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BURNS WOULD PREFER NOT TO BOX A BLACK

Events certainly are substantiating Tommy Burns' declaration, made shortly after the contest with Gunner Moir, that he stands ready to defend his title against any good man backed by good money. Provided a purse of at least $500 materializes, a meeting with Jack Palmer is assured. There is some possibility of an arrangement with Jack McVey, the American boxer, despite Burns' assertion that he'd rather draw the color line.

Meanwhile the champion's music hall season has been extended from one week to eight. During that period he will stick to the London halls and continue his present exhibition of pictures and sparring with Charlie Wilson. Before his engagements end, however, he expects that further contracts will be made for an extensive provincial tour.

Burns expresses himself well satisfied with the arrangements just finished for his meeting with Palmer. "I shall have plenty of time to get ready between Dec. 21 and Feb. 7," said Tommy. "I'm in pretty good form now, and feeling so fine that if I put in a little road work mornings and do my music hall stunt twice a day all I'll need will be a few days' lay off just before the fight."

It was at the office of Sporting Life that Burns' second match in England was made. With his manager, Billy Neall, the champion met Jack Palmer and his party round a table at the famous athletic headquarters, and in the presence of a number of prominent sporting men the articles were drawn up and signed.

In the discussion which preceded affixing of signatures, Burns took the lead. The first question arising was that of the purse. Evidently Burns had come prepared to take a firm stand on this point, for when asked whether he should insist on the figure being $7500, he replied that that amount must be the minimum. Burns then proposed that the stake money should be considered a forfeit. To this Palmer agreed and it was arranged that each man's side bet should be $2500; one-fifth of which each should deposit on signing the articles, the remainder to be forthcoming within three days after a purse had been accepted.

With regard to division of the purse, Palmer suggested 60 per cent. to the winner and 40 per cent. to the loser. Burns, however, wished for the 75-25 division and after some discussion carried his point. The men then agreed that if illness should prevent either from proceeding with the match his stake money should be forfeited.

On being asked what number of rounds they wished to go, Burns promptly asked for 20, to which Palmer readily assented.

Mr. Neall then came into the proceedings, which had reached the question of referee. He proposed that the principals should appoint their own official, but as the managing editor of Sporting Life, who presided, ruled that as stakeholder the paper must appoint the referee, the phrase, suggested by Burns, "who shall be agreeable to both parties," was inserted with regard both to the referee and timekeeper.

Burns heartily approved the clause dealing with conduct of seconds. "Before any contest," said Tommy, "I always tell the referee that no one has authority to throw up the sponge for me. If I'm floored, let me be counted out if I don't get up in time."

As Burns declared he could get ready for the fight in five weeks any time, deference was given to Palmer's request that the date be placed eight weeks ahead. He proposed the first week in February and after a consultation of the calendar, Friday, Feb. 7, was set, Tommy remarking "that's my lucky day."

The managing editor of Sporting Life announced that if the match goes thru R. P. Watson will be appointed referee. Of this choice both boxers expressed entire approval.

The challenge on behalf of Jack McVey came from Paris, where the American negro is sojourning at present. It was made by cable thru M. E. Barlatier, director of The Sports Journal, and indicated that the French capital is most anxious to see Burns box. Burns has replied at some length, and in speaking of the matter said: "I told him I wouldn't fight McVey before the end of March anyway and then not for less than a $25,000 purse. When I was leaving the States they offered me that to meet Jack Johnson, but I wouldn't do it. I'd rather not fight a negro at all."

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Considerable Criticism Caused, and Speculation as to Reason—General City News.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The action of the police in accepting a ten dollar Christmas present each from the Dominion Power and Transmission Company has caused considerable criticism. At the time of the street car strike, general indignation was aroused by the way in which the police indiscriminately clubbed men and women. The gift is looked upon as the company's reward to the police. There is a rule preventing the police from accepting rewards, which are usually turned into the benefit fund. "They will have a hard time getting my $10 back, for I have blown it in already," remarked one of the constables this evening. Another feature that causes comment is that this cheap power bylaw will be voted upon in a few days.

Mrs. Morris Dropped Dead.

Mrs. Morris, wife of Moses Morris, 196 East MacAulay-street, dropped dead while attending to her work this afternoon.

The Hotel Royal will serve Christmas dinner this evening between 6 and 8 o'clock, with an excellent menu, and artistic souvenir cards. Tables reserved in advance. The price is 75 cents.

There is some little difference of opinion amongst the members of the Sherman-avenue Baptist Church, but the pastor, Rev. Roy VanWyck, denies that he threatened to resign on account of it.

Sunfield Hears the News.

Jake Sunfield was notified this morning by his lawyer, J. L. Counsell, that the cabinet had decided that he must hang. "I am innocent and know I will go to heaven," said Jake, who called "So long" as the lawyer left him. The condemned man did not make much fuss about the lawyer's announcement. Sheriff Middleton expects Hangman Radclive to officiate.

It is said that some half dozen Citizens' League detectives are at work in the city yet. Some of the league members do not approve of their methods. The members of the league will be called together probably Friday night to get a report on the recent cases.

Harry Rushbrook, accused of shooting at Agnes Davis, was remanded this morning until Thursday.

At the meeting of the police commissioners Thursday Chief Smith will ask for the appointment of three constables. The carters and baggagemen will ask to have the schedule of rates increased.

A Peculiar Accident.

Joseph Dickenson, 30 Tuckett-street, a T., H. & B. brakeman, had a strange experience this morning. He was standing on the end of a coal car which was being shoved by an engine at a lively clip, preparatory to mounting a trestle, when the car took an open switch and crashed into a baggage car. The roof of the baggage car crushed Dickenson into the coal, and he was almost suffocated before being released.

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A SUGGESTION.

Editor World: I have read with interest the letters in your paper re Old Fort Grounds, and I would like to make a suggestion which would, I think, be the best thing for the Fort. Let the arm of the Niagara Falls Park Commissioners be extended so it can reach across Lake Ontario and take hold of the Old Fort and so add another link to their chain of historical spots, and let them settle the question as to whether there shall be a street car track thru it or not. The Fort belongs to the people of Canada and not to Toronto alone, and therefore it should be held by the government. One cannot help but admire the great improvement along the Niagara River, from Queenston to the Falls, which has been turned into a flower garden and a place admired by all who see it. Let the commissioners control the Fort and its surroundings and it will not only be preserved but it will also be beautified.

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FAIR GROUNDS STATISTICS.

W. H. Fizer Winning Owner, Angelus Best Horse.

During the first period of the Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting at the Fair Grounds, opening Dec. 9 and closing yesterday, 72 races were decided, for which there was a total distribution of $40,520 in stakes and purses. This money went to 102 owners, of whom the following won $400 or more each:

Owners—	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Amt.
W. H. Fizer	3	2	2	$3915
Burlew & O'Neill	4	2	2	3665
R. E. Watkins	5	3	1	2311
P. Dunne	5	2	2	2055
B. Vincent	1	1	0	1750
E. Corrigan	4	3	0	1625
P. M. Civill	5	0	0	1600
L. A. Cella	4	1	0	1535
E. Schreiber	2	1	2	1000
J. Phillips	2	2	0	850
F. E. Brown	1	1	0	700
J. J. Ryan	2	0	0	700
J. H. McCormick	1	1	0	675
M. Geldbiatt	1	2	1	675
A. Simons	1	2	1	605
A. Weber	1	1	1	600
W. S. Williams	1	1	1	600
P. King	1	2	0	575
L. Harris	1	1	3	550
E. D. King	1	0	0	500
D. C. Corbitt	1	1	0	475
P. J. Millett	1	1	0	475
J. Gass	1	2	0	450
W. J. Donohue	1	2	0	450
Harris & Meyer	1	0	1	425
M. Nicol	1	0	1	425
J. S. Ward	1	0	1	400
A. B. Maginnis	1	0	1	400
J. Garson	1	0	0	400
F. B. Ford	1	1	1	400

The money-earning horses numbered 144, of which the following 32 won $400 or more each: Angelus $2530, Pinkola $2060, Pasadena $1750, Al Buler $1655, Dr. McCluer $1600, Dainty Belle $1300, Sonser $970, Alma Dufour $830, Bertha E. $775, Miss Delaney $735, Halbard $700, Keator $670, Tileing $675, Lord of Langdon $600, Lajeunesse $600, Mortboy, $660, Coltness $600, Ray Thompson $575, Hugheston $550, Carthage $525, Agile $525, Jack Atkin $500, Lens $500, Platoon $500, Zipango $500, Gee Whiz $475, Rio Grande $475, Hawkama $475, Lucy Young $475, Miss Mazzoni $425, Avauntee $425, Nancy $400.

The standing of the jockeys riding in the races on the flat was as follows:

Jockeys—	Mts.	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Un.	Pct.
Mountain	42	13	3	6	20	.31
Notter	39	8	12	5	14	.21
C. Koerner	19	7	2	1	7	.31
R. McDaniel	34	7	5	5	17	.21
Delaby	50	6	3	5	16	.20
James Hennessy	20	5	1	2	12	.25
Minder	16	4	3	0	9	.25
Pickens	37	4	6	7	20	.11
V. Powers	29	3	2	6	18	.10
Warren	16	2	3	2	9	.12
Sumter	32	2	5	3	22	.06
Rosen	2	1	0	1	0	.50
Kermath	2	1	0	0	1	.50
R. Murphy	4	1	1	0	2	.25
C. Henry	6	1	0	1	4	.17
T. Chandler	7	1	0	0	6	.14
J. Baker	7	1	0	0	6	.14
Brussel	7	1	1	0	5	.14
J. Brooks	10	1	0	1	8	.10
W. Ott	10	1	1	1	7	.10
Molesworth	11	1	1	1	8	.09
D. Riley	15	1	0	1	13	.07

Trainers saddled winners to the number set opposite their names as follows: H. R. Baker 1, C. Bills 1, H. R. Brandt 1, C. E. Brown 3, F. E. Brown 1, W. E. Burke 1, F. Burlew 5, J. C. Cahn 1, J. Collins 4, W. J. Donohue 1, W. H. Fizer 3, J. Fleming 1, J. Fox 1, W. B. Freeman 1, J. Garson 1, J. Gass 1, E. J. Gildersleeve 1, M. Goldblatt 1, C. Goodharte 1, J. Griffin 1, F. Hanlon 5, W. Harris 1, L. Johnson 1, J. F. Kelly 1, P. King 1, A. L. Kirby 1, R. J. Levy 1, C. Louis 1, B. Meyer 1, H. Monroe 1, J. H. Moody 1, M. Nicol 1, J. Owabey 1, H. Phillips 2, E. Richardson 1, J. Robertson 1, A. Simons 1, J. V. Smith 1, E. Stubbs 4, B. Vincent 1, D. Vittoe 1, J. S. Ward 2, R. E. Watkins 5, W. S. Williams 1, A. Zimmer 1.

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The Cornish choir, numbering about 20 voices, was under the direction of William Dawson, and from 8 p.m. to 8.30 p. m. their pleasing carollings were heard. They collected $40 for the Sick Children's Hospital.

The "Bristol Boys" contributed their share of the Christmas Eve celebration between 10 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. The chorus was about 40 strong and was led by Albert Plenty. Mrs. Maudsley sang "The Maple Leaf," with the choir rendering the patriotic chorus.

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