

# MILLIONAIRE CUP DEFENDERS

Next summer we are to have another series of yacht races for the America's cup. As in former years the contest will probably arouse much popular interest. All over the country, not only on our wide seaboard, but in prairie cities and mountain towns, every detail of the preparations, from the length of the garboard strakes to the name of the defender, will be known and discussed, and when the races are finally sailed the results will be received in every telegraph office in the land almost before the victor and vanquished have furled their great white sails.

So, you see, while our interest in the cup races is somewhat academic, we get lots of fun out of the thing. Yachting always has been a rich man's sport. Quite likely it always will be. International yacht racing is a game for multimillionaires. If you don't believe it, just glance at the names comprising the syndicate formed to resist Sir Thomas Lipton's third attempt on the cup. They are all names of men of great wealth. The syndicate consists of Elbert H. Gary, Clement A. Griscom, James J. Hill, William B. Leeds, William Rockefeller, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Henry Walters and P. A. B. Widener.

Mr. Vanderbilt is a prominent member of the Corinthian Yacht club. He owns and successfully has sailed the seventy rater Rainbow for two seasons and recently has become the owner of the steam yacht Cherokee, formerly owned by William Clark and renamed by Mr. Vanderbilt the North Star. He also owns the small steam yacht Mirage.

William B. Leeds owns the steam yacht Noma that was built for him last year and launched early this season. He is president of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad and a director of the American Can company, the Audit company of New York



CORNELIUS VANDERBILT.

and the United States Mortgage and Trust company. He has been a member of the New York Yacht club only since last March.

James J. Hill was elected a member of the New York Yacht club in February, 1901. He owns the 243 foot steam yacht Wacouta. He is president of the Great Northern Railway company and the Northern Securities company and is one of the foremost railroad men and financiers of the day.

Clement A. Griscom is the prominent Philadelphia financier and steamship builder and owner, best known as the president of the International Navigation company. He is the owner of the schooner Alert and has been a member of the New York Yacht club since 1877.

Elbert H. Gary is best known to the public as the president of the Federal Steel company and chairman of the executive committee of the United States Steel corporation. He is a new member of the club.

P. A. B. Widener is the Philadelphia street railway magnate and financier and renowned as an art connoisseur. He owns the big steam yacht Josephine. His membership in the New York Yacht club dates from February, 1896. Henry Walters of Baltimore became a member of the club in May, 1896. William Rockefeller has been a member of the club since 1890.

Sir Thomas Lipton has spent over \$1,300,000 in his two unsuccessful assaults on the America's cup, and the third trial will probably bring the total up to \$2,000,000—a vast sum to be devoted to merely a few weeks of sport with glory as the only possible reward. The outlay for defending the cup naturally is much smaller than that which falls upon the challenger, and when, as in the present case, the expense is divided among several the individual cost is small when the wealth of the men is considered. Still, ordinary folks would think themselves well to do if they possessed the sum that each will spend.

Besides the cost of a new yacht to be constructed by the Herreshoffs there will be the expense of refitting the Columbia and the Constitution as trial horses. The new boat will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000, and the other expenses will probably foot up \$100,000 more. Besides, there is the item of pay for officers and men of the three boats, which will aggregate \$30,000. All this and more will be gladly paid by the millionaires' syndicate for the sake of the ephemeral glory of being cup defenders.

The coming contest will be the thirteenth in which American boats have sailed for the cup, including the race in which the yacht America won the trophy. On this, the thirteenth trial, will the fateful number interpose its malign influence against American yachting supremacy? Let us pray not. Then, too, Sir Thomas Lipton is the only man to three attempts to win the historic piece of silver. Defeated twice, may not the fates give him vic-



WILLIAM ROCKEFELLER.

tory on the third assault? These numbers, thirteen and three, may cause superstitious yachtsmen some uneasy moments.

Previous to 1855 the honor of defending the cup went to the best boat, without regard to the club from which she hailed. In the first race for the cup that took place in American waters, which occurred in 1870, Mr. Ashbury's schooner yacht Cambria sailed against a fleet of twenty-three American schooners, including the America.

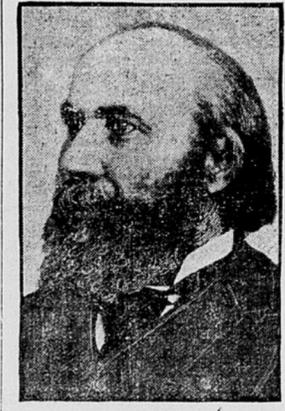
It was not until the Royal Yacht Squadron challenged in 1855 in behalf of Sir Richard Sutton's Genesta that it was considered necessary to build a yacht specially to defend the cup. The Puritan and the Priscilla were built for this purpose. The Puritan was selected after a series of trial races. The contest that year was notable in that the Genesta came the nearest to carrying away the cup of any challenger before or since. For the first time the now celebrated ninety footers tried for the trophy, and then also began the practice of building a special cup defender.

Nevertheless the races next summer are sure to attract widespread interest. Everybody likes a contest, whether it be between yachts, horses, bicycles or anything where skill and courage are required. Sir Thomas Lipton has made many friends by his pluck, and the assurance that he will have the best yacht that can be built in Scotland manned by the most skillful sailors in Great Britain gives zest to the approaching trial.

That he will be opposed by the best sailors of America in an American built yacht will arouse national feeling, and the public will root loyally for the Yankee craft.

The new boat to be built by the Herreshoffs will be ably managed and commanded. Mr. C. Oliver Iselin, the hero of several previous contests, will be the managing owner. Captain Charles Barr, who sailed the Columbia in the race against Shamrock II, will be the sailing master.

Mr. Iselin was in full control of the Vigilant that defeated Valkyrie II. He



JAMES J. HILL.

was the managing owner of the Defender that beat the Valkyrie III, and also of the Columbia, the winner over the Shamrock I. No more experienced or energetic yachtsman could be obtained by the club for the purpose. If there is speed in the new boat, Mr. Iselin and his sailing master, Captain Charles Barr, will develop it.

Next summer, then, Sir Thomas, with his Shamrock III, will again try his luck. Mr. Iselin and his new boat will be ready to receive him, and if money counts the cup will remain anchored here.

## MERE MEN.

Senator Hoar lives on land in Worcester, Mass., that was formerly owned by John Hancock, the patriot. J. Pierpont Morgan, while a student at the English High school in Boston, took the mathematics prize for three years in succession.

Charles D. Bourcart, Swiss minister to Great Britain, declines to accept a transfer to the United States. He has been thrice offered the change.

A. J. Balfour is said to be the first British premier with musical tastes. He is a Wagner enthusiast and also a great admirer of Bach and Handel.

W. E. Chandie, who carried to President Lincoln in 1861 the famous warning not to pass through Baltimore on his way to the capital, has just died in Washington.

M. Combes, the French premier, is only 5 feet 3 inches tall. He is by profession a physician. He was at one time a schoolmaster and is a leading authority on French educational affairs.

Justice Grantham is England's record breaking murder judge. He recently tried three murder cases in one day. He is so fond of smoking that he leaves the bench every little while for a few puffs at a brier pipe.

Nearly every member of congress keeps a scrapbook, and for the time covered Senator Beveridge's is the largest of the lot. The Indiana man already has two volumes of 250 pages each with three newspaper columns to the page.

Don Emilio de Ojeda, the new Spanish minister, is almost certain to be a great favorite in Washington. He has a distinguished appearance, speaks English fluently, has a wide knowledge of literature and as a painter easily might have made a career.

Firtle Daniels of New Albany, Ind., found a terrapin a few days ago which bore the inscription: "George W. Adelotte, 1842; Henry C. Musgrove, 1859; James C. Cook, 1872." Mr. Daniels added "Firtle Daniels, 1902" and put the terrapin into the Ohio river.

## SPORTING NOTES.

The football teams of Northwestern and Illinois and Yale and Harvard play Nov. 22.

Preliminary steps will be taken shortly toward the formation of a state golf association in Massachusetts.

F. H. Loder has again broken the freshman strength test record at Columbia university. The total number of points scored was 1,192.

Beaver, the left end of the Carlisle Indian team, is a little fellow, weighing only 138 pounds, but when it comes to chasing a football he is like a cat after a mouse.

The Wisconsin university football team will make the trip to the Pacific coast for games with Leland Stanford and University of California during the Christmas vacation.

Word comes from Australia that Dan Creedon, who has lately arrived at his home at Melbourne, will shortly meet Jim Hanlon, who is one of the cleverest middleweights of that country.

In the recent football game between the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin the Michigananders carried the ball 422 yards against 134 by the Badgers and ran back punts 105 yards to Wisconsin's 85.

## THE WRITERS.

Gertrude Atherton, who has returned to New York from her visit to Denmark, is to branch out as a dramatist.

Tolstoi believes that the best time for literary work is between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., and he seldom writes at other times.

Rudyard Kipling is probably the first poet to have one of his works form an item in a government's cable bill. His "Our Lady of the Snows" was, it is said, cabled at a shilling a word from London to Ottawa at the expense of the Canadian government.

A German author, Friedrich Venz, wrote a letter to another author named Carl Hartmann, in which he used expressions reflecting on the German emperor. Hartmann made the contents known, and Venz has been condemned to two months' imprisonment.

## PERT PERSONALS.

Alfred Austin has written a poem entitled "Good Night." If we could only believe he means it!—Atlanta Journal.

Miss Susan B. Anthony acted as bridesmaid in Rochester recently, but it is not thought the lady will do anything rash herself.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

President Harper of Chicago has carried his point against co-education, and he must forever after be classed in the category of mean things.—Brooklyn Standard.

Mr. Van Alen of Newport says England is the only place for a gentleman to live. If he intends this as an explanation of his presence in this country, all right; otherwise, it doesn't matter.—Atlanta Journal.

## THE CASTELLANES.

It is pretty hard on a daughter of Jay Gould to be compelled to pledge her life for her husband's debts. Such is frequently the fate, however, of American heiresses who make too great sacrifices to win a title.—Baltimore American.

By decree of court the Castellanes are compelled to live on \$250,000 a year until their debts are paid. However, with this "handsome pittance" and his \$11,000 overcoat Count Boni may be able to pass the winter comfortably.—New York World.

## NEWS ABOUT DELOIT.

Mrs. Horr, Correspondent.

David Mason of Harlan came up Wednesday to visit relatives a short time.

N. H. Brogdon went to Dow City Tuesday of last week to consult Dr. Carr as to his ill health. At present he is feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hunt was at De loit Sunday.

Miss Louis Tucker of Denison is staying at present with her grandmother, Mrs. E. A. McKim.

Elias Hattery of Logan is spending a few days at home.

Mrs. Winnie Browne began her winter term of school last Monday. Miss Emma Kruger is assisting her with her house work.

Uncle David McKim was able to be down town Monday again although very feeble.

On Thursday, Nov. 13 occurred the marriage of Miss Mary Aletha Tucker of DeLoit to Mr. John Anderson of Otter Creek twp. The ceremony was performed at noon in the presence of a small company of relatives and friends, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth McKim, grandmother of the bride. Rev. F. P. Morgan officiating. After most hearty congratulations, the guests were invited to the dining room where a splendid wedding dinner awaited them. The bride and groom are both well and favorably known to the people of DeLoit and vicinity. The happy couple left at the 2 o'clock train for Fremont, Neb. and other points. They expect to be gone about two weeks and then will make DeLoit their home for the present.

## BUCK GROVE LETTER

Mrs. Pete Omesra and children of Rodney, Ia. was here visiting relatives.

Several were invited to attend a quilting bee at Mrs. J. Slater's Thursday afternoon, at 4:30 a dainty supper was served.

Miss Lucy Kane of near Denison was calling on friends last week.

Mr. Cory of Keokuk Co is here visiting his cousins Mr. J. Hains and Mrs. Will Moffitt.

Jennie Mitchell of Dow City was a caller in this vicinity Wednesday.

Mr. Daniel Cruise and son Bert were here visiting relatives.

Mr. John Kelly of Denison was a caller here Wednesday.

Mr. E. Thew has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

L. W. Hagan is moving his building which was in H. Quinn's lumber office near Mr. John Dee's residence, he intends to build on and make a dwelling house.

Miss Rosa Zimmer was visiting with Pearl Bonney the past week.

Mr. Fred Gigax and sister went to Schleswig, Marie intends to stay and work at the dressmaking trade.

Mr. Jas. Bennet of Manila was visiting with relatives here Thursday.

Mike Conway of Denison was on the streets Thursday, he has nearly forgotten his friends here.

The Misses Bonney and Zimmer went to Manila Wednesday to see the dentist and photographer.

Bert Cruise went to Denison Saturday to visit his sisters.

Miss Kate Bills of Denison arrived here Friday to visit with her parents a couple of days.

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Miss Gladys Deacon, reputed the handsomest American girl in Europe, may be disfigured for life by necrosis of the nose, caused by a physician's effort to give her a perfect Grecian profile. The disease started by injection of paraffine into the nose.

Mrs. Julius Johnson entertained a number of her Johnsonville lady friends last Friday afternoon. It being her birthday.

Mrs. Chas. Peterson and daughters, the Misses Minnie and Sarah were at home to their Johnsonville lady friends last Wednesday.

A number of friends had a surprise on Chas. A. Johnson last Saturday evening, it being his birthday.

E. P. Sievers and family visited with Johnsonville relatives Sunday.

Miss Pearl Sievers is making a visit with her grandparents this week.

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