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BURNS SURE OF VICTORY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 19.—When Burns enters the ring to fight Jack Johnson at Sydney, a fight from today, for the heavy-championship he will appear in disguise that the now ex-soldier of pugilism, John L. Sullivan, once wore in the Antipodes. Burns has been Englished, and has grown safe, sane and sane. Tommy has also whiskers.

momentous facts heralded to this city by no less a man than Thomas Burns himself. The letter was made public and although Tommy doesn't fight out and say that he is in the brush, he encloses several photographs of himself that resemble a picture of a banker's clerk.

A letter reads: "Meadow Blue Mountains, New South Australia, Nov. 4, 1908. Sir: As you will see by the contents of this letter, I am in the brush again at a place called Bath and here I will stay as long as time to go to Sydney to fight Jack Johnson. I have every care for you here, a lovely garden with a fine garden and they have had some snapshots taken and am sending them to you.

Am sorry Jack (Twin) Sullivan missed the steamer, as I can swim a fine trainer, and secondly, besides, I am sure he would get some good matches over here. When he arrived the other day training at St. Joseph Bay Botany. He is as flash as a diamond and thinks he has a walkover. I fool him if possible. I have a lot of people tell me never to fight Johnson, and some were San Francisco people, but I always said I would fight him when I got ready. Some who told me not to meet him didn't change my intentions. In all my career I have never been so successful. I have figured Johnson out and believe he is any harder than any of the lemons, as they call him. Anyway, we shall soon see. Made the San Francisco sports men of me when I went to Squires, there was the Dave contest about four years ago in San Francisco. A fellow doesn't win sometimes when he is fighting and for that matter he always fight the same, so I know who thought the Barry was them a line on me were I would do a lot of theatrical work in the contest, win or lose, and I fight anyone for a year, and I don't get any more, unless I get your consent. Of course, if I am sure not to fight again. Haven't picked the referee yet. I want Eugene Corri, who I would prefer some one I wanted Jeffries, but Johnson wouldn't stand for him. He is sore at him because he is a brother.

and a joke) I am going to ask to accept Charles Eytan of Los Angeles in a few days. If we can't get upon a referee Mr. Corri, the Referee is to select one like Australia. The people are the most hospitable I have seen in my travels and I think the only country.

In conclusion I will say that I am afraid of the result of my fight with the big negro. I have a way to the top against the men of every country, and I have the confidence that comes with experience and success. I know more about myself than

the general run of sporting men know about me and one of the things I know is that I can stand a lot of punishment while waiting for the tide to turn in my favor. Johnson has made a great deal of the fact that I said he had a yellow streak and all his species have been talking about the way he is going to make me eat my words. Well, one of the things that is making me so confident is that I think I can outgame Johnson in any kind of a fight.

"Give my best regards to my American friends, and tell them I will battle for my life to defend the laurels against Africa, as Nelson did. With best wishes, yours sincerely,
TOMMY BURNS."

STEAMSHIP LINE TO ENCIRCLE GLOBE

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The plans of the North German Lloyd Steamship company to make its line a world-girdling service received an added impetus today with the official announcement that the German company's officials have been negotiating with the officers of the Western Pacific railroad for a traffic agreement on the trans-continental freight. They have been negotiating for piers and wharves along the waterfront in anticipation of an extended service to the ports of the Orient.

Railway and steamship men here are certain that the water carriers of the Gould line will be the North German Lloyd will establish a port in New York to San Francisco and thence to the Orient. It is pointed out that the agreement between the steamship company and the railroad only hastened the plans of the line, the officials of which have been ambitious for many years to establish a fleet of steamships that shall encircle the globe.

Several shippers think the North German Lloyd will establish a port in conjunction with the Panama and San Francisco service. This would make the line a competitor with the Cunard line, which has announced that it will establish a steamship service upon the completion of the Grand Trunk railroad.

BEER DEALERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The last commercial industry to complain in the officials of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads against the proposed increase in the freight rates on various commodities in transit through the state are the shippers of bottled beer. Representatives from the northern firms in Washington and from various Eastern firms today are complaining that the projected increase of ten cents per hundred pounds will force them to raise the prices on the retailers or go out of business.

Under the new freight rates, the increase on bottled beer will be from \$1 a hundred pounds to \$1.10. There are 2500 carloads of beer shipped annually into California and the new rate will mean an increase in charges of approximately \$100,000.

Local agents appeared yesterday before the railroad officials here and represented that the breweries of the North and East would not reduce prices and that their margin for distribution would be too small to permit them to handle the product at the increased rates.

BANKER GETS OFF EASILY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Dec. 19.—J. Daltzell Brown, former manager of the looted California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, will be a free man when he finishes serving his light sentence of 18 months at San Quentin prison. The five remaining indictments against Brown were dismissed today by Judge Cook, on the motion of the district attorney, Hoff Cook, on the ground that Brown had fully testified and given evidence to the district attorney when his own and his fellow bankers' cases were being tried.

OPPOSING BAY CITY GOOD WATER SUPPLY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—The actual open fight against the plan for a Hetch Hetchy water system for San Francisco was begun today before the sub-committee of the house on public lands, which is now considering Representative Julius Kahn's resolution to deed to the city the public land in the National Park needed for that purpose.

Dr. Robert Underwood Johnson, associate editor of the Century Magazine, presented the arguments, which were based on the aesthetic side of the question. He declared that the large reservoir, which it is planned to build, would spoil the scenic beauty of the Hetch Hetchy valley, and would result in such strict regulations to prevent possible contamination of the watershed that tourists would be practically excluded from the region. City Engineer Marsilea Manson, of San Francisco, and Secretary of the Interior Garfield held a long conference today. They are understood to have discussed the different objections which have been made to the plan, and to have decided on ways to meet the adverse arguments. The committee which is listening to the advocates and opponents of the measure, has adjourned for the holiday recess, and will hold no more hearings until after New Year's day.

TRAMPS BLOW UP TWO MEN IN CAR

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 19.—The engine of a freight train sidetracked in this city was shattered by some powerful explosive last night, and Conductor P. J. DeYo and brakeman L. E. Archer, who were asleep at the time, met with painful but not serious injuries. Their clothing was blown half a block away, and it is considered remarkable that the two men were not killed.

The police, after investigating the case, declared today that they believed a bomb or sticks of dynamite had been placed under the car and touched off by tramps or other men, who might have a grievance against the train crew.

POSTMASTERS FOR TWO OREGON CITIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt today made the following appointments:
Register of the land office at North Yakima, Wash., Harry Y. Saint.
For postmasters: William M. Brown, Lebanon, Ore.; J. E. Bosley, Falls City, Ore.; Merritt A. Baker, Weston, Ore.; L. W. Sbatilla, Ogden, Utah.

RELATIVES

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inct shock to him and his client when the court curtly continued the case until next Thursday, December 24. Dozier asked to have the case continued at least until after Christmas day, but this was denied also, and now Ruef fears that the graft prosecution intends to give him a bitter holiday gift, in the form of a stiff sentence in the pen on Christmas eve.

Dozier made the plea that Henry Ach, chief counsel for Ruef, was unable to look after the case, and that the burden of it had, therefore, fallen on his shoulders. That the transcript of the record was not sufficient and that it was extremely hard to find parties needed for different affidavits were some of Dozier's excuses, but the court brushed all arguments aside by demanding that Ruef's attorney facilitate the progress of the case in some one material point.

Dozier was told that next Thursday he must be ready with a motion for a new trial or a motion for an arrest of judgment, supported by the proper showing. Otherwise, Ruef would have no further excuse to dodge the impending sentence for his crime.

HEADQUARTERS OF POSTOFFICE ROBBERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Riverside, Cal., Dec. 19.—Evidence is in the hands of government secret service agents today that leads to the belief that an organized gang of postoffice robbers is making its headquarters either in San Bernardino or Colton. Officers are running down clues, and believe that they will soon succeed in apprehending the criminals.

Scores of small postoffices in Southern California have been robbed recently, and in almost every case the robbers' trails have led toward San Bernardino or Colton. Suspicious characters are being kept under surveillance until conclusive evidence will warrant their arrest.

BOUNDARY BILL IS VETOED BY PRESIDENT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—A message from President Roosevelt vetoing the joint resolution defining the boundary line between Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico, was read in the senate today. The reason given for the veto was the opinion of Attorney General Bonaparte that the proposed line would place a considerable strip of Colorado, containing five postoffices and much population in New Mexico. Senator Teller explained that the veto must have resulted from a misunderstanding on the part of the president. He declared that the resolution provides only for ascertaining the true line and asserted that it does not establish a new boundary.

FULTON SOUGHT TO STOP ADJOURNMENT

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Fulton today humorously requested that the senate decline to adjourn a bill compelling the interstate commerce commission to pass on rates before they are made effective. He declared that Elkins promised that the bill would be reported before the holidays. The measure was introduced early last winter. Fulton said it would soon be necessary to move that the committee be discharged from consideration of the bill.

New Notaries.
M. E. Von Kettler, Astoria; C. W. Burrows, Drasin; W. C. Brown, Clatsop; J. O. Stearns, C. B. Johnson, Grace G. Ford, Sussie Fugate, Portland; Wm. A. Oliver, Malheur.

CONGRESS ADJOURNED TWO WEEKS

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Both houses of Congress adjourned today until January 4.

During the two weeks' intermission, many of the representatives and senators will return to their homes to spend the holidays. A number will remain at the capital to participate in the deliberations of minor committees, although the big tariff hearing, which has consumed five weeks of the time of the ways and means committee of the house, is practically ended.

INSANE FISHERMAN FATALLY SHOTS MAN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—Shouting "Who shall I kill?" Francisco, a tale, an Italian fisherman, believed to be insane, burst into the rooms of Emanuel Anelico while the family was at dinner today, discharged five shots at the persons sitting at the table and probably fatally injured Anelico.

When the wounded man fell Natale dashed from the house flourishing his revolver and yelling "I'll get others."

A posse of police and citizens started in pursuit but lost track of the man. Detectives are scouring the neighborhood to prevent him doing further harm. Anelico was shot in the neck and right side. He is 55 years of age and it is believed will not survive. The other members of the family including three children narrowly escaped death.

ROOT WOULD PREFER THE SENATORSHIP

Washington, Dec. 19.—It was announced at the White House late this afternoon that it was understood that Elihu Root will resign as secretary of state, if he is elected senator from New York and that he will be succeeded by Assistant Secretary Robert Bacon. That Root will receive the New York toga is generally believed to be almost certain.

TO PRESENT LAND FOR NORMAL SCHOOL

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 19.—At a special meeting of the board of supervisors today it was decided to give 40 acres of land fronting on a car line, and near the county hospital, to the state for the purpose of establishing a state normal school in this city. The normal school project has been favorably received by legislators in San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco counties, who have commented on it, and the bill for the school will be introduced by Senator G. W. Cartwright and Assemblyman A. M. Drew.

GEORGIAN FAVORS LUMBER TARIFF

Washington, Dec. 19.—W. H. Tift, of Tifton, Ga., appeared before the ways and means committee at the tariff hearing today, and argued in favor of the present duty on lumber being retained. He represents large lumber interests in the South.

STRANDED STEAMER WATSON FLOATED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—The steamer Watson, of the Alaska Pacific Steamship Company, which ran aground on a mudbank near the Hammond mill yesterday afternoon, was floated at noon today. She had 1000 tons of freight aboard at the time. The Watson will leave for San Francisco tonight on time.

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