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THE ANNIHILATION OF SPACE AND TIME SHOWN BY RECORDS OF 1906

SPACE IS BEING ANNIHILATED AS YEARS ROLL BY

Without Regard for Life or Limb, Men Continue Their Frenzied Efforts to Smash Speed Records—King Auto Heads List.

MUSCLE and mind of the human being continue to annihilate space and time and yet the limit has not been reached.

Year after year the speed records topple and the minds of men who look into the future have ceased to speculate on what is to come. In this frantic effort to cover space either by the muscle or the inventions of human mind life and limb do not stand in the way. To establish new records men will dare anything. Lives have been blotted out in this space-killing mania, and still we do not hesitate.

When Marriott sent an automobile whizzing along the beach at Ormond Beach, Fla., at the rate of one mile in 28 2-5 seconds, the world stood aghast. This marvellous accomplishment, which invited death at every jump, has ceased to be appalling. Others will try to surpass it.

As it came early in January, Marriott's feat was the first record breaker of 1906. As the spring season rolled around records were falling as rapidly as the buds were growing. Every day the papers were filled with accounts of marvellous speed attained through some form of locomotion. New records were established in automobiling, bicycling, horse racing, man running, motor-boat racing, swimming, long-distance train running, airship sailing, ballooning and numerous others too technical and intricate for the ordinary reader.

Of all these the record established by Marriott stands out the most prominent. A mile in 28 2-5 seconds is the fastest that man, or any machine contrived by man, has ever travelled.

Marriott Didn't Know.

You don't know what that means. Without comparison such speed is too great for the comprehension of the brain. Marriott himself can hardly describe it. He didn't know whether he was going a mile a minute or was deaf, dumb and blind. In an interview he says that sight had left him but instinct guided his muscles so as to slow up the machine after it had passed the finish mark.

Now, here is a comparison that may help you to realize the speed at which Marriott was going. The Pulitzer Building is 375 feet high. Suppose you threw a man from the dome. The law of falling bodies shows that five seconds would elapse before this man would strike the pavement. Marriott travelled a mile in 28 2-5 seconds. That means that he went 187½ feet in one second. Therefore, his machine would have made the distance from the top of the Pulitzer Building in two seconds, while it took a man falling, five seconds, or more than twice as long, to locomotive still stands pre-eminent, however, realize that Mr. Marriott was going some.

The nearest approach to the speed attained by Marriott was that of the Empire State Express on the New York Central Railroad. It made a mile in thirty seconds. That was more than two years ago, and since then officials have decided that railroad speed contests against time are too dangerous.

For long distance speeding the steam locomotive still stands preeminent, however. On July 8 of this year a special train sped over the Pennsylvania Railroad from New York to Chicago in fourteen hours and twenty minutes, a distance of 905 miles. This was a record-smasher, as sixteen hours had been considered unbeatable. The average running time of the Pennsylvania special was 62 miles an hour.

In the list of space annihilators the bicycle comes next. During the year just closing Paul Guignard, the French rider, went fifty-nine miles and thirty yards in sixty minutes, a rate of speed maintained for an hour which few riders have ever attained for a minute sprint. When "Mile-a-Minute Murphy" fell fainting and exhausted into the arms of his trainers after riding a mile in one minute flat behind a railroad engine as a pacemaker some years ago the fact was heralded to the world as a marvellous feat of speed and endurance. Now this Frenchman has gone at a rate of speed within a fraction of that made by Murphy for an hour. Had Guignard devoted the last few minutes of his sixty miles to sprinting he could easily have made the distance at a rate of a mile a minute, but at the time he was on a ride of 100 miles.

Of the new forms of locomotion the record made by the Wright Brothers with their aeroplane is rather startling. The details of the construction of this flying machine are kept secret, but it is known that they made a flight of twenty-four miles in thirty-eight minutes. That is practically the same speed for a mile as made by Salvator, the race-horse, 1.35.

Speaking of aerial navigation, the balloonists have also established a record. In a flight from Pittsfield, Mass., last summer Leo Stevens, the aeronaut, and three friends made seventy-eight miles an hour before a stiff wind. They travelled 150 miles in 2 hours and 11 minutes, going a roundabout course.

In Germany, Count Von Zeppelin reached a speed of 38 miles an hour in his famous airship, which is the largest ever constructed. It has two engines of 170 horse-power, and these enabled him to attain a speed greater than that made by the Labaudy Brothers, aeronauts, who went 24 miles near Paris in an hour.

The motor boat also came into the record-breaking limelight during 1906. The Standard, owned by Price McKinney, went a mile up the Hudson River in 1.56, which happens to be practically the same speed as that of Dan Patch, the pacing horse, who went the same distance in a fraction less than 1.56.

In swimming, Charles M. Daniels, of New York, lowered so many records during the year that an enumeration would take too much space. His fastest time was 100 yards in 57 2-5 seconds, a new world's record.

In running, Dan Kelley established a world's record for 100 yards. He made the distance in 9 3-5 seconds. This record was the same as that made by Arthur Duffey some time ago, but as all his records have been erased from the official books, Kelley's feat is considered the record. No other man ever travelled on his feet as fast as Kelley and Duffey.

This dumb beasts must not be left out in this resume of speed marvel, as Roseben, owned by Davy Johnson, ran seven furlongs at Belmont Park in October in 1 minute and 22 seconds. The fastest time made by a horse for that distance before was the record established by Halifax. He made it in 1 minute and 25 seconds.

What may we expect in the future

BOZEMAN BULGER.

WALTHOUR-GUIGNARD RACE STARTS BIG WEEK AT GARDEN

Ten-Mile Motor-Paced Event Fine Preliminary for Six-Day Grind.

THE week which New York annually gives to bicycle racing begins to-night at Madison Square Garden. It is a match race between Bobby Walthour, the American champion, and Paul Guignard, the record-breaking champion of France, and is merely a preliminary or curtain-raiser to the six-day race, which begins to-morrow night at 12 o'clock.

There are other events on the card for to-night, but the Walthour-Guignard ten-mile motor-paced race is the feature and has attracted much interest, as these two riders have not met since Guignard broke the world's record by riding fifty miles and thirty yards behind a motor cycle in one hour.

This record is liable to stand a number of shots before it falls, as the wiry Frenchman rode for an hour within a fraction of a mile a minute. When Charles Murphy, otherwise known as Mile-a-Minute Murphy, went one mile in one minute behind a steam engine he was heralded far and wide as a wonder, but this Frenchman has maintained a speed nearly as great for an hour at a time.

On an outdoor track, which is much larger than the one at the Garden, Guignard should have no difficulty in defeating Walthour, but the latter is the king pin of all the riders on an indoor saucer-like course, and this advantage puts him on even terms with the Frenchman.

This preliminary affair, however, is merely a cocktail to whet the appetite of the lovers of bicycling for the annual six-day grind, which begins to-morrow night. Promptly at 12 o'clock to-morrow night the riders will be sent on their long journey by a pistol shot fired by Thomas L. Hamilton, the well-known politician. That shot will also start hundreds of New Yorkers on a week of sleepless nights.

The six-day race is a peculiar affair in sports. At times it is dull and uninteresting, and in the early hours of the morning spectators fall into a doze, only to be suddenly awakened when some rider suddenly makes a sprint. This being over the riders settle down into their regular clock-like stride, and the spectator returns to his doze. This reels on for a solid week or, rather, six days, and when it is all over the spectators do not resemble Jim Jeffries' condition when he beat Tom Sharkey.

There is a fascination about this ceaseless grind of wheels which attracts one and holds him. There may be nothing of interest in reality, but the constant whirr of the rubber-tired wheels charms the ordinary man and holds him at the side of the track long after he was expected home.

This year there are thirty-two men, or sixteen teams, entered in the race, and they come from all quarters of the globe.

Some new interest is added to the race this year by the entry of Bobby Walthour, who did not race last year. He is coupled with Hugh McLean, and next to Root and Fogler rules favorite in the betting. Root and Fogler won last year, and those who have attempted to make a book on the contest have placed a price of 2 to 1 against them. The price against Walthour and McLean is 3 to 1. One of these teams, unless accident disqualifies them, should win the race.

The full programme for to-night is as follows:

Ten-mile motor-paced — Bobby Walthour, America's champion, vs. Paul Guignard, the French champion pace follower of the world.

Five-mile motor-paced — Floyd MacFarland, of San Jose, Cal., vs. Hugh MacLean, of Boston.

Ten mile international world's professional championship.

One mile motor race in heats, best two out of three. Indian motors, ridden by Hoyt and De Rosier.

Quarter mile N. C. A. amateur championship.

One mile amateur handicap.

ATTELL PUT WALSH OUT IN EIGHTH

Feather-Weight Champion Again Defeats the Boston Boxer Before a Great Crowd of Enthusiasts in Los Angeles.

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Walsh was no match for Attell, who punished him severely about the head, body and face from the moment the bell rang in the opening round until he was put to sleep. Attell nearly finished Walsh in the first round by landing a right swing on his jaw which staggered him, and a few stiff punches in the body, the bell ringing just in time to save him from being knocked out.

For Featherweight Championship.

The boys battled for the feather-weight championship title and a belt valued at $750 offered by Tom McCarey, matchmaker of the club. Both lads weighed in below the required weight—122 pounds—and entered the ring in the best of condition. The fact that the lads were to engage in a championship fight attracted sporting men from far and near to witness the battle. Among the prominent persons seated around the ring were Jim Jeffries, "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, Jack ("Twin") Sullivan, "Big Tim" Sullivan, the prominent politician of New York; Walter Miller, the champion jockey for 1906, and all the prominent jockeys and bookmakers both from the East and West who are attending the race meeting here.

As early as 7.30 o'clock the crowd began to arrive at the club-house in automobiles, carriages and other vehicles, and in less than an hour every seat in the big, spacious pavilion was occupied, while several hundred were compelled to stand in the rear of the building. After two preliminary bouts had been decided the crowd turned its attention to the main event of the evening. While waiting for the principals to appear there was considerable betting indulged in by the sporting men, Attell being the favorite in the betting at odds of 10 to 7.

"Big Tim" In Right.

"Big Tim" Sullivan was a stanch admirer of Attell, offering to bet any part of $5,000 on him to win the decision. The latter had tipped off Sullivan to be sure and have a good big bet down, as he could not see how he could lose.

After a short wait both lads entered the ring and were given a great ovation. Tommy Burns then entered and when he was announced as the referee the crowd went wild. After the boys had been called to the centre of the ring and had been given the usual instructions by Referee Burns, the bell rang and the fight began.

After sparring for a few seconds Walsh sent a left to the face that fell short. Attell rushed and they mixed it hard at close range. Attell chopped a right to the body and Walsh landed a hard right on the body.

When they broke after a clinch, Abe uppercut Walsh savagely. Attell then clipped Walsh on the jaw with a right swing, staggering the Boston man. Abe followed his advantage with lefts and rights to the face and Walsh was very groggy. The bell saved him.

Fresher in the Second.

Walsh was fresher when he came up in the second round. He sent two lefts to Attell's head, and they clinched. Attell then got in some more wicked uppercuts. Attell, after landing several times, rocked Walsh's head with a straight left. Walsh was worried and bleeding from the mouth.

Attell opened the third with a left to the head. Walsh returned with several stinging body blows. Attell after missing several swings uppercut Walsh, again bringing blood from the mouth. Abe continued to pepper Walsh's mouth, but before the bell rang Walsh got in some hard body blows.

In the fourth Attell eagerly started for Walsh, but missed. Walsh planted left to body and head. Abe then sent left to mouth and light to stomach. Walsh covered up. Walsh stumbled, and Attell tried to take an unfair advantage and was hissed. They exchanged hard body blows, then Walsh rocked Attell's head with a hard left.

Walsh opened the fifth with a left to face. The fighting was tamer, both missing at long range. They did some vicious infighting. Walsh landed his left and Abe again walloped him in the mouth.

The sixth round saw Attell fighting a cautious battle. He outclassed his opponent, but took no chances. He landed occasionally on the head with his swings and kept the Boston man on the defensive most of the time.

Showed Clear Superiority.

Attell showed clear superiority in the seventh, landing left to mouth. Attell then sent hard to mouth. In a mix-up Abe upper-cut Walsh in the jaw. Attell rained blows on Walsh's face and two hard rights staggered Walsh at the close.

Attell opened the eighth by knocking down Walsh with a right swing to the jaw. He arose quickly and Abe sent a right and left to his face.

Somebody in Walsh's corner tossed a towel in the ring, and Referee Burns, thinking that they wanted Walsh to quit, halted the fighters.

As soon as he discovered he was wrong he let them continue. Abe sent left to face and missed a right swing. Attell closed in for knockout, landing hard left to head and body.

Walsh came back for more, and Attell clipped his jaw with a terrific right that sent Walsh down and out. Walsh, a gory wreck from cuts on his face, had to be carried to his corner by his seconds.

AQUATIC "CHAMPS" FOR GOTHAM

New York will again have the indoor swimming championships if the plan proposed by the Chicago Athletic Association and the New York A. C. to pull off the big event at the time of the dual meet here, is accepted by the Athletic Board of the local club at its December meeting. This arrangement is regarded as a very wise settlement of a vexed problem, as it seemed doubtful if any other club could afford the expense, or had the necessary conveniences for an event of this kind. The New York A. C. held the indoor event last year.

As the Cherry Circle team will be here for the water polo games in the dual meet, considerable extra expense would be saved in holding the championships at that time, and this arrangement would be favorably regarded by Yale and Columbia, also interested in the polo contests.

About the same time that the other events are held Handy, the star of the Cherry Circle team, will probably meet C. M. Daniels here, which contest in this city would be a great feature and allay much of the criticism aroused by the plan for holding their match contest at Buffalo, which did not suit either the friends of Handy in Chicago, or Daniels in New York.

Handy has also sent a challenge to Joseph W. Spencer, of the N. Y. A. C., for a mile race, to take place at the date of his visit here. This challenge grows out of the selection of Spencer to represent America at Athens when Handy thought the honor belonged to him. Spencer has not accepted as yet, although it is thought that he will do so.

GAMES TO-NIGHT AT 12TH REGT. ARMORY

Many of the Olympic stars who helped win the laurels for America at Athens last summer are entered for the Twelfth Regiment's athletic carnival to-night at the armory, Sixty-second street and Columbus avenue. Among them are W. G. Frault, third in the Marathon race; Paul Pilgrim, a double winner; George Bonhag, the two-mile winner, and Harry Hillman, the champion hurdler who was injured on shipboard on the way to Greece and could not compete. The star event of the evening is a special half mile scratch, in which Pilgrim, Frault, Bonhag, Melvin Sheppard, L. A. A. C.; A. T. Bailey, Pastimes, C. Clark, Pastimes, and Charles Bacon, L. A. A. C. will compete.

There are five events open to registered athletes—60-yards run, 300 yards run, 440 yards run, 880 yards run and mile run, all handicap; 440 yards novice and half mile relay race for school boys, teams of six. There are the same events closed to members of the Twelfth Regiment, and an inter-company tug-of-war.

Among the officials of the games will be Lieuts. Cornelius Vanderbilt and H. H. Rodgers, Jr. Dancing will follow the athletic events.

If you want your "business" to become the talk of the town, tell about it through a World "Want" Ad.

SPEED RECORDS MADE DURING YEAR 1906.

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Wright Brothers travel a mile in 1.35 in aeroplane (airship).

Leo Stevens and friends go seventy-eight miles an hour in a balloon.

Dan Kelley runs 100 yards in 9 3-5 seconds.

Roseben, race horse, runs seven furlongs in 1.22.

Price McKinney's motor-boat Standard goes mile in 1.56.

Special train on Pennsylvania Railroad runs from New York to Chicago in 14 hours and 20 minutes. Average speed, 63.1 miles and hour.

Charles M. Daniels swims 100 yards in 57 3-5 seconds.

Count von Zeppelin (Germany), in an airship, travels thirty-three miles in an hour.

$30,000 PURSE IS OFFERED FOR BURNS-O'BRIEN BOUT

With the hope of inducing Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns to sign articles for a finish fight for the heavyweight championship of the world, fight promoter Jack Lincke, of Searchlight, Nev., has increased his offer from a purse of $20,000 to $30,000. Lincke was informed that "Tex" Rickard, the Goldfield promoter, was anxious to get the men to fight at Ely, Nev., for a purse of $25,000, and not caring about losing the bout he quickly went Rickard $5,000 better. This big purse is liable to catch both fighters, for in their last battle they fought for a guaranteed purse of $12,000.

Fitzgerald to Box Sullivan In Private.

Willie Fitzgerald, who went all the way to San Francisco to get on a fight with Jimmy Britt, but was unsuccessful, has signed articles of agreement to meet Peter Sullivan, the New England fighter, in a private fight of twenty rounds at a show to be brought off near Dayton, O., on Monday night. Fitzgerald ought to have no trouble in winning from Sullivan, as the latter has been defeated a number of times since June.

"Chick" Tucker and Willie Moody Matched.

"Chick" Tucker, the local fighter, who has not fought in some time, is to figure in another battle. He accepted terms last night from Billy McCarney, the fight promoter of Philadelphia, to meet Willie Moody, the Quaker City featherweight, in a six-round bout before the Nonpareil A. C., of Philadelphia, on Dec. 14. This should be one of the best bouts ever witnessed in Philadelphia, as both lads are aggressive, slam-bang fighters with a good punch.

This Fighter Confident of Donohue.

Mike "Twin" Sullivan, the New England fighter, is so confident that "Young Donohue," the Boston lightweight, can beat Jimmy Britt in a twenty-round bout that he has posted a forfeit of $500 in San Francisco to land the match. Donohue has a slim chance of getting on with Britt for the latter says he will not fight any one but Battling Nelson or Joe Gans. Donohue has been winning fights in Canada during the last few months.

Attell to Retire After Another Fight.

Abe Attell, the featherweight champion who knocked out Jimmy Walsh last night at Los Angeles, Cal., announced after the battle that he would box Harry Baker, the California fighter, before the Pacific A. C. in a few weeks, and then quit the ring forever. Attell has made considerable money out of the fighting business, and intends to open up a cafe in San Francisco. He recently bought a house for his mother in Los Angeles, for which he paid $8,000.

Murphy and Baldwin Below Weight.

Tommy Murphy and Matty Baldwin, who are to fight a fifteen-round bout at the Lincoln A. C., of Chelsea, Mass., on Wednesday night, are training hard for the battle, and are already below the weight at which they are to fight at—123 pounds. Murphy is regarded as a sure winner, and the sporting men of New England are offering odds of 10 to 7 that he will secure the decision. Murphy is getting into shape at the New Polo A. A., with Frank Erne, the ex-lightweight champion.

Lewis to Fight Rhoades and Carroll.

Willie Lewis, the clever welterweight fighter, was matched last night to engage in another battle. He was signed to meet Billy Rhoades, the Kansas City pugilist, in a fifteen-round bout before the Lincoln A. C. of Chelsea, Mass., on Dec. 18. This is the second fight which Lewis will take part in, he also being matched to fight Frank Carroll, the Canadian welterweight, a fifteen-round battle before the Riverside A. C. of Montreal, Can., on Dec. 17, the night before he will tackle Rhoades.

Oliver May Have to Give In to Corbett.

Unless Johnny Oliver, manager for Tommy Murphy, is willing to accept 40 per cent. of the gross receipts and allow "Young Corbett" 40 per cent., there will be no fight between these two great little fighters in Philadelphia. The club officials of the National A. C., of the Quaker City, are not willing to increase their offer of 70 per cent. for the bout, as they claim that this is enough for the fighters.

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