duke would meet dempsey in Ring

Coast Paper Prints Weird Story About Hawaii's Star

But for the fact that he might be considered as turning professional, Duke Kahanamoku, who has been showing mainlanders the first rudiments of the swimming game as it should be "played," would undertake to fight Jack, Dempsey.

Such is the story printed in the San Francisco Call and Post of August 16. Read it:

"Duke Kahanamoku must be hard put for publicity. We read in a New York paper that the Duke said if he could do so without jeopardizing his amateur standing he would very much like to fight Jack Dempsey.

"The Duke, of course, has no idea of fighting Dempsey or of fighting any other man.

"However, if he really wants to fight, perhaps we can arrange for him to fight Willie Meehan four rounds when he returns to California.

"Or, if he prefers, he can fight K. O. Kruvosky. If he figures he can whip Dempsey, and he certainly wouldn't talk of fighting him if he didn't think he could, he ought to be more than willing to fight third raters like Meehan and Kruvosky." The Coast paper just forgot to state

The Coast paper just forgot to state that one of the conditions of such a meeting between Duke and Jack would be that the two would have to come together in the water, in which case all Hawaii would back Duke to win in record time, as usual.