

Armstrong Still Coming Back, But It Looks Like the End

BY ART BRONSON

AFTER giving it a good think, the only conclusion seems to be that Henry Armstrong, or Hammer Henry, or Little Perpetual Motion, hasn't got more of those gate receipts left.



Henry Armstrong

He came by the title of Hammer Henry because of his style of ring fighting—getting in three fastest with the mostest blows, and he came by the title of Little Perpetual Motion when sports writers got tired of the other one.

He came by three other titles, too. In his day—which is over—of a the weight, lightweight, and welterweight, and held his parallel, an achievement unequalled either heretofore or hereafter.

Armstrong got out of the racket partly because it was too difficult to whittle himself down to featherweight limit, and partly because he was—and maybe is—in danger of losing his eyesight.

HE'S been coming back for more lately, and the doctor permitting, on Feb. 19 he'll get more in 10 rounds or less from Beau Jack, a 135-pound Georgian, at Madison Square Garden.

If you care for the New York State Boxing Commission's answer, Mr. Jack, nee Sidney Walker, is world lightweight champion. Giving further recognition to the featherweight limit, the bout will be non-title.

Just so there will be no argument about that, Armstrong, who will weigh around 141, is-

The Russian Ballet Coming to Detroit Feb. 4, 5 and 6

The Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, world's foremost ballet company, rounds out a triumphant decade this season, bringing the finest in the art of dance to the Masonic Auditorium for four performances on the evenings of Feb. 4, 5, and 6, and the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 6.

Carrying a full symphony orchestra, together with a distinguished company of 100, the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo is recognized by critics and public alike as the foremost ballet company now on the American stage.

Its new works include such highly contrasted ballet as the classical "Snow Maiden" and the

richly humorous American "Rodeo," or "The Courting at Burnt Ranch." The program for the complete engagement follows: Thursday, Feb. 4—Carnival, Rodeo, Beau Danube. Friday, Feb. 5—Chopin Concerto, Scheherazade, L'Après-Midi D'un Faune, Prince Igor. Saturday afternoon, Feb. 6—Les Syphides, Snow Maiden, Magic Swan. Saturday evening Feb. 6—Les Elfes, Rodeo, Cafe Parisienne.

Bad Business Charitable Lady—Here, my poor fellow, is a quarter for you. I must be terrible to be lame, but I think it must be worse to be blind!

Panhandler—"You're right, man. When I was blind, people was always handing me counter-feit money."

Bowling Scores

Table with bowling scores for Ladies House League, Merchants League, and Edison League. Columns include Team No., Points, and individual player scores.

Table with bowling scores for Birmingham Golf Club Ladies, Junior House League, and House League. Columns include Team No., Points, and individual player scores.

Kelly More Interested in Efficiency Than in Economy, Believes Alleman

By GENE ALLEMAN

Whether Harry F. Kelly is recommended for a continuation of his present position as Michigan Governor in 1944, thus breaking the one-term limit of the past six governors, will depend upon many things even more important to citizens than his ability to campaign and to lose.

Among these are the kind of his leadership with the State Legislature. He starts out his administration with few handicaps, numerous blessings. Republican legislative leaders were practically unanimous last spring in demanding that Kelly run for Governor in the September primary. He did so, unopposed.

Four years as secretary of state has acquainted him well with the various ways to get things done at Lansing. He does not rush into new things he has shown over the years to be done carefully and deliberately. He talks little, says words persistently.

His legislative program, as announced last week, contained several interesting recommendations that give a clue to his philosophy of public service. One of them is the proposed reorganization of the state government.

In the efficiency classification, Kelly proposed the abolishment of the office of budget director and to transfer this function to the office of auditor general. Kelly also suggested that inspection staffs, now maintained independently by numerous departments, should be merged into one state inspection department.

Would all this result in economy? Perhaps. But it should make possible a better government by increasing its efficiency. In our opinion, Governor Kelly is more interested in efficiency than in economy. He probably remembers too well the easy promises of other governors, their records of failure to reduce bureaucracy.

The second classification deals with the opposite of economy, the spending of more money for causes which the governor deems to be worthy.

During his campaign Governor Kelly proposed to abolish for old age pensions; the present state average is \$22. He asks the legislature to increase this allowance.

He proposed that the state set

der the lightweight ceiling, will weigh 147 on the books—it's all a matter of bookkeeping—and if they do that in writing, goodness only knows what sort of phantasmagoria on so-so voice. Anyhow, if Armstrong's eyes are really on the blink, and they must be, or what with the expected gate and all, the commission's physician's writ would not be required—he can't be just making sport, can he? He's won 14 of his last 15, but the tough time he had whipping Jim McDaniel in Los Angeles Jan. 5 should have convinced him he'd done slipped.

aside \$2,000,000 annually for state hospital building needs. He recommended a continuation of the present plan of general payments for unemployment compensation, and he said the legislature should investigate the feasibility of extending the unemployment compensation system to firms employing less than eight persons.

On the spending side also was a suggestion that a system of state pensions should be created for state employees.

Looking to the post-war era, Governor Kelly advocates a "rainy day" sinking fund of "not less" than \$15,000,000 from the present state surplus.

As for reduction of the state sales tax, the governor cautioned that a stamp on state revenues would be inevitable during 1943 and all state revenues would be needed.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942, the state distributed more than 61 per cent of its funds back to home governments. The increase in local aid alone was around \$8,000,000 in 1942 over 1941.

Economy in state government is not easy to achieve without stepping on the toes of people back home. You can't economize at Lansing without also economizing on Main Street. The governor and the state legislature probably realize it.

But greater efficiency in government, making for what we generally call "better government," is a reasonable possibility, abetted by the civil service amendment which serves as a dike against patronage and resulting inefficiency and waste in public services.

Governor Kelly's chances in 1944 may rest on his ability to achieve better government, not economy in government. If he can do both, the age of miracles will have arrived! But don't look for it.

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