F LES DARCY WANTS TO FIGHT, HE CAN FIND PLENTY OF IT IN THE TRENCHES IN EUROPE

LES DARCY, VICTIM OF TOO MUCH PUBLICITY, RUNS INTO SNAG ON EVE OF FIRST AMERICAN PERFORMANCE

Australian Boxing Marvel, Barred From New York and Boston, May Find Himself "Not Wanted" in Other Cities

LES DARCY'S golden dream is o'er. All of the brilliant pictures of wealth and a life of case and plenty in this country have been wiped away, and nothing remains but the grim reality that there are far-seeing and hard-hearted citizens in these United States and a man must prove that he is a MAN before he is accepted so one of their lot. For more than two months the pugilist from Australia has been praised and panned by the members of the sporting world; has been placed on the pedestal of advertised fame only to be shoved into the discard when the time came to show the world what he could do. His match with Jack Dillon scheduled for tonight is off. The Governor of the State of New York took it upon himself to prevent the staging of the bout, and despite the earnest pleadings of Promoter Browne and others connected with the affair, his mind has not changed. Darcy himself wants to see Mr. Whitman and explain, but his time for explanation is passed. The Wonder Boy from Maitland is an outcast in the boxing world. He is not wanted here, and unless he calists he cannot go back home; Canada will have none of him and England is closed. He is a man without a country. The portals of publicity will be barred in a short time, and the man who turned his back on his own country in time of stress probably will be forced to live the

The trials and tribulations of this young man would make a good topic for a non, if one wished to carry it that far. There are other things in this world besides money, if one wishes to gain the respect of his fellow man. Patriotism is a far greater thing and one who is willing to give up everything in order to help his country when his country calls is a bigger man than one who piles up a fortune-no matter how clever he may be

Darcy Was Ruined by Too Much Publicity

Too much was expected of Darcy after he landed in the United States last December. He was tendered the greatest reception ever accorded a middleweight and strangers flocked around him eager to shake his hand and offer fabulous for his services as a boxer, actor, movie star or for advertising purposes. The boy-he is just past twenty-one-was in a haze and when he tried to figure out just how much money had been offered him he couldn't believe his eyes. Hundreds of the biggest sporting men in the country begged and besought to be allowed to manage his affairs. Moving-picture men and newspaper photographers were after him day and night and special writers devoted column after column in their newspapers extelling his prowess in the squared circle. Soon he was as well known as the President of the United States and the sporting world could talk of nothing else. He was a real sensation-a boxer who stood head and shoulders over the others in his line-and in a short time he would prove to the world that he was

But that time never came. He was asked to meet all of the leading middle-weights and light heavyweights, but these offers were ignored. He was not yet ready, he said, but soon he would meet the best man in the land, regardless of who he might be. A theatrical promoter whispered in his ear a tale of vast riches with little effort attached to it and Darcy listened. Then he signed a contract to appear in eighty-four of the largest cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific for a weekly salary of \$2500. It was more money than he ever made before, and if he could get that much without fighting for it why not accept? But he was unlucky from the start. The public did not take kindly to this move and showed it in such a way that in Philadelphia, the greatest boxing city in the world, fewer than 100 persons went to see him. It was the same in other towns and the tour finally was abandoned. Darcy's popularity was on the wane, but he did not realize it. He returned to New York, eager and anxious to do what he should have done when he first arrived in the city-meet a boxer of recognized ability and prove that he is a leader in his profession. But again something intervened. He was asked to meet Al McCoy, but at the last moment Al was sidetracked and Dillon substituted. Then Governor Whitman took a hand and now Les is in worse position than if he

MR. WHITMAN is sincere in his action in calling off the match. He says that as this country is on the verge of war it would be both unpatriotic and unseemly to place upon a pedestal a man who virtually has deserted the military service of a nation that will be our ally in the event of hostilities. He further made it plain that his order was directed against James Leslie Darcy, and not against the boxing game

Boxer's Departure From Home Was Not Thrilling

TES DARCY is in "in bad." He left Australia under cover of darkness, went and the rigors of trench life somewhere in France. These thoughts crept into the minds of those who first had cheered him after the first wave of hysteria had passed The public began to wonder why an able-bodied athlete, a physical marvel, an idol of the younger generation in Australia, should turn tail and run at the first sign of trouble. It was a bad example to set, especially when soldiers were needed, and it would be a bad example in the United States to shower praise upon him at this ime, when we are seeking able-bodied men to shoulder a musket to protect our mes from the invader.

There was nothing about Darcy's departure from Australia that could be pointed to with pride or bring a thrill to the adventurous youth. He crept into dding for weeks while the authorities sought him, and one dark night he went own to the river front, silently stepped into a rowboat and stealthily was taken a nondescript vessel about to leave for a foreign shore. For days he hid under tarpaulin in a lifeboat waiting to get out of reach of any possible interference y Australian authorities. For weeks he kept under cover in the hold, fearing discovery. He seemed to like the shroud of darkness; he dared not come out into the light where he could be seen even by members of the crew. He was running away from his duty and shame kept him in his hole.

He landed in Chili. There, still fearing that he would be discovered and taken back to Australia, he changed his name and under an alias, aided by good fortune, secured passage on a tank steamer bound for New York. He did not reveal his whereabouts until it was safe, and when he stepped ashore in New York he figured that his troubles of the past were just a vague memory. He was in the land of plenty and on the road to fame, so why worry about the sordid details of that sneaking journey across the sea? He would bear the stigma of "slacker" because he soon would be rolling in wealth and then they would forget. Let the other Australians go to war, lose their lives or return home maimed and crippled. He wanted no Victorian Crosses for bravery on the battlefield. He wanted MONEY, and he would get it.

Is that an example for the youth of America to follow?

The Australian Boxer May Have Been Badly Advised

DERSONALLY, Les Darcy is one of the nicest young men one would meet in many a day. There is nothing of the braggart about him. Instead, he is pleasant, retiring, constantly wears a smile and looks like a youth bubbling over with that healthy spirit which makes friends. He looks you straight in the eye and there is nothing about him that even suggests cowardice. He has no bad babits. He does not use tobacco in any form nor does he touch liquor. He is a clean-living and clean-thinking boy, and after one has conversed with him for a short time one wonders how, a person like him could sneak away like a thief in the night instead of coming out in the open and declaring himself one way or

Perhaps Darcy was badly advised by friends, who saw nothing but large inancial returns in a visit to the United States. Perhaps he did not realize what he was doing when he followed their advice. Perhaps he allowed himself to be convinced against his better judgment and then blindly followed instructions. It ist be remembered that Les went to work in a blacksmith shop when he was y thirteen years old and remained there for three years. He learned quite a about horses, but nothing else. At the age of sixteen, when he took up ting, he was taken into a new world, and when he was successful he was petted and flattered until his idea of the world was confined to a twenty-four-foot ring bounded by four ropes. In other words, he suddenly found himself in the public where others thought for him and allowed him to devote his time to boxing.

thaps he heard something of the Great War, but he gave it no serious L. Perhaps he saw some of the maimed and crippled soluters carried off framsports, battered and useless until the end of their days. Perhaps he shud-ed when he gazed upon those pathetic sights, and when the time came for him splist or run away, those pictures returned and his nerve falled him.

RCY still has a chance to make good as a fighter. The boxing game to osed to him. He cannot perform in Boston and the chances are that cities will take the same action. Let him forget his dream of h and either go home or go to Canada, where he can join the colors. should enlist at once.

a Canadian baseball team did its spring training at Jersey

CARBONDALE WARY OF DE NERI TEAM

State Leaguers Not Anxious to Clash With Downtown Eastern Five

GREYS ARE GOING STRONG

Statistics of Intercollegiate and Eastern Cage Leagues

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

night—Camden at Trenton, dnesdax—Greystock at Caniden, arraday—Reading at Jasone, day—De Neri at Greystock, Trenton at INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE

Yale 7 1 .875 Dogimonth 8 5 .875 Princeton 6 1 .875 Cotlonbia 3 6 .833 Conna 5 4 .356 Cornell 1 8 .111

It tooks as if the Carbondale team, of the Pennsylvania State League, is afraid to meet be Neri, of the Eastern League play the State Leaguers a series with side bet of \$500, and John McLane, v preciden; of the Scranton five, immediate accepted the defi provided Carbondale wou

After walting a week Myers has received the following communication, which speaks Mr. W. H. Myers, Manager, Philadel-

recycliced. It would be out of the ques-tion to play a series with your club and make any owney. The position your cuts occupies in the Eastern Longue does not warrant serious consideration an attendance standpoint

Wish to thank you for the way you cknowledged my letters and telegrams in reference to sames on our court. It spectfully. ANDY SULLS.

Looks Like Cold Feet

It is apparent that an iceberg has struck the Carbondale bunch, as it is only a few weeks ago that Sulls was writing and few weeks and that some way a remain the wiring Myers in an endeavor to secure De Neri to play in Carbondale. He offered a good guarantee for the locals to perform there, which can be easily seen by the reference in the above letter thanking Myers for his promptness in answering his communications.

Suils offered be Neri a guarantee of \$100. Sulls offered by Neri a guarantee of \$100, but the locals held out for \$125. If they were a card enough to play a single exhibition game, how does Andy Sulls account for his statement that they "do not warrant vertious consideration from an attendance standpoint"? Any one knows a series could be more attractive than a single game, especially with a side bet of \$1000, and all we can say is that "Carbondale is afraid of the De Neri team." State papers please cony. papers please copy.

Minors Hold Attention

The big leaguers are not the only ones meeting with attention this week. The minor league city championship series it scheduled for decision and the Quaker City C. will be taxed to its capacity on Tues-A. C. will be taxed to its capacity on Tuesday and Friday evenings, the nights on which the American League champions. Hancock, meet J. & J. Dobson, champions Rein f the Industrial League.

It is real interesting to listen to the "dope" handed out by the followers of these leagues. Hancock will win sure. It can play even better on a big floor than at the city, at the top and in a good position to Haslett and all the other players well acquainted with the hall and as Woodie can get the fouls Hancock is a

Industrial rooters say Dobson is far fouls, as Dobson plays too clean a game

So there you are. The whole matter is having won only one out of the three games, that the cities are very evenly matched and one is about as good as the other. It surely looks as if the Greystock team has the second half they of the Eastern League nailed down, and it will meet OREGON AGGIES PLAN lasper in the play-off series. There are bu two more weeks of the season to run. The Jewels are slowly rounding into form, and it will be likely that when the pray-off series

is staged Jasper's old team of Hough and Sedran, forwards; Kerr, center; Friedman

De Neri Is Sustained

At a special meeting of the Eastern League, held yesterday afternoon at the Bingham, the protest of the De Neri Club against Camden playing on Saturday night was sustained and arrangements were made with Greystock whereby the Skecters will play Trenton on Friday, providing arrangements can be made to secure the armory, which is expected to be arranged without any trouble. A number of other questions also came up for consideration, one of which was the referees. It was decided to go along pionship play-off was left for another meet-

While Penn is out of the intercollegiate race, the Red and Blue will have a cay as that he would place the to whether Yale or Princeton will win, as public to raise \$500,000. the Quakers meet the Elis in Weightman Hall next Saturday night.

Keystone regained the lead in the Broth-erhood League when it defeated Greystock Reserves on the former's floor, 25 to 24. The work of W. Miller was the feature of

Stretch Harvey was away off in day's game, and the fans wondered what was the trouble. It was learned later that he was very sick all during the game. He has promised to "let loose" in the game against the Greys at Cooper Hall next Fri-

Yale easily defeated Cornell by a total of 34-16, and took the lead in the intercol-legiate race. Kinney and Garfield starred for the Elis.

WITH HARVARD FOUR HERE

Unless the Princeton track management changes its decision. Harvard and the Tiger short-distance relay teams will not meet at the Meadowbrock Field Club games here

next Saturday.
Princeton recently vanquished the hith-erto undefeated Harvard rour, and Captain Teschner and his cohorts have been eager for revenge ever since. The Meadowbrook Club is willing to stage the race and Har-yard is willing, but the Nassau management cannot quite see the benefits of another race with the Crimson.

SIMPSON BREAKS HURDLE RECORD HUNG UP IN 1904

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March E.—Robert mison, of the University of Missouri, orig's champion high hurdler, ran the ty-yard high hurdles in \$ 2-5 seconds.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



"Greatest Hitter of All." Is a Tribute to Lajoie

His name, they say, Is Lajoir,
Though other folks declare
it is Lajoire-to rigme with hor.
They're wrong, but we don't care,
For if we came to speak his name
We should, with soul content,
Just say, "The slugger of them all."
And you'd know who we meant.

To outslug Cobb is quite a job,
And Speaker's but is stout:
Hans Wagner still can swat the pill.
And Jackson lam 'em out.
But if the chap you mention's Nap,
Just say, with soul scree,
"The greatest litter of all time."
And we'll know who you mean.
—Walter Trumbull

HALL HAS A BIG LEAD FOR BILLIARD LAURELS

Boston Entry Probably Successor to Gardner as National Amateur

STANDING OF THE PLAYERS
High
Won. Lost. average.

BOSTON, March 5 .- The continuation today of the national amateur Class A capture the amateur crown now held by E. W. Gardner, of New York. He has won all three of his games and has a high average of sixteen for the three contests, and is classier than Hancock. They maintain the field for the high run with Klinger with a fast Falls boys are the best in town sevesty-nine. Blake is in second place, Woodle won't get a chance to get many Clarkson third, and Gardner, defending his Clarkson third, and Gardner, defending his laurels, is in a triple the for fourth place,

OREGON AGGIES PLAN RELAYS LIKE PENN'S

Coach Pipal, of the Oregon Aggles' track team, has formulated plans for an indoor rear next for April 7. Invitations will be extended to the college, high school and and Fox, guards, will face the starter.

It is also announced that the Camden cuts is now solely owned by Doctor Heha, the other owners, Mr. Herman and Doctor carmival is being planned along lines sim-Empey, having disposed of their interests Har to the annual outdoor Penn relays, and include eight relay events, the high and broad jump, shot-put, short dashes and hurdle races. These events will be con-tested in different classes for the colleges and high schools of different sizes. These events will be

An unusual relay event will be a race for eight-man, instead of four-man, teams. The distance will be one mile and each runner will negotiate 220 yards.

PUBLIC OFFERED SHARES IN ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

ST. LOUIS. March 5.—James C. Jones. attorney for the St. Louis National League baseball club, announced that \$25,000 had been raised to be paid Mrs. Helen Hatha-way Britton, owner of the club, today, and that he would place the stock on sale to the

Under the agreement Jones has with Mrs Britton, the latter will sell the club and its holdings for \$350,000. Jones plans to use the extra \$150,000, if received, for improvements and players.

HOBLITZELL NOT SURE ABOUT PLAYING BALL

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 5 .- Be fore leaving his home here for Cincinnati Richard C. Hoblitzell, Boston Red Sox first baseman, said that he had not decided to sign a 1917 contract yet, and that he did not know whether he would sign a contract at all. Hobifizeli was one of the officers at all. Hobiftzell was one of the Players' Fraternity.

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TIME TO WIN AUTO RACE

LOS ANGELES, March 5 .- Earl Cooper won the George Washington sweepstakes automobile race at Ascot Speedway here covering the 100 miles in 1 hour 27 minutes 46 seconds, an average speed of 68.35 miles an hour, a record for the course, which is a Class B speedway. Eddie Pullen was see ond, Omar Toft third, R. C. Durant fourth and A. A. Melcher fifth. There were eleven starters. Three failed to finish.

COOPER DRIVES RECORD

YOUR UNCLE WILBERT HUMAN NET WHO CATCHES 'EM AS THEY FALL AND MAKES WINNERS OF HAS-BEENS

By GRANTLAND RICE

Beyond the Barrier

Upon our shield the staining rust
Has gathered deeper than we knew;
Upon our blade the drifting dust
Has dimmed and dulled the ancient hue;
And we have floundered through the pall
As children, who have lost their way; ut somewhere, underneath it all, The Vital Spark still waits the day.

The ruggedness of ancient mould
Is hidden now by softer dreams;
The braver line we used to hold
May waver where the red flash gleams; But when the showdown comes at last Beyond control of word or pen, Remembrance of a braver past Shall come to wake us up again.

The ancient spirit of the clan May shrink, at times, before the call,
Bewildered, in the waiting span,
Before the rousing lash shall fall;
But when the light flares down the field
Beyond doubt's final barricade,
The rust shall come from off the shield—
The dust shall flutter from the blade.

The Human Net VOUR Uncle Wilbert Robinson, of Brook-Y lyn, is the Human Net who catches | Forced Marches

them as they start to fall. When Robbie slipped the net under Jack Coombs, Rube Marquard and Larry Cheney, all beld as impending has-beens, few took his pitching staff with any great seriousness. But your Uncle Wilbert managed to salvage no less than forty-five perfeetly good ball games with these three last year, and he expects the trio this season

to bag him fifty. .

Also, if any other managers desire to push any veteran talent overboard. Your Uncle will be in the immediate vicinity with the old net still working. Robble is especially optimistic upon the 1917 showof Rube Marquard, as he believes the season as he ever won with the Giants.

Saved Brooklyn

it was Marquard who saved Brooklyn ast fall. The Phillies had just beaten the Dodgers five straight in Philadelphia. Com-ing over to Brooklyn, they had added two more, thereby taking the lead. With Alex-ander on the Job, another victory was in sight, and three straight in Brooklyn wo have broken up the race. It was at this point that Marquard tossed his left arm in front of the Philly charge and hoisted his mates out of certain trouble. He was at his best in the most critical game of

the year, full proof that his old confident

The entry who isn't willing to start as thing until the exits are greased has a see hunch as to where he is going to finish. Howsoever, there is more fun in time ming a hard loser than there is in uper-It isn't hard for even a quitter to lost game with his back against the wall.

Song of the Off-Trail So long as there's a dream to dream, So long as there's a song to sing: So long as coming dawns shall gleam Upon our boundless wander So long as there's a road that leads
Out and afar—through mile on mileBeyond life's narrow faiths and creeks,
So long shall life be worth the while

Christy Mathewson has started Sout with his Reds—over the trail blazed by Ne Hanlon, Buck Ewing, Joe Kehey, John Gazel, Clark Griffith, Joe Tinker and Buc Herzog. This Red lane has been beg enough to know no turning off the highway of defeat for forty years, so Matty's 191 assault upon an ancient fate will be one of the season's features, whatever happens This fate will have to smile with grants. This fate will have to smile with gre kindness on Matty than it has smiled ups some of the others. Matty has all the qui-fications for success, but a citadel with i forty-year tradition of failure needs at there is for the blasting-out process to work

