

FIGHT FANS TAKE INTEREST IN BOUT

Hogan's Next Go, This Time With Burns, Looks Like Good Thing.

SIDE BETTING IS HEAVY

San Francisco, However, Looks As- lance at Jack Johnson's Report- ed "White Hopes" and Asks Who Moha Really Is.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Even though the next 20-round scrap in San Francisco is set for as late in the month as Friday, January 27, the followers of pugilism are taking considerable interest in the coming bout between Jack Hogan and Frankie Burns. The \$1000 side bet, which, in this case, appears to be a bona fide wager, has stirred up enthusiasm, for it shows that the managers of the two lightweights think they have a sure winner. Side bets have been made in a number of matches, but in most cases it has developed that they were announced simply to start people to talking.

Curiously enough in this instance, each manager thinks that he is getting the better of the odds. Now that the wager has been placed in the hands of the stakeholder, Walter Frane, manager of Hogan, makes "no bones of it" that he believes his man will be a 10 to 5 favorite at least.

Jack Perkins, who is looking after Burns, the Oakland boxer, laughs and says that when the odds are established he will have the best of this side bet that was made at even money. Personally, I am inclined to think that Hogan will be the favorite. For all that he failed to knock out Johnny Frayne, he made a good impression on the fans, who think that with careful handling he will be a comer. He is stronger and more robust than Burns, and that ought to be a big help to him. Burns, although a fair boy, has never impressed the critics as showing any great amount of class, and to be frank, it would occasion a lot of surprise to see him win. With all that, he figures to have a chance and with his good straight left may succeed in jabbing Hogan about quite a bit.

As the fight is some four weeks off at the writing and both boys are in fair shape, they will hardly commence active training before the 15th of the month. Neither wants to take any chances of going stale and for that reason will be declared careful so far as gymnasium work is concerned.

George Green, having been successful with Hogan in his first start, will have charge of the gymnasium exercising for this match and Jack Perkins will superintend Burns.

The news that Jack Johnson may shortly show up in California with his two "white hopes," Walter Monahan and Bob Moha, the latter from Milwaukee, who has treated any great amount of excitement.

First of all, there is hardly a chance that the local promoters will stage a lightweight bout, they have not considered it advisable to do so since the Reno farce and now that the Legislature is in session it would be anything but the proper scheme. Further, Johnson's two proteges are not cards. Monahan is known in his home town of San Francisco as just a fair chap and the way that Cotton let him up will not add to his laurels.

Moha is not known at all, and San Francisco does not take kindly to absolute strangers in the boxing game.

Low Powell has returned home from New York after that fight that was anything but a financial success. Powell had four matches and none of them gained him any coin, although in his boxing bout with Jack Goodman, he cleaned up the whole of \$500. He says that he has come home because the topnotchers in New York were dogging him and he didn't have a chance.

Now he is dogging the footsteps of Owen Moran and Ad Wolgast and says that he is willing to bet \$2500 on himself against either one of them. Next Spring, he plans to return to New York and if he makes good, he will take a trip to London, where he hopes to get action.

"After all," said Powell on his return, "I am glad that I took the trip. It was good experience for me and I have gained confidence. I found that most of the so-called lightweights in New York are really welterweights. The men who can get down to 135 pounds and have any class, can count on the fingers of one hand."

"The game is good in New York if you can get on with some chap who is well known, but there is too much competition. Sometimes there will be as many as four or five cards scheduled for one evening. Jimmy Carroll was still sick with tonsillitis when I left New York and for that reason was not able to fight any. He was getting along nicely when he was taken ill and when he is better, ought to get some matches that will bring him some money."

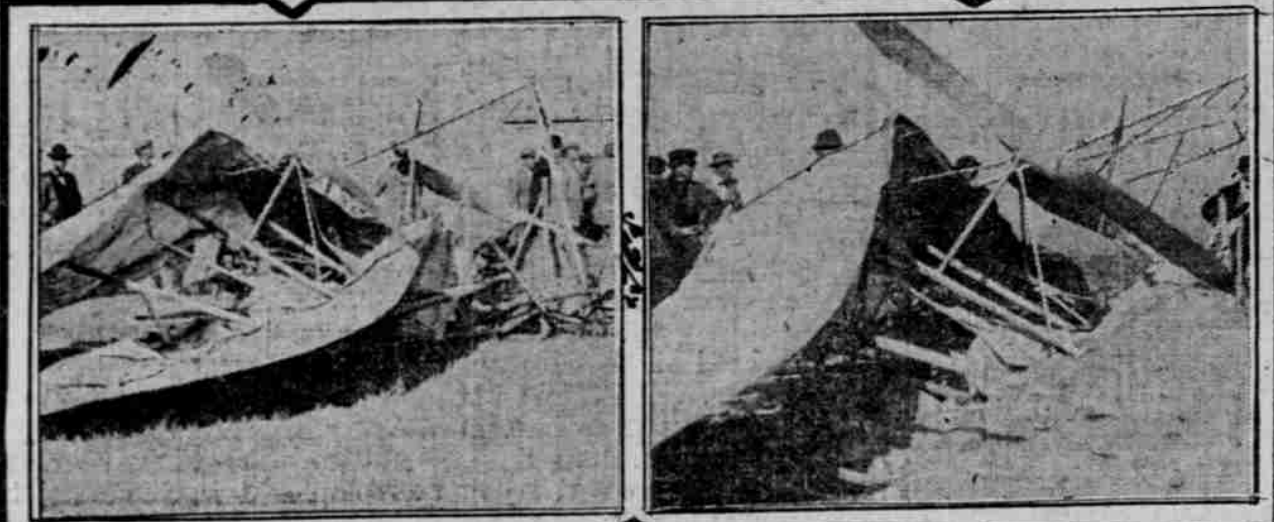
Not a ripple was created over the way Jim Flynn knocked out Tony Caponi in Los Angeles the other day. Some of the dispatches referred to the knockout as a lucky punch that was probably correct for almost any punch that Flynn lands is a lucky one. He is a rough and tumble fighter, without any idea of what it is to be clever in the ring. Boston, it is said, wants him to box a limited round engagement with Dandy Ferguson the latter part of the month and can probably secure his services, as the Fighting Fireman always was after the money.

Although the City Fathers have not decided as yet to whom will go the fight permits for 1911, it looks very much as if the same trio of promoters will be in the game. That means Jimmy Cofforth, Jim Griffin and Louis Blot. I doubt if there is any wild rush to get fight permits for the game has not been a decidedly lucrative one and some of the chaps who have dabbled in this business have discovered that it is easier to lose money than to make it.

The three men who are in the game know something about it and it would be a mistake to refuse them the right to hold shows. Montana Dan Sullivan, the middleweight, will likely have a chance at Jim Flynn in Los Angeles the latter part of the month. Tom McCarey is talking of matching this pair for Saturday, January 21, at catch-weights. Flynn will, of course, have a decided advantage so far as weight is considered, but Sullivan is willing to take a chance. It would be a great feather in Dan's cap if he could beat Flynn. With the present muddled condition of the middleweight title, Sullivan has as much right as anyone else to claim a right to contest for the title. He is

BIRDMEN LAUGH AT DEATH WHILE GRIM TOLL SWELLS APPALLINGLY

Safer Craft Are Needed for Aerial Navigation, Declare Experts—Aviators, Strapped on Machines, Are Helpless Should Fragile Contrivance Plunge to Earth, as With Hoxsey and Moissant.



Hoxsey's Wrecked Biplane.

THE tragic death which overtook Arch Hoxsey and John B. Moissant have dampened the enthusiasm of the aviator to a certain extent, but will not deter the experiments with "heavier-than-air machines."

While the deaths are deeply regretted by the aviation enthusiasts, the tragedies are set down as "accidents to be regretted," and plans continue for the holding of other daring flights and the building and improving of airships.

The disasters, one at Los Angeles and the other at New Orleans, only emphasize the question, "Will aviation ever prove safe and successful?" All birdmen will answer yes, but the responsibility for the deaths of Hoxsey and Moissant, both of whom were experts with their machines, does not seem to bear out the theory.

That aerial navigation has wonderfully progressed in the past five years is acknowledged, but the ever-prevailing possibility of accidents to the fragile craft in which the daring navigator seeks to conquer the air does not augur well for this means of transit ever becoming popular. At least not until some device is invented which will insure a safe landing to occupants of machines in such instances as resulted in the death of two of the greatest aviators last Saturday.

As yet no protecting device has been patented which will insure the aviator a chance for his life when something goes wrong and his machine plunges to earth. Most aviators ascend to the skies, firmly strapped in their machines, which renders them absolutely helpless, as were Hoxsey and Moissant when their aeroplanes shot suddenly earthward.

While so fastened in their machines the birdmen are absolutely unable to free themselves, and when the machine balks they are caught as rats in a trap. Some aviators have escaped death in the most remarkable manner, but the many graves distributed over the world through this foolhardy game of chance so far outnumber those that the sport of aviation has earned the name of "a gamble with death."

Some day the inventors of flying machines may patent a device of airship that will insure safety while sailing at exalted heights, but until this is done, the sport will be confined to a pretty fair chap and would beat a lot of the fellows who are saying they ought to be the champion.

In spite of the fact that Papke was beaten by Dave Smith in Australia, Sullivan still wants a crack at the Illinois Thunderbolt, who, he says, will be an easy man for him to beat.

It begins to look, after all, as if Ad Wolgast will be seen in California very shortly, although in Los Angeles he was not. San Francisco. The most recent reports say that Wolgast will box 20 rounds with George Memsic on February 22, just a year following his acquiring the title. This will be considerable of a disappointment to Owen Moran, who was promised the first crack at the lightweight championship. Wolgast, evidently, wants to gather in as much of the easy money as possible before he takes on a hard customer like Moran or another like Freddie Welsh.

The selection of Modesto as training quarters for the Seals makes it look as if the baseball season is fast approaching. Long has secured a good place for his club to train and all that he will need will be some good weather. And right there is apt to be the rub. We have been enjoying a decidedly open Winter as they would say "back East," and the rain must come sooner or later. If it would start in now, it would be a big help, as it would leave the latter part of February free for baseball exercising. If it holds off, it is apt to find most of the teams badly off for practice.

However, that is something that the managers of the clubs cannot help, for they must take the weather as they find it.

Kid Mohler, as you know, is the first Seal to sign a contract for the coming season. He will manage the club, thus doing away with all the senseless rumors that were started the last of 1910 to the effect that he might be "popped." Long saw Mohler when he was in Los Angeles this last week and came to terms with him. Tom Tennant and Harry McArdie happened to be playing in San Diego so that Danny Long couldn't talk business with them. San Francisco baseball contracts will be sent out at once, as a good many of the ballplayers are in the East.

Harry Wolverton has written Ed Walter, of the Oakland club, that he will start for the Coast about February 15 and that as soon as he arrives he will commence the work of getting his club together. He has picked up some good talent in the East and certainly should have strengthened his team.

Wolverton thinks that in view of the long season, that three weeks of training will be more than sufficient for the Commuters, and does not want to open camp until March 7. This will hardly do, however, as the games with the Red Sox will open March 2 and the Oaks must be here for the Sunday morning session at Freeman's Park in Oakland.

Road Improvements Coming. HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Twenty road districts have voted a special tax for construction of rock roads during the coming season, and thousands of dollars will be expended in permanent road work next Summer. Many voted 5 mills, but six districts levied 10 mills each. Many districts instructed where the rock should be laid, and one district, which voted a 5-mill tax, has signed up for 100 days' volunteer work with men and teams. It is estimated that nearly 30 miles of macadam road will be constructed during 1911.



ARCH HOXSEY, PLUNGING TO DEATH AT LOS ANGELES, DEC. 31, 1910. PHOTOS BY HUGHES.

LAWS TO GUARD GAME

THREE ORGANIZATIONS WILL APPEAL TO SOLONS.

Portland Flycasting Club, Oregon Audubon Society and Fish and Game Association Co-Operate.

During the past week the Portland Flycasting Club, Oregon Audubon Society met and framed laws designed to protect various species of game, fish and fowl. On next Thursday night the Oregon Fish and Game Association will meet to discuss proposed changes in the general game laws of the state. With three organizations working along similar lines it is thought that the coming session of the State Legislature ought to be fruitful of a set of game laws worthy of the name, and all that is necessary to insure an act providing for suitable protection is concerted action on the part of these different societies, which must also provide against duplicating laws in the several bills proposed. The Portland Flycasting Club is directly interested in legislation for the protection of game fish, while the Audubon Society is inforcing on lines calculated to protect feathered game. The Fish and Game Association will propose a general set of game laws covering the denizens of the air, forest and water. The one thing these organizations will have to guard against will be conflicting laws, and this matter is likely to be suitably arranged at the meeting of the Fish and Game Association Thursday, when committees from the other organizations will be present. The Portland Flycasting Club has drafted two amendments to the game laws, both of which are calculated to assist in the protection of game fish in the waters of the state. The first bill, proposed by the flycasters, is one authorizing the state game and forestry warden to build two fish hatcheries for the propagation of young trout, and that the funds for this be provided out of the moneys accumulated from hunting and fishing licenses issued, and of which there is something over \$50,000 on hand. The other bill advocated by the flycasters is relative to fishing at Oregon City. The flycasters want the enactment of a law making it legal for rod and line fishermen to angle for salmon all the year round, placing the limit catch at five fish per day, and allowing them to fish up to within 300 feet of the fish ladder. The same bill provides that net fishermen be limited to 600 feet distant from the falls and to be allowed to fish only during the regular open season for market fishing. Among the items coming up before the Oregon Fish and Game Association will be an especial amendment to the game laws providing for a jail sentence instead of a fine for any person caught hunting deer with dogs. It will also be proposed to amend the duck shooting law to incorporate the item "or to have bag or a friend to their homes."

"PASSAIC WHIRLWIND" WINS \$20,000 OUT OF PRIZING, ALL OF WHICH HE INVESTS.



NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Battling Hurley, "the Passaic whirlwind," is a promising fighter who has gained a good record in the past few months. Hurley is an awkward-looking fighter, but he has beaten some good men, including Jack Goodman, Leach Cross and Cy Smith. Hurley has won probably between \$15,000 and \$20,000 since he entered the prize ring. He owns a fine two-family house and has a number of lots. The best prize he got was \$900, when he fought Tommy Murphy at the Empire. In all Hurley has fought 92 battles.

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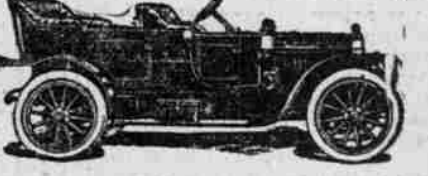
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