TERRIFIC PLUNGE ON TOM MIDDLETON.

Horse With the Unbeaten Record Finished Third, However, at New Orleans.

THREE HEADS ON THE POST.

Florizar Won, but Sir Blaze, Who Ran Second, Was the Best Horse—The Bobby Also Beaten by an Incompetent Ride.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 15.—The one-mile handicap, the feature of today's card, proved to be a heavy betting affair. Tom Hayes's Florist Mary Louise horse Tom Middleton, with an unbroken record, was opened a favorite and was backed to odds on. Florizar ruled second choice, with Forbush next in demand. The others were at fancy prices. The race resulted in a very exciting finish between the favorite, Florizar, and the 100 to 7 shot, Sir Blaze. Middleton and Florizar did not catch the leaders until well in the stretch. From the eighth pole the three were locked and tearing in the same stride. It was a question of a nod at the finish, with Florizar getting the purse and Sir Blaze second. The latter was in the middle and his boy was handicapped, otherwise he might have won.

To-day's sport opened with a seven-furlong selling affair for 4-year-olds and up. By George was sent to the post a favorite with Ben Frost next in demand. There was quite a plunge on Tony Lepanto's Sea Knight, who is considered one of the biggest horses in training. The field ran well bunched to the stretch, when Ben Frost and By George drew away and fought it out to the wire, Ben Frost winning by a half length. Sea Knight, coming fast from the sixteenth pole, got third money, a head from Everest.

The second, for 3-year-olds, mile and twenty yards, was a shock to the talent, who got down in chunks on Franciide at evens. The latter ran like a 100 to 1 shot, never getting near enough to the front to give his backers even a sensation. Sinitra at fifteens and Phallas at fives had it between themselves, the latter winning owing to Clawson's superior finish. The Bobby should have won going away, but his boy went all to pieces in the final strides.

Donna Rita, the favorite in the third, was pushed out to the last sixteen to stall off Frank McConnell. Had the latter kept up with the leaders the first half he would have won. His performance differed so widely from his last one that the owners, trainer and Jockey Thompson have been suspended pending an investigation. King Elkwood and Maulina, both rank outsiders, piloted the field to the head of the stretch, when they shut up. The Donna Rita took command and won driving by a half length. Traveler, who did not get to running until the stretch was reached, closed fast and got third money.

Sorrel Rose, a filly that has been running in acrobatic form since the meeting began, with 30 to 1 against her, won the fifth race in a hard drive from another long shot, El Derim. First Fast, second choice, was third. The favorite, May Davis, stopped badly in the stretch.

L. T. Caton and Handica carried the bulk of the money in the last. Yuba Dam at sevens collared Caton at the sixteenth pole and made a fine spurt. Delbide challenged, but Yuba Dam won by a head. Caton was third. Jockey George Odom arrived to-day.

The Summaries.

First race, seven furlongs—Ben Frost, 99 (Holland), 7 to 2 and 4 to 5, won easily by three lengths; By George, 96 (F. Weber), 7 to 1 and even, second; Sea Knight, 111 (Odom), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:29. Everest, Seattle, Match Boy, Miss Rose, Lady Dora and Sedan also ran.

Second race, selling, one mile and twenty yards—Franciide, 99 (Weber), 100 to 1 and 20 to 1 all out by a neck; Sinitra, 94 (Hinsch), 15 to 1 and 4 to 1, second. The favorite, 99 (Clawson), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:46. Fallas, Fleurette, Russell 11, Macie Marvel and Judge also ran.

Third race, selling, one mile and an eighth—Donna Rita, 102 (Holland), 3 to 2 and 7 to 10, won driving by half a length; Frank McConnell, 99 (Thompson), 8 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Traveler, 107 (Weber), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:57. Maulina, King Elkwood, Mamouna, Sable Lamar and Pinar-de-Rio also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, one mile—Florizar, 94 (Hanson), 7 to 2 and 4 to 5, won by a short neck; Sir Blaze, 99 (A. Weber), 100 to 1 and 20 to 1, second. Tom Middleton, 98 (Woods-Smith), even, third. Time, 1:42½. Forbush, Doctor Parker, Prestidigitator and Bobby also ran.

Fifth race, selling, six furlongs—Red Rose, 99 (Moody), 30 to 1 and 10 to 1, won by a head in a hard drive; El Derim, 94 (Pino), 15 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; First Fast, 94 (Mason), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:16½. Aunt Hedge, Gardner F., Lonsdale, Decatur and May Louis also ran.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—Value Dam, 98 (Taylor), 3 to 1 and 7 to 10, won by a neck; Delbide, 110 (Odom), 4 to 1 and 1 to 2, second; L. T. Caton, 112 (Hinsch), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:29. George H. Newsham, Colonel Cheek, Sallnica, Josephine H. and Lexington Pirate also ran.

New Orleans Entries.

First race, selling, one mile:

Very Light	97	Crystalina	94
Lady Dora	89	Windsor I	94
Sedulia	91	Tip Violet	94
Finten	92	The Pan	94
Singed	91	Wonice	94
Tarba	91	Rocky Monday	99
Lew Anna	91	Dragoon	99
Bella Wood	94		

Second race, six and a half furlongs:

Grace Logan	97	Pedir	94
Sadie Burnham	97	Farmer F.	97
Doctor Fannie Schley-ette	97	Miss Mae Day	102
Mari Simpson	97	Kilbird	102
Moorlocella	102	Earl of Aberdeen	102
Characeme	102	Alex	102

Third race, selling, two miles:

Princess Murphy	93	Albertine	108
Fidelpra	93	Miss Dale	108
Our Nellie	97	Parchmen	112

Fourth race, handicap, six furlongs:

Reckon	91	Judge Wardell	101
Tobe Purdy	94	Sir Christopher	104
Dolly Walker	94	Gil Gordon II	104
Tom Collins	94	Belle Memphis	104
Village Pride	96	San Bernardo	112
J. P. Cline	99	Algerita	112

Fifth race, one mile and a sixteenth:

Mogwai	93	Queen Sally	93
Bright Night	93	Miss Patron	93
Miss Rose	98	Prescott II.	98
Jim Conway	98	George H. Ely	98
Little Billy	98	Golden	98
Otto II	98	Eskara	98

Sixth race, selling, one mile:

Juneatta	94	Rosarian	104
Bristol	94	Judge Quigley	104
Harry Preston	96	Friar John	104
Ben Bolt	96	Neapolitan	106
Ultres	101	Rampo II	106
Can I See Him	102	Bushwick	108
Chicopee	102	Village Pride	109
Lohengrin	102		

Madison Turf Exchange.

Trains leave foot of Olive street 1 p. m., 1:30, 2, 2:30, 2:55, 3:20, 4, 4:25, 5:25, 6:25.

SOFALA SEEMS UNBEATABLE.

Schreiber's Balgowan Filly Makes It Three Straight.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 15.—Farmer Schreiber's unbeaten filly Sofala made it three straight to-day when she picked up the hounds and galloped over a lot of fast youngsters, decorator three-eighths of a mile in :35. Sofala seems to have a racing machine of the classic type, the handsome chestnut filly by Balgowan—Sneda so far she has won all her races without being extended, and there is no telling just how good a filly she really is.

Jockey Clemmie Jenkins's record in the saddle to-day was the feature of the sport. He had a mount in every race and rode five winners, including second in the last race, when Sofala, Weather cloudy and track fast. The summaries:

First race, seven furlongs—Alaric's Garter, 105 (Jenkins), 3 to 2, won; Beautiful Hill, 102 (Thorpe), 12 to 1, second; First Shot, 107 (Hildebrand), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:32½. Gleta, Summer, Sam Anthony, Favorita, Tamaic, Amber, and Coming Event also ran.

Second race, selling, one mile—Sofala, 105 (Jenkins), 3 to 1, won; Tom Cromwell, 104 (E. Jones), 3 to 1, second; Storm King, 106 (Thorpe), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:46½. Gwyther, Mill Young and Cricket also ran.

Third race, purse, three furlongs, 2-year-olds—Sofala, 105 (Hildebrand), even, won; Bir Levy, 107 (Jenkins), 3 to 1, second; M. F. Tarpey, 107 (Green), 7 to 1, third. Time, :35½. Rollin, Wardman and Gaston Brown also ran.

Fourth race, selling, mile—Moor Eagle, 107 (Jenkins), 5 to 2, won; Antebellum, 99 (Hansen), 12 to 1, second; Allemia, 103 (J. Martin), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:48½. Herbert C. Chauncey, Reginald Hughes, Zeska and Fille d'Or also ran.

Fifth race, handicap, mile and a sixteenth—Baby F., 93 (Jenkins), 8 to 5, won; Zoraster, 114 (Piggott), 3 to 1, second; Ventoux, 115 (Spencer), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:47½. Lee Mediante, Red Pirate, Epstein and Greyhurst also ran.

Sixth race, selling, six furlongs—Theory, 104 (Jenkins), 2 to 1, won; Herbert C. Chauncey, 97 (Hildebrand), 12 to 1, second; Moronito, 107 (Thorpe), 2½ to 1, third. Time, 1:13. Bon Ton, Sir Charles, Ben Bolt, Kid Mercer and Billy Stiff ran at the Coliseum a leading lawyer of St. Louis rushed to the sporting editor of this paper to inform him that the prize fight between the Great Britain and Kid Lavigne was not to come off in this city. Upon being asked how he knew this he said he had just left the office of Chief of Police Kiely, who had received a telegram from Mayor Wolfe in Kansas City, stating that the fight would be prevented if it was attempted to be pulled off in this city. The lawyer said he was a friend of the Mayor and was very much pleased that the fight was not to come off here, as he was opposed to such exhibitions. He said he was sorry that the Mayor had not been in the city so that he could have had him see the Chief of Police and have the fight prevented. He said he was very much pleased that the Mayor had taken such a stand against the fight, and he was sorry that he