



DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

The Four Minute Fight of the Century

John Jarrett

John Jarrett

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

The Four-Minute Fight of the Century



Contents

Preface	6
Acknowledgements	8
1) Day Of The Fight	9
2) The Journey Begins	20
3) Runyon's Wild Bull Of The Pampas	29
4) Tex Finds Another Jeffries	41
5) Main Event At The Garden	52
6) Firpo The Giant-Killer	65
7) Wanna Be Champ, Luis? Fight Dempsey!	80
8) Hail The New Champ! Boo!	90
9) Miske – Capone – Brennan	98
10) Carpentier 'The Wonder Man'	110
11) The Million-Dollar Gate	121
12) Wrestlers And Showgirls	133
13) Rickard In Court – Dempsey In Europe	143
14) Lean Times For Million-Dollar Fighter	151
15) Tough Times Out West	158
16) Gibbons Goes All The Way	169
17) Doc Knocks Out Shelby	181
18) Dempsey's Here, Where The Hell Is Firpo?	191
19) Training Camps	202
20) Firpo Trains On The Cheap – Dempsey KOs A Reporter	214
21) Who Do You Like, Dempsey Or Firpo?	224
22) The Battle Of The Century	230
23) All Over Bar The Shouting	241
Bibliography	250
Index	252

1

Day Of The Fight

ON a January day in 1922, a husky young fellow walked into the United States consulate in Buenos Aires and asked vice consul H.G. Waters to visa a passport bearing the name Luis Angel Firpo. The holder's occupation was given as 'boxeador'. When Waters asked the purpose of the visit to the United States, the big fellow calmly said he was going up to get a fight with Jack Dempsey.

'You think you can lick him?' queried the vice consul, with a wry smile.

'That's what I'm going for,' the fellow replied quietly.

Waters entered in his ledger the object of Firpo's visit as 'training for boxing.' In the margin he pencilled, 'says he's going to lick Dempsey – *vamos a ver*' (we'll see.)¹

Precisely one year and nine months later, 14 September 1923, the world would see what Luis Angel Firpo, labelled the Wild Bull of the Pampas by columnist Damon Runyon, could do as he prepared to challenge world heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler, for his title at the Polo Grounds in New York City. The Big Town newspapers made pretty dismal reading that Friday morning for Carlos Vega, whose daily task was to read the sporting news to Señor Firpo, who did not speak English.

'Seldom, if ever,' reported the Associated Press, 'in the history of the world heavyweight championship, will a challenger go in a

1 *Charleston Daily Mail* 14 September 1923

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

ring with less backing among experts than Luis Angel Firpo when he opposes Jack Dempsey tonight at the Polo Grounds.²

‘Jack Dempsey is supremely confident that he will whip Luis Firpo tonight,’ wrote Frank G. Menke for the *King Features Syndicate*. ‘Luis Firpo is hopeful of victory. And that difference in the mental attitude of the rival warriors seems to forecast better than anything else, the outcome of the international clash.’³

Menke pointed out that the people behind the Argentine were supremely confident in the fight’s outcome, but they had never seen Dempsey in action. On the other hand, the champion and his handlers were certain of victory, because they had seen Firpo in action. The fighter himself admitted that he was being sent against Dempsey a bit too early; that he really needed another year of experience against first-class fighters in the United States.

‘There are too many “ifs” to be overcome in doping this fight,’ wrote United Press sports editor Henry L. Farrell, ‘and there is too little known about how much Firpo can take and as far as that goes it has never been established how much Dempsey can take.’⁴ In picking Dempsey to win inside seven or eight rounds, Farrell conceded that the longer Firpo was on his feet the better were his chances.

Universal Services syndicated columnist Damon Runyon was concerned over the drop in betting odds against Firpo, to 2/1. ‘There is no reason for the change in the odds,’ he wrote. ‘On what the men have shown in their training camps, the odds should lengthen not shorten. Firpo should be 10/1 – 100/1 if the majority of boxing experts who have been watching the two men are correct in their views.’⁵ Runyon believed that Firpo was more dangerous to Dempsey than his fellow pundits gave him credit for, but still picked the champ to win as easily as he won from Jess Willard.

In his fight preview, International News Service sports editor Davis J. Walsh wrote of ‘the heavyweight championship meeting tonight between Jack Dempsey, as vindictive in action as a jungle tiger and every inch a champion, and Luis Angel Firpo, a human grizzly capable of all the savagery of his primitive forebears. The bout

2 *Oakland Tribune* 14 September 1923

3 *Steubenville Herald Star* 14 September 1923

4 *Eau Claire Leader*, Wisconsin 14 September 1923

5 *Davenport Democrat and Leader* 12 September 1923

DAY OF THE FIGHT

is scheduled to go fifteen rounds but few look for such an ending and none hope for it.⁶

Current and former ring champions were given space on the sports pages to forecast the outcome of the fight. Former heavyweight champion James J. Jeffries didn't waste words, saying, 'Dempsey will stop Firpo in a few rounds.' Another former champion, 42-year-old Jess Willard, who had the unfortunate distinction of being stopped by both Dempsey and Firpo, penned a syndicated series of articles with NEA sports editor Harry Bradbury.

'The Dempsey–Firpo fight will be a slugging match with the result a toss-up,' Jess stated. 'A grizzly bear will rip into a gorilla. A pile-driver will crash against a buzz-saw. They talk about the wallop in Dempsey's punches, but I want to tell you that Firpo hits the hardest. I know.'⁷

The old boxing master Jack Britton, former welterweight champion, believed Dempsey a certain winner over Firpo. 'Dempsey will win inside of three rounds,' he declared. 'Firpo has nothing but a right hand swing. Dempsey is a two-handed fighter who can hit harder with either hand than Firpo can with his right. Dempsey has forgotten more than Firpo will ever know. The Argentine will be nothing but a chopping block.'⁸

World lightweight champion Benny Leonard was also dismissive of the South American's chances. In a series for the North American Newspaper Alliance, Leonard picked Dempsey to knock out Luis Firpo inside of five rounds. 'If an Army mule were in a match with Zev, our champion three-year-old, would you bet on the former?' asked Benny. 'Then don't bet on Firpo...I liken Firpo to an Army mule because he has got the kick of one, but not the speed of Zev, which is Dempsey.'⁹

Having said that, the 135lb Leonard travelled a few rounds with the 216lb Firpo in the privacy of the challenger's living quarters in Atlantic City and admitted the Argentine was better than he had shown in his public training drills. 'He showed me that he had a good left, as well as a right. He hit shorter and cleaner with it.' But Benny still couldn't see him surviving against Dempsey. 'I would not be surprised if it ended in a round or two,' he wrote.¹⁰

6 *Logansport Pharos Tribune*, Indiana 14 September 1923

7 *The Lima News*, Ohio 3 September 1923

8 *Cumberland Evening Times* 14 September 1923

9 *Bridgeport Telegram* 13 September 1923

10 *Oakland Tribune* 11 September 1923

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

There was a glimmer of hope for Firpo from the old-time lightweight champ, Jack McAuliffe. One of the few undefeated champions in boxing history (42 bouts) the 57-year-old McAuliffe had been assigned by United Press to cover the fight. The veteran saw enough to predict Dempsey's downfall, writing from Firpo's camp, 'There is no doubt about it – Dempsey is on his way. Sporting writers might just as well get out the champion's obituary because next Friday night there is going to be a new heavyweight king. From what I saw at Saratoga watching Dempsey do his stuff, I should say this South American is a certain winner.'¹¹

In Los Angeles, where Dempsey had made his home, his Hollywood friends were with him all the way. Movie actress Mary Pickford told United Press, 'Dempsey will win but Firpo is courageous in coming to a strange land and almost reaching the top.'

Husband Douglas Fairbanks saw his pal winning with ease, saying, 'Dempsey ought to knock Firpo through the ropes by the third round.'

Charlie Chaplin, 'the Little Tramp, was for the champ. 'Dempsey will win but I'd sure like to see Firpo in action.'¹²

From Buenos Aires, Firpo's hometown, AP reported, 'If Argentina's 9,000,000 inhabitants could influence with their thoughts or good wishes the result of tonight's battle at the Polo Grounds, Luis Firpo would surely come home with the heavyweight championship of the world.'¹³

Even the sensational news of the uprising in Spain ran second on the front pages of the newspapers with the dispatches from New York being more eagerly and widely read than the bulletins from Madrid and Barcelona. United Press correspondent Miles W. Vaughn wrote, 'There probably will be a lot of candles burned before the shrines of a lot of saints and a lot of prayers said in a lot of Spanish and Portuguese dialects all the way from Panama to Punta Arenas and the Amazon to Terra Del Fuego, for all South America wants Luis Angel to win.'¹⁴

Firpo's big-fight strategy was actually being planned in Buenos Aires by Señor Felix Bunge, his backer and mentor. He said that he would announce what he had in mind after the fight, together with the plan of combat which Firpo will follow, a plan which Horatio

11 *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* 12 September 1923

12 *Daily Globe*, Ironwood, Michigan 14 September 1923

13 *Oakland Tribune* 12 September 1923

14 *Oakland Tribune* 13 September 1923

DAY OF THE FIGHT

Lavalle, Firpo's manager, took with him when he left for New York. According to Bunge, the plan has been shown by Lavalle to Benny Leonard who gave it his hearty approval. 'I sent Firpo his final message today,' Bunge added. 'It was a message of encouragement and a caution not to forget to keep himself covered. I await the good news of his triumph in all confidence.'¹⁵

When INS sports editor Davis J. Walsh wrote that into his column, he added, 'Laugh, now, and show your ignorance.'¹⁶

A couple of days before the big fight, columnist Bob Dorman was at Firpo's camp while Carlos Vega, the fighter's friend and interpreter, was reading an article by a leading sportswriter in which the fight with Dempsey was called a farce on account of Firpo's supposed weakness on defence. Turning to Vega, Luis said, 'So Señor Dempsey will cut me to pieces. Look at my face carefully. Look at my ears. Do you see any scars? Are my ears what you call cauliflower? No? Perhaps Luis' face does not take the full force of those blows. Perhaps his face is moving away when they land.'¹⁷

Fight promoter Tex Rickard, playing down the negative forecasts of the gentlemen of the press, announced, 'I look for a slashing fight with the odds of victory about even...Dempsey may have advantages in speed, experience and generalship, but he is not the superman that a lot of critics would make him seem. He will have the hardest fight he has ever had to keep the championship.'¹⁸

Rickard, the old-time Yukon gambler, had won every gamble with rain in his career as a fight promoter but he was still prepared, should inclement weather change his luck for Dempsey–Firpo on Friday, to hold the fight on Saturday. He had more immediate worries a couple of days before the fight, reported in the press under headlines of 'BOGUS TICKETS FOR BIG FIGHT'. The article read, 'Six men were arrested in a Duane Street print shop and police confiscated \$50,000 worth of counterfeit tickets for the Dempsey–Firpo title match Friday night. Some of the tickets, police said, had been put in circulation. The men were charged with acting in concert in printing and distributing them.'¹⁹

15 *Syracuse Herald* 13 September 1923

16 *Ogden Standard Examiner* 12 September 1923

17 *Bridgeport Telegram* 14 September 1923

18 *Evening Independent*, Massillon, Ohio 13 September 1923

19 *Steubenville Herald Star* 14 September 1923

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

Rickard announced that another shop had been raided and plates confiscated before the alleged counterfeiters had had time to start printing. The tickets printed were of \$5.50 and \$27.50 and Rickard said they bore resemblance to the originals down to the minutest of details.

Another thorn in the side of the promoter had been the application of heavyweight contender Harry Wills for a temporary injunction against the big fight. Wills charged that he had been unjustly discriminated against by the New York State Athletic Commission and that his challenge to Dempsey more than a year ago had been ignored, but the court ruled that he had put forward no basis for interference with the forthcoming bout. Wills alleged that a contract he signed with Dempsey shortly after filing his challenge gave him a prior right to oppose the champion, but the court pointed out that this agreement left either principal to engage any other opponent in the meantime. 'The threatened legal entanglements were brushed aside in Supreme Court today when Justice Hagarty denied the application.'²⁰

However, with that threat removed at least for the time being, a bigger crisis reared its ugly head early on the Friday afternoon when Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo attended the official weigh-in at the offices of the State Athletic Commission in the Flatiron Building at Madison Square. The estimated crowd of 5,000 milling around the entrance, eager to catch a glimpse of the fighters, was blissfully unaware of the drama about to unfold upstairs.

Dempsey weighed heavier than at any time in his championship career, the scale settling at 192.5lb. Firpo had not put in an appearance by the time Jack stepped off the scale and got dressed. He was given a tremendous ovation when he left the building behind a troop of policemen who wedged an aisle through the crowd for him.

Firpo had arrived half an hour late, wearing a broad grin as the crowd cheered him. Stripped and on the scale, he made the indicator tremble at 216.5lb, 24 more than the champion. He stepped over to be measured, his height being officially recorded as 6ft 2.5in, one inch taller than Dempsey.

What happened next was recalled by *Ring* magazine publisher Nat Fleischer in his 1958 book *Fifty Years at Ringside*. 'Dr William A. Walker was at the weigh-in to examine the rivals. William Muldoon, Chairman of the Commission, objected to the presence

20 Nat Fleischer *Fifty Years at Ringside* (New York: Fleet Publishing Corporation 1958) pp.122-124

DAY OF THE FIGHT

of newspapermen in the room, but after considerable persuasion, he permitted Jimmy Dawson of the *New York Times* and myself to remain.

‘Dr Walker, while placing the stethoscope over Firpo’s chest, accidentally bumped into the challenger’s left arm. Instinctively, Luis threw the arm upwards. Thinking this a queer reaction, the doctor ran his fingers over every part of the arm, squeezing it here and there as he tested for a fracture. Firpo was smiling as Doc Walker’s probing fingers reached his elbow, but under the smile were lines of pain.

‘Muldoon called Rickard over. “What’s the trouble?” inquired Tex. Walker tapped Firpo’s elbow. “This,” he said. Rickard turned pale... His face grew ever grimmer as he heard Doc Walker say to Muldoon, “Firpo seems to have a dislocated fracture of the left arm.” Firpo, who spoke no English, burst into a torrent of Spanish.

‘The challenger laughed and said he was all right. Muldoon thought otherwise. Firpo waved his arms violently. And then he screeched in Spanish, “I can beat Dempsey. It is nothing.” Then, as if to prove it, this man of iron courage raised his left arm and brought his fist down upon the table. The doctor was horrified, for he knew, more than the rest of us, how terrible the agony of that gesture must have been.

‘But Firpo, with gritted teeth and a wild look in his eyes, smiled. Then Tex’s hard shell of calm left him... He swore at Firpo in Spanish, threatening him with God knows what. Muldoon laid a restraining hand on Rickard, saying, “Tex, I’ll see what we can do. From my examination, I think it’s a simple dislocation without a break.” Muldoon asked Firpo to put out his left arm, and when he did, suddenly jerked it forward, snapping the bone back into position.

‘That, to me, was the moment when Luis proved his absolute gameness. Firpo, with the arm tightly bandaged, remained in the doctor’s care for the next few hours. The swelling was reduced, but when it came time for Luis to go into the ring, I knew that he was in agony with every movement of his arm.²¹

Although Fleischer didn’t mention the incident in his 1949 book *The Heavyweight Championship*, he recalled the episode in a March 1962 issue of his *Ring* magazine stating that there was another newspaperman in the room at the time, Dan Lyons of the *New York Globe*. Yet in an article attributed to Firpo which appeared in the December 1931 issue of *Ring*, the fighter stated that, ‘The only

21 *Ogden Standard Examiner* 14 September 1923

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

persons in that room at that time were Mister Muldoon and Tex Rickard besides the doctor and myself. "Mister Rickard," I remarked. "I will fight tonight provided you will get me a return contest." "I'll do that, Luis. You'll surely get it if you're licked tonight. I'll tell the newspapers about the arm after the fight."

When Firpo did emerge from the building later that afternoon, the crowds were still there and they gave him a great cheer. Some citizens gave him something else. It was learned later from his secretary what the process servers were aiming at when they changed his smile into a frown as he appeared on the street. 'They had waited along with the crowds and, as he stepped on to the sidewalk, they tipped their hats and made him a present of a batch of papers which he took smilingly. He did not know they were process servers until they had run so far no one could catch them.'²²

An interpreter said the papers were warrants for \$54,206.25 against the reported \$160,000 Luis was to receive for fighting Jack Dempsey. They were served for Andrew D. McCorkindale who asserted that he managed Firpo in previous fights and was to manage him during his stay in the United States. Similar warrants were also served to promoter Tex Rickard.

On that Friday in September, Tex Rickard had other things on his mind. He had a million-dollar promotion unfolding at the Polo Grounds where he had arranged seating for 90,374 persons. Early in the afternoon, the crowd waiting outside the arena was nearly large enough to take all of the 5,000 \$3.30 seats that would be available at 4.30pm when the gates would be opened. However, when the ticket wagon opened for business, there were only 3,500 pasteboards available and suddenly there were 20,000 wildly excited fans wanting them.

The wagon was overturned and a line of mounted policemen had to charge in wielding their clubs. Reserves were quickly sent for and a fire engine turned up, hoses were quickly plugged in, and Associated Press reported the prospect of a cold shower in the chilly air was more effective than the threat of the policemen's clubs. Order was restored after half an hour.

It seemed as though the entire population of the city wanted to see this fight. Police were kept busy when a riot broke out on the viaduct approaching the Polo Grounds. Several hundred fans attempted

22 *Lowell Sun*, Mass. 15 September 1923

DAY OF THE FIGHT

to break through the police lines but were dispersed after a lively encounter in which clubs were used freely. Lines were tightened after this episode and none without tickets were allowed within several blocks of the arena.

A dispatch out of New York reported, “One-Eyed” Connelly and other famed gate crashers will be up against it when they try to edge into the Dempsey–Firpo fight at the Polo Grounds tonight. Several hundred patrolmen will see that there is no disturbance and that no one without a ticket passes the cordon they established at 4 o’clock outside the grounds.’²³

It wouldn’t be a world title fight without the world champion gatecrasher, James Leo ‘One-Eyed’ Connelly, a native of Lowell, Mass. The jovial Irishman spent his life travelling coast to coast, attending the great sports events of the day without ever buying a ticket. He was on first-name terms with all the boxing celebrities and sportswriters, known to Tex Rickard, Jack Dempsey, Damon Runyon and a host of others, not to mention the ‘dicks’ and ‘fly-cops’ of the nation.

Billy Hamilton of the *Boston Herald* was settling into his press seat at the Polo Grounds ready to cover the Dempsey–Firpo fight when Connelly appeared at his elbow. ‘I carried in a trunk for a ticket taker,’ he explained, ‘and then took one of the newspaper guy’s coat down to the ringside.’²⁴

Former heavyweight champion Jess Willard had a hard time getting into the arena, arriving at 9.00pm after a 45-minute wait to get to the gate. He should have followed Connelly.

‘By seven o’clock the horseshoe, topped with its ring of American flags, was fairly well filled. . .Bare-armed workmen, apparently careless of the chilliness, stretched the three strings of white rope taut around the ring. Two sombre workmen dropped some great chunks of resin into the canvassed floor and then ground them to powder with their heels.’²⁵

At half past seven, the lights were turned on in the stands, and shortly afterwards the great battery of 1,000-watt lamps, 36 white and four blue, to give a scientifically blended synthetic daylight, flooded the ringside. Half an hour later, the first preliminary fighters stepped into the ring.

23 *Salt Lake Tribune* 15 September 1923

24 *Lowell Sun*, Mass. 15 September 1923

25 *New York Times* 15 September 1923

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

The first bout was over before the fighters had a chance to warm up as English heavyweight Dan Bright flattened Leo Brown of Australia with a swinging right to the jaw, just 58 seconds after the opening bell. That woke the crowd up and they cheered when Charley Nashert, a Jersey City light-heavyweight, dumped Frankie Koebele on the canvas twice before taking the judge's decision. The Brooklyn fighter had been soaking up Firpo's heavy right hands in sparring and he could have done without the aggravation.

Mike Burke of Greenwich Village battered Al Roberts of Staten Island into defeat in the third preliminary of six rounds. Roberts absorbed terrific punishment about the head and was barely able to keep his feet in the last round as, bloody and groggy, he reeled about the ring under a fusillade of blows. There was disappointment in the crowd with the non-appearance of Gene Tunney in the semi-final bout of 12 rounds. The American light-heavyweight champion, matched against Leo Gates, a Mohawk Indian living in Harlem, was forced to withdraw because of an old injury to his right hand.

Bartley Madden of the West Side was brought in to meet Gates and proved too strong for Leo who took a pounding throughout. By the time the final round commenced, the fans had lost interest, one reason being the arrival at ringside of Luis Angel Firpo, escorted by a posse of policemen. He wore his checkered bathrobe of purple and yellow, a heavy stubble covering his chin. Behind Luis came the portly figure of his rubber, Dan Washington, closely followed by Horatio Lavalley, the wealthy Argentine sportsman who had been his right-hand man during training, Hughie Gartland, one of his business representatives, and Guillermo Widmer.

Before Firpo left his dressing room, Carlos Vega read to him a dispatch out of Buenos Aires that brought a smile to his grim countenance. 'After a frog fishing expedition into the swamps near the city, Enrique Firpo, father of the South American champion, returned to his home this morning and started the day by praying for his gladiator son... "Dempsey will not last four rounds with my boy," he said later, and refused to comment any further.'²⁶

It was 9.55pm as the challenger reached the ring, where the last round of the Madden-Gates fight was ticking towards the final bell. A spectator in the first row gave up his seat to Firpo. A couple of minutes later he took his own seat, in the south-eastern corner of the ring.

26 Charleston Daily Mail 13 September 1923

DAY OF THE FIGHT

Then a tremendous wave of sound gave birth in the upper tiers of the stands and rolled down over the vast crowd to engulf the ringside as the champion came into the ring, dressed in white silk trunks with a new white sweater. Smiling, he crossed quickly to Firpo's corner and shook hands with the man he had never seen before. Firpo touched gloves but he didn't smile and Dempsey crossed to his corner, sat down and an army blanket was draped over his knees. With the champion were Doc Kearns, trainer Jerry Luvadis, and stablemate Joe Benjamin.

Both fighters were photographed with their handlers before returning to their corners and announcer Joe Humphreys called for quiet as he introduced the judges, Billy McPartland and George Partrich, and the referee, Johnny Gallagher. The weights of the fighters were announced – Dempsey 192.5lb, Firpo 216.5lb. Then Humphreys got Dempsey to his feet, proudly proclaiming, 'The champion of champions, our own champion, Jack Dempsey!'

As the applause died down, Humphreys introduced, 'The pugilistic marvel of Argentina, the recognised champion of all South America, Luis Angel Firpo!' There was polite applause from the crowd anxious for the first clang of the bell. Referee Gallagher called the fighters to the centre of the ring for their instructions at precisely four minutes past ten, New York time. The Battle of the Century was about to begin.

Index

- Adlon Hotel, Berlin 147
Albertino, chef to Firpo 204,
206, 213
All Good Marines (film) 98
Allied Expeditionary Force 134
American Friends of France 111
American Legion 113, 134, 165,
167, 182-185
Anderson, Lee 42
Andes Mountains 22
Appell, Jack 56-58, 71
Aquitania Cunard 146
Arcel, Ray 149
Archer, Ray 66-68, 80, 138
Argentine Boxing Federation 46
Associated Press 9, 12, 20, 22, 24,
37, 44, 45, 53, 55, 57, 64, 71, 74,
79, 80, 82, 86, 88, 108-109, 116,
144, 152, 175, 183, 185, 192,
209, 213, 217, 218, 226, 231
Astor, Vincent 124
Atlantic Field, New Jersey 204
Augusti, Senor 43-45
- Bader, Edward L. (Mayor, Atlantic
City) 135
Baker, Mrs. Raymond T.
(formerly Mrs. Alfred Gwynne
Vanderbilt) 175
Baldwin Locomotive Works 174
Balsa, Andre 25-26
Barnson, Ben 68
Barnum, P. T. 119
Barrett, Mrs. Carrie 135, 136
Barry, Dave 246
Bartlett, Owen 159
Barton, George 183
Baseball Writers Association of
America 158
Battle of the Long Count 246
Baugh, J. L. (United Steel & Wire
Company) 188
Beach, Rex 145
Beckett, Joe 41, 116, 131, 132
Bell, Colin 23, 44
Bellows, George 249
Belmont Hotel, NYC 99, 136, 140,
225, 244
Benjamin, Joe 19, 146, 199, 225,
240, 245
Berlin, Irving 93
Bigger, Thomas, Chairman,
Michigan State Athletic
Commission 101
Birkenhead Lord 210
Blackfeet Indians 175, 176
Black Sox scandal 1919 158
Blaufuss, Harry 31
Bonds, Joe 67
Boykin, Joe 44
Boyle, Francis (Pat) 83
Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City
72, 76, 111, 122, 129, 138, 141,
184, 186, 247
Bradbury, Harry 11
Brady, 'Diamond' Jim 192
Brady, William A. 43, 110-111,
227
Brennan, Bill (William Shenck,
Shanks) 28, 44, 47-51, 52-59,
69, 72, 73, 82, 105, 110, 123,
131, 155, 156, 159, 164, 173,
178, 189, 197, 199, 219
Bright, Dan 18
Bright's Disease 99
Britton, Jack 11, 55, 79
Broad AC, Newark 31
Broad Street, Newark 32
Broadway, NYC 226, 228
Broadway Auditorium, Buffalo
148
Brockman, Phillip H. 83
Bronson, Jimmy 135
Brooklyn Bridge 50
Brooklyn Dodgers 38, 203
Broun, Heywood 122
Brown, George 'KO' 163
Brown, Leo 18
Brown, Norman E. 38, 137
Bugbee (New Jersey State
comptroller) 75
Bunge, Felix 12-13, 89, 196
Burchell, Harry 148
Burke, Jack 209, 210, 216
Burke, Joe 82, 190, 194, 199, 200
Burke, Martin 208
Burke, Mike 18
Burns, Tommy 22
Buttafocchi, Emilio ('Italian' Jack
Herman) 38
Byers, George 30
- California State American Legion
96
- Camp Custer 101
Capone, Al 101, 106, 228
Carpentier, Georges 27, 28, 43,
72, 77, 81, 110-120, 121-132,
133, 134, 135-137, 147-148,
151-153, 172, 173, 177, 179,
181, 184, 192, 195
Carpentier, Georgette (wife)
115, 120
Carroll, Earl 228
Cartland, Hughie 34
Case, Max 73
Cates, Maxine (Dempsey's first
wife) 94-97
Central Park, NYC 105
Central Trust Company, NYC
110
Cerda, Samuel 40
Chaplin, Charlie 12, 92, 98
Chester Park & Vaudeville
Theatre, Cincinnati, Ohio 92
Childs, Frank 30
Chip, George 163
Chula Vista Country Club, San
Diego 67
Claridge's Hotel, NYC 110, 120,
141
Clark, Jeff 27, 205, 206, 212
Clarkson, Effie Dempsey (widowed
sister) 93
Clendenning, John H. 97
Club Universitario, Buenos Aires
26, 27
Coast Guard, United States 246
Cobb, Irvin S. 132
Cochran, C. B. 110, 111
Cohen, George 119
Coleman, Alberto 26
Collins, Chief of Police, Chicago
191
Collins, Mike 166, 167
Columbia University 221
Commercial Street, Salt Lake
City 95
Coney Island Athletic Club 204
Connelly, James Leo (One-Eyed)
17, 175
Considine, Bob 235
Continental Hotel, San Francisco
97
Coogan's Bluff, NYC 229
Cook, George 44

INDEX

- Corbett, James J. 37, 43, 47, 49,
64, 91, 98, 124, 206, 227, 231,
237, 248
- Costello, Frank 228
- Coultry, Frank 60
- Cowler, Tom (Cumberland Giant)
83-84
- Criqui, Eugene 171, 229
- Croix de Guerre 123
- Crouse, Buck 163
- Culnan, Babe 31
- Cummiskey, Thomas L. 85
- Curley, Jack (Jacques Armand
Schuel) 114-115, 122, 124
- Curry, Connie 174
- Daly, William 24, 25
- Daniel, Daniel M. 234
- Daniels, Bebe 92
- Darcy, Jimmy 148
- Daredevil Jack* 92, 96, 98, 133
- Davies, Marion 92
- Davis Cup 195
- Dawson, James (Jimmy) 15, 230
- Day, Al 101
- Dead or Alive* (film) 98
- DeBeck, Billy 189
- De Forest, Jimmy 34, 39, 50, 54,
56-58, 61, 72, 73, 76, 81-82,
86, 89, 186, 196-197, 200-201,
219-220
- Delaney, Jimmy 170
- Delaney, Martin 93
- Dempsey, Effie (widowed sister, see
Clarkson) 93
- Dempsey, Johnny (brother) 225
- Dempsey, Joseph (brother) 159
- Dempsey, Mary Celia Smoot
(mother) 93, 135
- Dempsey, Hyrum (father) 93
- Dempsey, Maxine Cates (first
wife) 93
- Descamps, Francois 43, 110-111,
115, 123, 128-129, 152
- Detroit radio station 8MK, later
WWJ 102
- Dever, Mayor of Chicago 191
- Dickerson, Ed 83
- Dillon, Jack (Hoosier Bearcat) 23,
85, 116
- Disabled Veterans of World War
I 189
- Dixon, George 198, 203
- Dorgan, Ike (John L.) 199
- Dorgan, Joe 199
- Dorgan, Thomas Aloysius (TAD)
119, 138, 229
- Dorman, Bob 13, 20, 21
- Dorr, Remy 198
- Dougherty, James F. (Jimmy)
'Baron of Leiperville' 101,
103, 104, 174, 176, 177, 179,
189, 206
- Douglas, Fred 30
- Downey, Bryan 86
- Downey, Joe 84-88, 190, 194
- Doyle, Gene 67
- Drake, Harry 62, 169
- Drexel Biddle, A. J. Jnr. 227
- Drexel Biddle A. J. Snr. 227
- Driscoll, Dave 38
- Drully, Jack 84, 87-88
- Duane Street, NYC 13
- Dundee, Johnny 229
- Durbin, Deanna 74
- Eagan, Eddie 145
- Ebbets Field, Brooklyn 38, 76,
152, 203
- SS Ebro* 47
- Edgren, Robert (Bob) 59, 110,
121, 125, 197, 208-209, 234,
239-240
- Edgren, Bob Jnr. 209
- Eighth Regiment Armoury,
Chicago 134
- El Morocco, NYC 33
- Emery, National Commander
American Legion 134
- El Toro Salvaje de las Pampas* (Luis
Angel Firpo) 26
- Erlanger, Supreme Court Justice
51
- Ertle, Harry 117, 130, 132
- Evans, Billy 162
- Fairbanks, Douglas 12, 92, 98
- 'Fair Play' sportswriter 35, 50, 72,
86, 162
- Farmer, Frank 68
- Farrell, Henry L. 10, 20, 21, 29,
30, 41, 48, 55, 57, 58, 63, 71, 72,
78, 79, 89, 127, 130-131, 142,
144, 152, 160, 164, 171, 179,
195, 214, 215, 216, 230, 232,
242-243, 248
- Farrell, Marty 100
- Fern Lodge, Saratoga Lake 192,
193
- Firpo, Blanca Lourdes (wife) 248
- Firpo, Enrique (father) 18, 20
- Fitts, Burn R. (American Legion,
California State Commander)
134
- Fitzsimmons, Bob 43, 49, 162
- Fitzsimmons, Young Bob 31, 38,
216, 217
- Fitzsimmons, Floyd 99, 149-150,
245
- Flaherty, Simon 203
- Flatiron Building, NYC 14
- Fleischer, Nat 14-16, 36, 103,
107-108, 162-163, 176, 199,
236, 240
- Flip (Carpentier's dog) 124
- Floto, Otto 92
- Flourney, Frank 204
- Flynn, 'Fireman' Jim 75, 95, 96,
185, 230
- Flynn, Leo P. 30, 50, 52, 58
- Flynn, Daniel Francis 'Porky' 163
- Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana
188
- Fort McArthur, Los Angeles 189
- Franklin Theater, Oakland 194
- Frick, Ford C. 231
- Friedman, Benny 62
- Fullerton, Hugh III 158
- Fulton, Fred 37, 62, 85, 105, 141-
142, 148, 179, 208
- Gadbois, Dr. 218-219
- Garland, Hughie 18, 82, 87-88,
194
- Gates, Leo 18, 217
- Gallagher, Johnny 19, 233, 236,
240, 243, 244
- Gallico, Paul 93, 113, 220-223,
233
- Gallivan, James A. (Jimmy) 123
- Gans, Joe 174, 204, 217
- Gans, 'Panama' Joe 100, 149
- Ghee, 'Batting' (William Gahee)
126
- Gibbons, Mike 162-163, 165
- Gibbons, Tom 68, 69, 105, 116,
137, 139, 148, 155-156, 158,
159, 161-166, 169-180, 181,
185, 186, 189, 192, 193, 195,
199, 208, 235
- Gibson Hotel, San Francisco 95
- Gimbel, Bernard 228
- Gleason, William J. 197
- Godfrey, George (Feab Smith
Williams) 172, 199, 200,
208-210
- Godfrey, George (Old Chocolate)
199
- Godoy, Arturo 248
- Gorman, Bud 170, 171
- Gorch, Frank 115
- Gould, George 227
- Gould, Jay 192
- USS *Granite State* 105
- Grayson, Harry 204
- Greb, Harry 27, 85, 100, 116, 153,
156, 158, 162-164, 173, 229
- Great Falls, Montana 193
- Great Northern Railroad 165
- Greenwich Village, NYC 59
- Grogan, Perry 239
- Grombach, John V. 247
- Grossman, Harry 185, 186
- Grutzmacher, Judge W.E. 70
- Guerrieri, Alfredo 48
- Hackenschmidt, George 115
- Hagarty, Justice 14
- Hagney, Frank 22-23
- Hague, Frank (Mayor, Jersey City)
72, 127
- Haley, Patsy 62
- Hamilton, Billy 17
- Hamilton, H. C. 90
- Happy Thoughts* racehorse 217
- Harding, President Warren G.
84, 111
- Harris, Frank 50
- Haukop, Johnny 107, 109
- Hayes, Teddy 92, 93, 96, 98-99,

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

- 109, 126, 135, 146, 159, 198, 244
- Hearst, William Randolph 92
- Hellers, Charlie 153
- Hell's Kitchen, NYC 154
- Henessey, Hal 30
- Herman, 'Italian' Jack (Emilio Buttafochi) 38-39, 73-76
- Herman, 'Tiny' Jim 60, 62, 76
- Herman, Tillis 170
- Hibberd, Jim 73, 74
- Hines, Jimmy 228
- Hollywood 12
- Hollywood Legion Stadium 67
- Hoosier Motor Speedway, Indianapolis 84, 87
- Horsley Studios, Los Angeles 185
- Humphreys, Joe 19, 62, 130, 234
- Hyde, Arthur M. (Governor of Missouri) 83
- Hyman, Dr. 226
- Igoe, Herbert A. (Hype) 40, 48-49, 113, 222, 239
- Independence Day 90, 175, 181
- International Boxing Club, Buenos Aires 22
- Internal Revenue 182
- International News Service 11, 13, 89, 124, 126, 138, 156, 179, 188, 196, 200, 231, 241, 244
- International Reform Bureau 135
- Jackson, Buddy 54
- Jacobs, Mike 111
- Jamaica Kid 50, 149
- Jeanette, Joe 205, 208
- Jeffries, James J. 11, 43, 49, 55-56, 91, 160, 185, 187
- Jewish Memorial Hospital, NYC 58
- Jirsa, Antonio 26
- Jockey Club, Buenos Aires 37
- Johnson, Clem 203
- Johnson, Floyd (Auburn Bulldog) 47, 49, 53, 54, 60, 62, 64, 69, 70-71, 81, 156, 157, 158, 159, 164, 202
- Johnson, Jack 22, 23, 25, 29, 37, 47, 54-55, 66, 69, 83, 115, 134, 136, 160, 185, 187
- Johnson, James A. (Mayor, Shelby) 165, 167, 171, 182
- Johnson, James W. (Body) 165, 167, 168, 182-183, 186
- Johnson, 'Battling' Jim 149, 208
- Johnson, John Lester 25
- Johnson, Enoch 'Nucky' 228
- Jolson, Al 105
- Jones, Lenich & Schaffer 92
- Jones, W. N. 118
- Journee, Paul 123-124, 129
- Justice Department, U.S. 96
- Kahn, Roger 52, 100, 106, 241, 249
- Kain, Dick 30
- Kaiser, The 52
- Kane, Eddie 137, 164, 166, 167, 189
- Kearns, Jack (Doc) John Leo McKernan 19, 68, 91, 92-94, 96-97, 98-101, 104-106, 109, 110, 125, 129-130, 135-138, 140-141, 145-150, 153-157, 158, 160-162, 166-168, 169-176, 178, 181-182, 184-189, 191-192, 198, 200, 203, 204, 209, 210, 216, 219-222, 225, 233, 240, 245
- Keats, Fred 81
- Keenan, Tom 62
- Keene, Jack 44, 66
- Keller, Terry 145
- Kellerman, Annette 115
- Kelly, Jason 182
- Kennedy, J. F. Lt. (Great Lakes Naval Station) 97
- Kennedy, Tom 67
- Ketchell, Stanley 163
- Kilbane, Johnny 171, 172, 229
- King Features Syndicate 10
- Kline, Nick 31, 33, 37
- Koebele, Frankie 18, 206, 212, 217
- Kramer, Cliff 202
- Lacey, Louis 195
- Lahaye, Paul 148
- LaHiff, Billy 244
- Lancelot 114
- Langford, Sam 21, 25, 61, 76, 199, 205, 208
- Lansky, Meyer 228
- La Recoleta Cemetery, Buenos Aires 249
- Lardner, John 43
- Lardner, Ring 63, 133
- Laurel Gardens, Newark 31, 34,
- Lavalle, Horatio 12-13, 18, 86, 89, 196-197, 201, 202, 204, 206, 212-213
- Lawrence, George 45
- Lawrence, Jack 238, 239
- Leavenworth Penitentiary 134
- Lebrowitz, Barney (Battling Levinsky) 116
- Ledoux, Charles 124, 129
- Lee, General 71
- Legree, Simon 114
- Lemmers, Dr. T. H. 75
- Leonard, Benny 11, 12, 91, 111, 124, 141, 189
- Lester, Pat 37
- Levinsky, Battling (Barney Lebrowitz) 23, 85, 114-120, 121-122, 131, 163, 205
- Levy, Max 49
- Lewis, Ed (Strangler) 138, 139
- Lewis, Henry 77, 79
- Lewis, Mary 146
- Liberty Theatre, Shelby 165
- Lindenbaum, Dr. 226
- Lodge, Walter 'Farmer' 60, 210, 222, 247
- Lloyds 75
- Lone Star* 129
- Louis, Joe 204
- Luciano, Charles 'Lucky' 228
- Luna Park, Buenos Aires 249
- Luther, Thomas C. 192
- Luvardis, Jerry (Jerry the Greek) 19, 225, 240
- Lyons, Dan 15
- McAdoo, W. G. 67
- McAdoo, Mrs. (daughter of former President Woodrow Wilson) 67
- McAuliffe, Jack 'Napoleon of the Ring' 12, 64, 76, 124, 128, 219, 232, 242
- McAuliffe, Jack II (Henry Bussineau), 60, 62-64, 69, 73, 76, 164, 197, 198, 215-216, 219
- McCaffery, Dr. 226
- McCann, Alfred W. 118
- McCann, Joseph Albert (Joe) 34-37, 38, 62, 170, 205, 207, 212, 217
- McCarney, Billy 85
- McCarthy, Pat 82, 189-190
- McCarthy, Tex (Tommy (Kid) McCarthy) 172
- McCarty, Luther 22
- McCorkindale, Andrew D. 16
- McCray, Governor of Indiana 84, 86, 188-189
- McCoy, Kid 206
- McCutcheon, Mel 165
- McFadden, Spider 206
- McGann, 'Sparrow' 34, 48, 50, 55, 81, 141, 173, 175, 186, 206
- McGeehan, William O. 40, 173, 180, 188, 237
- McGover, Artie 164
- McGraw, John J. 227
- McKetrick, Dan 126
- McLean, Alex 70
- McLevy's gym, Madison Square Garden 247
- McNab, Gavin 96-97
- McNiel, T. W. 207
- McPartland, Billy (Kid) 19, 164, 238
- McTigue, Mike 154
- McVey, Sam 22
- Madden, Bartley 18, 163
- Madison Square Garden 44, 47, 48-51, 53, 56, 60, 61, 68, 77, 85, 105, 110, 111, 138, 143, 154, 156, 159, 163, 173, 194, 199, 204, 247
- Mallon, Paul R. 77
- Mann, Arthur 239
- Manning, Arthur 25
- Manvel, Allan 165
- Marco (Carpentier's chef) 124
- Marias Pass, Montana 165
- Marinelli, Al 228
- Marquis of Queensberry 48, 128
- Martel, Dr. 152
- Martin, Bob 53, 134, 142

INDEX

- Mathison, Charles F. 62
 Maumee Bay, Toledo 65, 90
 Maxted, Thomas A. (Sailor) 31-34, 37, 38, 46, 146
 Mayer, Al 32-33, 54, 74
 Medaille Militaire 123
 Mee, Bob 20
 Meehan, Willie 105, 163
 Menke, Frank G. 10, 61, 91, 105, 112, 186-187, 231-232, 236, 237-238, 243, 244
 Mercer, Sid 124, 126
 Merrit, Ken 182
 Messer, Scotty 67
 Methodist Episcopal Church 127
 SS *Mexico* 74
 Miles, David 195
 Miles, J. 195
 Miller, Nathan L. (New York Governor) 72, 111
 Mills, Dave 25, 26
 Miske, Billy 53, 59, 85, 99-105, 112, 116, 155, 163, 164, 173, 178
 Missouri River 170
 Mitchell, Ritchie 111
 Mix, Tom 175
 Molumby, Loy J. 166, 168
 Montieth 'Scotty' 79
 Moore, Lee 175
 Morales, Adolfo 24
 Moran, Frank 27, 41, 135, 193, 199, 207, 208
 Morey, Dan 187
 Morgan, Miss Anne
 Morgan, Dan (Dumb Dan) 55, 116-117
 Morgan, Forbes 227
 Morris, Carl 148, 207-208
 Morrison Hotel, Chicago 167,
 Morton, General Charles C. 189
 Moyle, Clay 150
 Muldoon, William 14-16, 50, 58, 60, 70, 71, 155, 156, 160, 162, 164, 170, 203, 204, 226, 244
 Mullins, Paddy 150, 187, 202-203, 245
 Munson Steamship Line 48
 Murray, Mae 175
 Nashert, Charley 18
 Nation, Carrie 154
 National Sporting Club,
 Indianapolis 87
 National Sporting Club, NYC 304
 Nelson, 'Battling' (Oscar Matheus Nielsen) 64, 113, 204, 217
 New Jersey Boxing Commission 76
 Newspaper Enterprise Association 11
 New York Giants 228
 New York Metropolitans 228
 New York Police Department 228
 New York State Athletic Commission 14, 50, 56, 58, 70, 145, 148, 154, 160, 161, 162, 187, 203, 204, 226, 230, 242, 243, 244., 246
 New York State Supreme Court, Criminal Branch 143
 Nolan, Billy 217
 Norfolk, Kid 27, 126, 154, 205
 Normand, Mabel 92
 North American Newspaper Alliance 11, 218
 Northcliffe, Lord 147
 Nugent, Eddie 31
 Nuevo Fronton, Havana 74
 O'Brien, 'Philadelphia' Jack 30, 40, 116, 194
 135th Street, Manhattan 33
 O'Gatty, Packey 145
 O'Keefe, (manager of Tom Cowler) 84
 Olson, Edwin A. United States District Attorney 185
 Olympics, Antwerp 1920 145
 O'Rourke, Tom 67, 153, 159, 203-204
 O'Sullivan, Jack 62-63
 Packard (automobile) 43
 Palais Royal 140
 Palmer, Bee 139-141
 Palzar, Al 203
 Pankhurst, Mrs. Lydia 115
 Pantages, Alexander 145
 Pantages Vaudeville Circuit 145, 156, 183
 Park Hotel, Great Falls, Montana 169
 Partrich, George 19
 Pathe Studios, Hollywood 92, 96, 98
 Patterson, Captain 223
 Payne Whitney estate, Long Island 124
 Payne Whitney, Henry 227
 Pecora, Ferdinand A. 143
 Pecord, Ollie 65
 Pegler, Westbrook 50, 117, 119, 145, 186
 Pelkey, Arthur 22, 23
 Pera, Natalio 82, 189, 205, 207, 212-213, 217
 Perez, Earnest C. 48
 Perona, (Perrona) John 33, 241
 Pickford, Mary 12, 96-97
 Pioneer Athletic Club, NYC 50
 Polo Grounds Athletic Club 203
 Polo Grounds NYC 9, 12, 16, 17, 20, 67, 69, 81, 155, 159, 187, 190, 191, 202, 204, 225, 226, 228, 229, 233, 234, 235, 241
 Prendergast, Jim 228
 Priano, Fernando 25, 27
 Quimby, Fred C. 92
 Rand McNally 161
 Red Cross 93
 Reddy, Jack 100, 102
 Reed, Herbert 118
 Reich, Al 23, 55, 62, 163, 247
 Reilly, Dr. Juan 214
 Rely, Alex 46
 Renault, Jack 60, 62, 126, 148, 164, 199
 Republican State Administration, New York 159
 Respec, Calvin 25, 29, 30
 Rice, 'Bandman' 53
 Rice, Grantland 40, 56, 79, 94, 108, 129, 180, 197, 233, 238
 Rickard, George (Tex) 13, 14-16, 34, 47-51, 60-64, 72, 73, 81-82, 84, 88, 91, 97, 99-101, 105, 110-114, 120, 122, 127-130, 133, 137, 141, 143-145, 149, 152-157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 164, 170, 174, 181, 184, 187, 190, 194-196, 199, 202, 203, 204, 214, 217, 227, 229, 235, 244-247
 Rickard, Mrs Edith Mae 144
 Ridley Park, Pennsylvania 206
 Ringling, John 97, 128, 227
 Rio de la Plata, (River Plate) 41
 Rioux, Elzear 147
 Rioux, Jules 200, 218-219
 Roberts, Al 18
 Roberts, Randy 94, 98, 106, 114, 122
 Robertson-Cole Pictures 118
 Rodriguez, Angel 23, 25
 Roosevelt, Archie 227
 Roosevelt, Kermit 227
 Root, Elihu 227
 Roper, Bob 163
 Rothschild, L. H. 227
 'Roundy' sportswriter 36
 Ruck, Alice 143
 Runyon, Damon 9, 10, 17, 29, 30, 48, 49, 56, 71, 77, 79, 85, 89, 90, 146-147, 156, 159, 173, 174, 176, 179, 180, 190, 193, 197, 198, 200, 204, 205, 222, 237, 242
 Ruth, Babe 197, 219, 227
 Ryan, Tommy 61, 163
 Samuels, Charles 111, 115, 122, 126, 128, 129, 133, 144-145, 161
 Sampson, Lyman 165, 166
 Sangre del Christo hills, Colorado 91
 Santweir, A. E.
 Savage, Jim 36, 66
 SS *Savoie* 123
 Scaglia, Carlos 48, 54
 Schlegler, Charles 230
 Schoenfeld, Sarah 143, 144
 Schulberg, Budd 111
 Schumacher, Alden 68
 Schmeling, Max 204
 Secor Hotel, Toledo 90
 Segurota, Andreas D. 74
 Selective Service Act 93

DEMPSEY AND THE WILD BULL

- Sells-Floto Circus 92
 Sepulveda, Ignacio 25
 Shank, Stanley Lewis (Mayor of Indianapolis) 87
 Sharkey, Jack 83, 246
 Sharkey, Tom 203
 Shaughnessy, Mark 60, 62
 Shaw, Bernard 133
 Shelby, Peter 165
 Sherman, Mary 146
 Shibe Park, Philadelphia 85
 Siegel, Al 139-141
 Siegel, Bee Palmer Mrs. 139-141
 Siegel, Benjamin 'Bugsy' 228
 Siepcke, Federico 24
 Siki, Battling 151-154
 Simpson, Jim 67
 Sing Sing Penitentiary 59
 Skelly, Jack 76, 79, 81, 198
 Slocum, Bill 235
 Smith, Al (Governor, New York) 156, 158, 159-160
 Smith, Ed 'Gunboat' 22, 23, 26, 76, 148, 208, 235
 Smith, 'Black Gunboat' 26
 Smith, Ed W. 242
 Smith, Homer 83, 88, 99, 105, 190, 194
 Snider, 'Sheriff' 86
 Social Register 228
 Solomon, Charles 'King' 228
SS Southern Cross 30, 40, 47, 48
 Spalla, Erminio 247, 248
 Spellman, Frank 96, 135
 St Denis, Walter 173
 Stearns, Myron M. 234
 Steuer, Max D. 144
 Stillman's Gym, NYC 154
 Stramaglia, Rocco 170
 Streible, Dan 185
 Stutz Bearcat automobile 205, 246
 Sullivan, John L. 113
 Sully, Harry (Manager, Joe Downey) 88
 Supreme Court 14
 Sutherland, Sid 83
- Tammany Hall, New York 160, 228
 Tate, Big Bill 25, 76, 92, 100, 149, 199, 208
 Taylor, Estelle 245
 Teatro Casino, Montevideo 23
 The Tombs, NYC (prison) 144
The Wonder Man 114, 117, 133
 Thomas, Charles W. 96
 Thompson, Jack 155
 Thunder Chief (Tom Gibbons) 176
 Tia Juana Cabaret, West 171st Street, Manhattan 59
 Tirabocchi, Enrique 195
 Tracey, Jim 43-47, 53, 73
 Trant, Mike (Detective Sergeant Chicago Police) 135, 224, 225
 Travers, Dr. 58
 Treasury Department 181
- Tuck, Jim 22
 Tucker, Miss Sophie 141
 Tunney, Gene 18, 85, 100, 156, 170, 199, 246
- United Press 10, 12, 21, 29, 25, 42, 58, 63, 64, 71, 72, 76, 89, 90, 142, 152, 160, 171, 179, 195, 215, 216, 219, 230, 232, 248
 United Society of Christian Endeavour 185
 United States Navy 26
 Universal Services 10, 85, 130, 231
 University of Chicago 153
 University of Pennsylvania 214
- Valentino, Rudolph 92, 98
 Vanderbilt, William H. 124
 Vanderbilt, W. K. 227
 Van Kelton, 'Doc' 105
 Van Meter, Jonathan 228
 Vatican Choir 115
 Vaughn, Miles W. 12
 Vega, Carlos 9, 13, 18, 89, 205, 213
 Venus de Milo 139
 Veterans of Foreign Wars 123
 Vickers, George T. 119
 Villa, Pancho 192, 204, 229
- Walcott, 'Barbados' Joe 203
 Wales, Prince of 227
 Walker, Dr William A. 14-15, 226, 227
 Walker Law 111
 Walker, Mickey 162, 227, 245
 Wall Street 214
 Walsh, Davis J. 10, 13, 47, 61, 70, 73, 89, 156, 179, 188, 196, 200-201, 231, 232, 239, 241
 Ward, Robertson 31, 33
 Warden, Al 136
 Ware, Charles (Rough-House) 42
 Washington, Dan 18
 Wasservogel, 'Justice' Isidore 143
 Waters, H.G. 9
 Weeks, Secretary of War 189
 Weinert, Charley (Newark Adonis) 23, 85, 190, 194, 206, 218, 248
 Wells, 'Bermondsey' Billy 169, 170, 171, 174, 175, 200
 Wells, 'Bombardier' Billy 116, 131
 Western Union 239
 Weston, Stanley 52
 West Point 247
 White, Charley 50, 199
 White, Stanford 143
 White Sulphur Spring Hotel, Stillwater, New York 192, 225
 Whitney Museum of American Art 249
 Widmer, Guillermo 18, 86, 206
 Wiggins, Chuck 163
 Wild Bull of the Pampas (Luis Angel Firpo) 9, 196, 217, 242, 247
- Wilde, Jimmy 192, 204, 229
 Willard, Hattie 65, 66
 Willard, Jess (The Pottawatomie Giant) 11, 17, 22, 23, 26-28, 34, 36, 47, 49, 53, 54, 60, 62-64, 65-73, 75-79, 80-81, 82, 90, 91-92, 94, 113, 115, 116, 137-139, 141, 149, 156, 158, 159, 162, 164, 179, 184, 186, 195, 197, 198, 199, 201, 205, 206, 215, 216, 218, 219, 227, 235
 Willard, Myron L. 70
 Williams, Larry 23, 125
 Wills, Harry (Black Panther) 14, 21, 54, 69, 76, 148-150, 152, 153-157, 158, 159, 161, 162, 187-188, 191-192, 202-203, 205, 208, 245, 246, 247-248
 Wilson, Gus 123, 129
 Wilson, Jeff 153
 Wilson, Johnny 229
 Wilson, President Woodrow 93
 Wood, Wilbur 242
 Woolworth Building, NYC 37
 World War I 93
 Wray, Big Ben 172
 Wright, Richard A. 205
- Yankee Stadium, NYC 49, 54, 60, 61, 64, 70, 71, 157, 204, 246
 Young, John 'Bull' 36
- Zbyszko (wrestler) 138
 Zen, racehorse 11
 Ziegfeld, Florenz 139-140, 227, 228
 Ziegfeld Follies 140
 Zimmerman, Mose 166, 167
 Zunga, Felix 21