

Yachts After Kaiser's Cup and Prizes.

Boat race on the Atlantic, an after him came Hildegarde, Endymion and Fleur de Lys, instead of all the craft in the big race.

THOUSANDS SEE START HEAVY FOG OFF SHORE AND WIND DUE EAST.

Boom of Cannon Announces to Watching Throng That Boats Are Well Under Way.

AFTER HOOK, N. J., May 17, 1:50 p.m.—The international yacht race, the chief prize for which is the German emperor's cup, was started at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon.

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REHEARING ASKED FOR GOVERNMENT'S PETITION AS TO INSULAR CASE DECISION.

A petition of the government for a rehearing in the cases of the United States v. Peabody & Co. and the United States v. Warner, Barnes & Co., involving the construction of the President's Philippine tariff order of July 12, 1898, was submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States today.

ROOSEVELT AND RENOMINATION.

Owen Wister Would Not Be Surprised if It Happened. PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Owen Wister, poet, novelist and dramatist, in an interview today, declared that he would not be surprised if the prediction of Chauncey Depew at the Union League dinner, that there might be such an overwhelming popular demand for Roosevelt for another term in 1908 that it would sweep everything before it would turn out to be true.

LOBLEY PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO INDICTMENT FOR SECURING EQUITABLE LIFE FUNDS.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Samuel Lohley, the man who, under the name of Samuel Edwards, was indicted by the Kings county grand jury on charges of having obtained \$27,816 from the Equitable Assurance Society, was before Judge Crane, in the county court this morning.

TWO CARPENTERS GO DOWN WITH FALLING OF SCAFFOLD—OTHERS BRUISED.

Two carpenters were painfully injured and several others bruised by the falling of a scaffold on which they were working at the new ferry house now building at the foot of M street southwest.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

The Navy Department is informed that the Tokopa has arrived at Puerto Plata, the Newport at San Juan and the Nicholson at Norfolk.

RECORD FOR LONG-DISTANCE WIRELESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—The Pacific coast record for long-distance wireless telegraphing has been broken, it is claimed, by a wireless message received from 315 miles out at sea.

GOING ENOUGH FOR BARR.

Capt. Barr, when hailed through a megaphone and asked what the thought of the breeze, said: "Don't care. It's going enough for me."

FIRST TO WEIGH ANCHOR.

The Hamburg was the first of the yachts to weigh anchor. She left in tow of a tug, dropping some of her sails first, as they were a hindrance to the tug against the head wind.

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RADICAL REFORMS IN FUNERALS.

ADVOCATED AT EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF VIRGINIA DIRECTORS. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NORFOLK, May 17.—At the eighteenth annual convention of the Virginia Funeral Directors' Association, in session here, Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell today made an address before the undertakers, in which he advocated radical reforms in funerals.

TO JOIN RUSSIAN ARMY.

Gen. Barry, Col. Hoff and Capt. Cloman Ordered to St. Petersburg. Orders were issued from the War Department today for Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Barry, commanding the Department of the Gulf at Atlanta, Ga.; Col. John Van R. Hoff of the medical department at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Capt. Sydney A. Cloman of the general staff in this city, to proceed to St. Petersburg, Russia, and report to the United States ambassador, preliminary to their joining the Russian army in Manchuria as military attachés.

BIG CUNARDER GROUNDED.

STUCK IN THE MUD OFF SANDY HOOK—WAITING FOR FLOOD TIDE. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, May 17.—After an all-night struggle to free herself from the mud, in which she stuck fast off Sandy Hook, the big Cunarder Caronia, that cleared from New York at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, is still stuck hard and fast, with no hope of being floated before flood tide tonight.

RETURN OF CONFEDERATE FLAG.

JERSEYMEN TO PRESENT OLD TROPHY TO NORTH CAROLINA. Special Dispatch to The Star.

TRENTON, N. J., May 17.—Gov. Stokes this morning received a letter from a party of distinguished Jerseyans who had been deputed to attend a battle celebration at Newbern, N. C., arrived at a quick resolution and boarded a train at 11:03 to go to Newbern. The occasion is the unveiling of a monument in honor of the 9th New Jersey Volunteers, and the Jersey men are to present to Gov. Glenn of North Carolina the famous "Tough Boys" flag which was captured by the 9th New Jersey at North Carolina.

BOYS NEED MORE SLEEP.

Important Address Before Parents' National Union in London. Special Callgram to The Star.

LONDON, May 17.—At a convention of the Parents' National Education Union Dr. Dyke Acland today delivered an important address upon "Sleep." He said that the hours of sleep allowed the younger boys in the great schools of England were far too short. Eight hours was the minimum for adults, and from nine and a half to ten hours should be allowed to boys.

AMERICAN BATTLESHIP SQUADRON.

NORFOLK, Va., May 17.—The United States fleet, under command of Admiral Evans and consisting of the Maine, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Kearsarge and others, are now cruising and drilling ten miles off the Virginia capes.

CROKER'S REMAINS REACHED NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The body of Herbert Croker, the son of Richard Croker, former leader of Tammany Hall, who was found dead on a train at Newton, Kan., arrived in Hoboken on the Lackawanna railroad at 3 o'clock this morning.

GALLICION POSTED MAIL.

LONDON, May 17.—The postmaster general has ordered that when letters addressed in Irish characters are found in the post an English translation should be added. If a translator should be lacking at the office where the letters have been posted they must be sent to Dublin, where the translation will be added. The letters will then be forwarded.

CONTRIVERSY OVER LANGUAGE.

DUBLIN, May 17.—The question whether Irish constitutes a legal language has been occupying the attention of the king's bench division of the high court of justice in the case of the Attorney General v. The Attorney General. The case is a shilling at the Dunfanaghy sessions, Donegal county, and in default of payment sentenced to a week's imprisonment, for not having his name and residence written in legible letters upon his cart.

MEMBERS OF LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The following ladies of this city were in charge of the arrangements for the luncheon: Mrs. Annie N. Parson, Mrs. P. V. DeGraw, Mrs. Philip Deis, Mrs. Philip Dodge, Mrs. W. M. Stowell and Miss Harriet D. Pratt.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER.

The last statement of the treasurer shows that the finances of the home are now in a better condition than they have been at any time since the foundation of the home.

REFORMED CHURCH.

General Synod Completed Organization at Allentown, Pa. ALLENTOWN, Pa., May 12.—The Reformed Church General Synod completed its organization this morning by electing as president, Rev. E. W. Bietman of Philadelphia and as secretary, Rev. G. P. Stem of Sligried; assistant clerk, Rev. John Bachman, New Knoxville, Ohio, and reading clerk, Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, Spring City.

ASSIGNED TO THE COAST SQUADRON.

The bureau of navigation has assigned the torpedo boat destroyers Woden, Hull, Macdonough and Whipple to the coast squadron under command of Rear Admiral Dickens. This squadron will take part in the joint army and navy exercises to be held next month.

CAPT. SHIMER GOING TO PANAMA.

Capt. Ira A. Shimer, assistant surgeon, stationed at Fort Niagara, N. Y., has been ordered to this city to confer with the Secretary of War preliminary to his assignment to duty in the canal zone under the orders of Col. William C. Gorgas of the medical department, in charge of the sanitary affairs of the canal strip.

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