

### JACK DEMPSEY HARD MAN TO BEAT IN RING, BELIEF LOCAL FAN AFTER FIGHT

"I do not believe there is anyone that can beat Dempsey, unless they wait until he is so old he can't fight," is the opinion of Rockwood Brown, prominent attorney of the city, who, in company with Ray M. Hart and W. H. Albin, saw the Carpenter-Dempsey fight in Jersey City on July 3. Mr. Brown returned to Billings the first of this week.

When asked if he believed the fighters earned their money Mr. Brown said: "That is a hard question to answer justly because it is a lot of money. The crowd was with Carpenter all through the fight, and in the second round, although I do not think that the challenger came at all near knocking Dempsey out, he did have him groggy for awhile.

"The general sentiment seemed to be that had Carpenter used the open method of fighting, instead of going in for the clinches, he would have stayed the entire 12 rounds, but then that is a hard thing to judge. The Frenchman was certainly a plucky and game fighter. The size of the ring and a three-inch felt padding between the canvass and the floor tended to slow him up considerably.

The weather this day of the fight was great. It cooled off the day before enough to make it comfortable. We left New York about 10 o'clock that morning and it was really remarkable the way they handled the huge crowd which was pouring into the arena. There was no confusion and no mixups. As much cannot be said, though, for the way the crowd got out of there after the fight. It was after 1 o'clock when we got back to New York. We first tried to get tickets to go across the "tube", but could not get within half a mile of the station. Most of the four hours were spent in trying to get tickets and get on a ferry going across. There certainly was a jam.

"Carpenter passed within four or five feet of us as he was going out of the ring, and despite the beating he had just received he was still smiling. Dempsey fought a good clean fight. He is a terrible looking person and a wretch's growth of beard he had on his face did not enhance his beauty any.

"The stories of the fight carried by the newspapers were a very good, accurate and fair account of the whole thing. Carpenter just wasn't big enough to beat the champion, that was all there was to it."

Mr. Brown has been in the east for the last month. He first attended the Kiwanis club national convention in Cleveland and then went on to New York. Speaking of the heat here and in the east Mr. Brown says: "This isn't hot here at all. After being in some of that eastern heat for a month I find the Billings temperature, somewhat cool."

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