

DEFENDER OF THE AMERICA'S CUP.

The Columbia Spreads Her Sails on Trial.

Beats the Old "Defender" in a Mile Spin.

She Was Much the Faster and It Will Have to be a Flyer That Can Take the Cup Away From These Shoes—The Shamrock Must Show Marvelous Speed in Order to Win the Coming Race.

NEWPORT, June 25.—The first trial of the new America's cup defender, Columbia, which took place in Narragansett Bay to-day was more successful than either her builders or owners had reason to hope.

Not only did the new boat show herself to be able in every particular, but she met the old racer, Defender, in a friendly brush of a mile to windward and vanquished her with the greatest ease. The race between the flyers, which was a mile to windward, was sailed in an S-knot breeze under the same conditions, each boat carrying three lower sails with sheet well flattened. It took the Columbia about three minutes, sailing from the Defender's weather quarter, to blanket her, and in five minutes she was 100 yards ahead, going past the old cup defender as if the latter was anchored.

Under these circumstances it would seem as if the Columbia were from 15 to 20 seconds a mile faster than the Defender and if she can make the same gain in a hard blow, fears for the safety of the America's cup will be considerably allayed.

The trip to-day was the builders' trial and although the managing owner, C. Oliver Iselin, and a number of his yachting friends were on board, still the Columbia's designer, Nat Herreshoff, was in charge and after the sail down the bay, the boat was towed back to Bristol for a few minor repairs.

It is expected that the boat will have another trial Thursday and by the end of the week she will be formally turned over to Mr. Iselin. In the meantime her interior fittings will be finished and her bowsprit, which apparently started in the socket during to-day's brush with Defender, will probably need some attention. Before the Columbia left for Bristol this evening Mr. Iselin expressed himself as being more than satisfied with her and it was a happy lot of yachtsmen that watched her performance and went to Bristol with her to-night.

The Columbia lay off the Herreshoff wharf all last night, being moored well out in the channel, in order to avoid a repetition of yesterday's unfortunate grounding. The crew were up early and by 6 o'clock this morning her decks were washed down and the big No. 1 jib sent up its stays. After an hour's interval for breakfast on the tender St. Michael the crew began the work of getting up the mainsail. It was a pretty difficult task for twenty-five men to get the great stretch of canvas wet into the air, but a heavy sea breeze never failed before and it was over an hour before it was set to Captain Barr's satisfaction. Just before 9 o'clock Nat Herreshoff pulled off from shore and shortly after the naphtha launch brought Mr. and Mrs. Iselin and three yachting friends from the tender.

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Thought to Be Murderer.

Later Developments Regarding Miss Slavin's Death.

WICHITA (Kans.), June 25.—When the body of Miss Belle Slavin was found at 2 o'clock last Thursday morning in the office of the National Bank of Commerce, death having resulted from a bullet wound in the head, it was supposed that the slaying had been a suicide. Later developments seem to indicate that the young woman was murdered. Coroner McLaughlin now says her death was not suicidal and the police are working on the theory that murder has been done.

Miss Slavin, who was the bank's stenographer, was permitted to take outside work and was frequently employed by commercial travelers and other strangers, work of his kind often keeping her in the office of the bank until 10 o'clock at night.

Mr. Jones, President of the bank, now states that on Wednesday afternoon a strange man came to the bank and asked to have some work done. Miss Slavin told him to bring it around after 6 o'clock. Mr. Jones says that he observed the stranger surveying the interior of the bank very closely. While on one to Austin Akin of South Haven, who was the writer of the letter in a pleasant vein and there was nothing to indicate self-destruction.

A barber, who passed the bank at 8 o'clock, says Miss Slavin standing before the window, apparently waiting for some one. Another citizen heard a pistol shot just after 9 o'clock. When Miss Slavin's death, the President of the bank and another citizen went to the bank in search of her at 2 o'clock in the morning, they found the back door unlocked, papers were scattered around the floor, the contents of several drawers were disarranged, and Miss Slavin's keys were missing. The revolver found by the young woman's side was not her own. Her own weapon was found in a drawer. The theory of the police is that the murderer expected to secure valuables or money from the bank.

Cleveland Strike.

Traffic Resumed, But Two Non-Union Men Mobbbed.

CLEVELAND, June 25.—Only one break of violence attended the resumption of traffic on all the lines of the big consolidated street railway this morning. There was an objection in some parts of the city to the retention of the non-union men who were kept by the company.

A "Twister" Struck It.

OMAHA, June 25.—A special to the Bee from Bradley, Neb., says: This morning a twister struck this thriving village and partially wrecked it. The storm came from the north with a tremendous roar and aroused everybody from bed. It first struck the two-story brick block owned by Charles Nash of New York and occupied by a drug store and general merchandise store below and the Methodist Society upstairs. The building was totally wrecked, entailing a loss, including merchandise and furnishings, of \$10,000. F. A. Walworth was caught in the debris and seriously hurt. Much damage was done to several other buildings.

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LAS VEGAS (N. M.), June 25.—Memorial service was the first thing on the Rough Riders' reunion program to-day. They were held at 1 o'clock this morning at the Duncan Opera-house, and Rev. Thomas A. Uzzel, pastor of the People's Tabernacle of Denver, Col., preached the memorial sermon. He said that the soldier who is forced to remain behind is worthy of praise and recognition as well as the man who is at the front.

The Rough Riders attended a sacred concert to-night given by local talent. No business session was held to-day. During the memorial exercises to-day four Governors were seated on the stage. They were Governor Roosevelt, Governor Otero of New Mexico, Governor Murphy of Arizona and Ex-Governor Adams of Colorado.

NOT A CATTLE TRUST.

Nothing More Than an Immense Cattle Transaction.

FORT WORTH, June 25.—George B. Loving, who is at the head of the great deal, having for its object the formation of a gigantic "cattle" and ranch company in Texas, in an interview to-day said that the company will be an American organization, composed of New York capitalists and not Englishmen, as reported.

The intention is to form a company with \$4,000,000 capital, \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 of which are to be used in the purchase of a large tract of land in this State, the balance of the capital stock to be used in operating the big concern. It is believed the business can be more successfully conducted and at less expense under a single management. For the past two months parties representing Mr. Loving have been making a canvass of ranches and the amount of \$200,000,000. These options expire July 1st, but it is understood that if necessary they can be renewed. No doubt is expressed but that the big deal will be consummated, for the prices to be paid are fair.

Retiring President Dwight of Yale Preaches to Graduating Class.

NEW HAVEN (Conn.), June 25.—President Timothy Dwight, the venerable retiring President of Yale University, to-day preached his last baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the economic and scientific departments. The occasion was also the fiftieth anniversary of President Dwight's own graduation. Many of his old classmates were in the chapel.

Weather Conditions.

Probably Fair and Warmer in the Interior To-day. SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Weather conditions and general forecast. The following maximum temperatures are reported from stations in California to-day:

Collided With an Iceberg.

British Armed Sloop Buzard Gets the Worst of It.

ST. JOHNS (N. F.), June 25.—The British armed sloop Buzard while trying to reach the French treaty shore on Friday, collided with an iceberg, which stove in her bows.

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ST. LOUIS, June 25.—The "Post Dispatch" says that Frank Connolly, who was acting Treasurer of the Thomas W. Keene Dramatic Company in the spring of 1898 when he mysteriously disappeared from McVicker's Theater in Chicago, has turned up in St. Louis after a varied experience. He says he was drugged and afterward went to Cuba.

The Five Thousand Stolen Sovereigns.

Almost Certain They Left the Alameda at Honolulu.

The Robber Said to Have Skipped to Japan.

Hawaiian Authorities Traced the Matter and Think It Was an Australian Who is Suspected of Other Such Robberies—Hilo and Honolulu Railway Company Will Have a Charter—Fourth of July Celebration in Hawaii to be Made a Memorable One.

HONOLULU, June 18 (via steamer Rio de Janeiro from San Francisco, June 25).—It is almost certain that the chest of \$25,000 in gold lost from the steamer Alameda left the ship at this port. In fact, Marshal Brown has in his possession to-day almost conclusive evidence that such was the case. The man who it is believed robbed the ship is also known, but has skipped beyond the pale of Hawaiian law. He is now in Japan and may eventually be caught, for the Geoscientific Steamship Company has a powerful detective agency on his track. The man's name is supposed to be Wilson, an Australian. He has been suspected of other such robberies between Sydney and Auckland. When the Alameda sailed from Australia this month the passenger given above as being the robber, was a man named Brown. He left the boat here on the 25th. On June 1st he sailed by the Gaelic for the Orient.

Marshal Brown does not know just how the thief brought his treasure ashore, but the transfer is admittedly a hard matter. It is presumed that the thief had accomplices and they brought it off on a number of visits aboard the ship at the dock. The coin would weigh about 100 pounds.

The loss of the money was discovered when the Alameda was within two days of San Francisco. The general cloud of mystery surrounded the disappearance of the box.

Chief Lees of the San Francisco police took a chance shot and wrote Marshal Brown the bare particulars. The latter immediately began an investigation with the steamer given above as believed to be the robber.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

The Victim Claims It Was an Account of a Neighbor's Grudge.

NEVADA CITY, June 25.—Shortly before dark this evening Christian Gaibrath was shot from ambush and badly wounded in the back and side. His recovery is problematical.

Verdict for Plaintiff.

On One Cause of Action and for Defendant on the Other.

SALT LAKE, June 25.—In the suit of the Nevada Company, owners of the Nevada Central Railway Company, against P. T. Farnsworth, which has been on trial here for the past ten days, the jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff on the second cause of action for \$77,122.

Stabbing at Stockton.

STOCKTON, June 25.—Frank Powers is at the Receiving Hospital with a dangerous knife wound in his throat, and William Gibson, whom Powers says did the cutting, is in jail. The affray occurred about 3:30 this morning. Powers came into a down-town saloon bleeding profusely, and told an officer that Gibson had stabbed him, but would not say how it occurred. Gibson was arrested at the Occidental Hotel in bed. He declined to make a statement.

Captain Ware's Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—The Board of Surgeons that recently examined into the mental condition of Captain Isaac P. Ware, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., has submitted its report to Colonel Foxwood, Chief Surgeon of the Department of California, and he in turn has forwarded the report to General Shafter, with the recommendation that Captain Ware be ordered before a Retiring Board.

Tied the World's Pistol Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—At Sheriff's court to-day, J. E. Gorman of the Golden Gate Pistol and Rifle Club tied the world's fifty-yard pistol shooting record, which had been held for a long time by E. E. Partridge of the Massachusetts Rifle Association. His ten-shot scores on the Standard American target were 93, 96, 92, 95, 89. Total, 465.

Flush Won at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, June 25.—In the fifty-six dog stake coursing here to-day Flush won, Mammie Pleasant second, Little Joker third. There were few startling surprises to the talent.

OTIS CABLES FOR MORE TROOPS.

A Cipher Message Sent to the President.

It Has Caused Him Mazy Uneasy Moments.

The General Intimates That He Cannot Conquer the Philippines With His Present Force and Gives the Impression That He May Have to Abandon the Ground Already Taken Unless He is Reinforced.

ADAMS (Mass.), June 25.—A long cipher message from General Otis, sent to Washington and thence relayed to Adams without the usual official editing, caused President McKinley many uneasy moments in the last forty-eight hours.

The Slayer of Cook Does Not Survive the Amputation.

SUISUN, June 25.—Jesse Walters, the slayer of Alfred Cook, failed to survive the effects of the amputation of his injured leg. The operation was performed this morning and Walters expired about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Before the operation he was visited by his wife and two sons, and he bade them good-by when they left the room, as the patient made a fatal result. He did not make any ante-mortem statement regarding the crime with which he was charged. The remains will be taken to Oakville, Napa County, for interment.

Now, however, that Otis is no longer able to successfully distort the facts, the true state of affairs is coming to light, and he is forced to tell things which he might like to hide.

It is possible that Otis may soon be relieved of his command.

Whether President McKinley will ask for more troops immediately upon his return to Washington next week or will wait until August or September has not been fully determined. To-day he decided to defer the inevitable appeal for reinforcements until six or eight weeks hence. The season's incessant rainfall is now on in Luzon. He believes it to be impossible to make any headway against acclimated insurgents at this period of the year. The Otis message, however, is causing the President the greatest concern, and the departure of troops for the Philippines may be hastened.

ON COAST DIAMONDS.

Santa Cruz Wins Two Games From the Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—The Santa Cruz baseball team won two games from the Oakland to-day, the forenoon match in Oakland by a score of 12 to 2, and the afternoon contest in San Francisco by a score of 6 to 3 in ten innings. Pitcher Doolin, who will start for St. Louis to-morrow, made a good showing in the afternoon game striking out four men, making 3 hits and scoring 3 runs. The scores follow: Morning score: Oakland 2, errors 7; Santa Cruz 12, hits 8, errors 4. Batteries, Lange, Russell and Dunleavy; Balsez Pace, Umpire, O'Connell. Afternoon game: Santa Cruz 6, errors 9; Oakland 3, hits 8, errors 6. Batteries, Doolin and Pace; Moskman and Dunleavy. Umpire, O'Connell.

SAN JOSE, June 25.—San Francisco turned the tables on San Jose to-day by a 10 to 5 score. For eight innings it was as pretty a contest as one could wish to look at, but in the ninth the locals went to pieces and the Wasps came more than victorious. The score: San Jose 5, hits 9, errors 5. Batteries, Fitzpatrick and Lantz; Borchers and Kent. Cahill umpire.

STOCKTON, June 25.—Terminal City Wheelmen 9; Alameda Alerts 4. Tell the story of the ball game here to-day. Up to the eighth inning the visitors had sent but one of their men across the rubber, but good sticking in the eighth gave them three more. The Terminal made all their runs in the first three innings, batting Russell out of the box. Peterson was substituted, and he held them down pretty well. Gibbs for the locals in left field and Bird, who took care of short, distinguished themselves. It attended to the bases. Score: Alerts 9, hits 10, errors 0. Base hits, 0 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 4. Terminals 4 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 9. Base hits, 4 2 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 11. VISALIA, June 25.—Merced won from the home team to-day. The score: Merced 10; Visalia 5.

COLUMBIA, June 25.—The Colusa baseball team won from Sacramento to-day. Score 4 to 3.

FRESNO, June 25.—Monroe was in fine form to-day and pitched the game of his life, receiving perfect support. Hanford scored their only run in the ninth inning after two men were out. Score: Fresno 6, hits 4, errors 0; Hanford 1, hits 3, errors 4. Batteries, Monroe and Swartz; Carter and Campbell. Umpire, Ferguson.

Yankees' Strike.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Nearly 3,000 Yankees went on strike to-day in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Brownsville, throwing 5,000 Italian women and girl finishers out of work. They have been earning \$6 a week working 16 hours a day. They demand \$12 a week, with a 10-hour working day.

Large Fire at Camden.

CAMDEN (N. J.), June 25.—Fire damaged the Moro-Phillips Chemical Works to-day to the extent of \$100,000. Three large buildings used in the manufacture of phosphate were destroyed.

THE NIPPON MARU.

In Quarantine at Honolulu on Account of Bubonic Plague.

San Francisco, June 25.—Advices from Honolulu state that the steamer Nippon Maru, due here last Friday, and concerning the non-arrival of which there have been many speculations, is in quarantine at Honolulu, detained seven days on account of the death of two Chinese passengers from bubonic plague. The first death from the plague occurred a short distance out from Nagasaki, the second when rearing Honolulu.

Performed His Contract.

CRIPPLE CREEK (Colo.), June 25.—Hall Adair, the Turkish wrestler, threw three men twice each in 53 minutes here to-night. His contract was to do the job in ninety minutes.