

# RAINY DAY KEEPS TUNNEY INACTIVE

## Challenger Takes Refuge in Town as Curious Throng to His Camp on Outskirts.

### SAYS ALTITUDE IS HELPFUL

#### Believes Shift to Less Rarified Atmosphere of Philadelphia Will Be Advantage.

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STROUDSBURG, Pa., Sept. 5.—The steady pitter-patter on the canvas-covered ring in Gene Tunney's training camp today was not caused by falling opponents, but falling rain. All day long there was a steady downpour and the inhabitants of the Pocono Mountains were disappointed that the challenger had to call off his workout.

But the rain didn't keep many of the curious from visiting the Glen Brook Country Club, and a swarm of visitors forced Gene into the Town of Stroudsburg to escape attention. He pitched his camp in the rustic outskirts of the city in order to have as much privacy as possible, but he found a better opportunity for rest and relaxation where traffic was heaviest.

The challenger joined a gathering of men in the Penn Stroud Hotel and talked of everything from cabbages to kings. In between, the conversation turned to fistic matters in general and the approaching battle for the world's heavyweight title in particular. But no matter what the subject the ex-marine showed that he had his own theories and philosophies. Apparently he has analyzed every angle of his training and definitely decided upon a system. In vain his listeners sought to discover a phase he hadn't considered.

#### Believes Altitude Helps.

"Don't you think it might be harmful to train in this high altitude and then fight Dempsey in a lower region, where the air is heavier?" was one of the questions asked. Tunney never hesitated in his reply.

"On the other hand, I think it will be beneficial," he declared. "There is less oxygen in the air up here than there is in Philadelphia, which is nearer the sea level. It would be foolish to train down there and fight up here, but training here and then going to a lower altitude for the fight is like a baseball player swinging three bats and then hitting with one."

"What about training at night? I see Dempsey is going to work at night so as to become accustomed to the artificial lights," another remarked.

"The same theory applies to that," Gene explained. "The big lights they will have in the ring at the Sesquicentennial Stadium will be brighter than daylight. I have never found any trouble with arc lights except once. That was in Newark, where I fought Knockout Sullivan under very weak illumination. He rushed at me in the first round and hit me a terrific blow on the chin. I couldn't see it coming because of the poor lighting system and couldn't get out of the way. He hit me several times and I couldn't see to ward off the blows."

"What did you do about it?"  
"Oh, I saw I had to stop him to protect myself and the best way seemed to be by knocking him out. I put him down before the first round was over and he stayed down."

#### Considers a Knockdown.

Some one asked Tunney if he had ever figured out what he would do the first time he was knocked off his feet. The challenger never has been floored during his career in the ring but he showed that he had considered the matter by his ready reply.

"It would all depend on the attitude of my opponent. If he appeared excited and anxious to come on in and finish me by slugging, I would gamble on it and slug with him. If he happened to be a smart fighter, cool and calm, I would go into a clinch, and protect myself as best I could. Anybody who can hit can knock a man down, but only the smart ones keep them down."

Tunney even has analyzed his feelings toward the popularity he has gained. He realizes the disadvantages of being continually followed by crowds and never having any privacy to speak of. But he admitted to the writer that he rather likes the attention he has received since his rise to the top.

"If I win the championship, perhaps a time will come when I will wish that I was a shipping clerk or a private in the marines again," he said. "But right now I am enjoying my fame. I am not conceited enough to want to be alone and above the people who

come to see me. I realize that fame is fleeting and I am enjoying it and making friendships while it lasts."

#### Changes His Program.

The rainy day forced the challenger to change his program for the week. He had planned to work today and rest tomorrow, but because of his enforced idleness this afternoon he has decided to return to the ring for a strenuous workout tomorrow and again on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Tunney is so near to physical perfection right now and the fight is still so far off that he fears reaching the peak before the proper time. Because of that he is still taking his preparation by easy stages.

His sparring partners, however, grow impatient because of the inactivity, as two of them are preparing for battles of their own. Bud Gorman, the big heavyweight who captured the admiration of the crowd here yesterday, is scheduled for a bout in Albany during the coming week and Harold Mays is preparing for his coming bout with Jack De Mave, which will be the feature attraction at the children's benefit show on Sept. 15 at Bayonne, N. J.

## MALONE AND COOLIDGE AT BROOKLYN TONIGHT

### Head 36-Round Fort Hamilton Boxing Card—Keppen and Wallach Box at Long Beach.

Thirty-six rounds of boxing are on the boxing program arranged by the Fort Hamilton officials. The card, which consists of two eight-round, two six-round and a brace of four-round bouts, will be held tonight at Ninety-ninth Street and Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn. The show originally was scheduled for last Thursday night, but was postponed.

The main engagement, which will be over the eight-round distance, will bring together Chic Malone of the Fourteenth Regiment of Brooklyn and Ted Coolidge, United States Navy middleweight. In the other eight-rounder Gord Hall of Germany will oppose Joe Fatone of Williamsburg. Bobby Ray of Fort Hamilton and Joe Emmons of West Point are slated to emment in a six-round bout, while in another six-rounder Jack Moore of the 369th Infantry and Leo Cox of Borough Hall will meet.

The special four-round battles will bring together Rocky Corbett of South Brooklyn and Kid Corey of the Fourteenth Infantry and Tom Lung of China and Eddie Purtell of Borough Hall.

Harry Wallach of Brooklyn and Sig Keppen of Beaver Falls, Pa., will come together in the feature battle of six rounds at the Long Beach Stadium tonight. The proceeds will be donated to the Church of St. Mary of the Isle of Long Beach. In the six-round semi-final Willie O'Connell will oppose Jaquito Valdez.

Three other six-round battles and a four-rounder will complete the card. In the six-round bouts Johnny Ryan will meet Tommy Simms, Lou Moskowitz will face Arthur De Champlain and Walter Hogan will engage Willie Schmidt. The opening four-rounder will present Vincent Cantalmo and Eddie Nelson.

Another attractive program of amateur bouts has been arranged for the Coney Island Stadium tonight. The schedule calls for ten bouts of three rounds each. Some of the best boys in this territory are scheduled to appear.

#### Martone to Engage Fagan.

Harry Martone of Jersey City and Irish Fagan of Newark will clash in the twelve-round wind-up at the Oakland Athletic Club in Jersey City tomorrow night. Fred Black of Jersey City and Johnny Saxon, Bridgeport (Conn.) welterweight, one of Jack Dempsey's sparring partners, will meet in the twelve-round semi-final. Three other battles will complete the program.