THE REV. DR. PHELPS A SUICIDE

FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF A UNIVERSITY SHOOTS HIMSELF.

James Duane Phelps of Syracuse Takes a Forty Cent Room, No. 23, in an Obscure Utica Hotel, and Makes an End of Himself—Had Been in Hospital.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 19.—The Rev. Dr. James Duane Phelps of Syracuse, financial secretary of Syracuse University, committed suicide early this morning in his room at the Wurz Hotel by shooting himself in the head. He killed himself in a top story room of a cheap hostelry. His act was not discovered until nearly five hours later, when his body was seen hanging out of a broken front window on the fourth floor. His friends say that he was broken down by overwork and that he had been very much worried of late over the mental condition of a near relative. He was once an inmate of an insane asylum.

On the dresser in the barricaded room was a note written on the green wrapping paper that had covered the revolver and cartridges that Mr. Phelps carried to the hotel in his hand. It read as follows:

My name is J. O. Phelps of Syracuse. I have done this because I did not dare to live. Still I believe Christ died for me, the uttermost man.

That was all. The paper had been folded with the writing in view and Phelps's fountain pen was lying across it.

At an early hour yesterday morning Mr. Phelps left Thousand Island Park in company with his youngest son, I. Fenton Phelps, aged 17. The clergyman had been one of the instructors in literature at the summer school there, and on Monday he had told Mr. Sawyer, who has charge of the work there, that he was too ill to continue. Sawyer evidently thought that the illness was serious for he telegraphed to Eugene M. Bates, manager of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, saying that Phelps was very sick and that some one would have to do his work on the *Advocate*.

When they left the park Fenton Phelps said he supposed that he and his father were going to Watertown to take a train from that city to Syracuse. His father was later going on to New York to visit another son, Ray Phelps, who is in the insurance business there.

After reaching Watertown Mr. Phelps told his son that he thought it would be better for him to go to Utica and take the New York train from this city. He directed his son to go on to their home in Syracuse, and turned over his suit case to the boy with the remark that he did not want to be bothered with it.

It was nearly 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning when Phelps walked into Joe Wurz's hotel, carrying in his hand a little green package that Wurz subsequently learned concealed a new revolver and a box of cartridges. He said that he wanted to lie down a short time, and the proprietor, who did not take him for a man who wanted a cheap lodging, offered him an apartment on the first floor.

"I would rather have one higher up," said Phelps, "the higher up the better."

Wurz then told William Arnold, a clerk, to give Phelps a room on the fourth floor, and at the same time tried to return 15 cents change out of the 40 cents that the clergyman had given him. Phelps told him that a room that was clean was worth 40 cents anywhere and pushed the change back. Arnold then took him upstairs and gave him his choice of the rooms on the fourth floor. He took No. 23.

From the time that he went into the room at 9:30 yesterday morning no one at the hotel saw Mr. Phelps until his body was seen hanging out of the window at 6:30 this morning.

Mrs. Thomas B. Chantrey, who lives in the house immediately south of the hotel, told of being awakened at fifteen minutes before 2 o'clock this morning by the sound of breaking glass. The same sound also awakened her husband, but neither of them heard the shot that Phelps fired just before the crash, and as far as could be learned no one in the hotel heard it, although there were two persons sleeping on the same floor.

Phelps had not shot the bolt with which the door of his room was equipped but had barricaded the door by drawing the bed in front of the entrance. An examination of the room showed that he had stood with his back to the window when he fired the shot that ended his life. He had then fallen backward, carrying with him a large pane of glass and a stationary screen. His body was half over the ledge.

Among the effects found in the clothing was a check for $10 drawn on the First National Bank of Syracuse and signed by Phelps and made payable to C. E. Brenkworth. This had evidently been returned to him, for on the back was written in pencil:

"I could not possibly use this. R."

It was while he was pastor of the Delaware Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church at Buffalo that Dr. Phelps's mind became unbalanced and for six years following 1892 he was confined in the Middletown insane asylum. During this time Mrs. Phelps, to support her family of five children, became an instructor in the Elmira College.

In 1898 Mr. Phelps was discharged from the Middletown institution as cured, and he returned immediately to Buffalo as pastor of the Plymouth Methodist Episcopal Church. One year later he left Buffalo to become the financial agent of Syracuse University, and since then he had resided with his family at 411 University avenue, Syracuse.

Surviving him besides his widow are five sons, Ray W., Duane F., Frank E., Charles A. and J. Fenton Phelps. The Rev. Dr. Phelps was 54 years old.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 19.—The death of Dr. Phelps was a terrible shock, and Mrs. Phelps, though not apprised of his tragic exit, was utterly prostrated. One of his sons said that every effort would be made to prevent her learning at this time the fact that he had died a violent death.

F. E. Phelps, one of his sons said: "Until yesterday we had thought that my father was in the best of health and spirits. He had been at the Thousand Islands this summer conducting services at the Tabernacle and all his letters indicated that he was in a very happy frame of mind. Tuesday, however, we received information from Dr. Place, whose son, Howard Place, is proprietor of the Wellsley House there, that father was in a highly nervous state and needed treatment.

"Fifteen years ago my father was ill with nervous prostration and was sent to the Jamestown Sanitarium for treatment, but had apparently recovered his health entirely and there had never been further recurrence of his trouble.

"Dr. Place telegraphed my brother, R. W. Phelps, in New York that father would be there to seek advice and treatment at the hands of a noted specialist in Brooklyn and told brother to look out for him. My father went to Watertown on Tuesday, and as I understand it was on his way to Brooklyn to follow the advice of Dr. Place when the burden became too heavy, which irresistibly impelled him to wander to Utica where, alone, the terrible act was performed."

The news of the death of Dr. Phelps came as a shock to many Syracusans. As a member of the class of '78 of Syracuse University Dr. Phelps had endeared himself to his associates, who had ever kept in touch with his life and work.

Ithaca Wants the Independence League Convention.

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 19.—This city will endeavor to bring the State convention of the Independence League to Ithaca. Mayor Newman, C. C. Howell, president of the Ithaca Business Men's Association, and railroad officials are in communication with William R. Hearst and the State leaders of the Independence party and are prepared to put up a vigorous fight for the convention, which it is said will be held late in September.

MASSACHUSETTS LEADS.

Three Points in Front of the Navy in Herrick Trophy Shoot.

CAMP PERRY, Ohio, Aug. 19.—At the end of the 900 yards stage of the Ohio State Rifle Association's Herrick trophy match, Massachusetts leads her thirty-five competitors with 1,134. The Navy, which led Massachusetts by one point on the 800 yard targets this morning, fell four points behind this afternoon and scored 1,131. Pennsylvania holds third rank with 1,126; her 564 at 900 yards was beaten by none but Ohio with 566.

The Buckeyes, who kept at home last year, scored 1,122, while the U. S. Marine Corps second and first teams are sixth and seventh at 1,119 and 1,110, the Infantry eighth and tenth at 1,108 and 1,105 and the Navy's second team ninth with 1,106.

Maybee of Pennsylvania, Winder of Ohio and Upton and Wise of Massachusetts scored possibles at 800 yards.

The score of the Massachusetts team follows:

M. W. Parker, 144; Wise, 143; Burt, 141; Parker, 144; Burns, 132; Barton, 141; Hudleson, 146; Cundell, 143. Total, 1,134.

New Jersey's 1,030 gave her seventeenth place. Her best scoring was by Major Price, who made 140. The New Jersey score was:

Tewes, 128; Rowland, 121; Baker, 130; Minervini, 128; Price, 140; Pfeil, 121; Shivester, 135; Martin, 137. Total, 1,030.

The fifteen leaders finished as follows:

Massachusetts, first team	572	562	1,134
United States Navy, first team	573	558	1,131
Pennsylvania	562	564	1,126
Massachusetts, second team	579	544	1,123
Ohio, first team	556	566	1,122
United States Marine Corps, No. 2	575	544	1,119
United States Marine Corps, No. 1	570	540	1,110
United States Infantry, second team	567	541	1,108
United States Navy, second team	566	540	1,106
United States Infantry	567	538	1,105
Oregon National Guard	554	521	1,075
Indiana National Guard	548	524	1,072
Oklahoma National Guard	542	528	1,070
United States Cavalry 2d team	531	531	1,062
Second Infantry, D. C.	548	514	1,062

The match will not be finished until Friday morning, to which date the 1,000 yard stage of the championship regimental match has also been postponed.

RACES AT MARBLEHEAD.

Massachusetts Dories Lead in the International Contest.

MARBLEHEAD, Aug. 19.—The yacht Manchester, owned by Charles F. Adams 2d, won the third race for the Quincy Yacht Club challenge cup in the Corinthian Yacht Club series to-day. The Manchester has won three races and takes the cup, which the Corinthian Yacht Club captured two years ago.

The Hayseed of Cleveland, Ohio, won the Sumner H. Foster memorial cup by her third victory over the Derchen in the class for 18 foot knockabouts. The Derchen was beaten by nearly two minutes in a windward and leeward course of ten miles.

The Nova Scotia dories Maple Leaf and Margaret C. were defeated a second time by the Massachusetts dories Barbara and Teaser in the international race. The series will be decided by the winner of three out of five races.

The summary:

Quincy Cup—Manchester, Quincy Yacht Club, 1:29:45; Vim, Corinthian Yacht Club, 1:26:04; Spokane II., Eastern Yacht Club, 1:26:18; Bandit, Marblehead Yacht Club, 1:37:17; Helen, Boston Yacht Club, 1:40:20.

Sumner H. Foster Memorial Cup—Hayseed, Lakewood Yacht Club, Cleveland, Ohio, 1:44:39; Derchen, Massachusetts Bay Eighteen Foot Association, 1:46:28.

International Dories—Lovitt Wagner cup—Barbara, J. J. Blaney, Swampscott, 1:31:22; Teaser, Vaux and Knight, South Boston Yacht Club, 1:34:03; Maple Leaf, W. A. Wagher, Shelburne, N. S., 1:37:41; Margaret C., Kenneth Cook, Yarmouth, N. S., 2:11:32.

YACHT RACING HANDICAPS.

Percentages Arranged for Two Regattas on Saturday.

There are two races on Saturday in which the yachts of the yacht racing class are eligible. These are the regatta of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club and the Stratford Shoal race of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club. Handicapper Granbery has arranged the percentage allowances for these events. For the Stamford regatta they are as follows:

First Division, A—Dutchess, J. B. Palmer, 3; Sally IX., A. E. Black, 3; Marguerite, W. F. Clark, 1½; Trixie, Robert Jacob, Jr., 6½; Hyperion, Frank Maier, 1; Alert, E. A. Sterck, 4½; Bobtail, Richard Monks, 0.

First Division, B—Tanya, G. P. Granbery, 4½; Fearless, B. R. Stoddard, 6; Red Wing, M. B. Pendas, 2½; Lorelei, Paul Bayne, 5; Bedouin, W. T. Fowler, 6½; Wanderer IV., R. B. Budd, 3.

Second Division—Racebouts—Psammiad, L. H. Dyer, 2½; Howdy, George Mercer, Jr., 7½; Scamp, W. Murdock, 6½; Grasshopper, M. C. Pryer, 3; Tomboy, D. Y. Pendas, 6; Jolly Roger, H. I. North, 4½; Rascal, J. J. Dwyer, 1½; Busy Bee, R. L. Cuthbert, 1½; Jolly Tar, H. S. Duell, 3½.

Third Division—Mist, H. A. Jackson, Jr., 7; Robin Hood, G. E. Garfland, 2; Kenosha, W. R. Berth, 6; Tillicum II., C. S. King, 6; Kenosha II., C. W. Voltz, 10; Tamerlane, Daniel Bacon, 8½; Grace II., J. F. Lamsden, 10; Juniata, S. C. Hunter, 6.

Fourth Division—Arrow, W. B. Manny, 6; Okee, J. A. and J. F. Mahistedt, 3½; Bat, H. A. Jennings, 0; Miss Modesty, H. A. Swart, 2; Mouse, J. A. Morris, 5; Sally VIII., M. D. Truesdale, 2; Answer, F. T. Bedford, 1½.

For the Stratford Shoal race the allowances are arranged so that a yacht may compete in any division and they follow:

First Division, A.—Dutchess, J. B. Palmer, 3; Sally IX., A. E. Black, 2; Marguerite, W. F. Clark, 1½; Trixie Robert Jacob, Jr., 6½; Hyperion, Frank Maier, 1; Alert, E. A. Sterck, 4½; Bobtail, Richard Monks, 0.

First Division, B.—Tanya, G. P. Granbery, 3½; Fearless, B. R. Stoddard, 7; Red Wing, M. B. Pendas, 6½; Lorelei, Paul Bayne, 6; Bedouin, W. T. Fowler, 7½; Wanderer IV., R. B. Budd, 4.

Second Division.—Racebouts.—Psammiad, L. H. Dyer, 6; Howdy, George Mercer, Jr., 11; Scamp, W. Murdock, 8; Grasshopper, M. C. Pryer, 8½; Tomboy, D. Y. Pendas, 9½; Jolly Roger, H. I. North, 8; Rascal, J. J. Dwyer, 5; Busy Bee, R. L. Cuthbert, 5; Jolly Tar, H. S. Duell, 9.

Third Division.—Mist, H. A. Jackson, Jr., 13½; Robin Hood, G. E. Garfland, 10½; Kenosha, W. R. Berth, 14½; Tillicum II., C. S. King, 8½; Kenosha II., C. W. Voltz, 14½; Tamerlane, Daniel Bacon, 17; Grace II., J. F. Lamsden, 18½; Juanita, S. C. Hunter, 8½.

Fourth Division.—Arrow, W. B. Manny, 15½; Okee, J. A. and J. F. Mahistedt, 21; Bat, H. A. Jennings, 18½; Miss Modesty, H. A. Swart, 17½; Mouse, J. A. Morris, 21½; Sally VIII., M. D. Truesdale, 17½; Answer, F. T. Bedford, 17.

GOLF.

An English Amateur to Play in the Open Championship.

There were seventy-seven entries received up to yesterday for the open championship of the United States Golf Association, to be played on the course of the Myopia Hunt Club, August 27 and 28. Besides the leading professionals of the West and East the list includes Percy Barrett, professional of the Lambton Country Club, Toronto. The English player H. W. Beveridge, who was in this country with the Oxford and Cambridge society's team, is one of the amateurs to enter. In this continent too are Eben M. Byers, W. J. Travis, James O. Roberts of Utica, J. H. Childs of Pittsburg, H. R. Johnstone and T. G. Stevenson of Myopia, J. G. Anderson of the Woodland Golf Club, J. B. Hylan of the Vesper Golf Club, Lowell, and L. S. Bigelow of the Country Club of Brookline.

Overnight mails may increase the number of entries, which last year amounted to eighty-two. W. Fellowes Morgan, secretary of the United States Golf Association, is out of town, but he will be at the meeting of the executive committee to-morrow to arrange the pairings.

There are 131 entries for the invitation tournament of the Deal Golf and Country Club, to begin this morning. They include George T. Brokaw, Findlay S. Douglas, A. T. Dwight, R. and W. K. Gillett, J. E. Henderson, W. Fellowes Morgan, Jr., P. W. Kendall, J. J. O'Donohue, Jr., C. S. Proal, Thomas M. Sherman, F. Upton, Jr., and E. M. Wild. The entire day will be given up to the eighteen hole qualifying round, four sixteens to keep on for cups to-morrow at match play.

Wiley Wins Motor Paced Race.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 19.—The one hour motor paced race, the feature of to-night's meet at the Vailsburg cycle track here, was won by George Wiley of Syracuse after an interesting contest. Root held the lead until the fourth mile, when Derosier, who was setting his pace, had trouble with the guard on his machine. While he was repairing the guard Root lost thirteen laps, but after Root again caught his pace he rode circles around the other contestants and regained six laps.

Butler had trouble holding his pace from the start and retired after going nine miles. Three miles before the finish Wiley succeeded in passing J. Bedell after an exciting contest between the two. After Wiley passed Bedell he had the race well in hand and finished one lap in front of Bedell and seven laps ahead of Root.

The summaries:

Two Mile Invitation Professional—Won by N. M. Anderson, Denmark; Edward Rupprecht, Newark, second; Saxon Williams, Salt Lake City, third; Thomas Smith, Newark, fourth. Time, 4 minutes 19 1-5 seconds.

Three Mile Repechage Handicap; Amateur—Won by Fred Hill, Boston, scratch; David Mackay, Newark, 50 yards, second; Oscar Goerke, Brooklyn, 100 yards, third. Time, 6 minutes 48 4-5 seconds.

One Hour Motor Paced Race—Won by George Wiley, Syracuse; J. Bedell, Lynbrook, L. I., second; Ed Root, Boston, third; Nat Butler, Cambridge, fourth. Distance, 35 miles 2 laps.

AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

TWO ENTRIES FOR LIGHT CAR EVENT AT SAVANNAH.

Chairman Morrell of Automobile Club of America Contest Committee Receives Nomination of Two Gyroscopes, From A. L. Kull—Blanks Not Yet Issued.

That the 200 mile road race for light cars which the Automobile Club of America will run at Savannah the day before its big international grand prize speed event on Thanksgiving Day will prove popular with manufacturers of low powered machines was shown yesterday by the entry of two cars before the formal entry blanks have been prepared or the exact conditions made public. The two cars named for the first road race for small cars ever run in this country are a pair of Gyroscopes entered by the Gyroscope Automobile Company, through A. L. Kull, general manager of the company.

As the entry blanks are not ready Mr. Kull wrote a letter to Robert Lee Morrell, chairman of the contest committee of the Automobile Club of America, formally entering the two cars and enclosing a check as a deposit for the entry fees. Mr. Kull requested that the cars be numbered "1" and "2" if possible. He wrote that he was making the entries subject to the conditions already announced and to such rules and regulations as the contest committee of the club may adopt later. The cars to be sent to Savannah will be stock machines and will be part of the first regular models turned out by the Blomstrom factory at Detroit.

Harry S. Houpt of the Automobile Club of America has received many acceptances to the invitations he sent out for the lecture to-night at the A. C. A. clubhouse in West Fifty-fourth street on the performance of the Thomas car in the New York to Paris endurance race. As no women will be admitted at to-night's lecture Mr. Houpt is now making preparations to have the lecture repeated at an early date when women guests will be invited. Orrel A. Parker, chairman of the club's entertainment committee, will deliver the lecture, which will be illustrated by lantern slides showing the districts through which the car passed. President Roosevelt is expected to receive George Schuster and his mechanic, George Miller, at Oyster Bay in the car with which they won the race.

Windsor T. White, a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers and head of the White concern at Cleveland, has issued the following statement.

"In view of the fact that the White Company produces with a few exceptions all of the steam automobiles used in this country, I beg to state that the steam automobile which recently exploded at Painesville, Ohio, was a Geneva steamer, which was built six or seven years ago at Geneva, N. Y. This was a car equipped with what is known as a fire tube boiler and carries a heavy head of steam. The White generator is built on an entirely different principle, which, as is well known, is non-explosive."

Imports of motor cars into Calcutta show a steady increase. The principal demand is for cars from 16 to 30 horse-power and much importance is attached to the upholstery, which must be rich looking and solid. Red leather enjoys the preference. Indian buyers, especially the natives, like vivid colors. More than 500 cars are now in use in Calcutta. India is daily becoming a very important market for motor cars and well merits the closest attention of American manufacturers. Many high class and costly cars, which in most countries are quite out of the reach of the people, find good customers in India among the native princes, and their example is being copied by the wealthier merchants and the Parsees. There is no lack of good roads in India, and this, combined with the great number of people of means throughout the country, is bound to influence the development of the motor car business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lehman of Newark completed a week's trip through New England last week in their 48 horse-power Loziers. They were accompanied by their son, Jerome Lehman and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schlesinger and their son, Alexander L. Schlesinger. From Newark they drove through Bridgeport, New Haven, Fenwick-on-the-Sound, New London, Narragansett Pier, Newport, Providence, Boston, Swampscott, Beverly, Manchester-by-the-Sea and returned home through Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, Danbury, Briarcliff Manor and Tuxedo Park.

Word comes from London that the Royal Automobile Club has concluded its dust trials and the results and the lessons that are to be learned from them are being anxiously awaited. The trials consisted of careful experiments with numerous devices for the investigation of the dust nuisance, and occupied two days at Brooklands racing track, the first day being devoted to the adjudication of the least dust raising manufacturers' stock cars, for which event there were 25 entries. The second day experimental contrivances were dealt with.

Steam cars, owing to the remarkable lack of dust raising properties, demonstrated by the White and Stanley cars in this year's trials were barred from the competition proper and ran hors concours. Nearly all the ocular results went to show that with or without special devices the dust raised at 30 miles an hour is practically double that raised at 20 miles an hour.

Of the devices the following are interesting as showing the various ways in which inventors have set about the dust problem. That of H. Treadwell consists of a patent exhaust suction device. Pipes fitted with four rubber bell mouthed pieces were carried close to the ground directly behind each wheel. By the action of the injector the dust is sucked through the pipes into a central box, from which it is deposited from time to time in small heaps on the ground. Another design was a complete under shield fitted to a Brooke car and invented by Conrad Ingleby. The shield was solid from the front axle up to half way under the engine, after which point it was perforated for the rest of its length. At the back of the car and just over the shield were two fans driven from the propeller shaft and designed to fill the partial vacuum which the passage of the car always seems to create.

Better than this, or certainly its equal, was the performance of the standard 10 horse-power Cadillac with patent folding seat. This had no other special devices upon it whatever, and its performance was a remarkable one in every way. A 20 horse-power Decauville fitted with Drury-Medhurst tires raised only a small amount of dust. These tires had an additional rim fitted in such a way that the tires only expand longitudinally, not laterally at all, and thus have a constant and narrow tread. A 40 horse-power Napier was fitted with various tires and ran with them time after time over the course. Only the photographs will be able to show the difference in their performances. To the naked eye they were all alike.

Whatever other lessons have been learned from the trials, the fact that steam cars are better than petrol ones, as far as dust is concerned, has been amply demonstrated. Throughout these trials a couple of steamers ran at frequent intervals and their performances were certainly worthy of notice. Taken on the whole, however, that of the standard Cadillac car is the most noteworthy of the whole trials, and signifies that in one respect at any rate America is ahead of England in automobile design.

An electrician says a simple test for ascertaining whether an accumulator contains current is to place the tongue on the terminals, when a prickling sensation, but no shock, will be felt if electricity is present.

British Tennis Players Coming.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—M. J. G. Ritchie, the Olympic lawn tennis champion, and J. C. Parke, the Irish champion, who have been chosen by the English Lawn Tennis Association to represent Great Britain in the preliminary round for the Dwight Davis challenge cup in the United States, will sail for New York on the Lucania on August 29.

Tennis at Bar Harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 19.—The tennis tournament for the championship of Maine at the Swimming club to-day produced some surprises, especially when H. Scott defeated Pennington Pearson. The summary:

Men's Singles; State Championship—Second round—H. Scott defeated John T. Pratt, 6—0, 6—1; Green defeated Count Torok, Washington, 1—6, 6—1, 6—3; Robert Potter, Philadelphia, defeated Whitney Wright, Philadelphia, 6—3, 6—4.

Third Round—H. Scott defeated Pennington Pearson, New York, 6—6, 7—6, 6—3; E. P. Rhodes, Boston, defeated Robert Potter, Philadelphia, 6—3, 6—1; Reginald Townsend, New York, beat E. Nevin, Blue Hill, 6—2, 6—4.

Polo.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 19.—The Westchester Polo Club Leopards were clearly outclassed this afternoon by the Meadow Brooks in the third match for the Westchester Polo Club cups. The final score was 21 to 17½ in favor of Meadow Brook. The Leopards started with an advantage of 10 goals gained through handicap and the team earned only two goals. For the Meadow Brooks Waterbury and Milburn did practically all the scoring.

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CLOTHIER WINS MATCH EASILY

DEFEATS LITTLE IN STRAIGHT SETS AT TENNIS.

An Easy Road to the Semi-Finals Assured for the Winner, Whose Score Was 6—2, 6—2, 6—3—Alexander Shows Good Form and Is Considered Dangerous.

NEWPORT, Aug. 19.—William J. Clothier, the former national champion, defeated his opponent, Raymond D. Little, to-day in the preliminary round of the all comers' national lawn tennis championship singles. Clothier won with unexpected ease when it is remembered that less than two weeks ago Little had defeated Beals C. Wright in the Longwood final. But Little was erratic to a fault and Clothier passed by him on his way to become a possible challenger of William A. Larned to the score of 6—2, 6—2 and 6—3.

There was an almost ruthless defaulting of competitors who failed to appear on time for their matches. Practically the entire list was brought down to the third round, and a round a day will hereafter be the order. The victory of Clothier attracted the most attention on account of its bearing on the future of the tournament. It was a popular victory, especially as Frederick B. Alexander remained in the singles, and the two are almost certain to meet in the semi-finals, which are expected to be decided on Saturday.

The interest attached to the meeting of these two dates back to two years ago, when Clothier defeated Alexander after the latter had been three times within a point of the match. Alexander is displaying splendid tennis this year, better than Clothier in the opinion of many. His fast forehand drives for placement were certainly in evidence in his match to-day, in which Alexander gained the third round and defeated R. H. Pearson, 6—0, 6—3, 6—1.

While these two, Clothier and Alexander, appear to have the top half of the draw divided between them Beals C. Wright seems to be supreme in the lower section. He also arrived at the fourth round. In gaining the bracket he met William H. Connell and defeated him, 6—1, 6—1 and 6—2. The amazing feature of this competition was that Connell was good enough to force nearly all of the games to deuce. His drives along the lines bothered Wright, but the latter was at all times equal to squeezing out the vantage and game points when he most needed them.

The analysis of the playing of the two internationalists, one of them a former champion, is most illuminating, for it shows that Clothier was forcing his opponent into positions which made it practically impossible for him to make good returns. In the three sets a total of 163 points was scored. Clothier on his service won three games and lost four, and he had four double faults called against him. He earned 35 points—14 by placement, 14 by passes and 7 by smashes. He contributed 35 points to Little by errors—18 by nets and 17 by outs.

Little on his service won three games and lost ten, and he had one double fault called against him. He earned 26 points—12 by placement, 11 by passes and 3 by smashes. He contributed 62 points to Clothier by errors—31 by nets and 31 by outs.

It was the surprising number of nets and outs on the part of Little that made it appear that Clothier was winning easily. Actually two-thirds of these were place shots on the part of the ex-champion and might so be properly placed to his credit in his score.

Clothier was especially clever at forcing Little out of position and making him reach for the ball. With a shade more steadiness it would have been possible for Little to have at least pressed the match to the limit of five sets. As it was his volley strokes, upon which he depends so much, would not go right.

With the most dazzling chances at the net, with openings big enough to have driven a cart and four through, Little would lungle the ball into the net and when he attempted to overcome that propensity he sent it sailing out of the court. On accurate placement, when his strokes were true, Little did about as well as Clothier. On the whole Clothier has played better tennis on the same court, and in the opinion of the experts he will have to show a better game than he did to-day to defeat Alexander should the two meet. The score by points in games and sets follows:

FIRST SET.

Clothier	1	2	4	7	4	4	4	4	30	6
Little	4	4	2	5	2	1	2	0	20	2

SECOND SET.

Clothier	6	2	4	5	4	7	2	4	35	6
Little	4	0	3	1	3	5	3	2	24	4

THIRD SET.

Clothier	1	4	4	2	4	1	5	6	4	32 6
Little	4	0	1	5	0	4	3	4	1	22 3

Nat Emerson, the Western champion, had a narrow escape at the hands of E. S. Blair. The latter possessed deceptive chop and cut strokes, so that Emerson was almost at sea. He finally defeated Blair by persistency with the score at 6—7, 7—5, 6—4, 6—1.

The match which is slated for the championship court in the morning will bring together Beals C. Wright, the former national champion, and Wallace F. Johnson of Philadelphia. The summary:

All Comers National Championship Singles—Preliminary round—William J. Clothier defeated Raymond D. Little, 6—2, 6—2, 6—3.

First round—T. K. Miller, Jr., defeated Goelet Gallatin, by default; Merwin White defeated S. C. Williams, by default; Gardner Beals defeated H. W. Stines, by default; Robert Leroy defeated Cyril Hatch, by default; F. W. Watrous defeated K. J. Darragh, 6—4, 6—0, 6—0; George O. Wagner defeated Henry W. Slocum, 7—5, 6—4, 6—3; Robert W. Wilson defeated R. C. Sever, by default; G. M. Church defeated F. L. Day, 6—1, 6—0, 6—1; William J. Clothier defeated James S. Cushman, 6—2, 6—0, 6—3; Irving C. Wright defeated Nathaniel W. Niles, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3; Dean Mathey defeated O. Ames defeated G. F. Parrish, 6—1, 7—5, 6—0; J. A. C. Colston defeated A. L. Sands, 6—0, 6—3, 6—3; Nat Emerson defeated E. S. Blair, 5—7, 7—5, 6—4, 6—1. Frederick C. Inman defeated R. B. Livingston, 6—1, 6—2, 6—1; Charles M. Bull, Jr., defeated E. H. Whitney, 6—2, 3—6, 3—6, 6—3, 6—0; Donelson Clarke defeated Victor Sorenan by default; L. C. Jennings defeated H. C. Davis by default; Richard Peniman defeated Reginald Brooks by default; Seymour Johnson defeated F. W. Burnham by default; H. C. Johnson defeated G. A. Thompson by default; J. D. E. Jones defeated Theodore Roosevelt Pell by default; Miles S. Charlock defeated J. S. Phipps by default; C. Hale defeated S. B. French, Jr., 6—1, 6—1, 6—1; Richard Gambrill defeated E. K. MacEnroe by default; A. C. Butler defeated H. M. Harriman by default; M. Babcock defeated T. V. P. Knapp by default; Harry Torrance, Jr., defeated B. Buckwalter, 6—3, 6—3, 6—3; W. H. Trotter defeated A. Thurber, 6—6, 6—1, 6—4; Alfred Sullivan, Jr., defeated W. D. Bourne, 6—4, 6—3, 6—1; H. MacKinney defeated D. F. Appleton, 6—3, 6—1, 6—0; R. L. James defeated H. R. Fortescue by default.

Second Round—S. E. Hinckley defeated R. E. Wildman, 6—0, 6—0, 6—1; Dean Mathey defeated T. H. Miller, Jr., by default; Frederick B. Alexander defeated R. H. Pearson, 6—0, 6—6, 6—1; Gardner Beals defeated Merwin White, by default; Harry C. Martin defeated R. M. Grant, by default; Al Hoskins defeated H. C. Pell, Jr., 6—3, 6—4, 6—4, 4—6, 6—0; Frank Sulloway defeated Dr. P. B. Hawk, 6—4, 6—2, 6—3; Robert Leroy defeated F. W. Watrous, 6—2, 8—6, 6—4; Mat Thornton defeated George O. Wagner, 6—6, 6—3, 6—4, 7—5; Richard Stevens defeated R. L. A. Agassiz, by default; Herbert L. Westall defeated A. S. Debney, 7—5, 6—3, 6—2.

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