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## TWO GREAT SWIMMERS

### Arrival of W. H. Beckwith and His Sister from England.

#### Wonderful Feats of Endurance in the Water—Records of the Champions—Their Future Movements.

New York, June 7.—Among the passengers on the City of Berlin, were Mr. William H. Beckwith and his sister, Miss Agnes Beckwith, the celebrated swimmers from the Royal Aquarium, London. Mr. Beckwith's wife and their only child, a bright little boy of three years accompanied them. They were met at the wharf by Mr. Dick Fitzgerald, who took them in charge and escorted them to a hotel. Mr. Beckwith was in excellent trim, weighing 144 pounds, of a healthy, ruddy complexion. In physique he resembles Rowell, except that his neck is not so chunky and his hair is of light color.

Miss Beckwith, who is now in her twenty-second year and weighs 134 pounds, wore a black silk dress and black turban hat. She is short and compact in build, has a bewitching pair of bright blue eyes and light hair, hair which fell in graceful short curls, without any seeming attempt at affect, under the rim of her hat. There was a childlike, confiding simplicity in her conversation as she told the reporter of her early exploits as a maid. She laughed heartily when asked if she could remain in the water an entire day and night. "Why, bless you," she said, "three whole days—and, mind you, I include the nights as well."

"Without being tired?"  
"Certainly; but then you know I would want to have some one to watch and keep me awake when I should feel drowsy. I tell you how I contrived to bear up against sleep when I was in the aquarium on a great test. I took an entertaining book and enjoyed myself so well that I never once felt a desire to sleep. Perhaps the easy method of resting had much to do with it."

"Was no exertion necessary to keep afloat?"  
"Not unless you desired. I could stay in the water floating and swimming on my back for a week, if I only had some books and could keep awake; but, as I said, three days and nights would try me sufficiently."

"Was there anything peculiar in your early training for the water?"  
"Well, I can't say there was, except that I never felt told while in the water. My father used to be nervous about my taking so frequently to the water. I was quite slim, so they gave me fatty substances to give heat to my system, and now you can see (holding out her right arm) what a muscle I have got."

"What do you think about swimming across the English Channel?"  
"I could do it (triumphantly) and wanted to try it several times, but my father would not permit me. He is too timid."

"How did you enjoy the voyage?"  
"Oh, I felt miserable most of the time. I was sick four days, and then I missed my usual bath. I have not had a bath in fourteen days. Willie was sick only one day."

At this point the little boy came tumbling in and rolling on the carpet. "Just look at him," she exclaimed; "his father could swim at his age."

Mr. and Miss Beckwith will give an exhibition within a week for the benefit of the press in this city, after which they will make an extended tour through the country.

"What do you think of this country?"  
"Oh (exultingly), I think everything looks so bright and cheerful here. I couldn't tell you how I felt when I was coming from the steamer."

The following is a record of the performances of Mr. Beckwith, and his sister:—

William Beckwith—160 yds. 2 min. 43 sec.; 480 yds. 7 min. 83 sec.; 500 yds. in bath, 7 min. and 8 sec.; 1,000 yds. in bath, 15 min. 83 sec.; in open water, 15 min. 51 sec. In a 60-hour race, 10 hours daily, at London, June 20-25, 1881, his total score was 94 miles 32 laps (40 laps to the mile); daily score; Monday 17 miles 12 laps; Tuesday, 16 miles 3 laps; Wednesday, 16 miles 2 laps; Thursday, 15 miles 28 laps; Friday, 15 miles 27 laps; Saturday, 14 miles. His competitor was Mr. Webb, who completed 92 miles 12 laps.

Agnes Beckwith—September 1, 1875, aged fourteen, swam five miles with tide in Thames river in 1 h. 9 min. July 5, 1876, Thames river with tide, 10 miles, 2 h. 43 min.; July 17, 1878, Thames river without assistance, 20 miles, 5 h. 25 min.

Last December Mr. Beckwith published the following card in the London Sportsman:

"Seeing an account of a swimming race that took place in Scotland, the winner of which calls himself the champion of England, I shall be glad to swim any man in the world from 220 yards up to a six days' swim for not less than \$500 a side, up to any amount he likes. Will give good expenses to swim in London, as engagements prevent traveling. I also beg to give notice to wild-be champions that in conjunction with my sister and father I start for America at the end of next May, so that any one who really wishes a match will have to swim between now and then, and not boast during my absence."

### Perils of Dentistry.

Vicksburg, June 7.—Ellen Johnson, a colored woman, called upon Dr. J. C. McConnell, colored dentist, asking to have a tooth pulled. The Doctor thought she could bear the use of chloroform, and administered the drug, and before restoratives could be applied she died. Dr. Balfour was called in, but too late to be of service. The Coroner held an inquest on the deceased, resulting in a verdict that she had come to her death from an overdose of chloroform administered by the dentist in attendance, and that the same was accidental.

### AN ORIGINAL SCHEME.

#### Fishing for Distinguished Suckers—Blackmail as an Art.

HARTFORD, CONN., June 7.—Isaac H. Lockwood will be arraigned before the Grand Jury of the United States District Court to-day, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. After a rather checkered career Lockwood went to Stepany, where he had an aunt, an aged lady named Beers, who gave him a home and money. At one time she advanced him \$240 on diamonds valued at \$500. He was very busy all this time, writing all the time and taking a great many letters to the Post Office. Finally, Lockwood wanted his diamonds back and would not pay the \$240 in lieu of which they were held. His aunt refused to deliver them, and he thereupon caused her arrest, although she was sick, on a charge of theft. Judge Beers, of Bridgeport, was sent for, and adjusted the differences, but Mrs. Beers brought a suit for malicious prosecution, which is still pending, awaiting the termination of the action instituted in the United States Court by the District Attorney.

Lockwood has devised one of the most ingenious confidence games ever known in the country, and was reaping the proceeds of his cleverness while at Stepany last winter. He mailed to addresses in every section of the country many circulars headed, "A Practical Philanthropy! \$780,000, the Best of a Banker, for the Benefit of the Banking Fraternity of the United States." The circular calls attention to an alleged bequest by a retired banker of \$780,000 for an original and unostentatious charity. The retired banker, it is explained, was, when a young man, employed in a Boston bank. He was fond of society, and possessing extravagant tastes, he was drawn by slow degrees into a state of expenditure far in excess of his income. At last he stood upon the brink of ruin, a defaulter in the sum of \$85,000. In despair he appealed to a "very wealthy and eccentric friend" for counsel. The latter gave him \$85,000 in cash, to save him "to a life of usefulness." Two conditions only accompanied the gift. The first was, that an account should be kept daily of all personal expenses, and one-third of the young man's means should be saved in cash, and the account balanced quarterly. The second condition was that in after life the money thus saved would be used to save some other person from ruin and disgrace. The recipient of this strange legacy is said to have grown rich, but he died without finding an opportunity to help any person as he had been helped. He, therefore, conceived the idea of leaving \$780,000 as a sort of trust fund for the benefit of bank officers who have defaulted. The circular, it is announced, is sent to every bank in the United States, and the following paragraph appears in it: "Persons who do not stand in need and within the design of this assistance will be too honorable to seek any advantage by pretending to, and they will see that this circular does not fall into improper hands." The recipient of the circular is invited to a personal interview with the executor, under whose signature at the bottom of the circular is the address: Postoffice Box No. 185, Stepany Depot, Conn.

Lockwood procured the names and addresses of bank officers and employees and sent them a copy of this or a similar circular. After his arrest a manuscript story in the same line entitled "A Banker's Life, by Himself," was found among his effects. He sent out 5,000 or more circulars, and in order to do this was obliged to find a post-office where his operations would be winked at. It is believed by the authorities that George Page, the Postmaster at Stepany, knew his scheme and was a partner in it. Page was arrested, but escaped, and is now believed to be in Dakota.

Answers to the circulars were received in considerable numbers. They came from bankers and banker's employes, from children whose fathers had been dishonest, and wives whose husbands were defaulters. Among the writers, whose confessions and appeals for help are in the hands of the authorities, were a Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, stationed at Guernsey, a ruined Irish gentleman, an attaché of the British Wesleyan body, a poor Glasgow woman writing in behalf of her dishonest husband, and a host of persons in this country, including treasurers of benevolent associations, bank clerks, one delinquent lawyer, and one editor in a Boston newspaper office. The letters present pitiful stories of dishonesty and pecuniary need. Lockwood's game, after he received these letters and became conversant with the affairs of the writers, was to blackmail them by threatening to report them to the financial institution or firm from which they had stolen, according to their own confessions. While the Government has obtained possession of copies of the circulars sent out and many replies received at Stepany, it has none of the threatening letters which Lockwood wrote in reply, and by which he made his collections. The publication of the facts may bring some of them to light. Nor does the Government know how much he realized in this way, but the officers know that he received a great many registered letters. When the cashier of the Fourth National Bank in New York received one of the circulars some time ago, he wrote to the Postmaster at Stepany, asking him what kind of a scheme was being carried on there. Under the circumstances it was not strange that the now missing Postmaster did not bring the matter to the attention of the authorities.

### A Louisville Shooting.

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 7.—A shooting case occurred here at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. At that hour Dr. W. W. Barnes shot his brother-in-law, E. C. Boyd, twice, one of the shots being likely to prove fatal. The difficulty occurred at the office of Dr. Barnes, young Boyd threatening and the

doctor shooting. The first shot struck under the arm, almost in the pit, and the ball ranged upward and out of the arm through the muscle. This shot was evidently fired while the man's arm was raised. The second, and probably fatal shot, struck near the small of the back, about an inch to the right of the spine, and ranged down and forward, perforating the ilium and coming out an inch to the right of the median line of the body. Physicians were immediately summoned, and the young man was removed to his father's house.

After the shooting the persons in the room immediately ran out upon the street, Barnes going to surrender himself to the chief of police. He was immediately taken to the police court and released on \$1,000 bond. He then went to his home. He has refused to make any statement.

### That Hanlan Thinks of the Offer of \$5,000 Prize for a Race with Courtney.

TORONTO, June 7.—Edward Hanlan, the late champion of the world, accompanied by G. W. Lee, the well-known American oarsman has arrived in the city. The arrival at the Globe office yesterday evening, Hanlan looked a perfect picture of health, although a recent training had heavily on him, and he was in the best of spirits. The American was to all appearance in the best trim, and anxious for a double or double contest. In conversation Hanlan said that he and Lee intended to make a double-scull race on Toronto Bay for two weeks, and then go to Pullman, Ill., to take part in the regatta there the 22d inst. After that he would take part in a regatta at Lowell, Mass., on the 1st of July, and would row no more races until he meets Wallace Ross at Ogdensburg on the 18th. In reply to a question he said that Kennedy was not as good an oarsman as it was thought he was. Hanlan has ordered a new double-scull shell from Ruddick, of Boston. The champion oarsman in high terms of praise of the kind of oars which he received from the Americans. After some conversation upon the style of rowing and system of training, Hanlan said: "The fact is, I work on my own system. I never had anybody to teach me. I know myself thoroughly well, and I can tell in a second, while I am rowing, whether each muscle is doing its fair share of work or not. Why, before I rowed any big races I was told by (and he mentioned the name of one well known along the bay front, and supposed to be a good judge of such matters): 'You may as well give up. You'll never make a sculler. You're the worst figure of a man I ever saw in a boat.' Well, I knew I didn't know how to row then, but I thought I could learn, so I went right ahead and practiced."

How about the offer of \$5,000 for a Courtney-Hanlan contest, on condition that Courtney will give bonds to row an honest race?"

"I wouldn't go into it. They might say that Courtney had not rowed honestly, and keep back the money."

This was evidently a misapprehension, and it was pointed out that the condition was not an honest race, but the giving of certain bonds.

"Well, anyhow I wouldn't go into a race where it was thought necessary to have one of the men put under such bonds. In fact, I doubt very much that I should feel called upon to row for any prize offered by Soule after his denunciation of all rowing men last year. In any case, I think this offer an insulting one to professional oarsmen, and hardly a gentlemanly thing for Mr. Soule to do."

After stating his willingness to match Lee and himself to row any two men in the world, the champion retired.

### BRAVE JENNIE MILES.

#### A 16-Year-Old Girl Successfully Defends Herself from an assault by a Negro.

NEW HAVEN, June 7.—Jennie Miles, aged sixteen, was attacked in Munson street, this city, at about 10 o'clock at night by a burly negro as she was returning unattended from church. The negro jumped out from behind a clump of shrubbery on a causeway and caught the girl in his arms. As she was struggling to free herself she discovered that the ruffian was in his bare feet. Then she sprang upward and with all her force brought the sharp heels of her shoes down upon his toes. He howled with rage and pain, and threatened to take her life. In the darkness she could not make out the negro's features, but he pressed his face close against her, and heavy whiskers swept her cheeks. In an instant she wound her fingers into the whiskers, and his howls grew louder and louder. The dyke roadway is narrow, being barely a dozen feet in width. In an unguarded moment the negro neared the brink of the roadway. As he did so the brave girl summoned all her strength, and they both plunged over the edge and into the water. The negro fell beneath her, and, as the water was deep, he gave up his fight and struggled to free himself from the girl's clutch and to save himself from drowning. She pulled out a big bunch of bristly hair from his cheek and let him go. She clambered up the bank and ran feely homeward. Her father, William H. Miles, one of the leading residents of the tenth ward, organized a search party and went out with lanterns to hunt for the girl's assailant, but he made good his escape.

### Attempt to Burn a Town.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., June 7.—Another attempt has been made by incendiaries to burn this place, which suffered terribly by fire only two days ago. Kerosene oil was poured on a building, which was saved only by great efforts. This makes the fourth attempt to burn the town. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for the detection of the incendiaries.

### STICK AND RULE.

#### Important Proposed Legislation by the International Typographical Union.

CINCINNATI, June 7.—The International Typographical Union, now in session here, at their meetings yesterday, introduced several proposed important changes on rules of the Union.

Correspondence from the Chicago Union was read asking for the passage of a law prohibiting sub-lists in Union offices, and providing against the discharge of printers except for incompetency or the breaking of chapel rules. Referred.

Correspondence was read asking for the passage of a law to have printed on delegates' certificate and declarations that they will not join any secret clique or ring to influence or govern work against the interest of other Union printers.

A resolution was presented to have all composition on newspapers to be paid for by the piece. Referred.

A resolution was presented authorizing the appointment of a general organizer to visit the various cities and establish new unions. Referred to Committee on New Unions.

A very lengthy resolution was presented, providing for a home for superannuated printers, which was referred to the Committee on Reports.

The following resolution offered by Mr. McClurg, of New Jersey, was adopted:

"Whereas, This International Typographical Union being anxious to sanction and uphold all legislation tending to the advancement and progress of unionism; and

"Whereas, The New Jersey Legislature, at its last session, having enacted a law relative to persons combining and encouraging other persons to combine; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Unions subordinate to this International Body are hereby requested to use honorable means to have their representatives to labor for a similar measure in the several States where no such law now exists; and be it further

"Resolved, That this I. T. U., knowing the value of such a law, offers the same for the consideration of the members of our Craft."

"Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly, &c., that it shall not be unlawful for any two or more persons to unite, combine or bind themselves by oath, covenant, or agreement, alliance or otherwise, to persuade, advise or encourage, by peaceable means, any person or persons, to enter into any combination for or against leaving or entering into the employment of any person, persons or corporation."

The congratulations of I. T. U. were, by resolution, extended to the iron and steel workers on the successful termination of their troubles.

### Fires and Storms.

BRADFORD, PA., June 7.—The depot of the Rochester and Pittsburg Railroad, at Johnsonburg near here, was struck by lightning and burned. The storm was very severe, destroying all instruments along the line of telegraph south of here. During the same storm a thirty-five thousand barrel tank of oil belonging to the United Pipe Lines, at Olean, was struck. Fortunately the tank was sufficiently isolated to prevent the spreading of the flames to a large number of iron tanks which are located in the immediate vicinity. Several hundred men were employed in checking the conflagration. There were thirty-three thousand barrels of oil in the tank at the time. It is rumored that the tank at Karns City was struck, and other tanks were in danger, but the extent of the damage is not yet learned.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., June 7.—A large tank of the Tide Water Pipe Line Company, at Muncy, containing eight thousand barrels, was struck by lightning, and the oil fired. Two or three buildings in Muncy were also struck.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 7.—A storm yesterday afternoon caused damage estimated at \$60,000. Houses were undermined, cellars flooded, streets torn up, etc. Lightning struck in several places. A large derrick on the new Capitol, and the flag-staff on the Delavan House were shivered. No person was injured. Weed, Parsons & Co., printers, suffered damages estimated at \$10,000 by the flooding of their cellar.

### A TERRIBLE CRIME.

#### Murderous Attack at Croton on the Hudson.

CROTON, N. Y., June 7.—The discovery of the nearly lifeless body of a well dressed man in some underbrush near the railroad depot of this village has produced the greatest excitement. Both his eyes were put out and his arms and legs were terribly bruised and mangled. There were fearful wounds on his head. It is supposed that he had crawled from the place where he was attacked. Police officers arrived this morning from Sing Sing and, after an investigation, arrested Jeremiah Brown and Peter Lawler, who are supposed to have been the assailants of the injured man. They were taken to Sing Sing and placed in confinement this afternoon. The victim is in a neighboring residence. His identity is unknown. A number of business cards were found on his person.

### THROUGH A TRESTLE.

#### Four Train Men Killed—No Passengers Injured.

FARMINGTON, IND., June 7.—Train No. 2, leaving Indianapolis for Louisville at 4 p. m., was badly wrecked at this place, by a trestle damaged by the water giving away. David Hutchinson, the engineer; Miller Humes, the fireman; George Ammons, the baggage master, and the porter of a new Pullman sleeper, name unknown, were killed. No passengers are reported killed. The engine, baggage, Pullman, and chair car were a complete wreck, surrounded by water.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

#### GERMANY.

BERLIN, June 7.—Herr Doege, the popular and widely known German artist, is dead.

#### TONGKIN.

LONDON, June 7.—It is reported that the Chinese Government has been engaged in negotiating for some time for the services of a former American naval officer to assume command of the fleet in Tonquin waters. The American official is by no means unwilling to take the position, but he can not see that his services and his chances of success will warrant him in giving up his rank and position in the United States Navy as a retired officer.

#### EGYPT.

LONDON, June 7.—General Hicks has gained a great victory in Soudan over 5,000 Arabs, killing 500. General Hicks, loss was two killed.

#### TURKEY.

SCUTARI, June 7.—A force of Albanians has captured, near here, a Turkish convoy. Nine battalions of Turkish troops have been sent to chastise the Albanians.

#### FRANCE.

BOULOGNE, June 7.—Two aeronauts started from here in a balloon at an early hour this morning in an attempt to cross the English channel. The balloon rose 2,500 feet, then appeared to shift its course, and when last seen was drifting in the direction of Brussels.

### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

#### An Infant Safely Alights in a Basket After Falling From a Three Story Window.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—Mrs. Oppenheimer, who lives at No. 732 Jefferson street, was busy in her sitting-room, which is a third-story front room, when her infant boy by some means clambered unobserved on to the window-sill. Hearing a cry of fright from the child, the mother turned round just in time to see the little fellow disappear through the window. The poor mother rushed screaming down stairs and into the street, but, instead of finding the mangled remains of her child on the pavement, the little one was sitting up in the basket of an old woman, who had providentially been passing at the moment, while the dame stood by with upraised hands wondering where on earth the little stranger had come from. Mrs. Oppenheimer caught up her child and carried him off to the nearest doctor, who, after making an examination, pronounced him unharmed. The woman who caught the child said that as she was passing the house she suddenly felt a heavy blow on the shoulder, then her basket was struck out of her hand and she saw and heard the little fellow crying in that ample receptacle at her feet. The grateful parents rewarded her liberally and overwhelmed her with thanks. "It wasn't me, mum, but Providence," said the old dame as she hurried her thanks.

### Jim Keene's Horse Takes the Ascot Biennial Stakes.

LONDON, June 7.—At the second day of the meeting at Ascot Heath, a race for the Ascot Biennial stakes, for three-year-olds, was won by J. R. Keene's Blue Grass; J. H. Houldsworth's Lilac second; E. E. Weaver's Brown John Jones third. Seven starters, including Keene's Potosi. The betting at the start was nine to four against Blue Grass; five to one against John Jones; six to one against Lilac, and six to one against Potosi. Potosi, who was ridden by Watts, led to the distance where Blue Grass, ridden by Cannon, drew out and won by half length from Lilac, who was only a nick in advance of John Jones.

### Seven Men Buried by a Torrent of Wheat.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., June 7.—The addition to the Northwestern Marine Elevator, owned by Manigold Bros. & Korhew, burst at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon under a pressure of 120,000 bush. No. 2 wheat. The walls fell, owing to the settling of the foundations, and about 2,000 bushels slid into the river. Seven tramps were seen dozing in its shadow a few minutes before the crash, and they were buried under the ruin, of course smothering them.

### Quick Justice.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, June 7.—A number of stockmen on the Ecleto last evening captured a cattle thief named McCracken, and without the form of a trial hanged him to a tree. There are reports that three other thieves in the same vicinity have been hanged and shot.

### The Methodist Book Concern Sued.

NEW YORK, June 7.—The Methodist Book Concern of this city is publishing a volume known as the People's Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge. On the 11th of March they made an agreement with James Baker to act as agent for introducing the work. He immediately proceeded to do so, but he afterward received notice that the contract had been rescinded. He has brought suit in the Kings County Supreme Court for \$100,000 for a violation of contract, and the case is now on trial in Brooklyn.

### Sullivan to be Challenged.

NEW YORK, June 7.—It is understood in sporting circles here that Joe W. Atkinson, of the London Sporting Life, has been looking up a man for R. E. Fox who will challenge Sullivan, the champion, and if he won't accept the challenge Mr. Fox's man will claim the championship. It is said that such a man has been secured, and that he is either Bug Wilson, Jim Goode of Springfield,