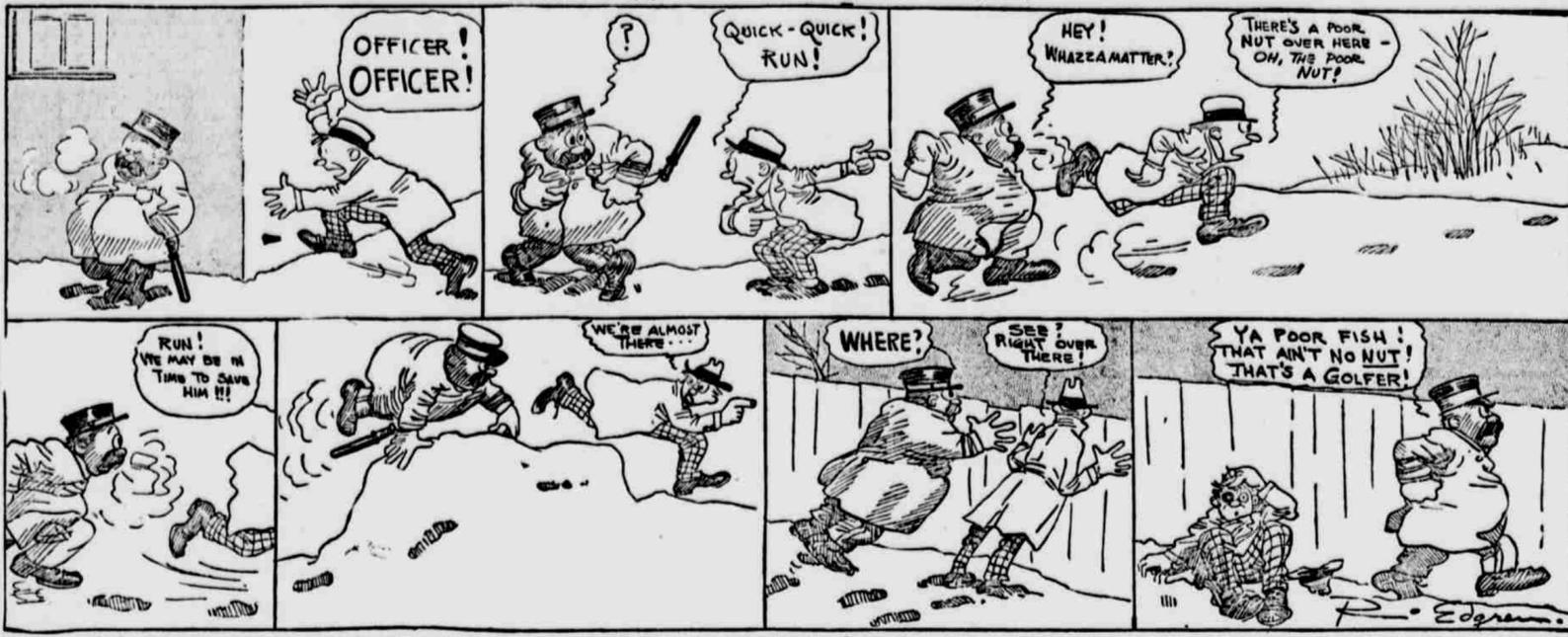


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R. Edgren's COLUMN

Darcy's Departure From Australia Has Had Good Effect on Boxing There, It Seems.

AUSTRALIA is feeling chipper over losing Les Darcy, after all. The latest copy of "Boxing in Australia" contains this paragraph: Contrary to the generally expressed opinion, the departure of Les Darcy for America has had a good effect on Australian boxing, and instead of his absence being felt adversely, it has been appreciated, particularly by the rising generation of boxers, who will now get the chance they have been waiting for. Darcy, to put the position candidly, "killed the game," as no one else would draw any money, and now that he has gone, the other boys, who were waiting for some one to either come along and lick him or else for him to go to America or retire because there "were no other worlds" to conquer, will get a chance of developing championship form and evolving into "stardom" in the firmament of the sport, nothing but good to the boxing game has happened as a result of his staid departure.

LES isn't the only Australian boxer who has taken a quick trip to other and safer climes. Mick King, former middleweight champion of that country, has written a letter to sea to Snowy Baker. Mick informed the promoter that he is bound for America, "via nearly everywhere on earth." He was aboard a tramp steamer which would touch at India, Africa, the Canaries, London, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Genoa and Naples, and, as he adds, "the bottom of the sea, if he meets a German submarine." Mick's destination is New York. Like Darcy, he thinks it will be easy to pick up money in the streets of the bright metropolis. As Mick explains it, he hopes to "meet Dillon, Gibbons and even Willard."

BILL SQUIRES is to fight for the Australian heavyweight championship. Bill has come in from a farm, says he "could lick himself as he was six or seven years ago," and that as soon as he gathers a little coin in the Australian ring by leading that other great heavyweight title holder (in Australia) Bill Lang, "he'll be in a position to get a little more out of the war. At that I think Bill Squires will enlist. He isn't afraid of anything. Didn't he fight Tommy Burns?"

THE Australian sporting writers say that both Eddie McGovern and Jimmy Clabby announce that they can't train, don't intend to train and have left the ring for good. As neither McGovern nor Clabby would have retired while they felt they had a fight left in them, we must take it for granted that they are real has-beens. They admit it themselves. This furnishes interesting comment upon Darcy's performance. Did Darcy whip a couple of "dead ones" in McGovern and Clabby? If so, what is there to have a belief upon that Darcy is a wonderful individual? Darcy will have to do some fighting in this country to prove it. It might be a very good thing for Les to take on some young fighter who has a chance of retirement—Misko, for instance. If he whips Misko he'll be considered as great as the Australians believe he is.

JUST how good Misko is will be shown when he fights Charlie Weinert. There's no doubt about Weinert's class. The proof of it is that Charlie has been challenging Moran, Coffey, Carl Morris and all the other heavies floating about the country, and can't get them to notice him. He has been matched with Morris, and Morris has sidestepped the fight.

A fighter has good judgment in one thing, no matter what his mentality otherwise. He can pick the lemon every time. And when he sees the real thing he never mistakes it for a lemon. An nobody is picking little Charles as a lemon. He is taller, heavier and perhaps more clever than Misko. So if Misko gets over that hurdle he'll have to take the right out of the second string and placed among the top-notchers. Misko should be congratulated for his willingness to fight Weinert. They love to eat the money, but down with the crude brutality of the punch on the nose! That, according to the average boxer, should be entirely sufficient for a fellow who has worked up to where he can demand good money, until he is whipped, why should he risk being whipped? The old-timers didn't have good sense when they fought often and picked the toughest challengers. They lacked a modern business education.

Big Battle Being Waged to Bring About Reinstatement of Woodland Golf Club Stars

There promises to be one of the bitterest fights in the history of sport in the effort of the Woodland Golf Club of Massachusetts to obtain the reinstatement of Francis Outmet, Paul Tewksbury and John H. Sullivan Jr., who were expelled from the United States Golf Association on the grounds of professionalism, which consisted of no greater crime than engaging in the sporting goods business. A meeting was held in this city yesterday between officers of the Woodland Club, led by Irving J. French, who also is Secretary of the U. S. G. A., and members of several clubs of the metropolitan section. Mr. French reiterated the statement he made earlier in the week that Outmet and the others were dealt with unfairly when they were barred from amateur competition. This meeting was the forerunner of several that will be held to discuss plans for the reinstatement of the unfortunate players before the national golf body meets here next Tuesday. There is a growing impression that enough votes will be mustered to bring about the reinstatement of the Bay State players.

News of Sports Told in Shorts

The hockey team of Loyola College of Montreal, one of the best known amateur teams in Canada, has been practicing at St. Nicholas Ice Rink for its match with the Irish-American players at that rink to-night. The Irish-American team returns to the game after an absence of a year with a line-up of expert skaters and stick handlers, while its opponents come from the institution whose graduates made up the famous Shamrock team of 1910 and whose former players are now found on big professional teams in Canada.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 4.—The midsummer basketball team, coached by Jim Colliflower, won yesterday afternoon here from the George Washington University team, coached by his brother, George, by a score of 34 to 15. Rice, an old teammate of the Colliflowers at Georgetown, refereed, and Ernest Colliflower, a cousin, umpired.

The Crescent Athletic Club won only one match of the seven played in the semi-final round of the intercollegiate tennis tournament on the latter's courts last night. This lone victory went to Charles M. Bull Jr., who beat Frank Kilde, the best of the Montclair team, by a score of 15-12, 15-10.

Buddy Wilber, captain of the Columbia basketball team, has been lost to the five for the season. It was announced yesterday that Wilber was injured in football practice early in November and although it was believed that a broken ankle would mend in time, it is now known that the injury is more serious and he has been advised not to play.

A squash tennis match between Walter A. Kinella, holder of the world's professional title, and John Macklin, the Yale Club professional, will be played at the Yale Club, Feb. 2. The conditions are that Kinella is obliged to concede his opponent five aces, so that no title will be at stake.

After a lay-off, MacKenzie, coach of the City College swimming team, had his charges out for practice yesterday, in preparation for the meet with Princeton to-morrow.

The basketball five also is hard at work getting ready for the same contest. It will be the first meeting of the two teams since 1905.

Allen Corey had to play his hardest to defeat Steve H. Johnson in the semi-final round of the intercollegiate tennis tournament at the Yale Club yesterday. Corey won the first set 6-4, but Johnson won the second, 6-2, and the former Yale athlete rallied, making it impossible for Corey to devote so much time to the game next fall, but assurance has now been given that he will take charge of the team. Howard Garzan, brother of the Fordham coach, again will be his assistant.

Harvard is not in row Columbia at Rowing this spring, according to a statement made to-day by the Harvard rowing authorities. The Harvard management recently received a circular letter

Carpentier's Journey Here Simply Delayed by Rival Promoters, Says Rickard

Meanwhile Darcy Will Do Nothing Until Something Definite About French Fighter's Trip is Received by Tex.

By William Abbott. TEX RICKARD, cowboy, miner and soldier of fortune, promises to be the man in the ring in the boxing ring. Rickard, holding agreements with Les Darcy and Georges Carpentier, expects to stage the international scrap in Madison Square Garden. "I will be allowed to come over here. "And what a great reception he'll receive. Carpentier is a hero and he will be greeted as one, judging from the letters I have received from Frenchmen here. If the situation looked dubious for Carpentier to fight Darcy I would drop the bout, for what's the sense of worrying over something that probably cannot take place. "As for Darcy," continued Rickard, "he has promised to do nothing without my consent. He wants to fight Carpentier and has told me he will wait a reasonable time. He fully realizes that the French champion is his proper opponent. "Darcy isn't a developing fighter. He has made his mark and is desirous of getting the best matches and making as much money as he can. Of course, Carpentier is the best opponent that could be signed. "If Carpentier is finally prevented from coming over here, Darcy has the pick of three American fighters, any one of whom would be a fine drawing card. But it is impossible that Darcy will be outpooled by French in a bout, which would take the edge off his fight with Carpentier. Les, I believe, would be at his best in a twenty-two round fight with Carpentier. "Rickard was inclined to pooh-pooh the fabulous offers other promoters have been making Carpentier. "Why," he exclaimed, "Goldfield's notable citizen, "Carpentier accepted my offer of \$45,000 when the other fellows began to tempt him with \$25,000. Carpentier has stated his intention of turning all his ring earnings over to French as relief societies, but he won't have to do this." Rickard expressed a hope of seeing the Boxing Commission taking a more aggressive stand in regulating the sport. He related how Darcy, after seeing our American clubs for the first time in New York, said that he would not be tolerated in Australia. "During the conversation Rickard gave the impression that he expects to be a fixture in New York for some time, and let's hope so, say we.

Athletic Notes

Westmore Wilcox Jr., Harvard's fastest quarter-mile, is to complete sufficient courses next month to receive his bachelor's degree. Unless Wilcox fails in his final examinations, which is improbable, since he is one of the ranking students at Harvard, he will leave the university the middle of February and live in this city, where he is to be employed as a member of the staff of the 440-yard record at Harvard, establishing the mark in his sophomore year, when he won that event against Yale in six seconds.

Larry Snyder of the University of Pennsylvania, some of the players in last year's championship, has entered the special six-year race to be run at the Irish-American A. C. games at the Seventy-third Regiment Armory on Jan. 12. This event will bring together for the first time this season the best middle distance runners of the East. Ted Meredith of the Meadow Brook Club, who is expected daily that Tom Halpin, a national quarter-mile champion, and Bill Lingham, captain of the Harvard track team, representing the Boston Athletic Association.

It is probable that no announcement will be made of the place at which the intercollegiate indoor championships will be held until the Executive Committee of the I. C. A. A. A. meets on Jan. 14.

March 5 will be a red letter day in track athletics. The intercollegiate four games, the metropolitan senior indoor relay carnival and the first annual intercollegiate conference will be held on that day. The Metropolitan meet is to take place at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory and the conference games indoors will be held at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

George W. Derrill of the Boys' Club lived up to every promise in his sensational race, the conference games at the national race at Buffalo on Monday. Derrill's time of 32.2 seconds equalled the indoor record of Alvah Meyer and Andy Kelly.

The Sunday School Athletic League will hold its annual indoor games at the Thirtieth Regiment Armory in Brooklyn on Saturday night.

Baseball Briefs

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—All of the out-of-town baseball men who attended the meeting of the National Baseball Commission have departed for their homes. Just before his departure, President Harrow announced that the day was a conference with the National Baseball Commission on Monday, which will be held in New York within ten days.

The Rutgers baseball team will make a ten-day spring training trip to the South, starting on April 7, and will play eight games with Southern colleges, it was announced yesterday.

John K. Tener, President of the National League, and Louis B. Foster, Secretary of the New York Giants, are among the latest to endorse the plan for daylight saving, a bill for which is now before Congress. Daylight saving, of course, means setting the clock ahead one hour from May 7 to Sept. 30, to the end that thirty minutes of sunlight be added for those who care for baseball, golf, lawn tennis or any other competitive sport.

The Giants are to have another Wilber Robinson. The man who will coach the grand slammers is a team manager next season is George Gibson, the once great catcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates, who was killed by a fire in New York in 1915. (Gibson is the property of the New York Giants under the laws of organized baseball.)

The schedule for the second team of the Giants was announced yesterday as follows: March 21, Texas; March 22, St. Louis; March 23, Little Rock; April 1, New York; April 2, Philadelphia; April 3, Memphis; April 4, Louisville; April 5 and 7, Toledo.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—Thomas J. Hickey, President of the American Athletic Union, arrived here yesterday, arranged for leaving offices to be occupied when the headquarters of the league are moved to Louisville, and left to-day for Chicago. The office of the league will be opened here about Feb. 1.

Fred Fulton's Family Measures 50 Feet And Weighs More Than 1,500 Pounds

FRED FULTON, perhaps the most logical rival of Jess Willard in a championship way, comes of a remarkable family. Stretched out it would measure more than fifty feet, and put on scales would weigh more than 1,200 pounds, and this without considering the weight of two of his sisters. His father, deceased, weighed 230 pounds and was 4 feet 4 1/2 inches in height. His mother, living, weighs 180 pounds and is 5 feet 11 1/2 inches in height. Two sisters, both living, are six footers. Five brothers remain. The eldest, George, is 29, weighs 210 and is 6 feet 4 1/2 inches in height. John, the second, is 27, weighs 210 and is 6 feet 4 1/2 inches in height. Fred, the fighter, is the third on the list and weighs 220 pounds. He stands 6 feet 5 3/4 inches and his age is 24. Roy is 21, weighs 215 and is 6 feet 4 1/2 inches in height. Earl, the youngest, is 16, weighs 210 and is 6 feet 4 1/2 inches tall. Fulton was born in Blue Rapids, Kansas, and was raised there and in Nebraska. He has lived during the past few years at Rochester, Minn., but recently moved to Minneapolis, which is his home. He never drank or used tobacco in any form in his life, is a most consistent trainer and takes the finest care of himself. He is ready at any time to box on a few days' notice, and intends to meet all comers until he has landed a match with Willard for the championship.

Violating Jockey Club's New Rule, Murphy Loses Job as Steward

He Sanctioned Racing of Two-Year-Olds Before April 1. The racing of two-year-olds at New Orleans, beginning Jan. 1 in violation of the new rule of the Jockey Club, has resulted in the summary dismissal as steward of Judge Joseph A. Murphy by the Canadian Racing Association. The racing association across the border allied with the Jockey Club in its measures to enforce the two-year-old rule, which prohibits the "baby racing" until April 1. When Murphy went to New Orleans to handle the business men meeting there he filed a protest with the Jockey Club against the two-year-old rule, and even after it was tabled disregarded the edict and sanctioned the racing of the youngsters there. This practically "outlaws" all two-year-olds which have started or will face the barrier at the New Orleans meeting between Jan. 1 and April 1. Murphy's connection with the Canadian Racing Association, which has lasted for the last three years, and which was much more remunerative and of greater influence and importance, was considered a desirable position on the thoroughbred turf. From Toronto comes the announcement that the reasons which prompted the Canadian Racing Association to discharge its steward were "for the best interests of all concerned." New Orleans dispatches say that beyond confirming the news from Toronto Murphy had nothing to say. Murphy was formerly employed at various times at the Laurel, Jackson, Mo., and the Kentucky, Lexington, and Hamilton Race Tracks before his connection with the Canadian Racing Association. His remaining connections at present are the New Orleans and Bowie tracks.

Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip

John the Barber has just got a load off his mind. With due alacrity he has reported that he has signed up both Charley Weinert and Billy Misko to meet Les Darcy. He didn't mind a trouble getting their signatures. No, no, no, Darcy has not been given the go by for Darcy hasn't been consulted in the matter. John merely signed them on suspicion. He thinks that maybe Darcy will accept his offer of \$30,000 to meet either Weinert or Misko after they clash at his Harmon Sporting Club on Jan. 15. John's original idea was to have Young Joe Rivers fight Darcy on Saturday night, but Young Joe Rivers has been knocked out by Pat Dorelli in his last two bouts, will box Bloom at the Broadway Sporting Club on Jan. 13. Misko has received an offer from the Manhattan A. C. for fifteen to box Benny Leonard, which he will accept pending from within fifteen days.

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Here is the card booked for the Pioneer Sporting Club by Manager Charles Dossbach for Saturday night.

PUTTING 'EM OVER With "Bugs" Back

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RABBIT RUDOLPH

BETTER stick on the old water wagon. You can't get ahead by getting a head. Bombardier Wells is going to fight Carpentier for charity, so Georges should show him a little.

Every time Percy Haughton chatters about baseball he demonstrates his football knowledge. Impossible to see how a strike of ballplayers would affect the Athletics.

Carpentier requires a furiously tough as soon as they get into the ring.

Should have a few new classes in boxing. Why not the dumbweights and chess weights.

Football game between Oregon and Penn at Pasadena on New Year's Day was one of the best in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Billy Mike's great showing in the ring has made him popular with everybody except his opponent.

Many a wrestler comes back. But few audiences do.

A six-day bicycle race could be interesting if they cut out the circular track and made it a straightaway.

SHAKE 'EM UP. By fighting three times a week for a whole year, Battling Levinsky hopes to break the record now held by Shmoo Magee.

Percy Haughton thinks that baseball can be improved by compelling the batter to slide on a base on balls.

By making Oscar Stange run on his hands.

Not to allow one player to run for another.

Not to allow the crowd to run for the umpire.

Refusing to permit the coach to touch the pitcher.

Not permitting the coach to touch the Treasurer.

Moving the pitcher's box closer to the pitcher's box.

Eliminating the intentional pass to batters and the free pass to fielders.

By moving the infield closer to the outfield.

Eliminating the snootish ball. This delivery is where the pitcher aims one at the batter's corns and then one at their heads.

TEA BO. Evidently Senor Haughton believes that baseball could be improved by eliminating baseball.

THIRTY MEN REPORT FOR COLUMBIA'S VARSITY EIGHT

Thirty varsity men and fourteen freshmen reported to Jim Rice for the first practice of Columbia's 1917 rowing campaign. The squad was not so large as a year ago, and Rice would have been better pleased had more freshmen turned out, but on the whole he was well satisfied.

Whitman to Hear Charges Against Wenck Jan. 15

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Fredrick A. Wenck, Chairman of the State Athletic Commission, has been called to appear before Gov. Whitman on Monday, Jan. 15, to answer the charges brought against him by Harry C. Pollok, John J. White and Patrick T. Powers, through their counsel, Emil E. Fuchs.

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