

JIMMY BRITT RETURNS.

Thinks He Has a Few Good Bouts Left—Brings Offer to Johnson.

James Edward Britt, better known to followers of pugilism as Jimmy Britt, reached New York yesterday morning on the Mauretania after an absence of almost three years spent in England and France. He made the trip to see his younger sister, Alice, and it was not until he reached New York that he learned of her death, which occurred at their California home a few days ago. He had not realized how seriously ill his sister had been, and was much broken up at the news of her death, as she had always been a great favorite. One of the first things he did on arriving here was to wire to San Francisco to his mother, inquiring about his sister, but before an answer had been received Britt had been informed of the sad news. He will leave this morning for California, and is undecided as to his plans for the future. It is possible that Jimmy will decide to remain on the coast.

Britt had an eventful time coming over on the Mauretania. Some time ago he announced that he would like to engage in a few short bouts, and he has been working hard to fit himself for any bout that might turn up. He was keeping up his work on the boat when the fact became known and challenges from the sailors followed. Jimmy accepted and took part in three bouts. He confessed yesterday that two of his opponents became so strenuous in the supposedly friendly bouts that he was forced to drop them. The bouts took place at the ship's concert, and Jimmy was presented with a silver match box by the passengers.

Britt has no idea that he can come back and cause terror in the lightweight division as he did a few years ago, but he earnestly believes that he can "come back" enough to defeat several of the lightweights now before the public. He has received offers from Jack O'Brien to box young Erne, Grover Hayes, Tommy Langdon, or some other Philadelphia lightweight, and he has also heard from other managers regarding bouts.

The bad news which he received on his arrival here somewhat dispelled his desire to arrange any bouts, but he admitted that he would be ready to discuss some bouts later. He also admitted that Battling Nelson stood first in the list of desirables if he gets back into the ring for the few good fights which he feels confident is left in him.

Britt brought over an offer from Hugh D. McIntosh, the London-Paris promoter, to Jack Johnson of \$25,000 for a bout between Johnson and the winner of the coming bout between Sam Langford and Sam McVey at Paris. The champion will be guaranteed all expenses besides the big purse if he will make the trip across the ocean to fight the winner. Langford and McVey will come together in September.