

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE AND TRANSCONTINENTAL JOURNEY MAY WEAKEN PENN FOR GAME

UNLESS OREGON IS OVERRATED, PENN LIKELY TO BE VICTIM OF LONG TRAIN RIDE AND CLIMATE

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

"FITZ" ONE OF BEST PIECES OF FIGHTING MACHINERY FOR HIS WEIGHT IN BOXING GAME

Only True Measure of Fighting Prowess Should Be Determined by Weight and Inches and Cornishman Demonstrated His Class

COACH BOB FOLWELL and his University of Pennsylvania football players now realize what a tough proposition it is for a team to make the trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific for a single game.

Is the Oregon Eleven Overrated?

WE HAVE contended all along that Oregon has been overrated, and despite the fact that Eddie Mahan was quoted at length in Boston papers yesterday to the effect that Oregon was a wonderful team and would give Penn a great battle, we do not believe that the Pacific coast champions are as strong as boosters of the game would lead one to believe.

Penn Should Clinch Game Early

SMITH says that Penn should have left Philadelphia four or five days earlier in order to be in good shape. He contends that it will take two or three days for the men to get over the effects of the long ride and to become used to the climate.

Oregon Prepared for Hard Game

SMITH overlooks one important point in doping out the game. While Penn may receive the kick-off and tally a touchdown before the game is very old, Smith overlooks the fact that Oregon has the privilege of receiving the next kick-off and also that a team seldom scores a touchdown without losing the ball.

No Substitutions in Oregon-Washington Battle

THE Oregon-Washington scoreless tie, by the way, was one of the most remarkable football games ever played in one respect. Not a substitution was made during the entire game, a record that has been equaled only once in the history of college football.

Darcy's Many "Frame-Up" Victims

LES DARCY admits that Eddie McGoorty "framed" his match with the Australian at Sydney and says that the American middleweight won a large sum of money by betting that he would lose.

Meredith Now Out for Revenge

A FEW days ago a small news item imparted the information that Sweden had raised \$40,000 to send a track team to this country next summer. A few days before Ted Meredith had started active training, evidently expecting that the announcement would come from Sweden.

Local Golf Sentiment in Doubt

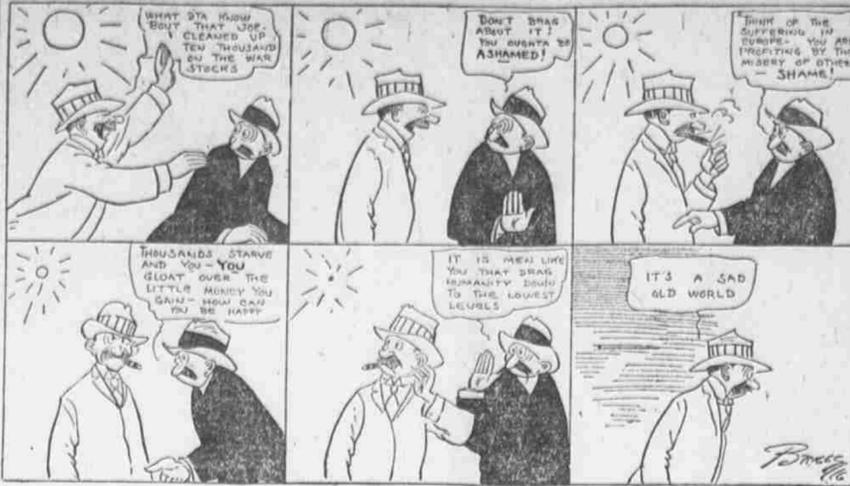
NEWS blurb from New York blandly states that Philadelphia will be among the districts that will vote in favor of the reinstatement of Francis Outmet, former open and amateur champion, as well as many times champion of Massachusetts.

Urquhart and Wray to Return Next Fall

LUD WRAY has announced that he intends to return to Penn next fall and that he will play football. When the Evening Ledger printed an exclusive story to this effect a few days after the Cornell game, evasive contemporaries ridiculed the idea and declared, without taking the trouble to interview Wray, that it was a pipe dream.

IN THE criticism of Walter Camp's all-American eleven, which was published in this column yesterday, there appeared a sentence which might have been construed to reflect on the good faith of Mr. Camp. There is no truer sportsman in America than Mr. Camp and none to whom football as a sport owes so much.

CAVY CRAVATH has applied for the managerial position at Vernon, according to dispatches from the Pacific coast. The many friends of the slugging outsider hope that the big fellow lands a berth, but they are inclined to believe that Cravath has not the temperament to handle a ball team.



TENNIS INTEREST SOARS IN AMERICA

Records of More Than 7000 Players Examined by Ranking Committee

6,000,000 BALLS SOLD

By A. L. HOSKINS

Men who have watched the development of tennis for years past are of the opinion that 1916 was marked by the greatest growth in the history of the game.

At the December meeting of the executive committee of the U. S. N. T. A., Charles Garland, secretary of the ranking committee, reported that in reaching its findings the committee examined the records of 4506 players in men's singles and 2111 teams in men's doubles.

Twenty-five New Clubs Watson M. Washburn, chairman of the committee on tennis balls and supplies, in presenting his report made the comment that approximately 6,000,000 tennis balls were used during 1916.

These figures speak for themselves. From the records of Edwin C. Torgue, secretary of the U. S. N. T. A., it appears that about twenty-five clubs and associations joined the national association during 1916.

The foregoing figures relate only to players who competed in events sanctioned by the U. S. N. T. A. and take no account of thousands throughout the country who played tennis in clubs or on public or private courts, but who did not enter tournaments.

Recreation Parks Help Tennis In this connection one of the most significant features of the game was the first time that the national championship season's play for the national championship of players using municipal recreation grounds under the auspices of the National Recreation Federation.

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LES DARCY is proclaimed by many as the best piece of fighting machinery for his weight, now in the game. After all, the only true measure of fighting prowess should be determined by just how few men in his weight and inches.

What credit should Willard, weighing 180 pounds and standing five feet six, get for beating a man eight pounds lighter and six inches shorter? What more credit than Jack Dillon should get for beating Johnny Kilbane or Johnny Coulton?

How much credit would Jim Corbett have received for beating Terry McGovert? Yet Corbett, proportionately, was no larger than Willard than Willard is larger than Carpenter.

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The same, in a way, is true of Jeffries. Jeffries was a far better boxer than Willard, but it was the tremendous power and bulk of the man that put him on top.

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The average heavy-weight displacement is around 190 pounds. If one takes the weights of the heavyweights for the last twenty-five years, including Sullivan, Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Johnson and Willard it would be 190 pounds.

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The best man for his weight in America is Les Darcy, Moran or any of the other living White Hopes. There might be an American champion in the future, but Les Darcy is the best of his class.

When Les Darcy failed from Australia he should have looked passage on the Pacific coast, The Walsingham Walsingham Blind.

The Lightweights Welsh, in the lightweight division, is not to be classed as a fighter on the pound-for-pound test with such names as McGovert or Gans. And no one can talk of a good rest of the lightweights who have not seen the game with his "round no-decision big-purse" barrier.

Small Stars We always have figured Frank Hickey as the greatest of the pound-for-pound time on the pound-for-pound basis.

Hickey was a wonder, measured from the results achieved by a 110-pounder. Whereas the Yale star weighed under 100 pounds.

Hickey had no vast bulk or abnormal physical power to carry him along. He had to rely on his skill, his brains, his nothing like the physical power of Sherrin, Kilpatrick, Coy, Heston and others.

no greater football player ever lived, to the nonpartisan judgment of those who have seen most of the great ones.

In such games as football and boxing, a smaller star competing beyond his weight always deserves more credit.

Hickey, of Yale; Stevenson, of Pennsylvania; Tichener, of Cornell; and All-Southern for two or more years who only weighed less than 120 pounds.

Why shouldn't a man who weighs 190 pounds be a great football player? He has all the best of it, where no great hero is required. But a Hickey or a Stevenson must be nine-tenths nerve and courage to get by.

Golf and tennis are games where big men are likely to be at a physical disadvantage for the small or comparatively smaller man. It is likely to have better muscular control than the bigger one in such games. Yet in tennis, reach and physical power are big assets.

This explains why the crowd is always with the smaller man. For to win he must have a greater amount of the inside stuff—courage, nerve, or whatever you label the quality that makes for the will to conquer and the determination to arrive.

Another way to settle peace terms would be to arrange for an international conference among Hans Wagner, Napoleon Lajoie, Fred Goetz, Ping Hollis and Nicholas Altrock, representing most of the nations involved.

N. Y. BOXING EXPERT DECLARES AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD NOT MAKE HERO OF LES DARCY

Compares Australian's Act in Running Away From War to Brave Deeds of Carpenter and Anthony Wilding

WHILE the American fighting fans are making a hero of Les Darcy, the Australian heavy-weight, a sane view of the pugilist has been taken by Jimmy Sinnott, of the New York Evening Mail. Sinnott says:

"I have seen Les Darcy, of Australia. I saw him in a Broadway restaurant. He was with Tex Rickard. He was laughing and smiling at the men and women who made the place gay. Everybody was pointing him out as they passed. He was saying, 'the great Australian fighter!'"

"I didn't meet Darcy, because as I watched him rise up before me another picture, far different from the one he made in this country, but he may be an Australian. His name was Anthony Wilding, and he was the greatest tennis player in the world until he went to his death in the great war."

"All I could think of as I looked at Darcy was Wilding lying dead. Wilding, of Australia, a gentleman of education and refinement, doing work that meant something in the cause of civilization, and with one of the world's greatest athletes, answered the call of his country and was killed. The newspapers ran accounts of his death, glowing eulogies were printed. But the death of Wilding did not begin to create the furore that the arrival of Darcy has, and Darcy has run away from his duty."

"There is no conscription in Australia yet, but from the possibility of being forced to make the sacrifice that Wilding made voluntarily."

"There is no great reason to censure Darcy for not enlisting as long as there is no conscription in Australia. Even his running away might be condoned in a measure, for he is very young and may have been poorly advised. There is every reason in the world to censure the attempt to make a heroic figure of him. If it is suffered to be done, it is indeed a sad commentary on the spirit of the American people."

"Hundreds of thousands of Germans, Frenchmen, Englishmen, Russians, Italians, Canadians, Australians, Irishmen and Bulgarians lie dead on the battlefields of Europe as a result of the trench-war men of brains, of great artists, literary men, men from the ranks of business, lawyers, doctors, engineers, every type of professional man known. Darcy is a young man whose contribution to the advancement of civilization is ability to fight in a roped ring. His profession is supposed to be fighting, and he would not even stay in his own country and obey a law which is necessary for a great war in which his fellow Australians are fighting. And some would make him a hero!"

"It is said now that Darcy will go into vaudeville. He is not even going to fight in the ring for a while."

Georges Carpentier "It is sharp contrast to the case of Darcy is that of Georges Carpentier, heavy-weight champion of Europe. He has been in the French army since the outbreak of the war. Twice he has been decorated for bravery. If Carpentier does come to this country on a lull, to raise money for the Red Cross relief work, Darcy should not be allowed to meet him. It does not matter that he would be a wonderful light card there are few things more important in life than being anyway."

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