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JOHNSON IS CHAMPION **BEATS BURNS 14 ROUNDS** FREQUENT KNOCKDOWNS

Police Stop Contest to Save Knockout - Johnson Puts Burns Down for Eight in First Round and is Always Ahead.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 26. - Jack Johnson, the big negro from Galveston, Texas, is the world's champion heavyweight pugilist. He won the title today in the big arena at Rushcutters' Bay from Tommy Burns, the Canadian, who had held it since James J. Jeffries relinquished it, and after a chase

the had held it since James J. Jet free relinquished it, and after a chase of Burns that had led half way around the world.

The end came in the fourteenth pound, when the police, seeing Burns tottering and unable to defend himself from the savage blows of his opponent, meretfully stopped the fight. Previously it had been arranged that if the police interfered a decision should be rendered on points, and Referee Mclassing the Burns in an interview after he had shown himself Burns master in every style of fighting.

Burns, in an interview after he had gone to his dressing-room, sa'd: "I did the best I could and fought hard Johnson was too blg, and his reach was too great."

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Johnson appeared Afresh after the fight, while Burns' eyes were badly puffed and his mouth swoilen to twice its normal size. The Canad'an fought as game battle and showed indemitable puffed and his mouth swoilen to twice its normal size. The Canad'an fought as game battle and showed indemitable puffed and his mouth swoilen to twice its normal size. The Canad'an fought as game battle and showed indemitable puffed and his mouth swoilen to twice its normal size. The Canad'an fought as game battle and showed indemitable puffed and his mouth swoilen to twice its normal size. The Canad'an fought as game battle and showed indemitable puffed and had not solve the same been permitted town the same permitted town the

Fight Facts.

Battle Grounds—Sydney, N.S.W.
Winner—Jack Johnson, Texas, first
colored champion of the world.
Loser—Tommy Burns, Ontario. Police stop fight to save knock out.
Fight lasted 14 rounds; was limited
to 20 rounds.
Burns' End—\$30,000.
Johnson's End—\$5500.
Referee—Hugh D. McIntosh, the man
who made the match.
Attendance—Between 18,000 and 20,000.

News reached Toronto 10 p.m.

pecially for the purpose at Rushcutters Bay. The bout was to have been for 20 rounds.

Yuletide Spread in Massey Hall Graced by Presence of Premier and Mayor -Gift-Giving In Evening.

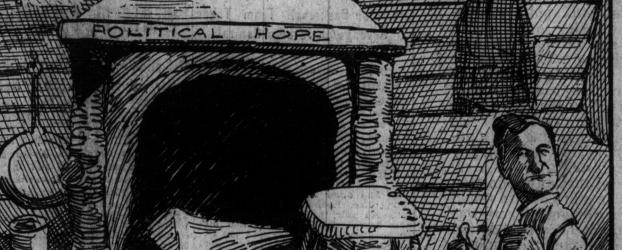
J. M. Wilkinson repeated his celebrated role of the Pied Piper of Hamelin went the Hamelin expert one better. Mr. Wilkinson drew all the available

the scale of Bob Fitzsimmons he took on Hank Griffin at Los Angeles, but the colored man was easy for him and never had a chance to win the honor. He was knocked out in four rounds. Jeffries then drew the color line, and several years later retired. Johnson had tried to get on a fight with him, unavailingly.

The Crowd.

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The Tommy Burns, or Noah Brusso, as his name really is, took up the mantle of Jeffries. The fight was for a purse of \$35,500, of which Burns recived \$30,000 and Johnson \$5500. The ring was a 24 foot one and was pitched in the centre of a big arena built es-



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Labor Solidly Supports Beck Power Policy and Forms Nucleus of Public Opinion - Independent Attitude Grows.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 24 .- (Staff Special.)-Apart from every other consideration the fact remains that the hydro-electric power commission by its mere existence without having more than set out to begin to do what has been proposed has done more to procure a reduction in prices from the various private electric corpora-

tions than any other agencies. The Hamilton Times, for example, talks about The World "knifing municipal candidates who put the city's in-

cipal candidates who put the city's interests before that of the hydro-electric scheme into which Toronto seeks to inveigle it."

The Hamilton Spectator credits The World with the endeavor "to create a power split in Conservative ranks in Hamilton," local effort, according to The Spectator "having failed to work up a power 'issue."

An Answer.

The reduced terms already offered to Hamilton by the Cataract Power Company, of which The Spectator and The Times are the obedient organs, are sufficient answer as to who has the municipal interests of Hamilton, and other cities most at heart. But for the hydro-electric power scheme, which these organs are so anxious to knife and which The World has consistently supported, not one dollar of abatement in its exorbitant charges would ever have been offered to Hamilton or Brantford or any other city by the Cataract and other private power interests. This fact is so patent, so important, so irrefutable, that the opponents of the hydro-electric power plan and their newspaper organs never refer to the matter if they can avoid it.

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JACK JOHNSON. New Heavyweight Champion of the World.