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Jack Johnson's Excuse Prepared in Case He Loses to Jim Flynn.

Is Jack Johnson preparing an "alibi" for use after a frame-up with Jim Flynn in New Mexico? It looks very much that way when one reads an article printed in the Chicago Evening Post yesterday afternoon.

"Jack Johnson left Chicago a sane man," the writer of the article states that he has confirmed the truth of the tale, and goes on to say that Johnson, carefully kept a secret during the last two weeks of his stay in Chicago, was the real reason for his failure to appear at O'Connell's Gymnasium and box.

"Finally Dr. Henry T. Cummings called three other doctors into consultation, and it was through following the lines of treatment laid down by them that Jack grew strong enough to make the trip to New Mexico. Now that the doctors approve any coming into Chicago, Johnson has planned Johnson with his own question and how he plans to start work immediately, there is no need for speculation as to whether this 'work' which he approaches is not the same kind of 'hard work' he told Billy O'Connell about over the telephone those days when he was seen on his knees."

Now if Johnson loses to Flynn it may be a very heavy loss to a very very man. Johnson is quite clever enough to adopt this Chinese method of "saving his face." He wouldn't deliberately lie down to Flynn unless there was some way to excuse it without saying that he was permanently out of the game.

There is every reason for suspecting that Johnson isn't a winner of the coming fight. Johnson faked in the old days—although he never actually "laid down." He lost to Marvin Hart on points, when he could have whipped Hart easily. That was a frame-up. He faked with Sailor Burke in Bridgeport. He faked often in his fights with opponents, white or black, and excused it afterward by saying that before he became champion he had to take to the work in the ring.

Today there are few places in the world where Johnson can fight anybody. Unfortunately, he is barred nearly everywhere because the promoters are afraid to use him. Except for this Flynn fight, he's finding it hard to get a job. His theatrical work has run out and he can't get much money on the stage any more.

What is more natural, then, than that an offer of \$100,000, say, to take a punch to the stomach from Jim Flynn and his own carefully during a ten-second count, should be very tempting to Johnson? This "neuritis of the stomach" is right in line with the suspicions that have been arising since the match was arranged, and especially since the spreading of a strong tip that Flynn is a sure winner.

Of course, there may be nothing at all in the frame-up theory. Johnson may be simply playing his old trick, pretending to be out of condition, letting people believe that he's going to lose. He did that when he boxed Jack O'Brien in Philadelphia—went through a series of escapades immediately before the date of the bout and entered the ring hog fat. He heaped along the impression that he wouldn't be "right" for Jeffries, and he suddenly took great delight in showing every one what remarkably good condition he really was in.

Another theory that will bear inspection is that Johnson is being "sick" with the hope of creating an impression that Flynn has a chance to win, thus helping out what promise to be a very big fight. With Johnson known to be in first-class shape, and Flynn at his best, the public knows that Flynn might last long enough to make the moving pictures good—if Johnson wasn't in a hurry. But if the tip is out that Johnson is in for a trimming, many people may go to New Mexico just to see his finish.

All sorts of rumors are in the air. We won't have a real line on the future until a few days before the Fourth, and even then it will be hard to tell just what is coming off at Las Vegas.

McCarty Wandered All Over World Before Knocking Out Morris

Youthful Giant Heavyweight of Roaming Disposition and Tried His Hand at About Everything Before Adopting Ring Career Last Year.

LUTHER McCARTY, the youthful giant who surprised the world by tumbling Carl Morris to the ring floor for the count, is not the fortunate child of a lucky punch.

Luther McCarty first saw the light of day March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 1892, on a ranch owned and operated by his father, thirty miles outside of Lincoln, Neb. The open air life he enjoyed until his ninth year implanted in him the love of freedom that comes seldom to the city boy.

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M'CARTY LOOKS THE PART IN PICTURES

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ASTRIDE HIS SADDLE STALLION, 'CHESTER SQUIRREL,' PRESENTED TO M'CARTY BY 'DAD' CROTHERS

TOSSING THE MEDICINE BALL

LUTHER M'CARTY HAS ALL THE HITTING POINTS OF FITZSIMMONS. ON N. DAKOTA RANCH, FALL, 1911

LUTHER M'CARTY IS 6 FT. 4 IN. TALL - ALL MUSCLE.

THIS IS THE UPPER CUT THAT KNOCKED OUT CARL MORRIS

McCarty to Go to Coast For Two Ring Battles

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 1.—Luther McCarty, the lad who knocked out Carl Morris, will more than likely move to the Pacific Coast.

to a similar job in St. Louis was a short, cheap jump to the roving McCarty. He made the trip easily and quickly, but after six months in the Missouri City of the old wanderlust again took hold of the kid boy and he made the long jump to Los Angeles.

McCarty Next Roams Into the Lumber Camps.

From Mobile, McCarty roamed into the lumber camps of Pine Hill and later the coal mines of Blue Creek. He stayed at each place for a short time, not being to his liking.

Gets His First Chance by Acting as Substitute.

Jan. 7, 1911, Warr Adams, Canadian champion heavyweight, was billed to meet a big fellow who had introduced himself as tired at the end of the second round.

Hilltops Won't Share Polo Grounds with Giants, as Thought.

For several days baseball circles have been interested in an apparently well authenticated report that the Giants and the Hilltops would share the Polo Grounds as the home field of battle.

Dodgers Display New Life Under Keeler's Leadership

BROOKLYN fans are wishing Bill Keeler no hard luck, but they wouldn't mind if he kept away from the Dodgers the rest of the season.

Winter Garden Amusement

WINTER GARDEN Amusement, 411 Columbus St., New York, has announced its program for the season.

Manhattan Stock Co.

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The Wolf

THE WOLF, THE NEW PLANET OF MERRIMOTT, is a new play at the Steeplechase.

Steeplechase Now

STEEPLECHASE NOW, CONEY'S FUNNY PLACE NOW, is a new play at the Steeplechase.

Batter Must Be Able to Place His Hits in Order to Be of Real Value to a Club.

An excellent illustration of the value to a team of a batter who can hit into either right or left field is given in some figures compiled by an old-timer now connected with one of the big league clubs.

Fast Ball Delivered by Newcomer Checks Flight of the Giants

There was a time when a fast ball was like pie to the Giants and a curve was as gall and wormwood.

Hammerstein's

HAMMERSTEIN'S, 15th St. and Broadway, has announced its program for the season.

Century Theatre

CENTURY THEATRE, 824 St. P. West, has announced its program for the season.

Alhambra

ALHAMBRA, 7th St. and Broadway, has announced its program for the season.

IS JACK JOHNSON PREPARING ALIBI?

ANOTHER FEATHER CHARLEY WHITE HERE TO FIGHT

Conqueror of Johnnie Dundee Meets Young Shugro Tuesday Night.

BOXING SHOWS TO-NIGHT.

Fairmont A. C.—Eddie Sanders vs. Young Kurtz of Newark. Brown Gymnasium A. A.—Charlie Steger vs. Johnny Watta.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

CHARLEY WHITE, the fast and clever Chicago boxer, who is now regarded one of the best featherweights in this country as a result of his undisputed victories over Johnny Dundee of this city and Owen Moran of England in ten-round bouts at Syracuse, is due to arrive here to-day.

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