

## BOTH FIGHTERS IN GOOD CONDITION

Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson  
Are Ready for  
Battle

FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

White Man Is Favorite Over Negro  
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Contest For \$35,000 Purse.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 20.—Tommy Burns, French-Canadian heavyweight pugilist, and Jack Johnson, American colored pugilist, who are to fight here on Saturday next for the heavyweight championship of the world, are both in the pink of condition, and have been seen today by a long line of spectators, and although the odds favor Burns, probably because of his recent victory over Harry Winstone, Johnson has many supporters. Burns is quartered at Darling Point, and has placed himself in the hands of the skilful trainers, Dick O'Donnell, the latter, the Australian middleweight champion, Johnson is at Manly, a seaside suburb, and has been seen today by a long line of spectators, and although the odds favor Burns, probably because of his recent victory over Harry Winstone, Johnson has many supporters. Burns is quartered at Darling Point, and has placed himself in the hands of the skilful trainers, Dick O'Donnell, the latter, the Australian middleweight champion, Johnson is at Manly, a seaside suburb, and has been seen today by a long line of spectators, and although the odds favor Burns, probably because of his recent victory over Harry Winstone, Johnson has many supporters.

### WOMEN SEE TRAINING.

Both have been giving training exhibitions twice a week at the stadium and thousands of persons, including many women, have attended them all week. In this way they have been enabled to rather in a lot of money, a portion of which they intend to place at their disposal. The public betting favors Burns at 5 to 4, and already a large amount has been put in. The odds are not so high as they were, but it is expected that twenty thousand persons will see the fight, the champion having already been selected, but yet no referee has been selected, but it is said that a good man will be found to referee the fight. Contracts for the picture rights are being made in all parts of the world. The first fight of the referee at Rushmore's bay, Sydney, Australia, next Saturday proclaims Tommy Burns or Jack Johnson, who have both been heavyweight pugilist, the adherents of the fighting game of North America, Europe and Australia, and who have settled for them the much mooted question of which is the superior man. Burns, however, has been selected, and Burns announced that he would defend the title against all comers—barring colored men—because he has been on his trail, denying the right of Burns to draw the color line, and no little amount of public opinion has sided with the black man.

### JOHNSON AFTER BURNS.

Despite his clamor, however, Burns persistently refused to grant Johnson a ten-day fight, and he has been piling up easy money purses against second and third rate fighters. He has, however, been able to give Johnson a good fight. Bill Squires, the Australian, came along with the sea with the championship belt and sought a fight with Johnson. The Californian, however, was out of the game and Johnson took the title of heavyweight champion, but Johnson still demurred. Burns, however, went to London, where he knocked out Gunner Moir in 10 rounds, and afterwards, while in London, he fought and defeated several other heavyweights. Johnson followed Burns to London, where he challenged him. Burns declared he would give him a fight if a purse should be found, which he was willing to do for him \$50,000, lose or draw; but this was not forthcoming, and Burns sailed for Australia. Johnson followed Burns to London, where he challenged him. Burns declared he would give him a fight if a purse should be found, which he was willing to do for him \$50,000, lose or draw; but this was not forthcoming, and Burns sailed for Australia. Johnson followed Burns to London, where he challenged him. Burns declared he would give him a fight if a purse should be found, which he was willing to do for him \$50,000, lose or draw; but this was not forthcoming, and Burns sailed for Australia.

### \$50,000 WIN, OR LOSE.

Then the fight promoters at Sydney hung up a purse of \$50,000 and Burns called Johnson to the ring. Burns was to receive \$30,000 despite the issue of the battle, Johnson's end to be \$50,000. Johnson accepted, and immediately left for Australia. The fight will be to a finish in a 24-fight ring. Besides the purse of \$50,000, Burns will obtain a moving picture film valued at \$10,000 and a share in the profits of the fight. Johnson will also receive \$10,000 and a share in the profits of the fight. Johnson will also receive \$10,000 and a share in the profits of the fight.

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Tommy Burns, or Jack Johnson, whose name really is, was born June 17, 1881, at Hanover, Ont. He is 5 feet 7 inches in height and has a powerful build. He began fighting in 1900, and in his many battles has lost but three, one to Mike Schell in 10 rounds, and one to Jack Sullivan in 20 rounds, and one to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien in 10 rounds. His last fight was with Marvin Hart, whom he defeated in 20 rounds. Later, in another fight with Billy Egan, he was awarded the decision after 20 rounds. Jack Johnson hails from Galveston, Texas. He is a colored man, and has been a boxer since the days of James J. Corbett, and his hitting power is said to be great. Johnson stands 6 feet 3 inches high, and therefore, will tower over Burns, and in addition, will have an advantage in reach. Johnson, however, always was a "maver" and will fight in close, playing for body and wind in order to offset the advantage of

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### McFARLAND LOSES.

Salt Lake Rider Beaten by Major Taylor, Colored Rider.

Hoston, Dec. 19.—Major Taylor, colored rider, won the six-day race in New York, was defeated by Major Taylor of Worcester, tonight, in the first of the six-day races. Taylor won two out of three heats, the first a one-mile sprint in 2 minutes and 46 seconds, and the third heat, a one-half mile sprint in 1 minute, 7 seconds. McFarland won the second heat, which was a one-mile pure sprint. The time was 1 minute, 57 seconds. A 19-mile open professional race was won by Floyd Krebs of Newark, N. J., in 25 minutes, 51 seconds. Worth Allen of Davenport, Ia., was second, and Geo. Wiley of Syracuse, N. Y., third. James Halstead of South Africa, won the two amateur races from a big field of riders. The first was a five-mile open event, Charles Morgan of Worcester, was second, Time: 15:07.3. Halstead won the one-mile amateur sprint was 2:41.5.

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### CORBETT BACK IN RING.

Former Champion Has Little Respect for Present Day Fighters.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—When Jim Corbett's jaw at San Francisco on the night of his fight with Jess Willard, a one hundred stars, announced that he would never put on a boxing glove again, five years the ex-heavyweight champion kept his word. Not once during this battle did he blink, and he did not blink the padded mitts. Today Corbett boxed one round with his old friend, Devil Dan, and he won. The bout occurred on the main floor of the gymnasium of the Los Angeles Athletic Club after Corbett had finished playing a game of handball. "I don't think I would ever again put on the gloves, not even in a practice warmup," said Jim. "After I saw the fight between Willard and Jess, I thought, 'I don't want to go through that again.' It is a disgusting thing. It is a wrestling match that you see, not a fight. I understand that Charles Epton has compiled a new set of rules or, rather, that he has revised the old rules. His rules have been highly commended to me, and I am going to look them over and then write an article on the subject. I believe that the new rules will be a big change to be made in this direction."

### LIGHT ON ATTEMPT TO BRIBE UMPIRES

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Motorists no longer are content to restrict their contests to spring and summer months of good weather and roads, but are carrying their sport into the heart of the winter with events which will test the strength and endurance of the best machines. Three big contests are scheduled around New Year's day as a sort of opening for the 1909 motoring season. The first is the early start, from New York to New York, which will surpass all former years in the competitive line. It was but a few years ago when only the professional automobile men ever kept their machines in commission during the winter months, and now the amateurs are using all through the winter and not satisfied with this, they are now having the few have started severe and hard contests for the mid-winter season.

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Chicago is one of the leaders in the New Year's events, the Chicago Automobile club having scheduled a century race to start the new year. Philadelphia has a big run scheduled under the auspices of the Quaker City Motor club for the same day and the Western Motor club of New York will hold a 200 mile staid race, Dec. 29 and Jan. 2, 1909, closing the opening of the Great Century race show.

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During the two New York shows in January and the Chicago show in February there will be many nonstop, 1,000 mile and other great events conducted by motor drivers and automobile owners, and the public during the carnivals and attract the attention of exhibition visitors.

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It has been decided by the Chicago Automobile club to make its century event more of a tour than a race, and such arrangements are being made that women will be invited on the run. It is the plan to start the century race from Philadelphia to New York, and the Chicago Automobile club at Geneva about 4 o'clock, instead of racing the marathon which will make the trip an easy pace and after feeding at Geneva will continue their course back toward Chicago.

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At least a score of machines are expected to take part in the century race, according to the plan of the month place organization. The run of the New York Women's club will be one of the most unique events held in many a day. The rules of the contest limit the affair strictly to women drivers and women owners. Male mechanics and husbands may ride in attending machines and do such manual work as cranking and oiling, but they must use oil, gasoline and water and replacing tires on parts.

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On the first of the trip the women motorists will drive to Philadelphia, where they will remain over night, and return to New York the second day. Although still seven months off, Chicago and western motorists are busy planning for the 1909 season, and many promises to be the greatest contest ever held by the club. A. White it has been decided that Chicago will be the central location of the route, recent visitors from the east have caused some uneasiness in regard to the route. Some of the easterners are now attempting to have the route start from New York, proceed to Chicago, then northward to St. Paul and westward to the final destination, Denver.

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