

BENNY WENDLE WINS FIGHT

Won Decision From Bill Venables Here Last Night

NAVY MAN MISSED LOT

Several Good Bouts at Affair in Exhibition Hall Last Night

Benny Wendle of Prince Rupert put up a superior fight and won a good decision in a ten-round bout at the Exhibition Hall last night over Marine Bill Venables of H. M. S. Colombo. Wendle showed a great improvement in the fine points of the game as a result of his sojourn in the south, while Venables put up a disappointing showing, considering that he was heralded as the unbeaten champion of Army and Navy from Bermuda Station. In leading and in the open, Wendle did enough to hold his own but it was in the infighting where he shone and was always ahead. He worked a good left hand. Venables showed talent but missed a lot and was inclined to hold on at close quarters. There was no question about the decision.

The six-round bout between the heavyweights, Stoker Ewart of H. M. S. Colombo and Ed. Gustafson of Prince Rupert, was a hard battle with both boys working all the way. There was more action than is often seen when heavyweights get together. Ewart proved the more scientific and was entitled to the decision. Gustafson, nevertheless, had a stout heart and forced the going much of the way.

The four-round bout between Marine Annette and Nina Gurvich was a lively affair in which Nina had a good margin. Annette was staggering and sitting down toward the close and Nina had things pretty well his own way. Both put all they had into it.

Able Seaman Barrett, a lithe boy in pink of condition, gave Brick Skinner such a hard fight that the latter, staggering and winded, was forced to quit after the third round. Skinner was carrying much excess weight. It was the first time he had fought in four years and he showed it.

Able Seaman George Bagshaw of the local unit of the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve swung hard on the head of Stoker Joyce of the warship and the referee stopped the fight dur-

ing the second round after Joyce had been floored several times.

Opening Bouts

The duce spot was between Boy Reid and Officer Steward Young, both of H. M. S. Colombo. Reid made it hard for the other boy and swung a good decision out of him.

The curtain raiser was between Pete Chenoski and Earl Batt, local amateurs who made the crowd shout. Batt was the heavier but Chenoski gamely took all that was coming.

Petty Officer Instructor Baker of H. M. S. Colombo refereed all bouts in a very efficient manner and Chief Petty Officer Instructor Young of the local unit of the R.C.N.V.R. was announcer. Lieut. Commander G. H. Warner D. S. O. and Jack Judge were judges in the main event. Max Hellbroner and Mr. Davis were timekeepers.

During the evening, there were fine selections by the ten-piece orchestra of H. M. S. Colombo under the leadership of Engine Room Artificer Massingham.

Before the bouts commenced, Mayor S. P. McMordie addressed from the ring a welcome to the officers and personnel of H. M. S. Colombo, expressing the hope that there would be an evening of good sport in which the best of spirit would prevail.

Before the main event, Lieut. Commander Warner in the absence of Capt. C. C. Dobson V.C., D.S.O., suitably acknowledged the welcome that had been extended by the mayor. The kind reception in Prince Rupert had been gratifying to all on board the ship, he said.

The tournament was staged before a large crowd of fans, under the management of the Eagles Lodge of which Thomas Clough is worthy president and Angelo Astori, secretary. At the close, there was a free dance by the Eagles' Lodge in the Elks' Home.

In the semi-final Gustafson led off in the first and they set a fast pace. They were swinging with both hands for each other's heads, Gustafson missing a bit toward the end. Stoker Ewart had the best of it in the second and landed more than Gustafson. The big Scandinavian forced it in the third and got blow for blow. Ewart was feeling a bit uncomfortable. The sailor led in the fourth. Gustafson was getting winded and wild. They were both tiring for they were going well. In the fifth, Gustafson led but Ewart had him on the fine points though Gustafson's weight and staying power forced the sailor against the ropes. In the final round, Ewart swung on the side of Gustafson's face and slowed him up. Gustafson was hanging on and Ewart was the most effective hitter.

The sailor won with a good margin of points.

Main Event

Wendle's weight was announced to be 140 1-2 pounds; Venables, 146 1-2. Wendle was the shorter and stockier. Venables was slim and wiry and could give Wendle a number of years.

First Round—They started slow and sized each other up. Benny placed a left on Venables' nose. Venables made cat-like jabs. Benny's left was working well. The fighting was open. Venables round by a shade.

Second—They tapped each other. Venables missed a short right swing. Benny placed left slaps on Venables in close. Wendle's round.

Third—They mixed more freely and swung cleanly at each other. Venables landed rights and Wendle missed. Venables' round.

Fourth—Benny would dodge Venables' right swings and put left jabs on the sailor's face. In close quarters, Wendle did much more effective body work. Wendle's round.

Fifth—Benny put down his head and covered up and was still getting the best of it in close while Venables held on. Venables would break out and put short right and left swings to Benny's head. Wendle held his own in the open. Even round.

Sixth—Venables was swinging and, though he missed as many as he made, he had the best of this on leading. Wendle making fair returns. Venables' round.

Seventh—Benny showed up better in the open and did most of the hitting with rights and lefts while Venables was inclined to hold on. Wendle's round by substantial margin.

Eighth—Benny uncoiled a real attack and was hitting Venables openly and cleanly. Venables was not returning so well and Benny, who forced things all the way had another good round.

Ninth—Venables swung on Benny and, in turn, forced the going. Then Benny came in and planted some rights, missing a sharp left hook. Whenever Benny landed, he got a big cheer from the crowd. He was very popular. Round fairly even.

Tenth—They both mixed and both missed. Benny already had a margin of points but he did not lay down and had something to give back to Venables every time. Fairly even round.

Garnet Watt, who has been spending the past couple of weeks in the city and district, will sail tomorrow morning on the Princess Louise for Skagway en route to the Yukon Territory on insurance business. Mrs. Watt sailed last night by the Prince George on her return to Vancouver.

TENNIS HONORS WERE DIVIDED

H.M.S. Colombo and Prince Rupert Players Met Yesterday on C.N.R. Courts

Tennis players from H.M.S. Colombo divided honors with local adepts of the game in a tournament yesterday afternoon on the C.N.R. courts. There were two men's doubles events and two sets of singles.

Brand and Howard, Prince Rupert, beat Williams and Inkpen, H. M. S. Colombo, 6-1, 6-4; while Dr. Heath and Pryce, H.M.S. Colombo, won over Mayor McMordie and Eddie Smith, Prince Rupert, 1-6, 8-6, 7-5.

The feature game was the fast singles, in which Williams, H. M. S. Colombo, beat Brand, Prince Rupert, 6-1, 6-3. In the second singles game, Howard, Prince Rupert, won 6-4, 6-0, over Inkpen, H. M. S. Colombo.

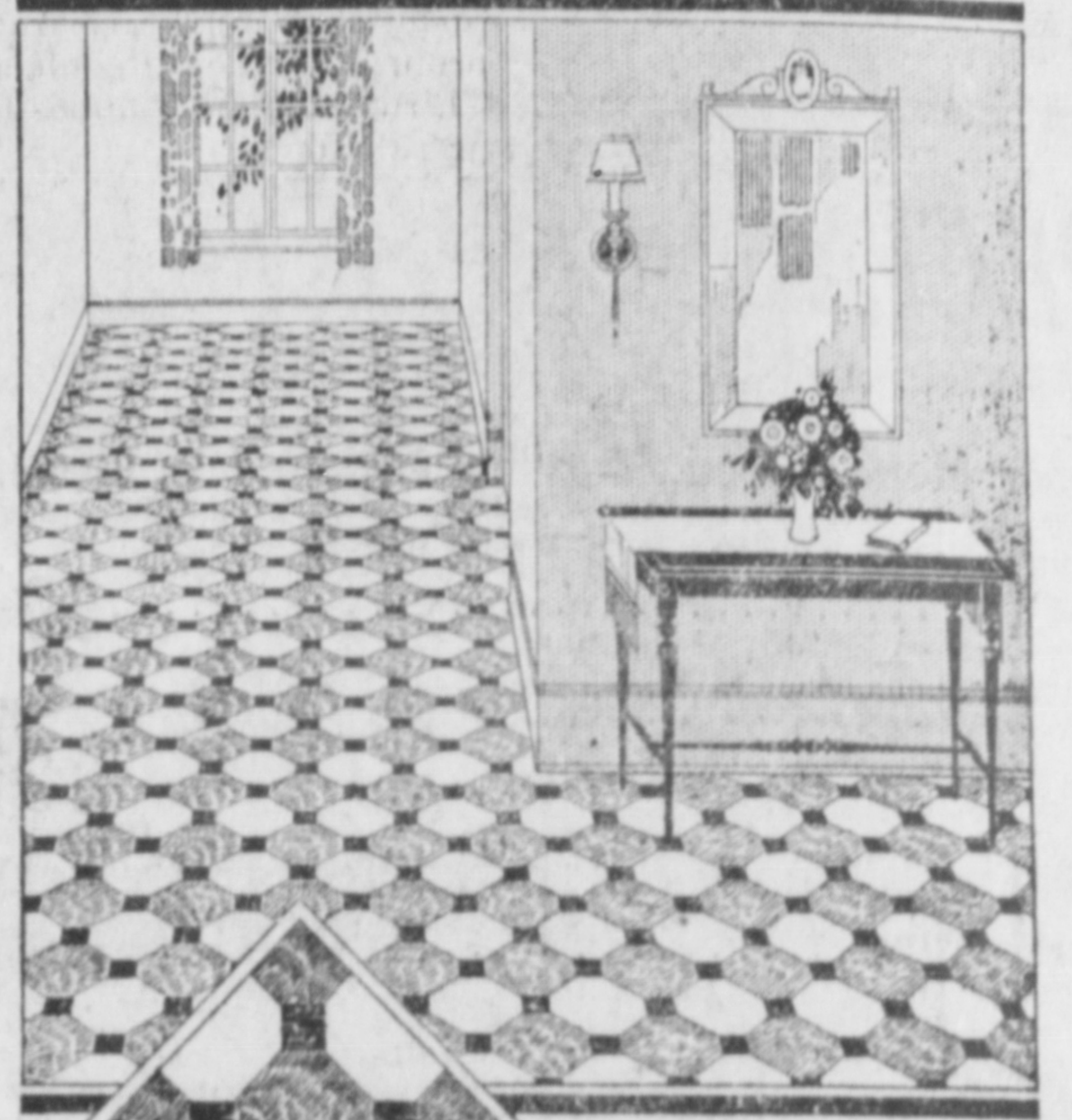
There will be another tournament between the warship and Prince Rupert on Sunday afternoon.

COLOMBO BAND AND CONCERT PARTY TO AID CENOTAPH FUND

Announcement was made this morning that arrangements had been made for the ship's band and concert party of H. M. S. Colombo to put on a farewell concert in the Capitol Theatre on Sunday night after church. There will be a silver collection and proceeds will be applied to the cenotaph fund.

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. A. Jehnstone, arrived in port at 1:15 this afternoon from the south and sailed about an hour later for Wales Island and Port Simpson whence she is due to return here to sail for the south at midnight tonight.

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