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Visitors Defeat Soldiers, Sailor and Policeman in All Four Amateur Tests.

INDIAN BOXER KNOCKED OUT

Ben Davis, Chectaw, From Camp Meade, Takes Count—Part of a Fete for Director Gavin.

One of the most distinguished gatherings of men and women that has ever witnessed a series of boxing bouts in this country gathered last night at the Hotel Commodore to view the program of international amateur contests between American and English army, navy and police boxers. The British boxers made a clean sweep of the series, scoring victories in two army matches, a navy en-

(2) counter and a battle between policemen. The last bout of an extensive card which included, also, a series of local amateur contests, did not conclude until an early hour this morning.

Seated at tables which surrounded, and, to the capacity of the ballroom, led away from the ring in the middle of the floor which has served for social functions of national significance, were more than a thousand leaders in the nation's industrial, professional and political life. Seldom before in the history of boxing in this country has such a thoroughly representative gathering been in attendance at any ring matches. Not in the history of the sport has a similar series of contests been conducted amid such surroundings. Many women, wives of some of the guests, watched from balcony boxes circling the ballroom, and evinced as much interest in the series of contests as did their husbands, who cheered and urged the competitors from their tables on the ballroom floor.

Captain E. V. Chandler, British Army heavyweight representative, scored the

(3) first international victory when he gained the judges' decision over Private John Cortwright, Camp Holabird, Md., in the heavyweight championship battle. In the army light-heavyweight encounter Hugh Brown, champion of the British Army, knocked out Ben Davis, Indian fighter, of the Seventh Division, U. S. A., Camp Meade, Md., in the second round of a scheduled three-round contest. John Watson, British Navy champion, gained the judges' decision over Ralph Ritchie, American Navy representative, in three rounds, and the fourth English triumph came when Harry Mallon, London's middleweight champion "bobby," received the judges' decision over Patrolman Johnny Ruff, one of New York's "finest," in three rounds.

Distinguished Crowd Present.

The unusual spectacle of the Commodore's ballroom thus transformed into a boxing arena was experienced by a

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gathering which represented perhaps the most distinguished assemblage of boxing enthusiasts that has ever been in attendance on a ring match in the nation's history of the sport. In point of prominence the crowd excelled even the gatherings which witnessed the world's heavyweight championship battle between Jack Dempsey and Bill Brennan and the world's lightweight championship contest in which Benny Leonard defended his title against Richie Mitchell.

Overhead, in the gallery surrounding the ballroom where men clapped hands, emitted yells of encouragement, urged boxers on in excited tones and cheered or voiced open disapproval of the decisions rendered by the judges, were boxes in which sat wives of some of the prominent sportsmen who attended the banquet. In their brilliant evening gowns they watched the pugilistic proceedings below them with as much concern as did their male companions, who in the past held the ring sport exclusively to themselves. Animated expressions, clenched hands, nervous motions as if in accompaniment to the rhythem of the boxers' movements as they led, dodged, ducked or cracked home wicked blows—these expressions of feelings, without ex-

(5) cited yells, reflected the deep interest the women guests had in the affair, an interest which closely rivalled that of the men accustomed to exciting moments in their favorite pastime.

At the speakers' table were Fred A. Leahy, Frederick W. Rubien, R. B. Steele, Alfred L. Marilley, Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, W. P. Kenneally, Charles Dana Gibson, Justice Bartow S Weeks, Gutzon Borglum, Dr. John A. Harriss, George Creel, Alpheus Geer, F. B. Pratt, Roswell F. Easton, Colonel H. M. Bankhead, Senator James J. Walker and Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright.

Among the invited guests were Sherwood Aldrich, LeRoy W. Baldwin, W. Warren Barbour, August Belmont, John McE. Bowman, James C. Brady, Nicholas F. Brady, Joseph Day, John A. Drake, General Coleman du Pont, Michael Friedsam, F. W. Frueauff, Harvey D. Gibson, Eugene G. Grace, D. W. Griffith, John Hays Hammond, Frank H. Hitchcock, Otto H. Kahn, Foxhall P. Keene, Colonel W. L. Kenly, Sheriff David H. Knott, Hon. F. H. LaGuardia, Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Hon. William G. McAdoo, General B. B. McAlpin, Major Gen. H. P. McCain, Edgar L. Marston, S. A. McGeath, Major Gen. C. T. Menoher, George G. Moore, W. Forbes Morgan, Hon. Charles F. Murphy, Major Grayson. M. P. Mur-

phy, Rear Admiral A. P. Niblack, Rear Admiral James H. Oliver, Rear Admiral J. W. Oman, Major Gen John F. O'Ryan, Herbert L. Pratt, J. L. Replogle, Rear Admiral T. H. Rogers, H. H. Rogers, Captain Kermit Roosevelt, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Colonel Jacob Ruppert, Allan A. Ryan, Charles M. Schwab, Norrie Sellar, Admiral William S. Sims, F. H. Sisson, Harry F. Sinclair, R. A. C. Smith, Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss, Walter C. Teagle, Eugene V. R. Thayer, R. T. Vanderbilt, Rodman Wanamaker, James H. Ward, Harry Payne Whitney and Payne Whitney.

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Before the night's boxing began Di-

rector Gavin was unqualifiedly acclaimed as responsible for the return of boxing in this State and as a pioneer in the sport's rejuvenation throughout the country. Gutzon Borglum, famous sculptor, who acted as temporary toastmaster, and who himself was a prime mover in the I. S. C. and the Army, Navy and Civilian Boarod of Boxing Control which assisted in the work of re-establishing the sport here, spoke in glowing terms of the work accomplished by Director Gavin in the process of convincing legislators at Albany that times had changed from what they had been and that there was a pronounced majority in favor of legalized professional boxing here.

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Walker Eulogizes Gavin.

Following Mr. Borgium, Senator James J. Walker, who introduced the bill, eulogized the untiring labor, mental and physical, the intellectual power and the dogged persistence of Mr. Gavin in his work of re-establishing boxing. "It would have been impossible to put the bill over," said Senator Walker, "without the ability, the foresight and dominating forcefulness attracted to the measure solely through the solicitation of Mr. Gavin. And, without any show of modesty, I wish here publicly to give Mr. Gavin the credit which has erroneously been heaped upon me as the originator and father of the bill bearing my name which now legalizes boxing in this State."

Justice Bartow S. Weeks, prominent in Amateur Athletic Union activities, added his endorsement to the sentiments expressed by the two preceding speakers and reminded his hearers that the work of boxing participate to a considerable extent in the winning of the World War.

Indian Is Knocked Down.

The most spectacular victory of the evening was provided in the battle for international supremacy between Davis and Brown. Davis, a full-blooded Choctaw Indian, was regarded as a dangerous foe for the Briton in this contest. He had survived a trying series of elimination contests in attaining the opportunity to engage the British invader, and had demonstrated ability which promised an interesting session. The Indian and Brown went through the first round of their contest without producing anything out of the ordinary. Brown, as was the case with the other British boxers, showed superior skill and a more comprehensive knowledge of scientific boxing and earned the honors of the round. The British boxer increased his efforts in the second round until suddenly he whipped over a right swing to the jaw which sent Davis in a

crumpled heap to the canvas. The Indian was counted out.

Sailor Ralph Ritchie of Uncle Sam's navy, and Sailor John Watson of the British navy, provided another spectacular contest, in which it seemed that one or the other of the principals would go down in defeat before the expiration of the three rounds. The battle went its scheduled distance, however, and Watson gained the decision.

Watson's clever boxing, his speed of hand and foot, and his ability to land cleanly and carry a consistent offensive, gained him the first round. In the second a terrific right to the jaw sent the British boxer down for a count of nine. He recovered quickly, however, and lasted the round without difficulty. In the third session Watson dropped Ritchie for a count of seven with a smashing right to the jaw, and thereafter accumulated enough points to give him the victory.

The traditional cleverness and scientific ability of the English boxers in the other bouts brought them victory over their American rivals. Captain E. V. Chandler, British army heavyweight, slim, lithe, well-muscled boxer who towered over his rival and enjoyed an appreciable advantage in reach, carried off the judges' decision over Private

John Cortwright, Camp Holabird, Md., American army heavyweight, in the first of the international bouts. Cortwright was of the rough, aggressive, rushing type of boxer, who continually bored in. In the face of Captain Chandler's cool, calculating jabbing and accompanying hooks and crosses, Cortwright was ineffective and was decisively outpointed in every round.

In the New York-London police bout, between Middleweight Johnny Ruff of the local department and Middleweight Harry Mallon of the Crown forces, the British boxer gained the judges' decision.

The match was held under International Amateur Federation rules, which provide for three rounds, the first two of three minutes' duration each, and the third of four minutes. A point system is followed whereby the judges are empowered to award a maximum of five points each in the first two rounds for attack, defense, science and clean boxing, and a maximum of seven points for the third session. Billy (Kid) McPartland, old-time featherweight boxer, refereed the match.

The most important contest prior to the international matches decided the army-navy lightweight championship. Sergeant Daniel Toomey, a 133-pound doughboy, holding the army title, and Jimmy Brown, possessor of the navy lightweight championship, were the principals. After a hurricane battle of four rounds the title went to the navy, when

the judges, John O'Brien and John Conlon, agreed on the jackie as the winner.

This bout was one of the most interesting of a long card. The sturdy fighting men threw whatever science they had to the winds and went at each other hammer and tongs. Head to head, rushing, tearing, punching from every direction, and with all blows known to the ring, they progressed through four rounds of milling which had the distinguished crowd in an uproar of yells. At the end of the customary three rounds the judges disagreed and Referee Tommy Smith ordered an extra session. In this chapter Brown compiled enough points to gain the judges' decision.

Two local flyweight champions clashed in the second bout. They were Willie O'Connell, Paulist A. C., district titleholder, and John P. Fanning of the Hudson Guild, New York State champion at 108 pounds. After an interesting session Fanning gained the judges' award in three rounds.

The summaries:

Heavyweight Class; International Army Championship—Capt. E. V. Chandler, British Army, defeated Private John Cortwright, American Army, three rounds, judges' decision.

Lightweight Class; International Army Championship—Hugh Brown, British Army, defeated Ben Davis, American Army, two rounds, referee's decision.

Heavyweight Class; International Navy Championship—John Watson, British Navy, defeated Ralph Ritchie, American Navy, three rounds, judges' decision.

Middleweight Class; International Police Championship—Harry Mallon, London Police Force, defeated Johnny Ruff, New York Police Department, three rounds, judges' decision.

Heavyweight Class, New York Police Department Championship — Patrolman William Spengler defeated Patrolman Arthur Wallot, two rounds, referee's decision.

108-Pound Class, Special Local Amateur Bout—John P. Fanning, Hudson Guild, defeated William O'Connell, Paulist A. C., three rounds, judges' decision.

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