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THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR — GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 5, 1923. — PRICE FIVE CENTS

DEMPSEY WINS VERDICT AFTER FURIOUS MILL

Huge Gaps in Shelby Stands Mark Missing Fans at Glove Feast

FEW GUESTS STROLL IN UNTIL SALE DAY STARTS ON TICKETS

Crowd Under Burning Sun Impatiently Demands Action During Delay Over Preliminaries and Big Shout Goes Up When Main Event Principals Appear in Arena; Colorful Assemblage.

CHALLENGER LONGS FOR RETURN FIGHT ON SHELBY SHOWING

Tom Says He Was Not Dazed; Admits Some Errors and Plans New Method Next Time.

Challenger Blocks a Dempsey Right

International News—The Tribune this morning purchases the first pictures of the Shelby fight to be shown in the United States.

Here is the big reason why Champion Jack Dempsey was unable to knock out Tom Gibbons at Shelby July 4. The champion could not hit Gibbons, the St. Paul man blocking every trick in the Manassa mauler's bag.

MAYOR JIM JOHNSON WANTS SHAVE PRICE FOLLOWING CONTEST

Total Bout Revenue is Set at $201,485

7,966 Pass Gate, Says Rasmussen; Kearns Short $48,000 on Third $100,000; Loss to Pro-

Vets Regret Tom Did Not Lay Jack Low

GIBBONS UPSETS SPORT UNIVERSE BY GOING ROUTE

Challenger Astonishes Even Ardent Supporters In Balking Efforts of Dempsey Who Fans Expect to Win by K. O. in Few Stanzas; Fades Toward Last but Stays; Jack Not in Danger.

Shelby, July 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—The whole sporting world was wrong, with the exception of that courteous, smiling individual, Tommy Gibbons, of St. Paul.

The challenger, to the astonishment of the 25,000 spectators in the sun-baked arena on the edge of the oil boom town, was on his feet, still fighting at the end of his scheduled 15-round heavyweight championship battle Wednesday with Jack Dempsey when almost everybody expected him to be knocked out in six or seven rounds. Dempsey, the champion, was an overwhelming favorite to win by a knockout early in the battle.

Referee Jimmy Dougherty of Philadelphia awarded Dempsey the decision when the gong clanged ending the fifteenth round but Gibbons, who did not get a cent for fighting the champion, left the ring with a moral victory. It was the first time that any fighter had managed to face Dempsey and still be on his feet at the finish since he became champion.

JACK DISAPPOINTED UPON RESULT; LAUDS CHALLENGER HIGHLY

Hit Too Often Enough to Win But Finds He Is No Ordinary Man, Says Champ.

Dempsey Wins Verdict!

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