LES DARCY QUALIFIES AS AN EXPERT FIELDER-HE HASN'T MUFFED A KNOCK IN A LONG T "PAR GOLF" AND "PERFECT GOLF"

DARCY HAS PROVED A FLIVVER; CELEBRATED PEACE ADVOCATE IS IN BAD WITH EVERYBODY

An Expensive Bout With the World's Famous Slacker as One of the Principals an Affront . to the World of Sport

IF GOVERNOR WHITMAN, of New York, had his way, as was first reported, the invasion of James Leslie Darcy would be a tremendous flivver. After horning in the news for the last two months and being billed bigger than a circus, the Australian peace advocate is standing on the threshold of fame or oblivion-with the accent on the latter. Leslie is in bad with the boxing promoters, the State colons, the fans and every one else. Instead of taking the country by storm, as he started out to do the first week after his arrival, he has committed blunder after blunder until now he is persona au gratin. No one seems to care whether he fights or not, and that is Governor Whitman's attitude regarding the proposed battle with Dillon-or McCoy-in the Garden next Monday night. Whitman, it is claimed, looks upon the attempt to pull this expensive bout with a selfconfessed "slacker" as the hero as an affront to public decency, and if there is any possible way to stop the show he will not waste time in calling it off. Once upon a time Jack Johnson was a member of the "in-bad" club, and if any precedent can be discovered the legal tinware will be attached to Darcy.

This action will affect the gate receipts of the coming battle and Grant Hugh Browne will receive a big dent in the bankroll whether the bout is held or not. It was not such a popular move when Jack Dillon was substituted for Al McCoy, especially when one considers the showing made by the former "giant-killer" against Alburtus, the champ, Tuesday night. Dillon is on the fringe of the hasbeen class and will not be much of a match for the Australian--if Darcy's press notices have been on the square. That much-vaunted knockout wallop which ruined Tom Cowler and other heavies is missing from Dillon's repertoire, and without it Jack is no better than a second-rater. He possesses no cleverness to speak of and depends entirely upon his hitting powers. He landed flush on McCoy's jaw several times and Alburtus still stuck around. It looks as if Browne dropped one lemon to pick up another, and the public will express its displeasure by keeping away from the mill if Whitman doesn't stop it.

ONCE upon a time a couple of husky guys used to put on the boxing gloves and fight it out just for the sport of it. Nowadays, however, the boxer is in the game for the sport there is in visiting the box office and holding up the promoter.

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Phillies Will Train Without Whitted

TNLESS somebody is bluffing, the breach between President Baker, of the Phillies, and George Whitted, the star outfielder, seems to be widening every day, and unless a compromise is soon reached it is evident that Moran's crowd will seek the sunny South without the Durham flash. Whitted says he will quit unless the club meets his demands, and Baker is just as emphatic in saying that Whitted will accept what has been offered him or go his way. If both stick to their ultimatums Pat Moran will have to readjust his outfield for the coming campaign, and it is likely that "Gavvy" Cravath will lose his chance to spend a season on the bench, with occasional trips to the plate as a pinch hitter.

Moran has four seasoned outfielders and it was his intention this year to use Whitted in left, Paskert in center and to groom Cooper for right field, with Cravath acting as utility outfielder and pinch hitter. However, if Whitted is not within the fold when the season opens it is likely that Cooper will go to left and Cravath back to his place in right, with Paskert sticking in center. If these things come to pass it will be necessary for President Baker to make a new contract with Cravath, as he accepted the present one with the understanding that he would not be asked to play regularly. Cravath has called Mr. Baker's attention to the fact that it is somewhat of a hardship for him to play every cay in the sun field and was applied this season to act simply as a pinch hitter. The big fellow realizes that he has slowed down as a fielder and it is considerable of a strain for him to hold down the job.

TT IS to be hoped, however, that the last word between Baker and Whitted has not been said. If we recall the fact correctly, about ten days ago Alexander was pointing out in no uncertain terms that he would not sign for less than \$15,000, while President Baker was declaring that \$10,000 was his limit.

De Neri May Meet Carbondale in Series

DE NERI may meet Carbondale in a big basketball series, which will come about as the result of a discussion as to the merits of these clubs by Manager Myers and John McLane, the latter vice president of the Scranton team. The argument anent the subject became so heated at Musical Fund Hall on Saturday evening that Myers offered to stage such a series with a side bet of \$500. McLane is willing to take the Carbondale end and yesterday wrote to Andy Suils, manager of the State League champions, to obtain his consent to play the series, which is ex pected to be forthcoming immediately.

According to the tentative agreement, one game will be played at De Neri, one at Carbondale and the third, if necessary, in Scranton. The only stipulation made by McLane is that all details be arranged in the presence of a newspaper man, that one being Robert Maxwell, sporting editor of the EVENING LEDGER, and the side bet of \$1000, or \$500 for each party, being deposited with him.

The series, if it comes through, will prove a big drawing card, and the local players themselves are said to be anxious to meet Carbondale. McLane is await-

MOVIE OF A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



Strokes Where Par Is Five-Joe Wood Reawakens Interesting Case of Warping By GRANTLAND RICE Pa Goose on the Links

There was an old golfer absorbed with the blues; He had so many golf clubs he didn't know which to use; He loaded down his caddie and he ranted and he swore, But the more clubs that he carried the higher went his score. that he carried the higher we Hickory, dickory, docket, I hit three shots in the nocket, And the words that I said Wers not fit to be read,

ARE DISTINCT BREEDS OF CARDS

Shot a 450-Yard Hole at Greenwich in

AS WALTER HAGEN ONCE SHOW

Hickory, dickory, docket.

at Gotch's best.

Mr. Darcy expects to open his "c

of frightfulness next week, when he mits his first overt act." But whether will start out sinking everything in the 1917 fashion is another affair.

A telp from the North Write, ye scribes in Diste's reals, Write of "Maaters at the heim". Write of Coming Cobbs to be, Write of Wagners swinging free, Write of this and write of that, Write of Speaker and his bat, Write that "Phils lead pennant fight

But do not, we beseech you, write

"Just why is it." queries A. A. H.

California produces more good tennis

California produces more good tennis ers than any other three States?" Mainly for two reasons. Or two tions. As a starter, they have adopted useful ingredients—proper weather for most continuous play and proper form. of those who start, start young and in the right direction.

"Willard asks \$75,000 for next con Jess evidently hasn't noticed what the cott did to potatoes and onions when began getting gay and lost control of a school

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A Yelp From the North

Hickory, dickory, docket. Mickory, dickory, docket. of ten years ago are not yet will admit that his superior has come to admit that his appendix and here is an reample; The thirteenth hole at Greenwich a matter of some 450 yards, is registered as a par 5. Yet we saw Walter Hagen, after a long drive, hole out a midiron shot for 2. The difference between par toff and perfect golf here was three strokes—the perfect golf here was three strokes-the difference between a 5 and a 2. You might say here that a drive, a brassie and one putt for a 3 would be perfect golf. But if a thing is perfect, how can it be improved?

The Case of Joe Wood

Joe Wood's return to the fold under a Cleveland hanner brings out one of the most interesting cases in baseball.

Wood, with a lame arm and a salary cut last season, decided the combination called for a year's rest. So he refrained from displaying his wares. Yet up to 1916 no pitcher in the game had shown a better four-year mark, counting in his last four seasons.

From 1912 to 1916 Wood worked in eighty-seven complete games, with sixty-nine victories against eighteen defeats, the total leaving a winning mark of .791. Wood is confident that his arm is perfectly adjusted again. In his last year out he won fifteen games and lost but five, proof enough that no serious weakness had set in. If Smoke-ball Joe responds to Cleveland treatment as Tris Speaker did, the Indians will be vital factors to the finish. Speaker in his last year at Boston batted .222. In his first year at Cleveland he moved this average up sixty-five points to .387, tweaty oints beyond the best season he had ever known before. Wood has intelligence and courage. If the arm doesn't warp again Joe will be a big help to his new clan.

Stecher and Gotch

Still, \$75,000 for a ten-round hout a \$7500 a round, or \$2500 a minute traordinary genius comes high in the cialized age. Stecher is a greater wrestler than Frank Gotch was at his best." comments an exchange. Possibly, And then again possibly not. Those who recall the Frank Gotch

ST. LOUIS BROWNS OFF FOR TRAINING IN TEXAS

ST. LOUIS, March 1.—The Browns, about twenty strong, departed today for Palestine, Unless Contracts Are Received by Tex., to begin the spring training stunts preparatory to making their annual effort to grab the pennant in the American George Whitted and Bert Niehof be barred from the Phillies' camp a Petersburg, Fla., unless their signed tracts are received here before Tu League.

Fielder Jones, ruler of the iron hand was in charge of the gang. The squad was composed of: In and outfielders-Rum-ler, Shotton, Miller, Stevens, Lavan and Sisler: Pitchers-Weilman, Koob, (Plank, McCabe, Sothoron and Kerr. Hart ley and Severeid made up the catching delegation

Five of the Phillies have yet to their contracts, but it is understood is Bill Killefer, Lavender and Kanth have agreed to terms and will sta-soon as they reach this city. Whitten Niehoff, however, have not vouchasten such information to President Bake, v says that he will not agree to any a promise with them in the matter of a ries. The squad will reach the Texas camp Monday and immediately begin warming up. The advance guard, which reported at Palestine Sunday, is expected to receive the aggregation that departed today,

NEW YORK RELAY PICKED FOR PHILADELPHIA RACE

NEW YORK, March 1.-F. W. Rubien, president of the Metropolitan Association, president of the Metropolitan Association, has announced the selection of the mile re-lay team which will represent New York against Philadelphia in the Meadowbrook games at the Quaker City on March 10. The runners are Ed Riley, New York A. C.; Joe Higgins, Irish-American A. A.; W. B. Moore, Princeton University; George Der-nell, Boys' Club, and R. W. McDonaid, Loughlu Lyceum.

for himself, but it is not like y that will listen to this. Business Manager Shettsline said to possible the squad will go to St. Pa burg by rail, instead of going to Jack will by boat and thence to St. Pa burg by rail. Manager Moran doubt advisability of taking the squad by burg by rail. Joe B. NESS TO RETIRE RATHER

THAN HAVE SALARY

test may be staged as a championship affair for lifteen rounds to a referee's de-cision. The McNeal-Herman set-to, when clinched, will be held the latter part of

clinched, will be held the latter part of March. Then, win or lose, Sears will take his battler in hand and chaperon him to this city. McNeil before coming to Amer-ica was known as the 'Bristol Bully." Bristol, England, being Ben's home. He is twenty-two years old. In a total of seven-ty-three bouts, according to Sears's sta-tistics, McNeil has scored thirty-five knock-ents and bracked down almost every onouts and knocked down almost every op-ponent, including Kid Williams and Louist-ana. The English lad can come in at 115 pounds, Sears says, but he has been boxing any one weighing 120 pounds ringside Louisiana had an advantage of seven pounds when he boxed McNeil.

Maggest Taylor looks forward to hanging out his old S. R. O. sign at the Broadway tonlaht. Eddle Wagond and Darby Caspar are in the wind on, with Lee Vincent and Frankle Wil-liams in another stellar scrap. Bob Beebe W. Young Artle, Charley Coyle ws, Jack Diamond and Frankle McFadden vs. Joe Fitzgerald are

Lansdowne High School played true to orm in the basketball game with the Ches-er High School athletes yesterday, winning by a score of 38 to 24. Had it not been for the clever field-goal scoring by J. Ryan and his consistent work at the foul line, the result might have been different. J. Ryan

cored eight field goals and eight out of he seventeen possible foul goals. Fabian Ryan, the center, played a comtally many of the points. Stier, forward, made six points for Lansdowne. Altmaler and Jones helped to put the game on the winning side of the score sheet with three field goals to their credit, two by Altmaier and one by Jones.

Chester High's team was not outplayed and a new record for foul-goal scoring was hung up by Watson, the forward, who made fourteen shots without a single miss, caging every shot he had for the basicet. Robinson, Lentz, Ogden and Harrington played well for Chester High.

Oscar Meinhardt, who played such a

splendid game for Northeast High early in the season and was later barred from the game by the faculty, is now at the Brown Preparatory School. He helped the Brownies win an extra period game with Catholie shooting two foul geals

ing Sull's reply

Golfer Makes Mistake by Mistake

WE NOW have with us another southern golfer of parts. He comes under the name of M. J. Condon and halls from Memphis. All those present were greatly surprised, a press account would inform us, that Condon, an unknown, was able to topple Hamilton Kerr, the handsome, dashing, former champion of Connecticut: Naturally, there was surprise, until those present had a look at the cards. Condon shot a seventy-one. The same press account said that Condon made only one mistake. A careful search through the maze of threes, fours and a very occasional five failed to uncover anything that had all the earmarks of a mistake unless it was a two garnered at the sixteenth.

Temperamental Molla Again Changes Her Mind

DESPITE the fact that the United States National Lawn Tennis Association at its recent annual meeting gave the Philadelphia Cricket Club consent to abolish the challenge round in connection with the women's national championship, the present champion, Miss Bjurstedt, will again enjoy the unfair advantage of standing out and playing the winner of the 1917 women's "all-comers." This circuitous situation is back exactly where it started, as a result of Miss Molia exercising the overworked prerogative of her sex and changing her mind. Last year she asked the committee in charge for permission to play through the tournament. Joseph M. Jennings, chairman of the tournament committee, denied her very sportsmanlike request for the reason that he did not care to sanction so radical a change without the consent of the U. S. N. L. T. A. It was decided at that time to attempt to secure this consent and, among a host of other women stars, Miss Bjurstedt signed a request to abolish the antiquated challenge round.

At the recept annual meeting of the U. S. N. L. T. A., Joseph R. Carpenter, Jr., on behalf of the Philadelphia Cricket Club brought the matter before the delegates and permission to abolish the challenge round was given, with the proviso that the present two-times holder, who needed only one more win to claim the cup outright, would consent.

Young America and Trapshooting

TTIME was when trapshooting was looked upon as a sport only suitable for the sterner sex. A woman trapshooter was considered a freak. Today women shoot and vote under the same conditions as their husbands or brothers. It is not to be wondered at then that the boys and girls incline naturally to a desire which gives so much enjoyment to their elders, and, coming by it naturally, they should be encouraged. Where a few years ago there were no women trapshooters today there are hundreds. A few years ago the thought of a fifteenyear-old shooting at the traps would have been laughed at, today we see them shooting with their elders and shooting like veterans.

What does it teach? First of all, confidence; it banishes timidity; it quickens the judgment; creates polse; makes for broad-mindedness and a healthy mental attitude. The boy or girl who takes up trapshooting needs less coaching than an older novice. They seem to grasp the fundamentals with little effort, after which the results depend largely on the opportunity offered.

"Sauad manners" are absorbed immediately-when to change position, conideration for other shooters when making changes, etc. The main thing is the proper placing of a correctly fitting gun stock to the shoulder, distance of hand eend to avoid straining (this governed by the length of the shooter's arms) and, finally, "looking" with both eyes instead of aiming with one.

Richards Shows Great Form for Indoor Championships

ICHARDS, of Cornell, showed wonderful form last Saturday in a track meet preparatory to the intercollegiate indoor championships, which take place on Saturday night at Exposition Hall of the Commercial Museums, at Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets. The big Cornell champion won no less than five events in et. He hopped over 5 feet 101% inches in the high jump, this being sufneet. He made a new Cornell record in the shotput of 44 feet 914 see, Richards has been putting a lot of time on the shot this winter and ch Monkley states that he would not be surprised to see him get the missile ch Moakley states that he would not be surprised to see him get the missile eless to intercollegiate figures by spring. Richards also won the twelve-nd shot, the sizteen-pound shot for height and the standing high jump last rday. He did not so in the broad jump, but he will compete in that event . Constill expects the high follow to be the high scorer of the meet, with . Constill expects the high jump and the broad jump. Richards cleared the shot, the shot, the high jump and the broad jump. Richards cleared the shot was been and 12 test 3 inches in the broad jump at this

ated Basketball + Players' Association, hich will be held at the Hotel Walton, A committee composed of J. M. Pratt, chairnan; W. F. Lawlor, Albert F. Melnnis Walter F. Keating and Lawrence Seckel, Jr., has been busy arranging the affair for time, and promises a grand time at tonight's nowwow.

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Both Myers and the writer expected word

Both Myers and the writer expected word from Andy Sulls today, but as yet it has not reached here. Myers insists that the regular Carbondale squad must play. De Neri would not play if Joe Dreyfuss is not in the line-up, and at present he is suffer-ing from a bad foot, but will likely be O. K, when the big series is played, provid-ions Sult is willing

Philadelphia's minor league basketball

players, managers, fans, besides big and little referees, will gather this evening at

the first annual banquet of the Amalga-

ing Suils is willing.

Cage Banquet Tonight

\$500 each side, will be Robert Maxwell.

A fine theatrical program will be furnished, and a number of prominent speakrs will address the assembled guests. Two of the principal speakers will be Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell and J. Borton Weeks, Eugene C. president of the Delaware County Baseball League. Many of the city's sport-ing editors and baseball writers will also be on hand to say a few words. A fine time is assured for all present. A number of teams will attend in a body, and it is to be considered the Dobson five chamregretted that the Dobson five, chamtions of the Industrial League, will not be in attendance, but they are away on a trip up the State. Manager Bob Calhoun will, however, he there to represent the boys from the Falls,

Jasner Meets Camden

Tonight at "Nonpariel Hall, Kensington avenue and Ontario street, Jasper will meet Camden. The contest will mark the eighteenth home game of the Kensington-ians and in every previous start Bill Ken-nedy's boys have been returned on the long end of the score.

Several players, Friedman, Sedran and Seward were out of Monday's game at Trenton, but all will likely be on hand for this evening's engagement, unless Friedman is forced out. In that event Seward will play guard and Kerr jump center. The Jewels win tonight's game to keep in the running.

De Neri Drops Another

De Neri was forced to meet Camden last evening without Captain Joe Dreyfus in the line-up and as a result the Musical Fund representatives dropped another game, score to 24. The first half ended 20 to 11 in favor of the Skeeters, every man scoring in the initial twenty minutes of play. Egle Bilson took Dreyfuss' place at guard and was assigned to watch Jackie Adams. The field goals were Camden, 8; De Neri, 7, and went to Dolin, 2; Steel, 2; Brown,

2: Adams, 1: Deighan, 1: Norman, 2; Reich, 2: Barlow, 1: Harvey, 1, and Bil-son, 1. At foul tossing Adams made 13 out of 18 and Norman 19 out of 18.

The skeeters were guilty of some very poor shooting and time and again fell down on the solgest kind of shots. Harvey did not play his usual game for De Nerl. Reich played the entire game with only one hand and even that was hurt in the second The poor floor was a handicap to half.

both sides. Owing to a cancellation, West Branch is without a game for its hall on Saturday night, March 3. Any good team wishing this attraction should telephone Lombard 2193 during the day or Woodland 5091-J after 6 p. m., and ask for Clarence Enos.

Latest news of the new league. Phoenix ville and Pottstown are sure entrants. The ville and Pottstown is a wonder, and even superior to any in the Eastern League. It is made of heavy wire. Outside are steel posts and the cage apparently has lots of "give." for the players do not get many "give," fo scratches.

The Camden City race at present it a tie between McAndrews & Porbes and Peerless Kid. They meet next Wednesday night at the Camdon Armory.

just before the whistle sounded.

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Johnny Nelson, Kensington's iron-jawed and steel-ribbed lightweight, has an opportunity to clip the elusive Irish Patsy Cline on the chin temorrow nicht at the Cambria. Andy Burns and Indian Russell are down for the semi. In the other houts Young Mullican boxes Mike Daley, Young Tierney opposes Jos Wright and Young Carlin opens the show with Eddle Miller. Calabres, who until recently has been a student at Catholic High, helped the Brown-ies defeat the Purple and Gold. He, too, was barred because of his scholastic standing at Catholic High. The members of the Brown and White squad included Wid-enmayer, Wittmaler, Meinhardt, Bucher

Miller. Jimmy Coster, of Southwark, has been train-ting differently and expects to prove how well conditioned he has when he meets Buck Taylor in one of the buts at the Olympia next week. Coster is sparring with Johnny Maya. enmayer, Wit and Calabres.

Sam Rebideau baxes Young Brown fifteen rounds in Providence tonight. This will be their third meeting, each context having been of the nip-and-tuck variety. Hobby has appeared in seven bouts down East since the beginning of the 1916-17 season.

Daley, Young Miller,

Tommy Beilly's opening show at the Non-parell Club next Tuesday night has been com-pleted. Barney Hahn and Johnny Maloney are to appear in the wind-up. The other bouts are al Nelson, of Southwak, w. Young Mulligan, Jack McCluskey vs. Freddy Russell, Benny Harrison vs. Jack McDermott and Marty Coyle vs. Goodle Weish. -----

Benny Leonard has been offered 110,000 for a bout with Richle Mitchell in Milwaukes the second week in April. This purse evidently is not enough, as Hilly Glisson is holding out for a thirty-five and one-third percentage of the gate. Leonard will leave for the West shortly after his match here with Johnny Till.

Johnny Dundee has two matches in as many days for next week. Monday night Dundee wil take on Terry McGovern here and the next night he will be opposed to Jimmy Duffy in New York. Joe Lynch, the New York bantam whe has been boxing well recently, is a stable mate of Dundee. _

Fete Horman was offered a match with the veteran. Frankle flurns, in New York, but the champion refused to come to terms. It is said that Herman can set a 15000 purse to box Flurns twenty rounds in New Orleans, and that the match will be staged April 25, if definite terms are completed.

MISS HENSEL IN SEMI OF FLORIDA TOURNEY

PALM BFACH, March 1 .- The women's PALM BEACH, March ... The women's tennis tournamer: for the State champion-ship has narrowed to the semi-finals, with Mrs. Rawson Wood, New York, and Miss Martha Guthrie, Pittsburgh, facing each other in the upper brackets, while Miss E. C. Hensel, Philadelphia, will meet Miss Margaret H: Taylor, New York, in the lower lower

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Caldwell Pitching in Panama Canal Zone

Ray Caldwell has been discovered. The mys-tery surrounding his disappearance and failure to report to the Yaraks has been solved. If a letter to a Brooklyn fan from the Panama Canal gone is correct. The missive states that Ray is pitching down there under the name of Collins.

CHICAGO March 1.-Jack Ness a asseman with the Chicago Americans a would retire rather than accept a reduction in salary. Ness has decine sign. He received \$3000 last sensor acquired fame by breaking the re record for consecutive hitting while put in the Pacific Coast League.

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