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### LES DARCY A WAR SLAVE Australian Fighter Held at Home by the Authorities Until After

the War is Over. FROMOTERS FIX THE MATTER

### By BINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.-There is no gainsaying that Les Darcy-Lester D'Arcey he was christened-is one of the greatest fighters of the present generation this must be supplemented the fact that the Australian is not coming to America to fight-or for any other purpose, for that matter. The Antipedean authorities simply will not permit their idol to haul in American dollars while there is a war going on.

feveral months ago report was current that Les Darcy was contemplating a trip to the states. He was coming for the avowed purpose of cleaning out our middleweight class. At the time this column stated positively that Darcy would not come to America for at least another year. Later developments have substantiated this statement.

### Promoters Hold Him Back.

It is stated that the Australian government is seriously considering sending Darcy to the first line of battle-into the es. This may be so, but we are oute certain that should this come to pass it would be at the Instigation of others besides government officials.

Frafessional jealousy is keeping Darcy in Australia against his wishes. The lad-he is but 39-is keen for a tour of the states, and he looked upon such a sojourn as the realization of his boyhood dreams. But greedy, avaricious promotors are thwarting Darcy's plans, and Americans may never be afforded the chance to see the newest pugilistic phenom in action

The subject of a trip to the United States was first broached to Darcy by an American handler of boxers. This man has a wide acquaintance with the sporting lement in this country, and prom Darcy a hearly reception here, But Australla promoters could not see an American "stealing" their most formidabl lighter and greatest drawing card. The critics deplored Darcy's proposed deparharpoon into him for trying to leave his native land after what it had done for him; others mentioned Amerian enterprise as outwitting trusting Australians. Darcy ignored these thrusts until some one intimated that Les was going to America to escape military service.

Must Walt on War. This was flaunting an untruth and Darcy was riled. It soon got to the authorities through an undercurrent, and they requested Mr. Darcy to stay. Les importuned the officials to let him go to America for six months, so that could clean up our middleweight crop. He promised to return when the half year was up. But the authorities were int and Darcy must stay at home until the war is over at least.

A resume of the fight records for 1915 clinch the fact that Darcy is among the to Hart, asked for an option on the club, world's greatest fighters. Les engaged and then hustled back to Cincinnati. in thirteen battles during the year just ended-and all went to a decision. Darcy gained the award in twelve of the thirbouts. He lost the one bout to Jeff ith on points early in the year. Darcy afterwards won from Smith in two

As a matter of fact, Darcy was the only righter to participate exclusively in de cision bouts during the year. Charley White, the Chloago lightweight, was a took part in seven no



### SORLIEN BROTHERS.

## HOW MURPHY MADE MILLION

Bought the Cubs from Jim Hart and Got Rich.

### ONE TRUE TALE OF BASE BALL

### By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.-Charles Webb Murphy and his associates paid \$115,000 for the complete control of the Chicago Cubs late in the winter of 1905-06, and during the 1905 season the team cleared \$165,000-a net profit of exactly \$50,000 above the total cost of the club. The story of the Cubs and how Charlie Murphy "ran a shorestring into \$1,000,000

is the real romance in base ball, Jim Hart owned the Cubs when it was noised around that he wanted to sell. Murphy at that time was a newspaper gerously near the "pipe" variety, Fielder man. He had \$4,000 or \$5,000. He went says: build in some neutral city a base ball "Ive got a chance to buy a ball club stadium that would seat 150,000 fans and for \$105,000." Murphy told Charles P. maintain this plant solely for the world's Taft, owner of the paper for which Mur-phy worked. "I think that's a bargain truly a national game and afford seats figure. I ain sure money can be made in the ownership of the team. Will you go for the vast multitude of persons from all corners of the United States who canwith me on this?"

### Taft Finances Deal.

Taft produced the other \$10,000.

stice of world series gold.

not, under the present scheme, be as-hured of seats at the annual fail classic." When Taft found that Murphy was will-ing to risk all his money in the venture. This suggestion, spontaneous and un-developed, was provoked by the state-ment made by Paulson Ball, son of the Taft agreed to go in with Murphy in the ourchase of the team,

te, the Chicago lightweight, was a cipal in sleven decisive bouts, win-tion and drawing one, but he also i part in seven no-decision contests. se are the only two top-notch fight-beck frank charles in the only two top-notch fight-beck frank charles in the seven for his services as attorney in the deal, and Taft got the ued: other to per cent. Taft put up most of Event of Great Appeal. "The world's series really is something the newspapers. the cash. When it came time to close the deal apart from the pennant races of the Na-

While they did not get into the world's | in the amateur divisions. Harry Sorlies series, the Sorlien Brothers base ball the eldest, is the vice president of s team of Bode, In., gained possibly as is 15 and still in school. Three of the Sormuch notoriety as the Red Sox. While liens are cashiers in banks and three of Romance of the Deal by Which He there have been other whole families them farmers. They run a farm left

who comprise a nine, the Sorlien Broth- them by their father, who was a pioneer ers are not in any way a make-believe farmer in Iowa. Some of the boys are team, for they have cleaned up overy- members of a college team in the Humthing in their section of the middle west boldt college and other colleges.

FIELDER JONES HAS DREAM Louis unless they know somebody on the 'inside' who will furnish a reserved seat? I say they don't. However, if we

200.000, all these fans would come a-troopat ringside. "Such a plant would not represent a tremendous investment. The new Boston

PRESENT PARKS FAR TOO SMALL Braves' park is said to have cost \$800,000, but a great portion of that was for the Fielder Jones has an idea, which isn't grounds. Then there was a difficult job unusual, although his newest scheme is of grading and filling in. novel, indeed almost a dream and dan-

Built on Free Ground. be built on ground donated by a certain locals last season that was entirely unt community and possibly with a natural expected. amphitheater effect, and a part of the expense should be borne by railroads and others who will profit by the business drawn to the series. It might be put that have been severed between these through by Organized Base Ball at an two schools for several years have been outlay of \$100,000 or so, on its part, taking it for granted that there would be outside Its maintenance would be insig help. nicicant.

"It should be built close to the center of population, unquestionably in the east, or possibly in the south, where better

### Council Bluffs. Oh, there's a lot more **CENTRALS TO PLAY BEATRICE** towns. "Yeh, sure there's a lot more towns. There's Peoria, where they made me and now make booze. But it's old stuff.

and Strong Team Will Come Here Next.

BASKET FLIPPERS ACT NICELY

With Lincoln and Red Oak disposed of the Omaha High basket ball team seems Although defeated by Council Bluffs ing, screnely confident of getting a chair High in the first game of the season, it started out the season with only two of last year's first string men, the others

The following week this same team came back and disposed of Lincoln in a manner that was satisfactory to all. Friday night the strong Red Oak (Ia.) High team was taken into camp. It was "My idea is that a colossal plant could this team that handed a defeat to the

Beatrice will come here next Friday

re-established, and Beatrice will probably be on the foot ball schedule next year.

### SLAGLE IS ONE ATHLETE

ured that 33 per cent is extremely good.

Jimmy ("Rabbit)" Slagle, who with Jimmy Sheekard and Frank Schulte, made up one of the greatest outfields the

## The Hypodermic Needle

L'Envoi Travelogne.

"But,", we objected, "we've got a lot

ordinarily have. And there's Cheyenne,

from living there. And there's Lincoln,

which we dare not knock for fear all out

circulation there will quit the paper. And

there's Fremont, where a lot of Omaha

n. p. r., "for pulling that kinda stuff."

| says a news dispatch. Quite apropos With one foot slightly elevated and an we should say, quite 'apropos. elbow crooked in a certain peculiar and

ITS THE PLATING. comfortable position we were thoroughly NOT THE MAGNATING. enjoying ourself, with nothing on our While making up the base ball peace, mind to worry about, when along came Twas overlooked by all. the n. p. r. who leads the world as a That the great old sport of base ball

Should consist of playing ball. "Why don't you cut out that travelogue thing, and give us something new?" he PER THAT OMAHA CROWD THAT sputtered, as he ordered one for himself

WENT TO SEE GIBBONS AND YOUNG AHEARN FIGHT.

more citles and alleged cities to warn the HA, HA! HA, HA! HA, HA! HA, HA! public about. Just think? There's Den-A fool there was and he tore his er, where you get the noze-bleed and hair.

foven as you and It And there's Colorado Springs, which has And he uttered an onth and he such wonderful climate, and when you glared a glare, get there it's rotten, and they tell you Even as you and It

paid thirty bucks to make this 101 trip.

the city of a single street. And there's And all I see is a six-inch rip, Columbia, Mo., where we spent as many And Young Ahearn take a backyears as Methusalah lived in a few

ward flip," months. And there's St. Louis, which is Even as you and L

the place where Dante must have landed when he wrote the Divine Comedy. And A fool there was who was sad inthere's Indianapolis, where they hold audeed,

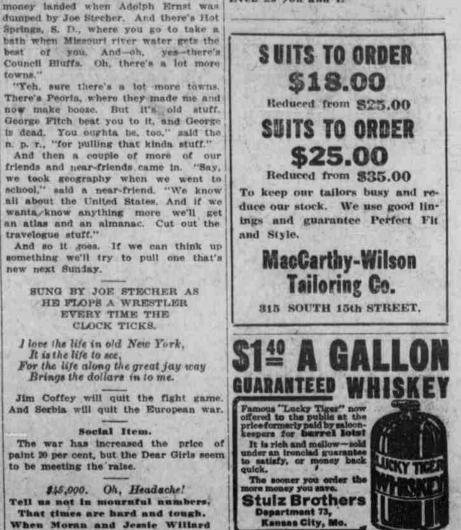
tomobile races and inquests over your Even as you and It pecketbook. And there's Sloux City, He'd blown his wad to the last, which is good for nothing. And there's lone seed,

Iowa City, where the Cornhuskers will Even as you and It lick the Hawkeyes next fall. And there's

He'd seen a fight half a minute Portland, Ore., where daisles grow wild long. in vacant lots and citizens grow wild And he sadly warbled this one-line

> HOMET "It's the old, old story, I'm again

In wrong," Even as you and 1.



had a park that would seat 150,000 or to be aimed toward a successful season.

being new men to the team.

night and they are expected to give Omaha a hard run. Athletic relations

LOCATED ON EASY STREET

Chicago Cubs, or any other team ever

And then a couple of more of our friends and near-friends came in. "Say, we took geography when we went to school," said a near-friend, "We know all about the United States. And if we

something we'll try to pull one that's

SUNG BY JOE STECHER AS HE FLOPS A WRESTLER EVERY TIME THE

CLOCK TICKS. I love the life in old New York. It is the life to see, For the life along the great jay way Brings the dollars in to me.

Jim Coffey will quit the fight game And Serbia will guit the European war.

Social Item.

The war has increased the price of paint 20 per cent, but the Dear Girls seem

# to be meeting the raise.

\$45,000. Oh, Headache! Tell us not in mournful numbers, That times are hard and tough. When Moran and Jessie Willard Get such dough to stage a bluff.

# Athletic Relations Re-established

wanta know anything more we'll get an atlas and an almanac. Cut out the travelogue stuff." And so it goes. If we can think up

new next Sunday.

ors to figure in two-figure decision bouts during 1915.

### Safety First for These.

On the other hand, consider the 1515 Kilbane, lightweight and featherweight champions, respectively. Welsh was a party to nincteen bouts during the year. and every one of these was a no-decision affair. Kilbane had fifteen fights, and every one of these was one of those nodecision things. Fine pair of champions, sh7 Well, it's just in keeping with their 'safety first" policies to avoid all chances of losing their titles in decision contests. ne of the other ranking fighters who did not trust themselves in decision contests during 205 were Miko Gibbons,

Willie Bitchie and Young Shugrue, As was the case in 1914, Bartling Le-vinsky was the chief offender in 1915. He tought twenty-eight batties in the twelveath, only three of which were decisivo te-olie win, one defeat and one

Jack Dillon, the "man killer," had had twenty-four fights, winning four de-claim, drawing in one bout: the others were no-decision. Eddie Wallace, who fought Kilbane and Williams in one month had twenty fights, sixteen no decision and four resulted in his favor. Ted-Kid Lewis-the Briton, won eight decisions and lost one in twenty-one bouts: the others were without a referee's

### Joe Tinker Finds He Double-Crossed Himself on H. Zim

When the first pay day of 1916 arrives for the ball players and Joe Tinker hands a check to Heine Zimmerman, Heine will be entitled to a good laugh at the expense of his new manager.

About two years ago, when the Federal eague expanded and began signing major league players at fat saluries, Heine Zim was lingering in Chicago bemoaning his lot. He was tled up to a contract with the Cube for a small salary and the Feds wouldn't consider him.

"I'll tell you how to get agme money. ugh." said Joe Tinker, who ran across Heine. "You go up and tell Murphy that we have offered you \$7,500 a year and given you the privilege of sitting in the tand until your contract with the ula expires."

Heits acted upon the suggestion at once and came out of Murphy's office smilling. for he had a new long term contract milling for \$6,000 a year and had \$1,500 of the money paid to him in advance, When Haine reported his success to

Tinker the latter had a good laugh on how he had put it over on the boas of the Cubs. But now Tinker is working for the base of the Cubs and one wonders who'll laugh when he hands the first pay check when he hands the first pay check to Heine, as the same contract still holds

### TENER HAS SELECTED ALL NATIONAL LOOP UMPIRES

staff of umpires in the National promises to he valuable to the Gianta The rish of unpares in the Netional langues has been aslected and there will be few shanges, if any. Prosident Tomes this the other day, and, like most Cubans, he has a fine throwing arm. When he down't pitch he plays in the outfield.

mission." This request floored Murphy appeals as strongly to the man in Bangor, terest would be developed in base tall. Me., as it does to the fan in Portland, in a few years the increased revenue Hart against paying the extra \$10,000. But Hart was obdurate. Murphy finally which has won one of the city of the club which has won one of the pennants. went to Taff and explained the situation. "The series advortises itself. Base ball

Brownie Manager Suggests Plant to

Seat 150,000 Be Erected for

the World's Series.

"Why wouldn't it be a good plan to

With the change in ownership the Cubs world's sories is seriously handled by the world's sories is seriously handled by the text him from the squirrels. Anyhow, he have no one vouchfased to pro-text him from the squirrels. Anyhow, he have won nearly 50 per cent of the text him from the squirrels. Anyhow, he have no nearly 50 per cent of the seemed to become transformed. They never had been figured as a real ball slub, yet, in their first year under the politan dailies. Murphy-Taft regime they won the Na-

"In a world's championship prize fight, tional league pennant and grabbed off a which almost always is staged in some out of the way place, like Cuba or No-In 1906 the Cubs, then grown to be one vade, there must be a certain amount of of the greatest drawing cards in the Na- artificial boosting done. Yet, with the tional league, cleared 115,000, and in the aid of these puffs in the news columns Base ball and golf do not mix, say following year-1909-the high water mark thousands of followers of boxing are some. Others opine that they do. The following year into the the team driven across the continent, or sometimes the ocean to see the battle.

### Nation-Wide Publicity.

Million and Quarter Not Profit. The next best mark made by the Cubs was in 1010, when they grabbed off \$200,000 "You don't need a press agent for the as their share in the regular season and Interest is sustained in this event from world series contests. The poorest abow-April to October by virtue of the pennant ing made by the Cubs was in 1915, when

the net profits were estimated at around fights in the two leagues. They begin to speculate on the world's series in August and keep it up until the classic is over. Never once under the Taft-Murphy re-Therefore there is an unusual interest gime did the Cubs finish a loser in a financial way. During the ten years that taken in it by persons in all parts of the country.

Taft and Murphy controlled the club-1906 to 1915-the Cubs cleared approximately \$1,250,000, a 1,000 per cent return on their money. Add to this the \$500,000 paid for the Taft-Murphy holdings of stock by Charles Weeghman and you'll find that the \$115,000 investment of 1906 returned close to 21,600,000-which is a fair return-yes, quite fair.

The "big four" that was transferred in 1000 from Louisville to Pittsburgh was made up of Kitty Bransfield, at first: Claude Ritchey, second base, Honus Wagner, at short, and Tommy Leach, suarding the laisd base. That was an <u>Bifield</u>-a wonderful com-bination. It could hit, it could run, it had brains, it had "pep" and it never know a peer in the fielding inc. The Cub inield was a wonder; so was the Athletio machine. But none of them, in fielding skill, surreased that Bransfield Ruce of them. In fielding skill, surreased that Bransfield Ruce of them. In fielding skill, surpassed that Bransfield-Ritchey,

Wagner-Leach combination. The four played together until 1904, when Bransfield left the Pirates. In 1996 Ritchey passed on and in 1213 Tommy Leach ved away from the Smoky City. Honus

### Wagner alone remains. Giant Pitcher is Twirling in Cuba

Emilio Palmoro, McGraw's Cuban pitcher, is doing effective work on the ound for the Havana team this winter He has put on some needed weight and

place. The fans would find such a spot if its location was kept a dark secret by like to visit the scenes of their tri-the newspapers.

"Then we would really have a national machinery business and reports have it records of Freddy Weinh and Johnny Murphy produced the \$105,000, but Hart tional and American leagues. It is the climax to the national game. The masses that he is "six blocks up easy street that he is "six blocks up easy street grand elimax of two atirring races and would be able to look up, and greater in- and walking fast."

> ment, even though seats would be sold cheaper than they now are."

the Nuts.

BILLIARDIST SAYS GOLF IS BIG HELP TO HIS GAME

The NEW C. C. C. BILLIARD PARLORS question has to do with whether or not a

batter's eye is benefited or injured by playing golf. The majority opinion, however, has been favorable to the Scottish world's series. It will advertise itself, game. Now comes another angle to this same question. Koji Yamada, the noted Japanese billiardist, declares that his "cue" eye is materially benefited by playing golf.

### VETERAN TOMMY LEACH **IS GIVEN GATE AT CINCY**

"But do you think the royal rooters of The Cincinnati chub has given the Texas or California will risk a trip to voteran outfielder, Tommy Leach, his New York or Boston or Chicago or St. unconditional release.

## The Singing Umpire

Med the twisted good, that one way out of a short in the game of a strike over pitched, the strike good, that one way out minds the strike that one way out of a short in the game of a strike, a pippin!
Mr. Hank Gowdy-Aw, a peach of a strike, a pippin!
Mr. Hank Gowdy-Aw, a peach of a strike are pippin!
Mr. Hank Gowdy-Aw, a peach of a strike are pippin!
Mr. Herace at ma!
Mr. ByronI love my love in the springtime, I love my love in the spr

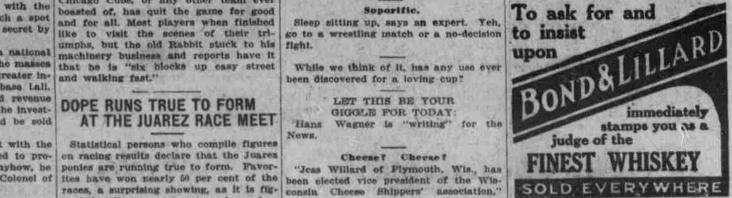
Mr. John Evers-Ur-righ. gr-rumph, noor, wooshi call 'em right, you assassin-tor! That one cut the center... Mr. Bryon-

star! That one cul the center.. bir. Bryon-It's a long way to Tipperary. When you're sewed up is a trench, But the distance won't be nothing. If I send you to the bench! Mr. Rabhit Maranville-Some nations is afflicted with smallpox an' some has ainging umpires. Mr. Byron-Ta-ri-da-des, t-res-des-dum. The shortstop is a previab hum! The shortstop is a previab hum! Mr. Hersog-Two strikes my foot.. And

La-la-la-lo-ll-lee. The bunt's extremely fair to me! Mr. Gowdy--What' That ball fell on foul ground a foot! Mr. Evera-I don't care what Jim Gaff-ney says, I'm going to take one poke at that greeser! Mr. Byron--The ath-a-letes are peeved. The ath-a-letes are grieved. Herv's one of them comes rushing in. Blop goes my mask upon his chin! (Graad melee, the merry villasces be-gin to come over the barriers.) Mr. Byron--Mr. Byron--Away down south in the land of cotton.

Away down south in the land of cotton, Where the training camps found weather

rotten-I think I'd rather be there than here I think I'd better be far than near! Then away, then away, Where the public's not so frisky! Then away, then away, Where the going's not so risky! (Curtain)



**1511 HARNEY STREET** 

Located opposite the Gayety and one block from Boyd's and the Krug and in the same block of the Orpheum—upstairs, 1611 Harney St. In fact, it's the only upstairs parlor the city offers to patrons of bil-liards and pocket billiards. Popular prices—billiards and pocket billiards at the rate of 40c per hour and 2 ½ c per cue for rotation. Of all games, carom and pocket billiards is best for mild, beneficial exercise. It brings many muscles into play and diverts your mind and brain from all cares. The parlor is equipped with Brunswick-Balks regulation 5x10 billiard and 4½x9 pocket tables, 1845 match Monarch cushions, double slates, on which all the great world's records have been made.

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THE SHOW PLACE OF THE CITY



of this century when you are making re-marks about "the greatest infield of all time." The "big four" that was transferred in 1960 from Louisville to Pittsburgh and the set and the set