

# CHALLENGER FIRST TO FACE CHAMPION AND STAY ON FEET

## St. Paul Boxer, Who Will Not Receive Cent for Fight, Makes Great Showing

**Master Boxer Puts Up Fine Defensive Battle. Champion Launches Furious Attack in Final Round in Attempt to Put Over Knockout, but Gibbons Manages to Stave Off Decisive Blow. Dempsey Takes 12 Out of 15 Rounds.**

By the Associated Press.  
SHELBY, Mont., July 4.—The whole sport 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 this oil boom town, was on his feet still fighting at the end of his scheduled 15-round heavy-weight championship battle today with Jack Dempsey, whom 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.

Gibbons has a reputation made in 24 fights of never having been knocked off his feet. This reputation is still good. Dempsey had him dizzy and weary probably half a dozen times today, but failed to knock him over.

The fight had an entirely different setting than any of the spectators expected. Even the enthusiastic Gibbons partisans, showing encouragement to their fighter, had not the slightest idea he would last more than seven or eight rounds. In fact, it was the consensus that four or five rounds would find Tommy on the floor, knocked out.

**Was Fading Fast.**

Tommy, a master boxer, and constantly on the lookout for the knockout blow, danced and hopped around the ring, occasionally slipping a right or left to Dempsey's face and then eluding danger by clinching or stepping backward. Toward the last Gibbons seemed to be fading fast and repeatedly hung in the clinches with the champion. In the last round it appeared that his defense were failing and many expected Dempsey to administer the long-expected knockout. The champion, seeing the condition of the challenger, furiously shook at his head and body. But Tommy hung on and clinched and sidestepped until the saving gong of the final bell.

Dempsey was never in danger in any round of the fight. Although Gibbons cut and slightly blackened the champion's right eye in the opening rounds and Dempsey brought blood once or twice from the challenger, neither was marked to any appreciable extent.

A majority of the newspaper editors at the ring-side gave Gibbons

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### LEGIONNAIRES REGRET TOM FAILED TO KNOCK DEMPSEY'S BLOCK OFF

By the Associated Press.  
PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 4.—A resolution regretting that Tommy Gibbons "failed to knock Jack Dempsey's block off" was adopted here today by the executive committee of the Arizona state department of the American Legion, which was in session here to transact legion business. The resolution follows:

"Resolved, That the executive committee of the American Legion department of Arizona, having been informed at the conclusion of its annual session of the result of the Gibbons-Dempsey fight, regrets that Gibbons failed to knock Dempsey's block off."

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### THREE KILLED WHEN TRAIN LEAVES TRACK

By the Associated Press.  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 4.—Three persons were killed, two probably fatally injured and a score of others more or less seriously hurt last night at 11:18 o'clock, when Santa Fe passenger train No. 6, known as the "Navajo," plunged over a 34-foot embankment on a sharp curve. A mile

# Gibbons Stays Upright For 15 Rounds

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