

HONOLULU GIRL MIGHT BECOME GREAT SWIMMER

With Revival of Aquatic Sports
Following the War "Baby"
Dowsett Be Heard From

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—(By Mail)—America will see the greatest revival of aquatic sports in her history after the war, is the opinion of Clair Tait, formerly of Portland, who once held the Pacific Coast diving championship.

Tait based his statement on the fact that the Navy Department has required every sailor to know how to swim. He also predicted that new champions soon would be heard from Honolulu where several youngsters are making remarkable showings.

Duke Taught This Girl.

"There is Baby Dowsett, a 14-year-old girl, who was taught by Duke Kahanamoku at the Outrigger Club at Waikiki Beach," said Tait. "She is a small imitation of the Duke in the water, and in her first race she swam 50 yards in 32 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds. I had a boy in my Y. M. C. A. classes, Albert Minville, Jr., who, though only 14 years of age, swam the 50 yards in 27.3, the 100 in 1.05 and the 220 yards in 2.47. We have another girl, Josephine Hopkins, aged 17, who will be heard from in the water.

"We found the best American girl swimmers to be Claire Galligan and Charlotte Boyle of New York, Olga Dorfner and Lucy Freeman of Philadelphia, Frances Cowells of San Francisco and Dorothy Burns of Los Angeles.

Hawaiian Likes Searoom.

"Because of the war we could not use the navy docks at Honolulu for our spring and fall meets. Before the war there were ten fellows in Honolulu who could make the 100 under a minute. The Hawaiians have taken to the open water so much that they are handicapped in tanks, yet they set a 500 yard relay record that lasted for some time in the Y. M. C. A. tank.

"Here are the swimmers and their times for each century: Keli, 59.1; Kruger 59; Lane 56; George Cunha 55.2, and Duke 53.2. Because it was in a Y. M. C. A. tank the records were not recognized. In open water they have done much better. I understand the Illinois Athletic Club has since broken the record."