

SPORTS TRAIL

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK. Dec. 4—(AP) Well, suppose Jersey Joe Walcott does defeat Joe Louis in their heavyweight championship bout at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night. He won't, of course, barring an unforeseen accident, such as the Bomber slipping and breaking a leg.

But, suppose that unforeseen circumstance presented itself. What would happen? Well, for one thing, we think the fight world would see the darndest scrabbling among heavyweights for a shot at the title that anyone ever saw. It would make the argument for first place after Gene Tunney rolled soon like a convenience about the weather.

Bear Clear of Louis

Right now there are no logical opponents for Louis' title. But, if he abruptly should lose that title, the place would be swimming with aspirants. They'd ooze out of the woodwork, come out from under rocks, jump from behind trees. There'd be a million of them.

The fact is that, with most exceptions, such as Jersey Joe, nobody wants to climb into the ring with the champion. He's so much in a class by himself that only the lure of fat dollars will make a man brave the dynamite of those deadly fists.

But should Walcott be the champion, every heavyweight who could climb one flight of steps without puffing like a locomotive or steep grade would be ready with a challenge. They want no part of Louis, but they aren't afraid of Walcott. They know him when.

Walcott might have to start all over on that string of challenges who were enticed into the ring with the Bomber, much in their physical discomfort and financial gain. Even some of those who have retired might flex crooked arms, peer menacingly into mirrors, and hunt up the nearest gymnasium.

Such twice-unsuccessful geniuses as Billy Conn and Artur Hajny would survey the field, and particularly Walcott, and reckon it was their turn to mount the pedestal. Even some of those vagabond figures of a decade ago, now just names in the "Known" record of the champion, might suddenly discover they had a good chance to be titleholders at the next man.

The fact is, there are two heavyweight classes: Joe Louis, and the rest of the field. As long as Joe-Joe Louis, that is, is champion, the rest of the field will remain dimly in the background.

Whoever takes over the Bomber's crown, whether it is Walcott, some up-and-coming youngster who finally lands thatucky punch, or a guy who becomes champion through the retirement of the Bomber, will find challengers galore.

Gus Fearn Champion

Gus Leonovich, the light-heavyweight champion, has wisely maintained that he wanted no part of Louis. He'll battle any other heavyweights, though, and he'd probably be among the first to bid for a shot at Walcott, should Walcott win the crown.

Of course, should Walcott by chance win, fadists probably would get the first chance at the crown, but if, for some reason, he didn't want to fight again or Walcott postponed a return meeting, everybody would want to get into the act.

There is no little competition in the heavyweight class right now. That's only because Joe Louis is champion. Take him out of the picture and there would be competition galore, no offhand you can't name one other fighter that stands out above the rest.

So if Louis loses tomorrow night Walcott won't look for bouts; he'll have to hire a bodyguard to the contenders off his front porch. He's just one of the boys as far as the other heavyweights concerned. Louis is Mr. Champion, and they want no part of him.

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Evening Highlights
7:00—Guest Hour, featuring Arthur Rubinstein, pianist—WZN.
7:15—Dinner show, with Nanette Fabray, star of High Button Shoe—WCB.

8:00—Burlesque show, with Ophelia Moira, guest—WLB, WOR.

8:00—Highways in Melody: Mac Kayran, hostess; Paul Lavelle conducting—WZB.

8:00—Baby Blues show—WCB.

8:00—This Is Your FBI, with Edie Fisher—WZN, WLB, WJZ.

8:00—Jill's Club, with Nanette Fabray, star of High Button Shoe—WCB.

8:00—The Thin Man: Case of the Double Death—WCB.

8:00—Break the Bank: Jay Jasinski, guest—WNAB, WJZ, WELI.

8:00—Mark Warren—WZN, WLB.

8:00—Congress Doing Its Job: Dr. Clark Thomas on "What Is Americanism"—WZN.

8:00—Information Please with Miss Ben, John Reed Klinichick and Edward Egan—WCB, WZN.

8:00—The Sheriff: The Letter—WNAB, WZN, WCB.

8:00—Suspense: Jackie Cooper in "The Clock and the Key"—WCB.

8:00—Great Voices: Grace Moore—WMC.

8:00—Meet the Press: Sen. George D. Akers (R. Vt.)—WCB, WZN.

8:00—PREMIERE: Barber Shop Ballads with Park City Four, Parlor Books, Cavaliers and Maids Chorus directed by Stephen Donors—WCB.

8:00—Spike Jones' City Blowers and Dorothy Shay, with Three Kings—WCB.

8:00—Press Telegram Local News—WNAB.

8:00—Olivia E. Wilson, General Motors President, on Let's Stay Free—WCB.

SHERWOODS CONQUER SHAMROCKS, 29 TO 23

The Sherwoods defeated the Shamrocks 29 to 23. The Ace rounded the Imperials, 18 to 32, and the Moon Goons topped Shaky's All-Stars, 33 to 28, in Intermediate basketball league games at the Out-of-Town Boys club recently. Top scorer of the evening was Vincent Monti, going forward, with 20 points.

SHERWOODS **SHAMROCKS**

11:00—Spike Jones' City Blowers and Dorothy Shay, with Three Kings—WCB.

11:00—Press Telegram Local News—WNAB.

11:15—Olivia E. Wilson, General Motors President, on Let's Stay Free—WCB.

11:30—TELEVISION.

11:45—Dinner Club.

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