

BOUT APPLICATIONS OPENED IN CHICAGO

Rickard Locates Headquarters at Congress Hotel and Then Starts for New York.

DEMPSEY REQUESTS PRIVACY

Advises Tex of Desire to Work Only Before Correspondents—Plans Made for Bad Weather.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Applications for seats for the Tunney-Dempsey fight at Soldier Field on Sept. 22 were opened today at headquarters in the Congress Hotel and the amount of money involved ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Engineers have not yet completed the plan of the seats in the big arena. Tex Rickard said he had ordered 150,000 of the tickets and was ready to begin printing them with a plate especially designed to prevent counterfeiting. The tickets will show likenesses of the two fighters. He said that the scale definitely had been set for \$40, \$30, \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5.

Checks should be made out to Tex Rickard or George Getz, the promoters, and sent to the headquarters, Congress Hotel, Chicago. The applications and checks will be turned over to a committee of three, possibly five, Chicagoans, who will allot the tickets. These Chicagoans have agreed to serve on this committee provided their names are not made public. The committee has not yet been appointed.

Plans Functioning Smoothly.

"It's the smoothest proposition I ever handled," said Tex Rickard at the Congress Hotel after a conference this morning with Getz and John R. Righeimer, head of the Illinois Boxing Commission.

"I have never handled a big fight with less confusion and trouble. Nothing is interfering with the proposition and nothing will."

Rickard arrived from New York yesterday and returned today for the Delaney-Paulino fight. He will be back in Chicago on Saturday and will remain here until after the fight.

Rickard brought here a part of his office force, chief of staff being a 21-year-old girl, Miss Naoma Lowensohn, his private secretary. Miss Lowensohn will remain here to handle the situation. Rickard said he would need at least 2,500 ushers, that many more policemen and other helpers—a total of about 10,000 employes.

Rickard said he wasn't worried over any difficulties that might arise, and declared he was certain the fight would go on Sept. 22 as planned. If anything should keep either Tunney or Dempsey from appearing he will have a good substitute, or if both should be held back he will stage another bout, Rickard said.

Principals Arrive Aug. 17.

Promoter Getz announced today that Tunney and Dempsey will be in Chicago about Aug. 17 and would then definitely select their training camps.

"I have a dozen offers from places within easy distance of Chicago," said Getz, "and I will turn these over to the managers of the fighters."

Rickard is at work on the card of preliminaries which will be part of the program. There will be five or six preliminary bouts, all between heavyweights, of four to six rounds.

In case of stormy weather the fight will be postponed a day. "If the weather is threatening," said Rickard, "I will move the main bout forward so it will be held before the preliminaries, or as early as 9 P. M."

Rickard stated that both fighters will box on a percentage basis and if the gate draws \$2,000,000 net Tunney will receive about \$750,000 and Dempsey approximately \$350,000. The formalities of signing new contracts has been set for not later than Aug. 16. Tex said he is expecting both fighters to be in training here on that date.

It was decided today that the ring will be pitched in the centre of the football field. The football field is located in the south end of the stadium with the fifty-yard line about the centre of the colonnades on each side. The ring will be in mid-field directly in front of the press boxes used last Fall for the Army-Navy football game.

Seats will be extended from the boxes around the field to the inner edge of the running track. Temporary seats also will be built to the north and these will extend all the way to the entrance. They will have a gradual elevation and will be built strong enough to hold double the number of persons who will use them.