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BURNS DEFEATS GUNNER MOIR.

Canadian Superior in Hitting and Ring Generalship.

Knock-out in Tenth Round—Colonial, an Odds-on Favorite, and His Victory Was Well Received by an Immense Crowd.

London, Dec. 3.—Tommy Burns, the Canadian heavyweight pugilist, who claims the championship of the United States, Canada and Australia, knocked out Gunner Moir, the English champion, in the tenth round of their battle before the National Sporting Club, of this city, last night. The fight was supposed to be for the heavyweight championship of the world, the club offering a purse of \$4,000, while the men made a side bet of \$2,500 each.

Burns went into the ring in the presence of a big crowd, the favorite at 10 to 8. He wanted to bet \$5,000 on his chances at these odds, but found no takers. Then, after the fight had begun, his manager placed a part of this sum at odds on the proposition that Moir would be knocked out inside of ten rounds.

The fight was scheduled for twenty rounds, with five-ounce gloves, under Queensberry rules, with Eugene Corri, the referee, sitting outside the ropes. Moir tipped the scales at about 187 pounds, while Burns was close to 180. The Englishman was three inches taller than the Canadian, standing in perfect condition, and also equally sure of success.

The interest in the fight, which was the most important held here since the Jackson-Slavin affair some years ago, was widespread throughout the United Kingdom. The streets about the club house were so crowded that a large force of mounted police was called out to maintain order. Hundreds of Americans saw the mill, and treated Burns to an ovation. Moir also got a royal welcome from the crowd, as he was recognized as a possible heavyweight champion.

The men shook hands at about 9:30 o'clock, amid great excitement. Burns appeared to be sizing up the Briton at the outset, for he sparred lightly, and did not attempt to land a heavy blow. He landed several light jabs, however, and seemed to be getting the better of the clinches. Burns was warned by the referee for using a free hand, while Burns fought cleanly and cleverly, having the better of the first round on points.

The Canadian also excelled in the second round. Moir fought in a fighting manner, but his blows lacked force. Burns finally jarred him with a hard swing on the head and a solid body punch, from which Moir fell to the floor, claiming a foul, which was not allowed.

Burns had it all his own way in this round, and began the third by blocking a number of dangerous swings for the jaw. Moir continued to force matters, however, until Burns stood him off with some uppercuts that clearly winded the Englishman.

The fighting had been so fast in the fourth round, that Burns put up a splendid defence, blocking many of the blows that were aimed at him. Burns looked dangerous, and countering effectively on the body and jaw, with the result that the round was about even.

In the fifth Moir rushed and landed a great left-hander on the nose, which drew first blood. Burns blocked a body punch, and also avoided a solid left for the jaw. Then it was that Burns decided to do some hot work on his own account. He sailed in, hammer and tongs, until he succeeded in driving Moir to the ropes, where the latter was in serious trouble at the bell.

The fighting had been so fast in the fifth round that both men had bellows to mend in the sixth, during which few hard blows were struck. Moir recovered his speed temporarily in the seventh round, and cut out a fast clip, but Burns met him with a great defence, and soon had the Briton on the ropes in a clinch. Moir was on the ropes in a clinch.

The moment the eighth round started Burns was all action. He rushed in with a storm of jabs and swings, nearly all of which landed, either on the head or the stomach. Moir seemed dazed, and reeled to the ropes in a groggy state, but he was game, and held splendidly just before the bell sounded.

Burns continued to hammer the Englishman all over the ring in the ninth round, so that it was apparent that Moir's defeat was close at hand.

As Moir came up for the tenth round Burns rushed to the corner and slugged him with both hands. Moir finally went down with a hard jolt on the point of the jaw. He waited until nine seconds had been counted off, when he staggered to his feet. Burns was right on top of him in a second, and with a heavy body punch and a swift smash on the chin, he sent the English champion into dreamland.

Burns was formally declared the winner, and was wildly cheered for his clever performance. There were no excuses for Moir, who was beaten on his merits.

**THE FIGHT BY ROUNDS.**  
Round 1—They shook hands and began sparring lightly. Burns simply feeling his man out, and trying no heavy blows; he seemed able to break down the Englishman's defence easily. Moir was warned against hitting in clinches. Burns had the best of the round on points.  
Round 2—Moir landed on Burns' head. Burns drove him back with right to body. Moir clinched, and on the break his Burns, and was again cautioned. They exchanged blows at long range, and no damage was done. They were sparring at the bell.  
Round 3—Moir opened with right to head and left to the body, also putting a left to the jaw, but the blows lacked power. Moir fell from a body blow, and claimed a foul, which was not allowed. It was Burns' round.  
Round 4—Burns forced the fighting, him-until close quarters Burns stood landing some hard swings. Burns put

Comment and Chat

Tommy Burns' easy victory over Gunner Moir last night proves two things—one that the Canadian champion keeps on improving and has a right to the honor which he holds, and the other is that good wrestlers do not make good boxers. Even the most rabid Yankee newspapers must now take off their hats to the "Preston puncher." Burns is now likely to meet Jim Roche, the Irish champion, and on his return to this continent he will hand out the short end of the purse and a beating to Jack Johnson. Frank Gotch, the peer of wrestlers on this side of the Atlantic, has been trying his hand at boxing, but has not cut much figure as a milt artist. Tommy Ryan, who gave Gotch a tryout at Milwaukee, in talking of the wrestler's prospects in the pugilistic game, said: "The big fellow is not well versed in the art of boxing, despite the fact that he has had a number of private tilts with Kid McCoy and has had several fights. I thought he knew enough to cut loose and whale-away with both hands, just to demonstrate that fighting and clever boxing was his idea of the game, but he was away off at that sort of work. Do I think I can make a fighter out of him? Well, that depends upon him. I do not think he will be of the scientific class, but he should make a good slugger if he follows my instructions."

Boxing, or rather the modern American prize fighting, characterize it as brutal if you will, calls for the best athletes, and every weight and kind of man has a chance, providing nature gave him what training cannot give, inherent nerve man physically and mentally to make and fighting brains. It takes a perfect successful prize fighter. The same qualities would undoubtedly have made him a success in anything else, but they are not always needed along other lines of endeavor. They are needed by a prize fighter. And Tommy Burns possesses them. Tommy Burns is also a Canadian, and he got these qualities in Canada. They were trained across the line, it is true, but the first honor comes here.—London Free Press.

Under the terms of the athletic truce all the Inter-Provincial pugilists are eligible to compete for places on the Canadian team for the Olympic games.

The overwhelming victory of the Montreal team over Peterboro indicates the superiority of the Inter-Provincial Rugby over that of the Ontario Union.—Toronto Star.

The disappointing display given by his opponent last night, experience very little, if any, trouble in beating any man who be put up against him on this side of the Atlantic.

SKETCH OF THE RING CHAMPION.

While many United States papers refer to Tommy Burns (Noah Brusso) as an American, the world's champion is a Canadian. Noah Brusso was born in Hanover, Ont., 27 years ago. He was educated there, and after the death of his father moved to Hespeler, Ont., where his mother now resides.

He was given credit as a mere lad with being able to take care of himself, and in his altercations on the lacrosse field he would invariably drop his stick and look after his interests with his fists. He played with Galt and Woodstock, and went from the latter city to Detroit when the Detroit Athletic Club organized a lacrosse team. There, with the manager of the lacrosse team, he attended a bout in the Light Guard Army, and confided to his friend that he believed he could "go some with the gloves himself," although he had hitherto not pulled on a glove. Brusso purchased a set of gloves, and straightway proceeded to put a lot to his friends, and some ambitious amateurs, and during the seven years he has been in the ring has amassed a modest fortune. He is proud of being a Canadian, and never fails to announce himself as such. He has fought his way in less than five years from obscurity to a position which no pugilist has heretofore attained. Mrs. Brusso is a member of a prominent old southern family, with the inherent aversion to the negro. For this reason Brusso avoids Jack Johnson, and it is doubtful whether the pair will ever meet. If such a turn of affairs does come to pass, Noah is in a position to dictate terms.

Brusso's record to date:—Began his ring career at Detroit, 1900. Since that time he won two fights in 1900, five in 1901, four in 1902. Won eight, drew six and lost two in 1904. The losses being to Jack O'Brien and "Ewin" Sullivan. In 1906 he captured the world's championship, which Jeffries had turned over to Marvin Hart. The bout went twenty rounds at Los Angeles. Since then he beat Jim O'Brien, Jim Walker, Jim Flynn, drew and beat Jack O'Brien, beat Bill Squires, the Australian, and Gunner Moir, the English champion. He knocked out 2 men in his 46 fights. Burns is well known in Hamilton. He has appeared in public here, where he has many personal friends.

TIGERS II. AND MONTREAL II.

Game Here on Saturday For Dominion Championship.

Young Fuller, ex-Jockey, Fined for Intoxication and Could Not Pay the Fine—Long Shots at New Orleans Yesterday.

Hamilton may still land a Dominion championship this year, for the team that represents Hamilton in the big game against Montreal at the Cricket Grounds on Saturday for the Intermediate Inter-Provincial series is one of the strongest intermediate teams that ever stepped on a gridiron representing the second teams. Every man on the outfit is capable of playing senior ball, and several of them have taken a turn with the Seniors when they were in a hole. Reports that come from Montreal also tell of a splendid team that will be up to represent the eastern city, and the meeting of the two will be well worth seeing. The season has been a long one for this city, but it was so late in getting started that it makes it appear longer than it really is. Besides, Hamilton people never seem to get enough football and they will be just as glad to turn out on Saturday, whether the weather is warm or cold, and see a game between two such teams as the Montreal and Hamilton seconds. That Hamilton can go goes without saying, and every man on the Tigers is determined to be in the pink of shape for the game. There will be a practice every night this week, and a number of the Senior team are going to turn out and help them.

Excursions will likely be run from Dundas, London, and down the H. G. & B. and Oakville lines, and a large number will be up from Toronto.

**SHOULD HAVE BEEN 75.**  
The Montreal Gazette claims that the Inter-Provincial champions scored seven-fifty points Saturday. It says: After the fine struggles that have marked the Inter-Provincial Football League contests it proved a poor result. The Montreal side was asked to defeat a third-rate team like Peterboro in order to land the C. R. E. U. trophy. But for an error, to which referee Britton pleaded guilty when the game was over, the score would have been Montreal 75, Peterboro 10.

**MORE C. A. A. U. SUSPENSIONS.**  
Toronto, Dec. 3.—Secretary Crow, of the C. A. A. U., yesterday notified the Y. M. C. A. Club, of Peterboro, that the Peterboro Rugby team which played Montreal were under suspension, and would be ineligible to compete in the indoor games there to-night.

ELECTS OFFICERS.

King Edward Rifle Club Had Meeting Last Evening.

The members of the King Edward Rifle Club last night met at the Middleton Marble and Granite Works on King street east, and elected officers for the season. Two prizes, a marble paste slab, presented by W. E. Glover, and a plaque donated by Detective William Huckle, were handed to the club. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—J. Freshorn. Vice-President—J. M. Jones. Secy.—Treas.—C. O. Nichol. Captain—E. E. English. Range Master—W. Will.

FULLER'S DOWNFALL.

Once Great Jockey Could Not Pay a \$3 Fine.

New York, Dec. 3.—Former Jockey Grover Cleveland Fuller, who has piloted thoroughbreds of the Sullivans and Frank Farrel to victories, meaning thousands to the clans, an earner of \$50,000 in one season, is locked up in the West Side Police Court unable to pay a fine of \$3 imposed on him to-day for intoxication.

Fuller was picked up on Broadway to-day. He was very intoxicated. Three years ago thousands of sporting men in New York and the east worshipped at the shrine of the cleverest jockey of the season. Then came his accident, followed by a life on "the great white way," which has been punctuated by many arrests.

Fuller's leg has never mended. He has fought off the whiskey habit for weeks, only to fall, each time his leg becoming worse. In his cell the former jockey was a pitiful sight.

"Well, it got me again, didn't it?" he said. "I never thought it would again. I've been on the wagon for months. Got in from Benning last night after a disastrous effort to beat 'em. I'm afraid I won't be able to get back. I'm not above weight, but I'm a cripple as long as it will hold."

New Orleans, Dec. 3.—Aim, at 16 to 1, won the first race at City Park yesterday by a narrow margin. Dr. McTure, a heavily backed favorite, won the third race, escaping defeat by a margin so close that only the judges were able to see his lead. Marsh Redon, at 12 to 1, finished scarcely a nose behind the favorite after leading all the way down the stretch.

**WANT LAW CHANGED.**  
Toronto, Dec. 3.—The General Ministerial Association of this city has declared war on gambling at the Woodbine. At its meeting yesterday morning a committee was appointed to interview the Government at Ottawa this week regarding the revision of the present laws against gambling. The committee consists of Rev. Dr. J. C. Sparrow, Presbyterian General Secretary of Moral and Social Reform; Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, Methodist General Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform; Rev. Canon Tucker, Anglican General Secretary of Missions, and Rev. A. A. Cameron, of Ottawa.

**SADDLE AND SULKY.**  
The Los Angeles meeting opens next Saturday.

The good two-year-old Johnny Edwards died shortly after his arrival at Los Angeles.

A couple of Hottentots who had been discharged from the most important thoroughbred stud farm in South Africa poisoned five mares and the stallion Pearl Diver, the most successful sire in South Africa.

S. P. Thompson, of Woodstock, has sold for K. Kidd, of Listowel, a noted stallion and speed producer, Monbars, to a company of influential horsemen of Strathroy.

GUN CLUB

FIELD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hamilton Gun Club was held in the parlors of the Hotel Royal last evening. When it was decided to hold the President and Vice-President supper shoot on Saturday, December 14th, and a committee, composed of Messrs. W. P. Thomson, Capt. E. V. Spenser, Thomas Supton, Pearl Friend and C. A. Shepard were appointed to arrange same. It was also decided to change the handicap in connection with the shoots for the Pearson Cup whereby bird shooters will shoot at the same mark for 300 birds, and then the distance and added bird handicap be so arranged as to give every contestant a chance to win.

SHORT ENDS.

**Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.**

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Jake Schaefer retains his title as champion at 18-inch balk line billiards one shot by defeating George Sutton here to-night by 500 to 480.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Tom Longboat has written the city treasurer saying that, as he has now started in business, he wishes the fund collected for his education to be devoted to building a house for his mother on the Otonaga reserve, under the direction of a board of trustees.

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intends to spend the winter on his farm near Burlington. Martin says that he may never ride again, although he has several good offers for next year.

W. Lunn, a barber, employed by H. C. Woods, King street east, writes as follows: "I hereby challenge any barber in the city, or any other walker, from 25 miles to 100 miles, for a side bet."

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—The Winnipeg Hockey Club has decided to remain in the amateur ranks rather than submit to the ruling of the pro league that they must play a test game with the Maple Leafs, who hitherto were regarded more as intermediates than seniors.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—On Saturday next A. Mitchell, the well-known stakeholder of the Ontario A. C., will attempt to walk from Hamilton to Toronto in fourteen hours. He will be accompanied by Coulter brothers, who will act as pace-makers, and W. Edwards and J. Uehanan, who will be timekeepers. Mitchell will start from Hamilton at 6 a. m.

The Muscatine basketball team, champions of Iowa, 1904-5, will play the local champions here on Monday, Dec. 9. Captain Chadwick says: "While we have lost Brantford, our fast centre, we have several good men coming, and I expect to close the season with a good record as last." The reserved seat plan will open on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Y. M. C. A.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Mr. F. L. C. Peters, secretary of the Canadian committee, has received word to the effect that an important change has been made in connection with the British Olympic games. The football, hockey and lacrosse contests, which were to have been held in March, have been postponed until Oct. 19, and the field and track sports, which were to have commenced in June, will not be started until July 12.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—The Western Hockey League will be comprised of Kenora and Brandon, Portage la Prairie and two Winnipeg teams, namely, Strathcona and Maple Leafs. Winnipeg has withdrawn application for membership rather than play test games, as ordered by the league.

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**TOWN TREASURER DISMISSED.**

Berlin Council Takes Action and Appoints His Successor.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 2.—Ex-Town Clerk and Treasurer H. A. Letter, who has been suspended some weeks ago for a shortage in his accounts, was formally dismissed to-night and two were appointed to succeed him. Edwin Huber is treasurer at \$1,000 a year and M. Huebner is clerk at \$800. Mr. Letter received and found combined offices.

Auditor Scully, who was instructed to make a further audit for 1903 and 1907 to date in addition to that for 1906, which showed a shortage of \$800, reported a total shortage for three years of \$1,512.21.

Immediate repayment will be demanded, and the London Guarantee Company, the bondsmen, will be advised of existing conditions.

Hamilton Young Men

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FRENCH BIRTH RATE.

Population at Standstill and Tide Expected to Turn Back.

Paris, Dec. 2.—A decreased birth-rate in France in 1906, the lowest, in fact that her history records, is shown by statistics just published by the Official Journal of the Republic. Recent years have been marked by a steady decline in the number of births. The average yearly rate from 1880 to 1905 was 839,843. In 1906 the births fell to 806,847. The deaths during the year aggregated 780,196.

Dr. Jacques Bertillon, chief statistician of Paris points out that whereas all of France's neighbors yearly increase in population, France's population is at a standstill. Soon, he thinks the tide of her population may fall backward.

**NO LAND IN BEAUFORT SEA.**

Explorers Fail to Find Any, But Will Try Again.

Victoria, B. C., December 2.—A letter has been received from Ernest Lettingwell, one of the leaders of the Anglo-American Arctic expedition, dated from Flaxman Island on August 20. "He says that although the ice trip taken last Spring failed to show the existence of land in the Beaufort Sea, there were many indications which gave the explorers hope.

Captain Mikkelson will make another trip over the ice to seek for unknown land from Demarcation Point northward next Spring. Lettingwell will remain two years to survey the coast.

WILLOW GROVE

Mr. Will O'Donahue, Brantford, made a brief call on friends here early last week.

Mr. Harry Gould, who has recently returned from a trip through the Canadian Northwest, leaves on Tuesday for England. He will remain until spring in his native land, returning to take up his abode permanently here. Bon voyage. Miss Quinsey, Cayuga, is the guest of the Misses McMorrow.

Mr. J. W. Hamilton, we understand, has signified his intention of resigning as teacher of S. S. No. 8.

Mr. Chas. McCarry has just recovered from a week's illness.

Mrs. and Miss Minnie McCarry have been visiting friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. McMillan, Mt. Pleasant, is the guest of her son C. H. McMillan, here. The entertainment and box social given in Kennedy's school house on Friday evening, was a decided success in every particular. The program rendered was excellent, and to the young members of the section, who look active parts in the affair, considerable credit is due for its success. The proceeds amounted to nearly \$50, which will be devoted to school purposes.

Friends of Mr. Enoch Downey were alerted to hear of his death on Friday evening last, in Brantford General Hospital. Deceased, who was in his forty-sixth year, was the fourth son of the late Wm. Downey, of this place. He was of a very generous disposition, good-hearted, industrious, and up to the time of his death was engaged as a bridge builder. While engaged with a party in some work in the vicinity of Toronto, he contracted a heavy cold, which eventually turned to pneumonia. He was taken to Brantford General Hospital, but in spite of the best medical assistance, he expired on Friday night, at 11 o'clock. His remains were brought home here on the following morning.

The funeral took place on Monday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Patrick's R. C. Church, (Caledonia), where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father O'Leary, interment taking place in the R. C. cemetery. Besides a number of members of the church, his four brothers and four sisters, to each of whom heart-felt sympathy is extended.

KELVIN

Mrs. F. A. Goring's auction sale was largely attended on Tuesday last.

Miss Annie McCurdy, of Bookton, is the guest of Mrs. John E. Smith, of this place.

The Free Methodist quarterly meetings were largely attended here on Sunday. Evangelistic meetings begin in the Kelvin Methodist Church on Sunday, December. The pastor, Rev. C. Cookman, will be assisted by Miss H. Morton, an experienced and successful evangelist. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Rev. C. Cookman conducted the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoffman's little infant son. The remains were interred in the Kelvin cemetery.

Mrs. W. Robertson entertained some friends on Tuesday evening last.

Mr. James McDermott, of Muir, was here on a business trip on Wednesday last.

Mr. Miles Wood was calling on friends on Thursday.

Mr. William Cranston has gone to Middleport to visit relatives.

Mrs. Loree, of Otterville, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. William Robertson.

Mr. Wesley Hainer, of Brantford, was visiting relatives here recently.

Mr. W. Robertson spent Wednesday in Norwich.

The C. P. E. has secured a lease of the Montreal cattle market.

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