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SCHOCK BEATS THE RECORD

Eclipse Teddy Hale's Famous Performance in New York.

HIS WONDERFUL ENDURANCE

Crowds Throng Convention Hall to See the Great Race—Schock Miles Ahead of All Competitors, and the Contest for Second Place is an Exciting One.

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Albert Schock, by his wonderful performance at Convention Hall since midnight last Sunday, has thus far established himself as the champion long distance rider of the world.

By 11 o'clock last night he had completed 758 miles and 3 laps against 751 miles, the previous world's record.

The other scores were:

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Schock's record is especially remarkable when the mistake in the measurement of the track, which will add five miles to every 100 miles, is considered.

Albert, who, most of yesterday, held down second place, left the track at 11 o'clock, and Lawson, starting up, established himself in that position by a good lead.

Crowds continue to throng Convention Hall nightly to view the great race. Among those who were there yesterday evening were the members of the Washington baseball team, accompanied by Mr. Wagner and Manager Schmetz, and for a time they divided interest with the riders.

Rev. Dr. MacFarland, of St. John's Episcopal Church, was also seen in the hall for several hours during the evening. Schock's wonderful work is surprising even his warmest admirers.

For four hours after he peddled away, riding on Hale's phenomenal record on every lap. At 10 o'clock he had his greatest lead on the former champion, being 6 1/2 miles ahead of Hale's forty-six-hour record, of 736 miles.

The way in which he maintains his form is also exciting much favorable comment. Since the start, fifty hours ago, he has ridden continuously, with the exception of only one hour and eighteen minutes, consumed in changing wheels and rubbing down. Notwithstanding this, when he changed his bicycle at 10 o'clock last night he walked as steadily as if he had never been on the wheel, showing less weariness than anyone on the track.

The greatest good humor prevails among the contestants. All of them are pleased over Schock's performance. They took turns yesterday in pacing him around the track.

Ford, the youngest of the string devotees most time to this purpose, and, in fact, seems to be on the track solely for that end. Every once in a while he starts out on the sport with one of the other riders at his heels. And although the rest are racing at a steady eighteen-mile an hour clip he gains lap after lap on them, making the same gain incidentally for the man whom he is at the time pacing.

Great things are presaged for this young rider. This is his first six-day race, but notwithstanding the frequent rests he has made over 400 miles.

Yesterday he appeared on a new wheel instead of the old '93 model, which he had been riding, and a corresponding improvement in his form was noted. Some admirers presented him with two baskets of fruit at different times during the evening.

Albert was also favored by some of his adherents, receiving a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of wine.

At 10 o'clock the Swede's nose began to bleed. He left the track for a while and every 10-15 minutes appeared, clad in a clean, white shirt. This caught the eye of the spectators at once and he was lustily cheered as he made his first lap.

Forty-eight hours one-third of the long race were completed with midnight. As the hour approached, Schock put on more steam and jaded as he appeared to be, showed the pace to the bunch. As the minute ticked he just squeezed out his 776th mile, 6 miles ahead of the record.

The full score at that time was as follows:

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FIRE FIENDS IN ALTOONA.

Four Buildings Were Ignited in One Night.

Altoona, Pa., March 30.—Five attempts at incendiarism, four of which were successful, kept Altoona firemen and police busy last night. The first blaze was in a stable, next door to No. 1 fire engine-house. Prompt work avoided a loss.

Within a few minutes the storage sheds of Armour & Company, Nelson, Morris & Company, meat restaurants, were in flames. The last serious fire was at 1:30 o'clock in the planing mill of William Stoke. The place was gutted and a large amount of lumber was consumed. Stoke's loss is \$35,000; insurance, \$10,000. The total loss by the fire is about \$45,000.

TWO WOMEN BURNED.

Their Bodies Found on the Top Floor of a Tenement House.

New York, March 30.—Fire broke out at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in the fire-story house, No. 61 West One Hundred and Fifth street, and by the time the firemen arrived the whole house was in flames. The building was insured to the extent of \$8,000, and the tenants lost about \$4,000 worth of property.

After the fire was under control and the firemen had gone into the building, they found on the top floor two bodies of women.

A DEATH-DEALING WIND

Cyclone Sweeps Down Upon and Destroys a Town.

Forty-five People Killed and Two Hundred Reported to Have Been Injured.

Guthrie, Okla., March 30.—A cyclone at Chandler, forty miles east of here, at dusk this evening, destroyed three-fourths of the town of 1,500 people, and the latest news is that 150 are badly hurt and a dozen or more people killed. The known dead are:

Mr. and Mrs. Woodman, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Attorney John Dawson. The injured so far as known are: Samuel Hightower, John McCarley, brothers-in-law of United States Marshal Magle, clerk of court; F. N. Black and father, John Foster, Mrs. Emory Foster, two daughters of County Treasurer Ulan, Samuel Whitpain, and George McHenry.

Nearly every building in the town was wrecked and daylight will undoubtedly reveal the presence of many more dead.

The storm broke without warning and few had time to seek places of safety. Judge Hale was holding court and the building was rolled off its foundation and turned over, but the court attaches all escaped.

A large number of physicians left here for a forty-five mile drive in the dark with a load of medicines, surgical instruments, etc.

The storm came from the southwest with terrific force, destroying everything in its path. It struck the town square and but one building, the Mitchell Hotel, is left intact.

Guthrie, Okla., March 31.—Later reports state that the ruined buildings have caught fire.

Forty-five people were killed and over 200 were injured.

TO SUCCEED RIVERA.

It Is Said Sanguily Will Take Command in Pinar Del Rio.

New York, March 30.—Gen. Julio Sanguily, hero of the ten years' war in Cuba, a military tactician of acknowledged ability, has been named as a general by the Cuban government to succeed Gen. Rivera as the commander of the army of the west, and his advent will cause a change of policy in the conduct of the campaign in Pinar Del Rio, in which province the only aggressive movements of the Spanish forces are now being made.

Gen. Sanguily is the Cuban patriot who served two years in jail charged with the crime of rebellion.

On Friday night last Gen. Sanguily was given a reception at the Philadelphia Academy of Music, which was largely attended. At its conclusion he publicly expressed his intention of returning to Cuba to "draw my sword in his defense," he said, "and in all probability I will be in the thick of the fighting within a few weeks."

The unexpected capture of Rivera will hasten this determination, and it is but a matter of a few days when the released prisoner will be on his way to Cuba, accompanied by his seventeen-year-old son. Whether he will renounce his American citizenship is a question. It is not likely that he will. If he is captured he will be given short shift, papers or no papers.

THE BANQUET TO BABCOCK

Many of His Friends Gathered to Do Him Honor.

SENATOR HANNA A GUEST

All the Principal Decorations Were in Yellow and All the Speeches Were Babcock, Turiff, and Gold. Hon. J. Franklin Fort Made a Witty Toastmaster.

The superb banquet given last night at the Arlington Hotel was both a political and social tribute to Hon. J. W. Babcock, and the apothegm of gold, Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, described the occasion artistically and comprehensively from the Republican point of view, when he said "the greatest glory of this event is that the guest of honor so richly deserves it all."

As all parties know, with varying degrees of satisfaction, Mr. Babcock was chairman of the Republican national congressional committee for the last campaign. He is also chairman of the District Committee of the House, and has numbers of warm friends of all parties in Washington, so that he has both a local and national reputation. The list of subscribers to this social testimonial given below will show it contains an important contingent of his friends here and throughout the Union.

The arrangements for the banquet were in keeping with the style which the G. O. P. people celebrate their festivals. The tone color of the decorations of the banquet hall was yellow. Every component of the general magnificent effect was a work of art, but the masterpiece of it all was the brilliant lighting, which was the work of the architect, Mr. Babcock, Senator Hanna, Postmaster General Gaty, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Gen. Grosvenor, Gen. F. Franklin Fort, Secretary of War Alger, "Admiral" Henderson, Col. W. H. English, Mr. C. J. Bell and Hon. W. J. Sattan.

This design was a ten-foot square picture frame, the sides of which were outlined in incandescent lights. The picture was a circle of incandescent lights enclosing the olive of a gold dollar. Just over the frame was a gilded globe with the motto, "The world is the plowholder shall be as good as that of the bondholder." The massive festoons of green along the walls were caught up with yellow ribbons, the sprays of many of the palms to trees were painted yellow, the balcony for the band was in the same color, and the tables were graced lavishly with jennings, towering bunches of Forsythia, and plateaus of yellow carnations.

Three date palm trees were the conspicuous parts of the growing plant decoration, and in these were entwined points of light, red, white, blue, and yellow. The decoration of the table, at which sat Mr. Babcock, the Cabinet officers, Gen. Fort, the toastmaster, was rarely beautiful and rich, all of the space, except that reserved for covers and glasses, being banked with yellow carnations, jennings, ferns, and young palms. The roses of the decoration were Britismard, Bride, and Jacqueminots. It was said that sixteen out of the twenty writers were yellow, but the statement was not verified.

The music was by the Yundi Mandolin Orchestra and, as usual, was excellent. The proceedings were opened by the entrance of Mr. Babcock at about 8 o'clock, when there was a splendid demonstration, the company cheering him as he proceeded to his seat. They all stood up to greet and wave their handkerchiefs to the hero of the occasion and of the Congressional campaign.

After the dinner Gen. Fort introduced the speeches by one of his own, in which he maintained that the Republican party had made no mistake in electing Babcock, its chairman of the national and Congressional committees, paying a pointed compliment to the splendid services of Mr. Babcock, who responded to the toast of himself. Mr. Babcock made the modest hint of appreciation and was time and again applauded. The rest of the election, he declared, "had placed the Administration nearer to the heart of the American people than any that has occupied the White House since the time of Abraham Lincoln."

Senator Hanna responded to the toast of Mark Hanna and said half a dozen or more good things in five minutes. He began by saying that his voice had lately been worn out by a combination of the grip and explaining the scope of the civil service. He said that Mr. Babcock was the first man to have been elected to the office of the president and that he kept it in view to the end. (Applause.) Mr. Hanna epitomized the campaign by saying that the Republicans fought thirteen rounds with silver, but the fourth round was fought with the tariff.

Senator Spooner and Gen. Alger made speeches, in which they congratulated Mr. Babcock on the skill with which he managed the campaign. Short responses were also made by ex-Senator Sawyer, who was heartily applauded when he arose, and Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture. Senator Thurston made one of his best after-dinner speeches, in which he prophesied the passage of the tariff bill by the Senate, some time in the third decade of the twentieth century.

This joke, or actual bill of future fact, put Mr. Grosvenor in a mock-heroic humor, and when it came his turn to say something he said that if the Senate could pass the bill till the twentieth century, he hoped that God Almighty would invent some way before that time of getting rid forever and forever of such an institution as the Senate of the United States. (Great laughter and applause.) Mr. Cannon also had his turn on the rostrum, and in the course of an effective speech, he asserted that the Senate wouldn't dare to ignore the voice of 72,000,000 people, who were now demanding the passage of a tariff bill. (Renewed applause, which was helped along by Senator Thurston.)

Mr. J. F. Supple, of Baltimore, made a neat little speech, in which, commenting on all the good things that other speakers had said about Washington, affirmed that if it were all true he wouldn't object to favoring a bill for a Greater Washington to include Baltimore and Bladensburg. Speeches, later in the evening, were made by Messrs. Warner, Bell, Truesdell, Dr. Fardon and others. Vice President Hobart, who had a previous engagement, was able to appear only very late in the evening. Speaker Reed was not present for the same reason, but he sent a note.

RAILROAD ATTORNEYS CONFERENCE.

They Discussed Means of Continuing the Traffic Association.

New York, March 30.—An important conference between counsel for the members of the Joint Traffic Association was held today in the offices of Carter and Ledyard, No. 54 Wall street. The conference, which was attended by the attorneys from almost every railroad included in the Joint Traffic Association, was for the purpose of discussing the decision of the Supreme Court in the trans-Missouri Freight Association case.

Among those present were E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, special counsel for the New York Central Railroad Company, Frank Loomis, also of the New York Central Railroad Company; John B. Kerr, of the Ontario and Western; ex-United States Senator George F. Edmunds, special counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Roosevelt J. E. Cowen, of the Baltimore and Ohio; exchange Asst. Sec. of the West Shore; Frank Bond, of the Michigan Central; F. B. Jennings, of the Erie; Henry Wyckham, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; W. DeForest, of the Jersey Central; and James C. Carter and Lewis Cass Ledyard, counsel for the Joint Traffic Association.

Mr. Ledyard announced that a letter had been drawn up and sent to the Joint Traffic Association, giving the views of the legal advisers.

"The decision reached," said Mr. Ledyard, "was to join with the United States Government in procuring an early as possible hearing in the Joint Traffic Association on appeal. The Attorney General is to make a motion, with our concurrence, in the Supreme Court on Thursday next to have the appeal heard in the Joint Traffic Association. In the meantime, the Joint Traffic Association has been advised to continue as it has heretofore, pending the determination of the legality of the organization."

GRETTANS FIRE ON A CONSUL

Russia's Representative Tries to Act Under a Truce.

THEY MISTOOK HIS MOTIVE

The Insurgents Had Not Forgotten Their Recent Experience With the Turks—Moslem Losses Were Heavy at Spinalonga—Hard Fighting Reported on the Frontier.

Canca, March 30.—The attack of the Turks on the insurgent leaders who went to Gonbe, near Kettimo, Sunday, to meet the Russian consul, who had been delegated to confer with them, has caused much indignation. The consul had invited them to Gonbe, but did not meet them Sunday because of the failure of the Turkish officials to inform him of the arrival, as they had promised to do.

Yesterday the consul, accompanied by twenty Russian soldiers, went to Gonbe, hoping to see the rebel chiefs. The insurgents mistook his motives after their experience on Sunday, and from the hills they fired upon the Russians, despite the fact that they were carrying a flag of truce.

Eventually, the consul by signaling, persuaded a score of the insurgents to come to parley, but among those who descended from their positions was none of the leaders. The conference was, therefore, virtually fruitless. The consul found those with whom he conferred utterly ignorant of the meaning of autonomy, of which he was desirous of securing their acceptance.

He explained the scheme of the powers to give the Creteans self-government. The insurgents said that they would consider the matter.

In the fighting at Spinalonga, on March 23 and 24, Turkish garrison lost heavily, and were compelled to take refuge on an island. The insurgents swam to the island and continued their attack. A French iron-clad has gone to Spinalonga, presumably to relieve the Turks, whose position is extremely precarious and other stories.

The British warship Rodney has retailed the forts at Kissano, after shelling the insurgents, who were trying to undermine the Turkish position.

DEPRESSED, BUT DEFIANT

Cubans Say Rivera's Capture Will Not Retard Revolution.

The War Will Go On With the Same Vigor as Before—Delight Over Day's Mission.

The Cuban legion has had no further news of the capture of Gen. Rivera, and his chief-of-staff, Col. Bacallao, at San Cristobal. Mr. Quesada does not express any doubt of the truth of the account, however.

Mr. Albertini, of the legation, stated to a news reporter last night that probably Gen. Garcia will take the place of Gen. Rivera. He said: "The revolution will go on with just as much vigor and with no lack of heart, because of this unfortunate occurrence. You know it was said, when Gen. Maceo was killed, that the day which ended his life was also the death of the revolution. But the Cubans have shown how untrue this was by their success in carrying on the war since that time."

The legation is much pleased by the news of the appointment of Judge Day on a special commission to Cuba, as ex-chief of the revolution in yesterday morning's Times. Mr. Albertini said of this: "We hope for much from this mission. All we ask for is that the facts be learned and truthfully reported. That will be enough. The appointment seems to show a friendliness for Cuba on the part of President McKinley."

Mr. Quesada is quite seriously ill, at the Raleigh, from overwork and the effects of a severe cold.

SPANISH VICTORIES REPORTED.

Madrid, March 30.—A dispatch from Havana states that the Spanish forces have seized twenty-two rebel depots, deposited in the hands of the rebel leaders Miro, Perico, Delgado, and Bernandez here from fever.

It also states that the rebels under Gomez and another band each lost forty men killed in encounters, the localities of which are not given.

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TURKISH TROOPS VANQUISHED

They Were Compelled to Retreat Before the Christians.

London, March 30.—A dispatch to the Central News from Athens states that a strong force of insurgents today attacked the Turkish troops at Spinalonga, Crete. The troops made a desperate defense of their positions, but could not withstand the determined onslaught of the Christians and were finally compelled to retreat.

There was heavy fighting throughout the engagement. The dispatch adds that a vessel lying in the harbor of Spinalonga, laden with ammunition and other stores, was captured by the insurgents, who removed the captured supplies to places out of reach of the Turks.

FIGHT ON THE FRONTIER.

Greeks and Turks Said to Have Met in Battle.

Constantinople, March 30.—If the reports just received from the Turkish headquarters at Elassonara are correct, fighting has already occurred on the Turkish side of the frontier of Macedonia. It is said that a Greek insurgent chieftain, Alexis Taki, a brother of the famous chieftain of that name, crossed the frontier into Macedonia, on Sunday last, accompanied by about twenty-five of his followers.

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COUNTY OFFICIALS INDICTED.

They Are Accused of Stealing \$50,000 of County Funds.

HUNTER MAY WITHDRAW.

Rumors at Frankfort That His Chances Are Gone.

Frankfort, Ky., March 30.—Eight ballots for United States Senator were taken by the excited legislature today without change of an election, and the supporters of Dr. Hunter are still solid, so far as men, however, are elating tonight that this is Hunter's last day in the lead and that tomorrow the inevitable break in his column will come, carrying with it the election of Gov. Bradley or St. John Boyle.

The first ballot, of which the subsequent seven were practical duplicates, was as follows: Hunter, 60; Blackburn, 43; Davis, 13; Boyle, 7; Stone, 1. Hunter lacked three votes of being elected. This was the first day that more than one ballot had been taken, and it was regarded as a final play of the Hunter forces to force his election. Attempts were made to adjourn at the end of the twelfth ballot, delaying the next ballot one hour.

The chamber presented anything but a dignified appearance, nearly every member eating apples, smoking, and making a commotion on the adjournment question. The Bradley coalition, which held a caucus last night, reported forty-eight silver Democrats ready to vote for Bradley, and nine gold Democrats. The Republicans present said that they had enough votes to make an adjournment question of inquiry and corruption are in everybody's mouth.

REPORTERS VISIT RIVERA

He Was Reticent Regarding Affairs of the Insurgents.

Havana, March 30.—Several reporters went to San Cristobal today for the purpose of interviewing Gen. Rivera, the commander of the insurgents in the province of Pinar Del Rio, who was captured by the forces of Gen. Velasco during an engagement near Cabezas on Sunday.

Gen. Rivera, as stated in the dispatches of yesterday, was badly wounded in the fight and was taken prisoner, as his chief of staff, Col. Bacallao, was being carried by him from the field. Col. Bacallao was also captured.

The reporters found Gen. Rivera, who was confined in the quarters of the Guardia Civil, resting more easily than he did yesterday, his wounds having been attended to by Spanish physicians. He was very reticent regarding the condition of affairs among the insurgents in the province, positively refusing to answer any questions on the subject.

He spoke freely enough on other topics, and dwelt at length upon the history of the Cuban revolution, in which he played a prominent part.

One of the interviewers asked him if he did not think it useless to cause so much bloodshed fighting against the sovereignty of Spain. His face at once became very serious, and he replied: "Time will show, history will judge."

Both Gen. Rivera and Col. Bacallao said that they were thankful for the good treatment they had received since they were captured. Gen. Rivera has presented a diamond ring that he wore, to the surgeon who attended him after he was made a prisoner.

MERCHANTS ARE JUBILANT.

They Congratulate Gen. Weyler Over the Capture of Rivera.

Havana, March 30.—The merchants of Cienfuegos are jubilant over the capture of the rebel general, Rius Rivera, the successor of Antonio Maceo, by the Spanish troops, and have organized a public demonstration in honor of Capt. Gen. Weyler, who is now in that city. They have also sent a cablegram to the government at Madrid, praising Gen. Weyler's campaign against the rebels, and expressing confidence that he will speedily put an end to the rebellion.

Forty-three political suspects were expelled to the Choffarine Islands in the Mediterranean and to the Island of Fernando Po today, and twelve women were sent to the Isle of Pines as "navigas," members of an organization of murderers.

THEIR MOVEMENTS WATCHED.

Officials Prevent Vessels From Carrying Coal to the Monarch.

Key West, March 30.—Last night customs officials at this port detected the steamer Clyde and schooner Cora taking coal, and, failing to satisfy the officials as to the disposition of the same, an inspector was detailed to duty on board the schooner Cora, with instructions to proceed with her and see what disposition would be made of said cargo.

Capt. H. H. Williams, of the Cora, refused to take his vessel out to the officer on board, and the steamer Clyde proceeded alone, and within about sixteen miles northward of this city, she struck on Horseshoe Shoals and came back in a badly damaged condition.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning the steam tug Monarch was brought into this port by the cutter Winona. Yesterday morning the cutter, acting under instructions from the collector of customs, left this port for Boca harbor, thirty miles to northward, sighted the Monarch, which was anchored there waiting for coal. An officer was sent on board with instructions to take her to Key West.

This is the second time within ten days that an attempt has been made to supply the Monarch with coal from this port.

A RESCUE STEAMER SUNK.

Memphis, Tenn., March 30.—The steam tug El Rio, sunk in the harbor here early this morning. The crew of five men had narrow escapes from drowning. The tug was valued at \$4,000, and was owned by John Rafferty, a newspaper carrier in the employ of St. Louis. The tug had been employed by the St. Louis Republic in carrying correspondents through the flood districts and in rescuing refugees.

A LUMBER VESSEL LOST.

Mobile, Ala., March 30.—A telegram from Pensacola announces the loss of the four-masted American schooner Margaret, Capt. Mastey, off Cape San Antonio. The vessel was loaded at this port with lumber and was bound for Cienfuegos. The crew were all saved and landed at Pensacola.

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FLEEING FOR THEIR LIVES

People in the Lower River Districts Routed by the Floods.

THE LEVEES MELTING AWAY

A Number of Drownings Reported. Two Thousand Souls Are Homeless—Houses, Barns, and Live Stock Carried Away by the Torrent—Plantations Doomed.

Baton Rouge, La., March 30.—The break in the levee ten miles below Greenville, Miss., is the worst so far to occur. Thousands of feet of the levee, weakened and softened by the high waters, are melting away like sand. The break last night was 2,000 feet wide, and the water is rushing into Mississippi with frightful velocity.