INJURED DOCTOR WRECK HERO

NEW YORKER ON CRUTCHES DIRECTS WORK OF RESCUE.

Twenty Killed and Many Injured in a Header Collision Between a Rock Island Express and a Stock Train in Kansas—Mix in Orders the Cause.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 6.—The California and Mexico express, on the Rock Island road, collided with a stock train two miles west of Willard this morning, and twenty persons were killed and fifty or more injured. A misunderstanding of orders is the only explanation offered.

Willard is a railroad siding. The conductor insists that the passenger train had the right of way and that the stock train should have been sidetracked there.

The express left Chicago on Monday night at 11:30 o'clock. It left Topeka early this morning forty minutes late and when the collision occurred was running at a speed of thirty miles an hour. The stock train was running fast, too.

The engineers and firemen of both trains jumped and escaped with their lives. The only warning of the crash that was coming which the sleeping passengers had was when the airbrakes checked the train, sharply enough, but too late to prevent the trains meeting under tremendous impetus.

The express smoking car, which was apparently empty, or may have contained two or three passengers at the most, was smashed into big splinters that rained down on the chair car behind. Into that chair car the mail car and the trucks of the smoker were driven with resistless force.

They ground half way through the chair car, in the forward part of which nearly all the deaths occurred. It was in the other half of the car that most of the injured received their wounds, and it was from this car that rescues were made. The many passengers in the sleeper behind were injured, too, but the car was not demolished.

In the darkness, except as it was lighted from the fire which caught in the wrecked cattle cars, and in the freezing air half clad men and women who emerged from the sleepers and found themselves still alive preserved their wits and made a wonderful showing of pluck.

Surrounded by the gruesome spectacle of slaughtered and dying cattle, with men and women dead and dying almost beside the beeves, the rescuers turned their attention to keeping the fire from spreading and to freeing the sufferers who were imprisoned in the demolished cars of the express. The fire was confined to the stock train, in which injured and uninjured animals bellowed and plunged madly, and more fires were kindled beside the tracks, by the light of which the rescuers worked and at which the injured were kept from freezing to death.

The hero of the wreck was a Dr. Bell, of New York city, a young physician, himself crippled and walking on crutches. Dr. Bell, although slightly injured in the collision, was the first man to leave the Pullman sleeper, which was not damaged. Struggling heroically forward on his crutches, he immediately assumed charge of the rescue work.

After directing the removal of the injured he allayed their pain as much as was possible without medicine or instruments, bandaged broken legs and arms with strips torn at his direction from sheets and pillow slips, and saved the life of one of the firemen by tying an artery with the aid of a penknife and piece of string.

After working until nearly exhausted Dr. Bell gave way only when the physicians arrived from Topeka with medicine and instruments. Then he steadfastly refused to disclose his name, which was learned from his fellow passengers.

The known dead are: C. A. Wright, an aged man, Kansas City; James Griffin, Clarence, Mo.; W. S. Martin, Dekalb, Mo.; Mrs. Martin, William Wells, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Keiser and child, Germany; Gale Fuller, a girl, Jacksonville, Ill.; E. E. Meyers, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. Rankin.

The unidentified dead are: Woman, 25 years of age; girl child, 1 year old; woman of 25 years; woman of middle age; girl, 16 years old; child, 9 years old; boy, 12 years old; boy, 13 years old; girl, 13 years old; woman, 45 years old. The unidentified are burned beyond recognition.

WOMEN ASSAILED IN FLUSHING.

Committee of Citizens May Be Formed to Hunt Down Assailant.

Two assaults on young women in the village of Flushing within two days have aroused the people of that place and it is probable a meeting of the citizens will be called to take steps to hunt down the culprit and protect the women of the place after nightfall.

While returning to the home of John C. Wilmerding at 172 Franklin place, Flushing, about 9:30 o'clock on Sunday evening, Miss Mary Dunnen was set upon by an unknown man who tried to catch her by the throat and, failing in this, struck her a staggering blow under the right eye. She cried for help and her assailant fled. There was a deep gash under her eye from which the blood streamed. She was unable to give a description of her assailant.

On Tuesday evening Agnes Lennon was knocked down in front of the Richmond residence at 252 Sanford avenue, by an unknown man. Miss Lennon says she saw the stranger approaching, and he carried what looked like a short club. As they passed each other he hit her a swinging blow on the head which knocked her to her knees. Detective Martin Bowne heard her screams and ran to her rescue. Her assailant had made off.

CURLING.

Competition for the Gordon Medal in Hoboken Rink.

A large crowd of curling enthusiasts gathered at the Hoboken skating rink yesterday to witness the competition for the Gordon medal. Seven teams, including the crack Utica quartet, which has won the championship two years in succession, opposed one another. The ice was in fine condition, which enabled the players to make good and close scores.

The curling of the Utica team was excellent. The work of Mitchell of the Thistles came in for a lot of commendation. The teams that competed were Caledonian, Thistle, Manhattan, Empire City, Jersey City, St. Andrews and Utica. In the first tie the St. Andrews were victorious over the Manhattans, beating them by 17 points to 12.

The Jersey Citys and the Uticas followed, the up-State curlers winning by a small margin, 18 to 16. Next came the Caledonians and the Thistles. The score was: Caledonians, 6; Thistles, 30. The Empire City team drew a bye, which brought the first tie to a close.

In the second tie the Uticas beat the Empire City 17 to 13, and the Thistles conquered the St. Andrews by 23 points to 12. This left the Uticas and the Thistles for the final round.

The Thistles defeated the Uticas 18 to 10, thereby winning the Gordon medal.

CHARITY BALL ON FEB. 2.

It Helps a Deserving Institution Which Asks Aid but Once a Year.

With midwinter comes the annual Charity Ball for the benefit of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, which only once a year asks for help. The ball will be given on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Waldorf-Astoria. Boxes can be obtained from Mrs. F. G. Goddard, 33 East Fifty-eighth street, between 11 and 1 o'clock. Tickets can be obtained at 22 Riverside Drive, 931 Fifth avenue, 25 East Sixty-eighth street, 62 East Forty-ninth street, 31 West Thirty-seventh street, 116 Fifth avenue and 16 West Eleventh street.

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GREAT REPUBLIC ELIGIBLES.

Horses That May Race for the $50,000 Stake at Saratoga in August.

The Saratoga Racing Association announced yesterday the remaining eligibles for the $50,000 Great Republic Stakes to be run at the Springs next August. This event was framed up by W. C. Whitney with the idea of reproducing a stake race on the plan of the "ten thousand pounders" run in England, and it bids fair to be in time the most important turf fixture of the year. The eligibles, from which the actual starters will be selected, are as follows:

A. L. Aste's Dr. Chapin, J. D. Adkins's Lord of the Valley, August Belmont's Magistrate and Mizzen, A. W. Grand's Gay Lothario, E. C. Cowdin's Lady Brooks, John A. Drake's Van Esher, P. J. Dwyer's Sherod and Knight Errant, Jere Dunn's Sunny Sky and Sunny Shore, H. B. Duryea's Acefull, Miles Finlen's Cocague and Velos, the Goughacre Stable's Bryn Mawr, M. L. Hayman's Orthodox, J. B. Haggin's Waterboy, F. R. Hitchcock's Grey Friar, James R Keene's Delhi, Israelite, Careless and Toboggan; W. Lakeland's Gallant, Middleton & Jungbluth's Jason and The Picket, John E. Madden's Robin Hood, Adbell and Gettysburg; John McCullough's Enishone, John O'Brien's Muzio, Lewis Ramsey's Capt. Longmire, P. A. Renand's Quickstep and Step Aside, J. C. Rogers's Zeke Porter, R. L. Rose's Reliance, John W. Schorr's Moharib and Injunction, E. J. Smith's Mon Said, B. Schreiber's Otto Stifel, Margrave, Mandora and Sigmund; E. R. Thomas's Palmbearer, St. Valentine, Stalwart and Hermis; the Burlingame Stock Farm's Collatin filly, the Pepper Stable's Crown Prince, J. A. Troxler's Harding, the Weston Stable's Monitor, R. T. Wilson, Jr.'s Montreson, Mexican and Silver Foot; the Westbury Stable's Whorler, J. E. Widener's Nutcracker, J. F. Werle's Whiskey King, W. C. Whitney's Mercury, Jacob Worth's Mamie Worth.

Bob Tucker, who will train all of S. S. Brown's horses this year, has sold Safety Light to Sam Hildreth, Edward Hale to A. C. McCafferty and Docile to W. P. Reed, who bought Hands Across some time ago.

S. C. Hildreth heads the list of winning owners at New Orleans with $7,886.

E. H. Garrison has purchased the horses belonging to the Manhattan Stable, including the yearlings, and will race them in his own name. Louis Streuber is Garrison's partner.

TRIBES HILL'S GOOD RACE.

Wins Handicap at New Orleans and Equals Track Record.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 6.—Tribes Hill today proved himself to be one of the best horses racing here when he ran off with the handicap feature of the day at a mile and an eighth from such good ones as Bondage, Luralighter and Ethics. In doing so the Eastern horse had to equal the track record of 1:54. Tribes Hill opened at 6 to 5, but was backed to evens at post time. There was a decided plunge on Ethics. Luralighter got the best of the start and set the pace all the way, while the favorite laid in behind her. Bondage was always outrun in the early part, while Ethics did not seem to be able to move very rapidly in the first portion of the journey.

The field closed when it came to the stretch, and here the favorite took command and won in a drive with Luralighter in second place. Bondage got the show money. Col. Tyler, the 200 to 1 shot in the small field, showed prominently for a mile, which was run in 1:41 flat. Ethics might have done better had it not been for a poorly judged ride by Cochran.

Three favorites were successful and the bookmakers for the first time in a number of days managed to stand the public off.

First Race—Maidens: six furlongs—Fort Plain, 110 (Higgins), 6 to 1, won; King's Charm, 115 (Munro), 10 to 1, second; Cedar Rapids, 107 (Troubel), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:14 2-5. Hobson's Choice, Lolly Dally, Knowledge, Kingsland, Tower, Lobbyist, Lights Out and Caybon also ran.

Second Race—Seven furlongs—Lingo, 104 (Rutter), 2 to 1, won; Oclawaha, 109 (Fuller), 8 to 1, second; Circus Girl, 101 (Helgerson), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:28. Blue Blaze, Hist, Irene Mac, Algonquin, Lampoon, Pretorious, Commena, Barkelmore and Ora McKinney also ran.

Third Race—Six furlongs—Komombo, 97 (Pieratt), 9 to 2, won; Miss Hume, 103 (Robbins), 10 to 1, second; Nellie Waddell, 103 (H. Phillips), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:14. Offset, Pure Favor, Katie Powers, Matoferin and Our Nugget also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile and an eighth—Tribes Hill, 110 (Callahan), even, won; Luralighter, 103 (Stille), 4 to 1, second; Bondage, 110 (Fuller), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:54. Ethics, Mynheer and Col. Tyler also ran.

Fifth Race—Five and a half furlongs—Morning Star, 113 (H. Phillips), 8 to 5, won; Mad Mullah, 103 (Robbins), 7 to 2, second; Dusky, 104 (Gannon), 13 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 4-5. Donnelly, Our Lillie, Diaphanous, Hy Luehrmann, Jr., Eclectic, Miss Gomez, Segraves and Master Prim also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Ethel Wheat, 103 (Livingston), 9 to 2, won; The Messenger, 103 (W. Hennessey), 18 to 5, second; Bard of Avon, 107 (H. Phillips), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:47 4-5. Bud Embry, Malay, Potente, Dr. Hart and Vesuvia also ran.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Six furlongs: selling:

Major Carpenter	109	Prendaway	103
Bronzo	108	Falkland	103
Julia M	108	Black	98
Low Cut	107	Tribune	98
Sid Silver	104		

Second Race—One mile: selling:

Floyd K	109	Mint Bed	103
Mauser	106	Decoration	103
Baronet	105	Louisville	99
Handspinner	104	Royal Pirate	98
Sarilla	103	Wreath of Ivy	96
Erbe	103	Ithan	93

Third Race—Six and a half furlongs: purse:

Miss Golightly	115	Style	111
Hardly	113	Canble	111
Eva Russell	113	Ferona	111
Money Back	113	Presentation	111
Pickle Saint	113	Marionetta	111
Liah	113	Vestry	111

Fourth Race—Seven furlongs: purse:

Demurrer	112	Port Royal	104
Salive	112	Four Leaf Clover	102
Capt. Gaston	109	Osbuch	95
St. Tammany	109	Clangor	95
Monograph	107	King Croker	95
June Collins	108	Scotch Thistle	90

Fifth Race—Seven furlongs: purse:

Tim Collins	107	Star and Garter	101
Miss Aubry	107	Venus Victrix	97
Lady Matchless	104	Ralph Young	90
Frank Rice	104	St. Jolly	90
Weldman	104	Rachael Ward	85
Hickory Corners	101	Pinky B	85

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth: purse:

Boaster	103	Bengal	100
Malay	100	Felix Bird	100
The Regent	100	Dr. Strickey	95
Frank M	100	Hymetus	93

At Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 6.—The handicap at Oakland this afternoon was taken by Our Bessie at 10 to 1. She nosed out Dainty in the last stride, owing to Jockey Martin easing up his mount in the last hundred yards. There was great indignation over the ride of Martin, as Dainty was a strong favorite.

First Race—Futurity course—Our Pride, 114 (Bell), 5 to 1, won; Theron, 114 (W. Dugan), 60 to 1, second; Sir Preston, 110 (Connell), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:11¾. Water Power, Myrtle H., Teufel, Amoruna, Gawaine, Dr. Sherman, Clarinette, Mary Dunn and Pruewood also ran.

Second Race—Six furlongs—Sad Sam, 105 (Sherwood), 9 to 10, won; The Mighty, 101 (J. Martin), 10 to 1, second; Mimo, 99 (Kunz), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:12¼. The Fog, Louis Wagner and Sterling Towers also ran.

Third Race—Futurity course—Mocorito, 115 (J. Martin), 9 to 10, won; Puredale, 107 (Larsen), 12 to 1, second; Rolaine, 108 (Wright), 10 to 1, third. Time, 111. Brennus, Rinaldo, Argot, Dorice, Dandie Belle, Beautiful Bill, Pallas, Wyoming and Chorus Boy also ran.

Fourth Race—Handicap; one mile and a sixteenth—Our Bessie, 99 (Sheehan), 8 to 1, won; Dainty, 101 (J. Martin), 3 to 2, second; Paulcon bridge, 107 (Larsen), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:46. Horatius, Grafter and Lacy Crawford also ran.

Fifth Race—Six and a half furlongs—Rockaway, 115 (Bell), even, won; Military Man, 112 (J. Martin), 7 to 1, second; Dr. Rowell, 112 (Hoar), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:20. Judge Pachuca, F. E. Shaw and Otto Stifel also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and 50 yards—Avenger, 90 (Reed), 11 to 2, won; Marlin, 95 (Oliphant), 7 to 4, second; Optimo, 105 (Burns), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:43⅗. Modicum, Royalton and Fille d'Or also ran.

Milt Young Buys Two-Year-Olds for Eastern Racing.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 6.—Milton Young, McGrathiana Stud, bought here to-day of Walter S. Grater and the Hiley Brothers four high class two-year-olds, which he will race on the metropolitan tracks the coming season. The youngsters were the most promising yearlings raised in Kentucky the past year, all of them negotiating eights in the sensational time of 11 seconds and quarters in 23 seconds. It will be the first time the colors of the famous breeder have been seen in the East since the days of Bancroft, Boot Jack and Beatitude.

PROGRESS OF POULTRY SHOW.

BLUE-BLOODED CATS ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION.

Judges Make Awards in Many Classes—Judge Cornell Wins With Pit Games, but He Is Against Cockfighting—Creditable Showing by Nearby Exhibitors.

A new note was sounded in the perpetual barnyard chorus at the Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Show yesterday, for the incubators began to pop out the fluffy chicks, and as soon as the yellow bits of animation reached the brooders they began to cheep with energy. The judging progressed with rapidity in all the classes, and a few specials were awarded. The Atlantic Cat Club opened its second annual competition in the annex, and, after looking over the feathered exhibits on the main floor, the reception of the cats was thronged with guests.

The cats proved the aristocrats of all the types of animated nature on view this week in Madison Square Garden. They reposed with the languor of a Vere de Vere on silken pillows, and, if showing symptoms of temper or fretfulness, the owners were quick to soothe them with pet words and caresses. There were 264 different cats caged, and, to quote the Association's treasurer, Capt. Griffing, they were equal to a carload of turkeys as drawing cards. There were sixty-four catteries represented, all but fourteen owned by women. The spectators who stayed longest and were most enthusiastic in this section of the show were women, the felines fascinating school girls and matrons alike.

Last year's winner of the special for the best in the show, Mrs. E. J. Champion's long-haired chinchilla Argent Moonbeam II., looked over the crowd with the haughty air befitting a cat not entered for competition. This year's king of the cats will be chosen to-day. All the cats were beauties, whether long-haired or short, from the gigantic masked silvers Lord Sylvester and King of the Silvers, each as big as a Belgian hare, to the tiniest kittens playing with straws and bits of worsted as merrily as common kittens with no claims to pedigree. Oddest of the cats in looks and among the most valuable were the Siamese, the coats as short and smooth as a woman's sealskin coat and with ears like a lynx. There were a half dozen of the tailless Manx cats, one with the Hall-Caine suggesting name of Gloria Quayle.

A special cup that has been in competition for many years for white Plymouth Rocks, the gift of T. A. Havemeyer, the association's president, was won by H. W. Graves, who scored his third victory. In the cavies Judge Turner awarded the three special cups of the American Cavy Club. In long-haired the winner was Dr. Thurber of Boston, with a broken-colored Peruvian sow, especially fine in head furnishing, and G. E. Rowland, Jr., won the other two cups with an English tortoise and white smooth and a tortoise-coated Abyssinian. The latter is not over four months old, and its coat was covered with rosettes, the fancier's name for the rings of hair that resemble the rings of cigar smoke blown by an expert. Many awards also were made in the canary and cage bird section, which is managed by the New York Ornithological Society. The pigeon judges all made good headway in their allotments.

"It was sometimes easy to pick out one bird of superior merit in the classes," said D. E. Newell of the pigeon staff. "It was very difficult to grade the others, for the quality was never so even in genuine merit."

One of the pigeon specials, the cup offered by the American Owl Club, was won by Arthur D. Robinson of St. Louis. The blue in black or brown red pit game cocks was won by Charles Eldridge. D. G. Hetfield getting second place, but the veteran in another class won first place with a blue bird from Kentucky. Magistrate Robert C. Cornell won two prizes with silver duckwing pit games. He was at the show in the afternoon and seemed vastly pleased to see the blue ribbons on the cages of his birds.

"Pit games meet my ideals in thoroughbred poultry," said Judge Cornell, "but while I have bred them on pure lines for many years, I have never fought a main, and I have no use for cock fighting."

Among other local exhibitors to win in poultry and pigeon classes were H. T. Peters, Rowland P. Keasbey, T. A. Havemeyer, Homer Davenport, H. O. Havemeyer, Jr., and George Purdue. Mrs. R. Ottolengui of this city won four blue ribbons; Mrs. F. E. J. Champion of Staten Island owned the winners in two classes; and blue ribbons were also won by the exhibits of Mrs. Dwight Cutler of Manhattan. The Misses Ward of Brooklyn, George Rowland of Jersey City and Miss Alva L. Pollard of Elizabeth won first prizes with their cats, and among winners from a distance were Mrs. Alice G. Brown, Melrose, Mass.; Mrs. Helen Jennings, Easton, Md.; Mrs. Elizabeth T. Rockwell, South Woodstock, Conn.; Mrs. Charles E. Folsom, Revere, Mass., and Mrs. Julius Copperberg, West Simsbury, Conn.

CONTESTS ON HORSEBACK.

Tug of War Entertains Spectators at Central Park Academy.

The Central Park Riding Academy, Seventh avenue and Fifty-ninth street, was crowded to the doors last night, the attraction being an opening music ride. In the balcony the spectators were packed as close as sardines, and persons who came to see were content to perch themselves anywhere, so long as they saw the fun. Forty couples under the command of Mr. Themler performed the grand march, and it was followed by a series of evolutions too numerous to mention. The horses worked well and, considering that it was the initial meeting, everything went off smoothly. Among those whose horses showed good work were: Miss M. D. Brooks, Miss E. B. Winter, Miss B. Montgomery, Miss K. Osborne, Miss E. Black, Dr. S. L. Goldsmith, Dr. and Mrs. A. Steverdorf, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kloh, F. J. MacRae, Col. C. H. Smith, Miss M. Lehman and Miss Davis.

After the ride came a game of jeu-de-barre, the contestants being Miss Brooks, Miss Montgomery and Miss Dinkelspiel. The game was warmly contested, with Miss Brooks having the best of it when time was called.

An innovation was introduced in the way of a tug of war on horseback. The opposing teams were the Saddle and Bridle Club and the Monday Evening Riding Club. Three riders constituted a team. When the word was given the riders spurred their horses in opposite directions. After ten minutes of severe tugging, which caused great excitement, the Saddle and Bridle Club was declared the victor.

An exhibition of tandem driving by four expert couples received loud applause. They remained on the tanbark for more than half an hour, and went through every manœuvre imaginable.

BROOKLYN'S PROTEST FUTILE.

Garry Hermann Says New York Americans Can Play at Ridgewood.

Following the announcement that the New York American League Club, will play fourteen Sunday games at Ridgewood Park next summer, comes a loud protest from the Brooklyn National League Club the officials of which held a meeting on Tuesday and sent a long protest by wire to the National Baseball Commission, composed of Ban Johnson, Harry Pulliam and Garry Hermann. The Brooklyn club stated that the New York Americans were violating the peace agreement existing between the two big leagues and that they were invading Brooklyn's legal baseball territory. But yesterday Garry Hermann, the chairman of the commission, wired Ebbets, Hanlon & Co. that the New York Americans had a right to play at Ridgewood if they so desired, and that in so doing they would violate no agreement.

This decision will be a hard blow for the Brooklyns and also the National League, as it gives the Americans increased prestige in this city. As a matter of fact, the Brooklyns had been trying to secure Ridgewood Park for a similar purpose for the last six weeks, but, unfortunately for Ebbets, Hanlon & Co., the American Leaguers got in ahead of them.

The officials of the New York Americans when they heard of Brooklyn's protest yesterday were inclined to be amused. They had an idea that the Brooklyns would take what few Sunday dates they had left with a feeling of intense satisfaction.

Brooklyn Pleasure Drivers' Association.

The Brooklyn Pleasure Drivers' Association obtained quarters yesterday in the Temple Bar Building Brooklyn. President Robert B. Bach yesterday completed the official list for 1904 by the appointment of the following committees:

New Speedway Committee—Charles Cranford, Dr Maurice T Lewis, Charles A Angell, Leslie Dodge, Matthew A Belford, Thomas F Byrnes and William H Belson.

Executive Committee—Austin E Allen, chairman; John C H I Kramer, I N Remson, M J Gogarty, John E. Burns, Frederick F. Marquand, Andrew Mowbray, W. K. Putnam, Robert B. Bach, Thomas D. Waterbury and Donald McNeill.

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SIR THOMAS'S FOURTH TRY.

CONJECTURE AS TO SUGGESTED CHANGES IN CUP RACING.

Clyde Yachtsmen Willing to Stand Aside and Give the Irish Baronet Another Chance at Trophy—Some Comment on the Subject by British Experts.

The announcement by Sir Thomas Lipton that he is willing to make another attempt to lift the America's Cup has been the subject of considerable talk among yachtsmen on the other side. Although the Clyde yachtsmen have been making plans to have a challenger built it is probable that they will be willing to wait in order that Sir Thomas may have another trial.

At the banquet at the Hyde Park Hotel when a silver service was presented to him Sir Thomas said: "As regards the Cup, I have no new policy to declare, but I would be quite willing in the absence of another challenge, and provided I could see a reasonable chance of success, to make one last try, especially as the next Shamrock would be the lucky four leaved type. I have already sent a letter on the subject to the New York Yacht Club, but have not yet had time to receive a reply."

The *Yachting World* of Dec. 24 says this announcement caused some surprise. The Clyde yachtsmen who have been thinking of challenging want some changes made in the measurement rule, which governed former races for the Cup, but have not perfected their plans yet. The *Yachting World* says:

"With the matter standing in this interesting but delicate position, there comes from Sir Thomas Lipton an intimation that he has made up his mind to a final attempt at Cup lifting, and has already written to the New York Yacht Club upon the matter. The two clauses of this announcement are of almost equal importance. It was suspected that Sir Thomas Lipton had a hankering for yet another fall with the formidable American, but the fact that negotiations have already been opened with the New York Yacht Club suggests that this determination on the part of the owner of the Shamrocks is much more firmly fixed than even his best friends suspected. Beyond these points, however, lies the absorbing question as to the contents of the letter which has been sent. It may presumably be taken for granted that it bears in some way upon the unsatisfactory state of the rules, and the question arising out of this is what alterations have been suggested. The adoption of the American or British rules of measurement or of a special scale founded upon both of these is, of course, the first and most urgent amendment, but there are others which might be fittingly brought up at the same time. The excessive size of the vessels used in the races might, for instance, be dealt with if changes are to be made, and it might further be pointed out that the necessity for naming our boat ten months in advance robs us of the possibility of good sport in the selecting of a challenger. These and half a dozen matters, all more or less pressing, may have been dealt with in the letter which has been sent, or they may have been ignored. Up to the time of writing, no information on these points is available. The letter belongs by right to the New York Yacht Club, and the first intimation of its contents will probably come from the other side of the Atlantic. It will be waited with interest."

BILLIARDS.

Gershel Wins a Long Game From Canda in 18-Inch Balk Line Tourney.

Of the four amateurs who are competing in the handicap 18-inch balk line, two shots in, at Daly's academy, the players last night were William Gershel and F. M. Canda. Gershel took the lead in the seventh inning with a brisk run of 22 and thereafter led to the finish. Small runs were the order of the evening, Gershel's 22 being the biggest.

Gershel (250)—0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2, 1, 3, 0, 17, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 15, 4, 8, 14, 1, 9, 2, 1, 2, 10, 1, 0, 0, 4, 8, 12, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 4, 2, 7, 2, 2, 2, 4, 0, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 8, 2, 12, 16, 6, 8, 6, 0, 27, 3. Total, 250. Average, 4 6-61. High runs—22, 17, 16.

Canda (225)—3, 4, 2, 0, 0, 3, 0, 2, 2, 2, 9, 1, 1, 2, 4, 3, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 7, 2, 0, 6, 0, 1, 8, 6, 0, 4, 0, 4, 3, 0, 11, 11, 4, 0, 11, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 9, 16, 16, 0, 3, 0, 6, 3. Total, 188. Average, 3 5-61. High runs—16, 16, 11.

W. Leonard and H. Hoxie were the players last night in the handicap 14-inch balkline tournament at the Knickerbocker Academy. Hoxie won the game. Leonard's game was very uncertain, which seems to have been the case in every game he has played since the tourney began.

Hoxie (160)—12, 1, 6, 0, 0, 4, 1, 5, 1, 0, 6, 3, 11, 0, 9, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 3, 6, 2, 0, 3, 1, 2, 5, 6, 1, 2, 1, 3, 6, 0, 0, 14, 16, 12, 0, 4, 0, 1, 2. Total, 160. Average, 3 28-44. High runs, 16, 14, 12.

Leonard (200)—0, 5, 0, 8, 0, 2, 1, 0, 8, 0, 1, 0, 5, 0, 1, 9, 2, 8, 12, 2, 0, 0, 1, 4, 6, 0, 7, 3, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2, 5, 0, 2, 0, 7, 0, 6. Total, 114. Average, 2 26-44. High runs, 12, 9, 8.

F. S. Barton last night defeated Frederick Hill in his 14-inch balk campaign against all comers at the Broadway Billiard Academy.

Barton—2, 3, 44, 4, 12, 7, 0, 0, 21, 1, 4, 11, 3, 18, 4, 6, 44, 13. Total, 200; average, 11 2-18; high runs, 44, 44, 21.

Hill—0, 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 3, 7, 10, 11, 5, 2, 4, 8, 3. Total, 51; average, 3; high runs, 11, 10, 8.

Sidney Lucas in the Stud at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 6.—Sidney Lucas, the seven-year-old chestnut horse by imp. Top Gallant, dam Addie C., by Kosciusko, owned by the Thompson Brothers of Gallatin, Tenn., arrived here to-night to be placed in the stud at Willamette Farm. Sidney Lucas will head the stud at the farm where his sire held forth for many years and where he died recently.

Hockey.

The hockey teams of the Wanoka A. C. of the Indian League and the Charles Commercial School met last night in the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn. In the second half the Charles school teams but out its opponents and made 4 goals, which made the final score 5 goals to 1.

WIND SHIELD LEGISLATION.

Trotting Associations' Joint Committee Will Discuss the Subject To-day.

The second day of the conference of the representatives of the trotting associations and the Register Association, yesterday, was devoted mainly to routine business in adopting changes to existing rules that will be presented for action at the regular biennial congress of each trotting association, to be held at an early date.

The resolution offered by H. K. Devereux to allow amateur associations to hold purely amateur meetings and charge an admission fee, without incurring records for the winning horses, was acted on adversely. A change in the rule relating to the distance will be recommended, making fifty yards the distance instead of eighty, as the rule is at present.

A change in regard to the required weight will also be suggested. At present the rule requires a driver to weigh at least 150 pounds, the change will do away with this and make it virtually catchweights. It will obviate drivers weighing in and out with each heat. A change in the time of starting delayed races will also be reccommended, provided no heat may be started after the hour of sunset.

The joint committee has decided to take up the matter of wind shield records or irregular performances made behind a runner and cart to eliminate atmospheric resistance, and will meet for that purpose this morning at 10 o'clock. The committee will comprise Major Johnson, president of the National Trotting Association; W. O. Iiams, president of the American Trotting Association, and William Russell Allen, president of the American Trotting Register Association.

Robert E. Bonner, David Bonner and C. K. G. Billings have been invited to appear before the committee, which will hold an open session, and give their reasons why or why not the records should stand or an opinion as to how they should be classified. It is not believed that Mr. Billings will be present, but that his interests will be looked after by H. K. Devereux and Charles Tanner, both of Cleveland. The committee will be glad to listen to suggestions from others interested in the matter.

THE OLD MAUD S. SULKY.

Flat Contradiction of the Statement That It, Too, Had Ball Bearings.

One of the reasons urged by the sons of the late Robert Bonner to the American Trotting Register Association why the record of 2:05, made by Lou Dillon at Cleveland, last September, when she trotted against the eighteen-year-old record of 2:08¼, made by Maud S. over the same track, should be rejected was that the high wheel sulky drawn by Lou Dillon was fitted with ball bearing hubs. In the *Galveston News* of Dec. 27, Thomas Waugh, Lou Dillon's groom, was reported to have admitted that the sulky drawn by Mr. Billings's mare did have ball bearing hubs. "But," he added, "Maud S.'s sulky had the same things."

This statement was brought yesterday to the attention of John Gleason, who now runs a livery stable in Port Chester, but who for twenty years previous to the death of Robert Bonner was the superintendent of Mr. Bonner's farm and stables at Tarrytown. Mr. Gleason said:

"The statement attributed to Waugh regarding the sulky drawn by Maud S. is absolutely false. The sulky was fitted with an old fashioned friction axle and hubs, and there were no ball bearings about it. This I know of my own knowledge, because I have taken the sulky apart and put it together many times, and I know just how it is made. However, the sulky is still at the Bonner farm, and anybody who doubts my statement can examine it for the asking."

Road Drivers' Association Officers.

The annual meeting of the Road Drivers' Association for the election of officers was held last night and the regular ticket sent in by the nominating committee was elected unanimously. The following are the officers and members of the different committees for the coming year:

President, John L. Dodge; first vice-president, Dr. B. D. Gill; second vice-president, Alexander Newburger; third vice-president, Nathan L. Ely; secretary-treasurer, Alfred Reeves.

Executive Committee—Stewart Barr, John F. Cockrill, George H. Huber, Arthur Lape, James Murphy, M. Bruckhelmer, George A. Coleman, Dr. H. H. Flagge, W. G. Leland, Thomas F. Russell, Luke A. Burke, George W. Crote, W. C. Floyd-Jones, Benjamin Lichtenberg, P. G. Schmidt, W. J. Clark, M. C. Harrison, Arthur L. Kerker, J. A. Megargee and A. C. Schuyler.

To the above the following are added for the board of directors:

C. K. G. Billings, J. P. Balter, Thomas J. Brady, James Butler, Andrew Cone, Andrew Crawford, John D. Crimmins, Paul Dana, Homer Davenport, B. F. Drew, A. C. Fiske, De Witt C. Flanagan, Thomas F. Gilroy, W. R. Hearst, H. H. Hollis, Isaac A Hopper, John Irving, W. R. Janvier, Walter F. Kilpatrick, Thomas H. Leahy, Charles C. Lloyd, H. C. Mapes, Joseph E. Meyers, Samuel McMillan, George W. Plunkitt, M. L. Simon, W. F. Steele, E. E. Smathers, Dr. T. W. Tuggle, G. W. Wilder.

Sergeant-at-Arms—John Washington Smith.

Nominating Committee—W. J. Clark, chairman; George A. Coleman, Alfred Reeves, Benjamin Lichtenberg, Dr. H. D. Gill, J. L. Dodge, A. C. Schuyler and Luke A. Burke.

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Patent Licensed Importers Propose to Check Individual Buyers Abroad.

For some time the doings of a number of men of prominence and wealth who have made a practice of buying automobiles in Europe for their own use and importing them individually have been a thorn in the side of the importers' branch of the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers. Cars that are thus bought and imported do not pay any royalty to the Selden patent licensees, nor yield any profit to the importers who pay a license fee to the A. L. A. M. on all the foreign cars they handle, and so the importers' branch is now holding daily sessions and working to form a plan of legal procedure to hold up in bond by injunction all foreign cars not entered at the custom house by a licensed importer.

It was announced yesterday that some action of the sort would be taken and that the matter would be prosecuted in a manner that would not permit of the cars being released by the payment of royalty. The idea is to have them absolutely barred from entry through any port of the United States. This, it is said, was done a number of years ago with respect to English bicycles that infringed American patent rights.

The action of the licensed importers is being hurried because it has just come to their knowledge that a number of bankers and others have pooled their interests and are sending a representative abroad to buy eight or ten French automobiles for them. The importers are to have another meeting to-day, at which it is expected that definite action will be taken.

A new French racing car built for W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is now on its way here from France, and it was suspected by some that it was the intention of the importers to hold this up, but the secretary of the importers declares that they have not considered Mr. Vanderbilt or any special case, but are proceeding generally and that it is doubtful if the plans are perfected in time for action to be taken before Mr. Vanderbilt's car arrives.

Motor League State Divisions.

The American Motor League is sending out a general invitation to automobilists inviting all of them in the State of New York and all in that State who contemplate the purchase of automobiles to meet the members of the league in Madison Square Garden Jan. 19 to 22 at the national convention of the league, for the purpose of organizing a New York State division within the league and for discussing subjects of general interest to the owners and users of motor vehicles. A reduced railroad fare will be granted to members who attend this convention. Particulars can be had at the headquarters of the league, 150 Nassau street, New York city.