

IF 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 over. All of the brilliant pictures of wealth and a life of ease 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 as one of their lot.

The trials and tribulations of this young man would make a good topic for a sermon, 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.

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 middle-weight and strangers flocked around him eager to shake his hand and offer fabulous sums for his services as a boxer, actor, movie star or for advertising purposes.

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.

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.

Boxer's Departure From Home Was Not Thrilling

LES DARCY is in "in bad." He left Australia under cover of darkness, went to a neutral country because, it was said, he feared the life of a soldier and the rigors of trench life somewhere in France.

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 hiding for weeks while the authorities sought him, and one dark night he went down to the river front, silently stepped into a rowboat and stealthily was taken to a nondescript vessel about to leave for a foreign shore.

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.

The Australian Boxer May Have Been Badly Advised

PERSONALLY, 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.

Perhaps Darcy was badly advised by friends, who saw nothing but large financial 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.

Perhaps he heard something of the Great War, but he gave it no serious thought. Perhaps he saw some of the maimed and crippled soldiers carried off the transports, battered and useless until the end of their days.

DARCY still has a chance to make good as a fighter. The boxing game is closed to him. He cannot perform in Boston and the chances are that other cities will take the same action.

Some ago a Canadian baseball team did its spring training at Jersey and it was the fact that Les Darcy came to America to fight.

CARBONDALE WARY OF DE NERI TEAM

State Leaguers Not Anxious to Clash With Down-town Eastern Five

GREYS ARE GOING STRONG

Statistics of Intercollegiate and Eastern Cage Leagues

Table with columns for Eastern League and Intercollegiate League, listing teams and statistics.

It looks as if the Carbondale team, of the Pennsylvania State League, is afraid to meet the Neri, of the Eastern League, in a series of games. A week ago at Musical Fund Hall Manager Myers offered to play the State Leaguers a series with a side bet of \$2500 and John McLenahan, president of the Scranton Five, immediately accepted the offer provided Carbondale would be willing to play.

Dear Sir—Yours dated February 25 received. It would be out of the question to play a series with your club and make any money. The position your club occupies in the Eastern League does not warrant serious consideration from an attendance standpoint.

Looks Like Cold Feet It is apparent that an iceberg has struck the Carbondale bunch, as it is only a few weeks ago that Sullivan was writing and wiring Myers in an endeavor to secure De Neri to play in Carbondale.

Minors Hold Attention The big leaguers are not the only ones meeting with attention this week. The minor league city championship series is scheduled for decision and the Quaker City A. C. will be taxed to its capacity on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

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 Skeeters will play Trenton on Friday, providing arrangements can be made to secure the armory, which is expected to be arranged without any trouble.

Princeton Declines Race 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 Meadowbrook Field Club games here next Saturday.

Simpson Breaks Hurdle Record Hung Up in 1904 KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 5.—Robert Simpson, of the University of Missouri, world's champion hurdler, ran the 100-yard high hurdles in 1-4-4 seconds.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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

His name, they say, is Lajoie. It is Lajoie to come with his. There's wrong, but we don't care. If we came to speak his name we should, with soul content. Just say, "The slinger of them all." And you'd know who we meant.

HALL HAS A BIG LEAD FOR BILLIARD LAURELS

Boston Entry Probably Successor to Gardner as National Amateur Champion

Table titled 'STANDING OF THE PLAYERS' with columns for Name, Won, Lost, Average, and High.

BOSTON, March 5.—The continuation today of the national amateur Class A billiard tourney finds Nathan Hall, of this city, at the top and in a good position to capture the amateur crown now held by E. W. Gardner, of New York.

OREGON AGGIES PLAN RELAYS LIKE PENN'S

Coach Piquel, of the Oregon Aggies' track team, has formulated plans for an indoor relay meet for April 7. Invitations will be extended to the college, high school and athletic club teams of the Northwest.

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 Hathaway Britton, owner of the club, today, and that he would place the stock on sale to the public to raise \$200,000.

HOBLITZELL NOT SURE ABOUT PLAYING BALL

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., March 5.—Before 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.

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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;

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;

The ancient spirit of the clan May shrink, at times, before the call, Bewildered, in the waiting span, Before the rising lash shall fall;

The Human Net YOUR Uncle Wilbert Robinson, of Brooklyn, is the Human Net who catches them as they start to fall.

When Robbie slipped the net under Jack Coombs, Rube Marquard and Larry Cheney, all held as impending has-beens, few took his pitching staff with any great seriousness.

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.

It was Marquard who saved Brooklyn last fall. The Phillies had just beaten the Dodgers five straight in Philadelphia. Coming over to Brooklyn, they had added two more, thereby taking the lead.

Christy Mathewson has started out with his Reds—over the trail blazed by Noodles, Clark Griffith, Joe Tinker and Buck Herzog. This Red inn has been long enough to know no turning off the highway of defeat for forty years.

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