cutting his lip. The champion was content to clinch or block in the closing round.

SPECK STARRED FOR KEMPER.

The Military Academy Five Beat University Highs, 45 to 17.

Boonville, Mo., Feb. 26.—Kemper military school of Boonville defeated University high school of Columbia, 45 to 17, in basket ball here last night. Edmund Speck, formerly of Westport high school, caged twelve of the twenty field goals and four of the five free throws made by Kemper.

O'Keefe Shaded Fitzsimmons.

Kenosho, Wis., Feb. 26.—Eddie Fitzsimmons of New York lost a decision in ten rounds to Dennis O'Keefe of Chicago here last night.

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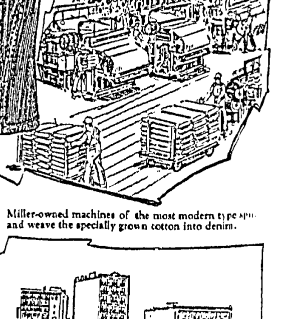

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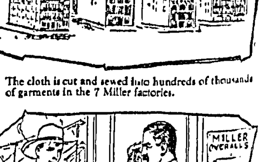

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