

Late Sporting News and Views Local and Foreign

LEJOIE WEALTHY, WILL RETIRE

Larry Lejoie's baseball career probably ended with the last season. The big Frenchman has been drawing \$9,000 a season for the last three years, but with the close of the 1916 season that agreement expired. Connie Mack paid only half of the amount mentioned, the Cleveland club standing for the other half.

It is certain that Mack will not retain Lejoie, for he intends to build up a team with youngsters.

Lejoie came into the National League in 1894. He was a member of the Fall River team at the time. The Philadelphia National League club sent a scout to look over Phil Geier, a Washington boy, and Lejoie was thrown in for good measure in the deal for Geier.

In due time Lejoie became one of the most famous of players. George Stallings, who managed the Phillies at one time, was responsible for the placing of Lejoie at second base, where he became famous, because of his graceful fielding and his terrific batting.

It is not likely that Lejoie will be picked up by any other major league club, now that he is a free agent, and he is not apt to go to any minor league, for his salary demands would be too high, though he could both play and manage a team.

Lejoie is a man of wealth. He has drawn big salaries for many years, and he has been of a saving disposition and is reported to have a lot of his money well invested.

LEVINISKEY AND DILLON NOW RUNNING CLOSE

Jack Dillon and Battling Levinisky, America's most willing scrappers, have run almost a neck and neck race in the number of bouts participated in since Levinisky's star started up from the horizon in 1910.

Dillon has crawled through the ropes to take part in 155 mills and Levinisky had gone him just two better up to the time compilation of their records was stopped by the end of a year. Levinisky hadn't been going very strong this year until a few months ago, so it is pretty near certain that the Indianapolis wildcat has passed him.

In spite of the fact that Levinisky has appeared in the greater number of bouts, Dillon's record as a knocker-out and as a winner on points is far more imposing than that of the "Battler."

This may be due to the fact that Dillon has scattered his record over several states where they allow decisions while Levinisky has been pretty well satisfied to do his boxing in the East, where they lean to no-decision encounters.

Out of his 155 battles shown in the latest record book, Dillon has won 46, giving him a batting average of .34, while Levinisky has been forced to remain content with 30 wins out of his 137 starts, an average of only .21.

Levinisky's busiest year was 1914, when he was called to the front 36 times. He was credited with victory in only four of these "goes." In 1915 his stock took an awful slump and he gained but one decision out of 21 fighting parties. Levinisky's best year shows he engaged in at least one quarrel every week and 16-36ths.

FEW HEAVYS BOX WELL AT SHORT RANGE

"Big boxers of today depend too much on 'haymaker' wallops," says James J. Corbett. "Few of the modern heavyweights box well at short range. Any time a good little man gets by their guard they flounder around like rudderless ships."

"Take the case of Frank Moran. He is considered a good big man. I watched him box Jack Dillon and Willard. If he had fought Willard like he did Dillon, Jess would have slaughtered him. Moran didn't seem to know what to do when Dillon waded through his left and began walloping him in the ribs. He has no short, choppy hook."

"Frank carries a stiff punch, but he starts it down at his heel. In my day every big 'un could use left or right at close quarters. Fitz had a left hook that flattened many a guy. Jack Johnson's deadliest jolt never traveled more than a few inches."

"Battling Levinisky is a wonderful boxer. That let's him out. He can't box. He can't beat the big fellow," said Brady.

"Cover Sullivan's forfeit of \$10,000 and I'll show you," said I.

"Brady rustled around and dug up \$1,000. He had a terrible time doing it."

"I'll never get the remaining \$9,000," said Brady.

"I did, too, collecting \$10,000 from personal friends. I returned Brady's \$1,000. He needed it in his business. Neither of us had anything to spare. I was doing a boxing turn in 'After Dark,' one of Brady's shows. The remainder of the tale is too well known to be repeated. I beat Sullivan. Brady and myself went 50-50 on everything after that. Later we split, but that's another story."

CASUALTIES AMONG THE ATHLETES

The hull in the advance on the west arm front has caused an appreciable falling off in the number of casualties, but as the result of sniping and night raids by bombing parties, the names of several well known athletes are added to the already long list of British sportsmen who have been killed and wounded in action.

A. E. Sutherland, killed, was one of the best known Scottish athletes. He was runner up to W. R. Sutherland, the Scottish athlete and Rugby International, in the 1911-12 Scottish Border one hundred yards championship; occupied a like position in the two hundred and twenty yards championship in the latter year, when he was only overtaken at the post, and in 1913 he was chosen as Edinburgh University's second string in the two hundred and twenty yards for the Scottish Inter-University sports.

A well known county cricketer has also made the big sacrifice in E. B. Myers, of the Surrey County club.

C. T. Cobbold, the famous Cambridge oarsman, killed in action, rowed in the Caius College boat in the Thames Cup at Henley in 1913, in the memorable dead heat against Marlow. Caius were just beaten in the row-off half an hour later.

A. C. Clark, who died of wounds, made his name famous to athletic circles in and around Bristol and was also a member of the Bristol Rugby club.

Lieutenant Colonel H. S. Poyntz, a well known Somerset county cricketer, has been badly wounded.

Captain A. R. Gibb, killed, is the twelfth international athlete of Scotland who has died in the war. He was a noted cross country runner, and taking to the track, he won the four mile championship of Scotland and the four mile race against Ireland in 1900.

Two famous English soccer players have also fallen, P. McGuire, the brilliant Manchester City full back, and

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LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

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Ramblers.	
Duffy	94 112 87 293 97 2-3
Jordan	88 97 85 270 90
Beattie	92 106 107 305 101 2-3
Coughlan	87 124 85 306 102
Riley	95 99 96 290 96 2-3
466, 538 460 1464	
Amateurs.	
Pugh	75 104 85 264 88
Armstrong	74 82 87 243 81
Huggard	84 85 74 243 81
Lemon	78 94 99 263 87 2-3
Walsh	83 120 99 312 104
405 485 435 1325	

The Specials and Sweeps roll tonight.

Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL.

Two games of basketball were played at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday, one in the senior league and one in the High School league. In the High School league the Crusaders won from the Unknowns by a score of 15 to 3. The line-up was:

Unknowns.	
Thompson	Forwards.
Jordan	Tennant
Centre.	
Anglin	McQuade
Guard.	
Wilson	Cromwell
Cross	Hatfield

In the senior league the Clovers put it over the Thistles to the tune of 33 to 18. The line-up was:

Thistles.	
Smith	Forwards.
Willet	Treat
Centre.	
Bambury	Long
Guards.	
Day	Legge
Marcus	King

CARPENTIER MAY MEET WILLARD

New York, Dec. 11.—Tex Rickard, who is endeavoring to bring Georges Carpentier, the French pugilist, to this country for a boxing contest with Jess Willard, announced tonight that he had heard from Carpentier and that the latter intimated a furlough would be granted him by the army authorities and he would be glad to come to America and box for the benefit of the French relief fund.

SIX DAY RACE

Inella M. Uppercn, president of the Cycle Racing Association, has announced that the New York six-day bicycle race will start at midnight on Sunday, December 17, and will end on Saturday night, December 23. As usual, the race will be held at Madison Square Garden, and it will mark the twenty-fourth annual running. On the Saturday night previous to the long races there will be a set of sprint races, with many crack amateur and professional riders competing. Frank Kramer, who for sixteen years has held the professional championship of America, will compete, as will John Stachler, the national amateur champion. It is expected that there will be eighteen teams in the race.

Isolation Hospital.

It is understood that the new isolation hospital at Howe's Lake, which is about finished, will be handed over to the Municipal Council next Saturday. The building is up-to-date in all respects.

LANKY BOB PROVED THE BEST EVER

A day or two ago it was observed under one headline that Battling Levinisky was preparing to flatten out Jess Willard.

Directly under this startling announcement was another, to the effect that a gentleman named Miske, or words to the same effect, had beaten Levinisky to a creamy froth.

At which point interest was lost in the proposed Willard-Levinisky jubilee. Finding a man to meet Willard now is a trifle like finding a man to beat Jeffries around 1903. The only way they could overcome this proposition was to wait four or five years until Jeffries was mostly shell. In about four years from now, when Willard is too portly to get into anything but a 36-foot ring, the job of finding a successful opponent will be in order.

For the present Mr. Willard might just as well be permitted to dally with the lions and leopards, the hard blue seats and lithe-necked graffees.

Prof. Tad, the renowned cartoonist and sporting expert, says that Darcy is the greatest fighter that ever left Australia, not even barring Bob Fitzsimmons. Having unlimited respect for Tad's judgment, other ring critics are still willing to string with Ruby Robert, pound for pound, against any man who ever wore a glove. Darcy weights something over 160. When Fitz knocked out Corbett the Lanky One weighed 156. The ring has never produced a man anywhere near Fitzsimmons' weight who was even close to the Cornishman's class. And quite a drift of water will flow under the bridge before the ring ever does.

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