

AUSTRALIA ALERT FOR GREAT FIGHT

Promoter Chosen as Referee and Will Countenance No Faking.

ODDS ON BURNS SHORTER

Betting Will Soon Be Even and Both Fighters for Heavyweight Championship of World Express Complete Confidence.

STATEMENTS BY PRINCIPALS

Tommy Burns. I have worked harder than ever before to get into shape for this battle, and I never have been in better condition in my life.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 24.

Special.—Hugh D. McIntosh, the promoter, is to have the honor of judging the battle between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson on Saturday.

Will Allow No Faking.

"I clearly and in no uncertain terms warned the men that at the first sign of hint of any underhand agreement or fake, I would call the thing off instantly. I think that will dispose of all stories of an understanding. And I mean every word of it."

"There is a world of money involved in this battle, but in the purse I am giving, but in bets as well, and I am going to run no risks of getting in bad by permitting any shady work. I have as much if not more of a reputation to maintain as the fighters and they can expect no mercy from me if they show signs of framing up a 'barney.'"

Will Soon Be Even Money.

The betting public is getting its money down on the coming fight in gales. Many bets are being placed on Johnson at 6 to 7, the odds on Burns having shortened since Monday.

By Saturday it is predicted that the big black boy will be an even-money proposition. Those who have watched Johnson at work are wonderfully impressed with his height, weight, swiftness and powerful punch.

Huge Demand for Seats.

That the show will be a financial success is shown by the great demand for tickets. All the local sporting headquarters where tickets are on sale are swamped with people seeking seats. The town is wild over the fight, and from points far distant lovers of the game will come.

BOTH IN PINK OF CONDITION

Fighters Make Thousands by Giving Training Exhibitions.

SYDNEY, Dec. 24.—Tommy Burns, the French-Canadian heavyweight pugilist, and Jack Johnson, the American colored pugilist, who are to fight here on Saturday next for the heavy weight championship of the world, are both in the pink of condition. Hard work has made them fit for a long and hard battle, and although the odds favor Burns, probably because of his recent victories, Johnson has many supporters.

Odds Favor Burns.

Both have been giving training exhibitions twice a week at their training stadiums, and thousands of persons, including many women, have watched them at work. In this way they have been enabled to gather in a lot of money, a portion of which they intend to place on their chances.

Forbidden to Ignore Color Line.

Since James J. Jeffries retired and Burns defiantly announced that he would defend the title against all comers—regardless of color—Johnson has stepped on his trail, denying the right of Burns to draw the color line, and no little amount of public opinion has sided with the black man.

Despite the clamor, however, Burns persistently refused to grant Johnson's demand for a fight and went his way pluming himself on money purses against second and third-rate fighters. Nobody, however, doubted Burns' ability to give Johnson a good fight.

Bill Squires, the Australian, went across the seas with the championship belt and sought a fight with Jeffries. The Californian, however, was out of the game and Burns took him on in San Francisco. The fight lasted less than one round. Burns claimed that this battle clinched his right to the title of heavy-weight champion, but Johnson still demurred. Burns then went to London, where he knocked out Gunner Mole in 10 rounds, and afterward whipped Tom Hoach in Ireland and several other heavyweights.

Burns Gets Big End of Purse. Johnson followed Burns to London and challenged him. Burns declared he would give him a fight if a purse should be hung up of sufficient size to assure him \$20,000, win, lose or draw, but this was

not forthcoming, and Burns sailed for Australia, where he again trimmed Bill Squires after a harder battle than the Australian had given him in California, and eight days later also defeated Bill Lane.

Then the fight promoters at Sydney hung up a purse of \$25,000, and Burns cabled Johnson his ultimatum. This was that of the \$25,000 Burns was to receive \$20,000, despite the issue of the battle. Johnson's end to be \$5,000. Johnson accepted and immediately left for Australia. The fight will be to a finish in a 24-foot ring in the open air. Besides the purse of \$20,000, Burns will obtain a moving-picture film valued at \$750 and transportation for himself and manager back to London, making in all \$23,000 that he will receive for meeting Johnson. Johnson also gets his traveling expenses from London to Australia and return.

Records of Two Men.

Tommy Burns, of Noah Brusso, as his name really is, was born June 17, 1881, at Hanover, Ontario. He is 5 feet 7 inches in height and stockily built. Burns began fighting in 1900, and in his many battles has lost but three, one to Mike Schreck in 19 rounds, one to Jack Sullivan in 20 rounds, and one to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in six rounds. His best fight was with Marvin Hart, whom he defeated in 20 rounds. Later, in another fight with O'Brien, Burns was awarded the decision after 20 rounds. Johnson began his career in Galveston, Tex. He is considered to be the showiest boxer since the days of James J. Corbett, and his hitting power is said to be great. Johnson stands 5 feet 2 inches.

PRINCIPALS IN WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE, TO BE FOUGHT AT SYDNEY SATURDAY



JACK JOHNSON

BIG CONTEST TODAY

Rival Soccer Teams Will Clash on Multnomah Field.

MAY MEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

If Multnomah Team Triumphs Over Cricketers It Will Hold Title. Big Crowd Expected to See Association Game.

With both teams in tiptop condition, except for remnants of old injuries, Multnomah's new soccer aggregation and the Portland Cricketers will clash this afternoon in the first association league game to be played on Multnomah field. When the kickoff comes at 2:30 a typical holiday crowd is predicted in the grand-

stand, though the drawing qualities of association football are at times somewhat speculative because the new game has not been well tried out here yet. It is believed, however, the attendance will be good. A victory for Multnomah, which now has 12 points out of a possible 12 in the city league series, will carry the championship of Oregon and leave the wearers of red and white ties to most picket local teams or clubs from outside Oregon. The lineups will be as follows:

JEFFRIES WILL NOT FIGHT

Big Fellow Declares He Is Out of the Ring for Good. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—"No chance, no chance. I will not fight again," was the comment James J. Jeffries, the retired heavy-weight champion, would make when shown notices from the East quoting him as saying that in the event of Johnson defeating Burns he would re-enter the ring to meet Johnson. In the same strain in a morning paper, but says that even if Johnson does win there are several heavy-weights in this country who could put up a good fight with the colored wonder. He also states that he has his doubts whether, even by long and rigorous training, he could give Jack Johnson such condition as to warrant him making a championship fight.

FOOTBALL ON TOMORROW

CHEMAWA TO PLAY CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

Former Eleven Has Been Undefeated All Season and Both Have Trained Hard.

The Chemawa Indians and the Catholic Young Men's Club are prepared for their match to be played tomorrow afternoon. Both teams, while discontinuing training yesterday, will be careful about over-indulgence in good things today, for each is anxious to score a victory. The Indians were victorious at the last meeting between the two teams, which occurred at Chemawa on Thanksgiving day, and the return game is already being claimed by the clubmen. Captain Hatch and his men are highly elated at their showing against the Multnomah Club last Saturday, and believe that the holding of the older players to such a score indicates their improvement since their last meeting with Chemawa.

The Indian eleven will spend Christmas at Chemawa, but will come to Portland early tomorrow morning. The Chemawa lads have so far been undefeated this season, and have one more game to play after tomorrow, which is scheduled for The Dalles on New Year's day. The players and substitutes on the Indian team, together with their weight, position and tribal affiliation, are as follows:

Table listing names, positions, tribes, weights, ages, and heights of the Indian football team players.

Relay Race Arranged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Instead of a Marathon race for amateurs at Madison-Square Garden on January 9, the date originally set for the professional contest between Alfred Shrubbs and Tom Longboat, since postponed to January 26, indications now point to a race between Shrubbs and a relay of three of the best middle-distance men in the country as the chief event at the meet at the Garden early in January. Shrubbs yesterday signed an agreement to run 12 miles against three men hereafter to be named to run four miles each.

Big Soccer Game. Multnomah vs. Cricketers, Multnomah Field, Kickoff 2:30 Christmas afternoon. Admission 25 c. including grandstand.

British Columbia, and the team from the Leland Stanford, Jr. University of California, will play the first game of the International Rugby series for possession of the Cooper-Kelth trophy and the Rugby championship of the Pacific Coast here tomorrow. Three games will decide the championship. The second will be played December 29 and the third New Year's day.

FOUL CLAIM IS DISALLOWED

Neck-and-Neck Windup at Emeryville Makes Dispute.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 24.—Light Wool, the heavily-supported favorite, gained a neck victory over Emye Bright in the Walden Handicap at Emeryville today. The two horses were in close quarters the last 50 yards and C. Russell made a claim of foul against the winner, but it was not allowed. Light Wool was ridden by Joe Notter, who made his first appearance today since his arrival from the East. He was on Yakima Belle and Footloose, two other favorites, but they failed to win. Wool, a 16-to-1 chance, beat Yakima Belle in the first. Results: Futurity course, purse—Who won, Yakima Belle second, T. M. Brown third; time 1:14 1/2.

Futurity course, purse—Francis won, Light Knight second, Foot Loose third; time 1:12. Mile, selling—Ladr Carol won, Marion Rose second, Abraham third; time 1:14 1/2. Seven furlongs, Walden handicap—Light Wool won, Emye Bright second, Collector Jean second, time 1:27 4/5. Mile and eighth, selling—Invader won, Light Knight second, Foot Loose third; time 1:12.

CLOSE FINISH IS FEATURE

Estrella Handicap a Nosing-Out Race at Wire.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—The Estrella Handicap for all ages, seven furlongs, the feature of the card at Santa Anita today, resulted in a very close and exciting race, Prince Ahmed, Dominus Arvi and Leo Rose finishing in the order named, heads apart. It was not until the numbers were hung up that the public knew the winner. Results:

Six furlongs, selling—Lord Nelson won; Mary F. second, Pal third; time 1:12 2/5. Mile, selling—Duke of Bridgewater won, Burger second, L. C. Widrig third; time 1:28 4/5. Seven furlongs, selling—Adrienne won, Hazethorpe second, Catherine F. third; time 1:21 2/5. Estrella Handicap—Prince Ahmed won, Dominus Arvi second, Leo Rose third; time 1:29 4/5. Mile, selling—Alma Boy won, Daruma second, A. Muskody third; time 1:38. Five furlongs, selling—Jos Galena won, Balerian second, Retormation third; time 0:59 1/5.

Scochers and Soarers Combine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In the plans heretofore suggested, the Automobile Club of America and the Aeronautic Society have agreed to cooperate in order to work in harmony for the advancement of the science of aviation. It is expected that as a result of this agreement the Automobile Club will offer five prizes of \$5000 each, the money to be supplied by individual members, for heavier-than-air flying machines. Working together, it is predicted that aviation will receive great stimulus, being backed by both organizations.

JUDGE M'CREDIE RETURNS

Says Beavers Will Appear Here April 13.—Northwestern League Team to Make Its Bow on First Week in May.

Judge W. W. McCredie, president of the Portland baseball club, who was re-elected vice-president of the Pacific Coast League at the annual meeting at San Francisco last Monday, returned yesterday and spent the afternoon purchasing Christmas presents with his nephews, Walter and Hugh McCredie. Walter and Hugh are said to have taken the long shopping because of his superior ability in selecting gifts for feminine members of the family, as well as a possible sweetheart or two. The judge says that the boys, as he calls them, took him along to "blow" him, and if the number and size of the bundles carried by each is any criterion, they succeeded. However, the shopping excursion has nothing to do with baseball, and during the time he was not busy playing pool or visiting the department stores Judge McCredie found time enough to discuss the baseball situation. First of all he announced that the season will open in Portland on April 13, with the Portland and San Francisco clubs as the Coast League will really open with Portland playing with Los Angeles at Los Angeles on March 31. Two weeks in the south is all that is to be allotted Portland at the opening of this season, after which the Coasters come north for three weeks. As soon as the opening Coast series is concluded, or to be exact, either on Monday, May 3, or Tuesday, May 4, the Northwestern League will make its inaugural bow to the Portland fans.

Last year the Pacific Coast League opened the season in Portland on May 5, and the present arrangement means that the season here will be inaugurated three weeks earlier than that date, and also that the Portland team will not be compelled to play so many weeks away from home as formerly. Last year Portland played five weeks in California before coming north. This year the Coasters will play two weeks in the south, and the Northwestern League will play one week in the north before the Portland fans get a chance to see the players in action.

Northwestern League Schedule.

While no effort has yet been made to draw up the Northwestern League schedule, it is announced on good authority that the Portland team will play at Spokane, Tacoma at Seattle and Aberdeen at Vancouver, B. C. During the course of the Pacific Coast League meeting Judge McCredie was given a lengthy option in which to purchase four members of the San Francisco club of last season. These players, who are offered to Portland at a most reasonable price, are Roy McArdle, Joe Curtis, Harry Melchior and Mundorf, the exceptional young shortstop of the Vancouver Northwestern League club. McCredie will probably take up his option on McArdle and Melchior, and is seriously thinking of accepting Curtis, but does not wish to secure Mundorf for the reason that he already has three good men for the position of shortstop. However, Casey is to be consulted in the matter, and if Pearl wants Mundorf, the judge will likely buy him from San Francisco. Casey wants Melchior, and in the event that Walter decides to use Olson at short for the Pacific Coast club, the Vancouver player will be used by San Francisco or turned back to the "Canucks."

The question of bringing the California State League into the fold of organized baseball is not yet settled, and until a decision is reached the extent of the Pacific Coast League circuit, whether four or six clubs, will not be determined. If the State Leaguers come into the fold, the circuit will be four clubs as last year, but if they do not, the Coasters are planning an invasion of Sacramento and the placing of a team at Venice, which will give Los Angeles continuous baseball.

Moreing Tries to Balk Scheme.

The probability of the California State League coming into the organization is being balked by Cy Moreing, of Stockton, who holds the principal contract-jumpers, whom he wishes to be declared his property, for he has a

McAlLEN & McDONNELL, Inc. DANIEL McALLEN, President and Manager. CORNER THIRD AND MORRISON.

GREETING On behalf of the old firm of McAllen & McDonnell and also as a matter of courtesy to the new corporation, I wish to extend to one and all--and particularly to the patrons of the store and my personal friends for their loyal support and patronage--Christmas Greetings. I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

SCHEDULE IS FIXED

Coast Ball League Will Open in Portland Earlier.

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deal on with Boston for the sale of three of the four jumping players he possesses. The Pacific Coast League demands that these players shall revert to the clubs in this league from which they jumped before they can go elsewhere, but consents to the allowing of these players to remain with Stockton for one or more years.

PRESIDENT TO RELAY RACERS

Roosevelt Sends Message to Y. M. C. A. Runners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt's message to the boys of America in response to the request of 1500 Y. M. C. A. boys who made the run from New York to Washington, began November 21 and ended November 23, was made public yesterday. It is addressed to Gordon Leech, of this city, the last runner who placed the tube containing the letter in the President's hands. The President's message is as follows:

"At the moment when the last of your runners handed me your message, the French Ambassador was with me, and spoke to me of a medal struck in Paris almost two centuries ago, when that city was visited by Peter the Great. The Ambassador suggested its application to the boys who bore your message 'vires acquiritur fundo' (by going they gain strength). 'I think it will prove of much pleasure to the boys in their after life. They have gained strength as they ran. In like manner during their life they will gain strength as they do their work. I am a thorough believer in athletics as long as we remember that exercise are a means to an end and that damage comes if we mistake the means for the end. We cannot afford to do without hardy and vigorous bodies, but when we come to the serious work of the world we must make those hardy bodies our servants, and not our masters. The body grows harder by exercise, just so, boys, in your after life you will grow constantly fitter to do your work by the very fact of doing it. You will gain strength by going. The more you train yourselves by work the better you will be able to do that work."

Rose Hathaway Gets Divorce.

Rose L. Hathaway was yesterday granted a divorce in Judge Gantenben's court from C. L. Hathaway on the charge of desertion. Mrs. Hathaway was allowed to resume her maiden name of Rose L. McJoy.

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