

THE RIFLE MATCH IN ENGLAND.

Lord Wharncliffe's Preparation to Meet the American Team.

He is Slightly Doubtful, but Still Courageous.

His Hopes from the Field at Wimbledon.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD BY CABLE.]

Lord Wharncliffe, President of the National Rifle Association, in a letter extending facilities to the HERALD representatives, says he feels the time for selecting the English eight is so short that the United Kingdom will hardly be able to produce its best shots.

HOPES TO FIELD A FORCE WORTHY OF THE AMERICANS.

His Lordship adds that he is glad to have an opportunity of making this known beforehand.

Nevertheless, he hopes to put in the field a force worthy of the competition of the Americans, though not so strong a one as could have been produced had more preparations been possible.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES.

He assures, however, the American sharpshooters and the HERALD a cordial welcome on the English field.

THE AMERICANS DECLINE TO SHOOT IN AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT WIMBLEDON—ONLY ONE TEAM MATCH AT GREAT BRITAIN—TO CONTENT FOR THE ALBERT CUP—ARE THE ENGLISH AFRAID?

Colonel Gildersleeve to-day received letters from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association inviting the Americans to shoot on the 17th inst. at Wimbledon against a team of eight picked from the United Kingdom, the range to be 1,000 yards and each man to have thirty shots.

THE INVITATION DECLINED.

Colonel Gildersleeve has replied, declining the proposition. He says the Americans have determined to adhere to their original plan of engaging in only one team match on this side of the Atlantic. He thanks the Secretary for the invitation.

NOT TO ENGAGE IN AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

A letter of a similar character has been sent to Mr. Parsons, adjutant of the English eight, in response to his letter of July 9 proposing a match between the Americans and a team of eight selected from the four nationalities of the United Kingdom.

TEAM MATCHES OFF FOR THE PRESENT.

For the present all team matches are off, and it is not likely that any new ones will be made to shoot.

TO SHOOT FOR THE ALBERT CUP.

The Americans will be at Wimbledon in the latter part of next week and take part in the shooting for the Albert Cup and other matches open to all comers.

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The opinion gains ground here that the English are afraid to meet the Americans except on terms unfavorable to the latter.

AN IRISH RIFLEMAN PRONOUNCES HIS OPINION OF THE AMERICAN TEAM—NO TEAM IN GREAT BRITAIN ABLE TO BEAT THEM—"THEIR ORGANIZATION IS SIMPLY PERFECT."

Mr. Hamilton, of the Irish team, writes to the Standard endorsing Mr. Parsons's letter of yesterday in reply to newspaper criticisms.

He says:—"I have shot against the American team, both in the United States and Ireland. I can say with confidence there never has been any team in this country able to beat them. I don't mean we have not so good individual shots, but their organization is simply perfect. Discipline will always beat superior individual strength in such contests. The members of the American team have shot together for over a year. If one member by accident gets off the target, another is able at once to put him on again. Colonel Gildersleeve has assured me that men only win by the minutest trifle. In America the Irish made a higher score than the best they ever made for the Echo Shields, and yet, although it is true by accident, were beaten. The following week, when competing for individual prizes, they made fifty-two points more than the Americans ever the same course. The Irish score at Dollymount on June 29 was again better than any they ever made for the Echo Shields, while the Americans averaged 161.16, which is higher than the best individual score ever made at Wimbledon. Yet in the Abercorn cup match for the selection of the Irish eight, six Irishmen headed the list, the Americans following at long intervals."

THE LOGIC OF FACTS.

The letter points to the above statistics as a proof that the Americans are almost safe from defeat shooting against a picked team, while if allowed to compete with three eights, the match would be the best and most interesting the world has ever seen.

THE AMERICANS VISIT THE MANUFACTORIES OF BELFAST—PLEASING PREPARATIONS FOR THE FAREWELL.

The members of the American rifle team, accompanied by the Mayor of Belfast, spent to-day in visiting the principal manufactories of the city. They were enthusiastically cheered by the operatives.

PLEDGES OF FRIENDSHIP RENEWED.

At lunch the Mayor proposed the health of the team, remarking that friendly contests such as those at Dublin and Belfast tend to increase the friendship between the two nations and ought to be encouraged.

MURDER IN NEW HAVEN.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 9, 1875. Mrs. Michael Ready was shot dead to-night in a house on Hamilton street by E. M. Hosmer, a student at the college.

EXPRESS ROBBERS FOILED.

A LOCOMOTIVE AND EXPRESS CAR CAPTURED ON THE VANDALIA ROAD—THE ENGINEER KILLED—HEROIC CONDUCT OF THE MESSENGER—ARREST OF SUSPECTED PARTIES.

THEIR HOURS, Inc., July 9, 1875.

A desperate attempt to rob an express car was made on the Vandalia Road last night. Long Point, Ill., where the affair occurred, is three miles west of Casey. All trains are accustomed to stop there for the engine to take water. It is situated in the middle of a dense wood, no person living within a mile and a half of the station. It has been long regarded by railroad men as a dangerous place. Several times lately the engineers have seen suspicious looking persons lurking in that vicinity at night, and in consequence, have not stopped their train. Last night, at midnight, when passenger train No. 5, bound East, on conductor Frail and engineer and two men in charge, stopped at the water tank, two men boarded the engine, one from each side, and ordered the engineer to start the engine. The engineer, after a few moments' hesitation, obeyed the order. After the starting of the train one of the robbers, who was in the engine, "killed" himself, and immediately both robbers killed him with their revolvers.

When the train started, the messenger, who was standing upon the tender, ran to the rear of the train to warn the train men, he having heard the conversation between the robbers and the engineer. While this was taking place on the engine a confederate of the robbers had detached the engine from the train and was driving it back to the station. The whole party of robbers then ran the train to a point about two miles from the station, where they stopped, and proceeded to the door of the express car, demanding the contents. The messenger, Mr. Burke, told them he was ready for them and that if they entered they would be dead men. The robbers then commenced firing into the car, and the messenger said it seemed to him that there were a dozen of them, as the shots came from all directions. The messenger, seeing the position of affairs set about to pursue the robbers, but could find only one revolver on the train. He, however, quickly secured a pair of armed with carbines, and with these weapons the train men and messengers.

When they came up to the train all was quiet, the robbers having fled. They looted the dead body of the engineer on the floor of the car. A freight train engineer, named Jack Vandergrift, happened to be on the train and he and the train men had the engine back to the station and brought it in. The robbers failed to gain an entrance to the express car, it being one of the class kind, having no windows and very strong in every way. Had they detected the location of the express car, which was immediately in the rear of the Adams Express car, they might have accomplished their purpose. The robbers had broken down the windows and doors and not being very strong. The finding of a hammer, used to knock out the coupling bolts, and a pair of pliers, as a clue to the murderers. The train men speak in very high terms of the pluck and courage displayed by express messenger Burke. He expressed a tense feeling among railroad men over the tragic death of engineer Ames, and should his murderer be detected, they would certainly help to prosecute him. Several suspected persons are already in custody and there is reason to hope that all the robbers will be caught. The railroad company offer \$1,000 reward for their apprehension.

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The King and His Ministry Sustained by the Parliament.

On the 23d inst. the government bill for the punishment of the offender or proposal to commit offences against life and property came on for discussion in the Chamber of Deputies. Previous to the commencement of the debate a despatch was read from Count Perpouche, German Minister at Brussels, in which the representative of the Emperor William thanked the Belgian government in his master's name for "completing its penal legislation" in compliance with the suggestions of the German Foreign Office. The temper of the House was sufficiently indicated by the general cheering with which the German note, notwithstanding its somewhat patronizing tone, was received. Evidently

A CATHOLIC ASSEMBLY

has nothing but horror to express for attempts of the Duchesse kind, and is determined to put them down in the most summary fashion.

M. Lelievre, the first Deputy who rose, thought the penalties enacted were not sufficiently high; otherwise he entirely approved the Ministerial scheme.

M. Guillery was among the few who were courageous enough to oppose the bill, which he denounced as too severe. He also moved as an amendment that merely verbal proposals to commit a crime should be exempted from the operation of the act. He feared that if words were made criminal encouragement would be given to spies and informers, and the feeling of individual security would be weakened. There can be no doubt that M. Guillery hit

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