

SAILS LIKE A BIRD

COLUMBIA DEFEATS DEFENDER IN A THIRTY-MILE TRIAL RACE OFF THE HOOK

NAUTICAL EXPERTS PLEAS

PREDICT THE RETURN OF THE SHAMROCK TO ENGLAND WITH-OUT AMERICA'S CUP

DEFECTS MADE APPARENT

New Defender of the Cup Might Have Done Much Better but for Lack of Tautness in Her Sails—This Weakness Will Be Remedied at Once—Nautical Description of the Exciting Trial Race.

NEW YORK, July 6.—By the race between the new defender Columbia, and the old Defender, sailed today over a triangular course of thirty miles, ten miles to a leg, it has been plainly demonstrated that, no matter how skillfully constructed a yacht may be, her sailing and ability to go to windward may be killed by imperfect setting sails.

The Columbia won the race by a margin of 3 minutes 53 seconds (unofficial time). There is no doubt she would have won by a larger margin if her sails had fitted as well as the Defender's. In the windward work, while the wind was strong, Columbia was unable either to out-foot or to out-point the Defender, chiefly on account of the bad set of her club sail, jib topsail and fore staysail.

On the second leg the Columbia gained 58 seconds. It was a reach, both yachts carrying large (not balloon) jib topsails. On the last leg—lost-hauled work in a light breeze—she lost five seconds to the Defender.

Over a triangular course of thirty miles, in comparatively light winds, the new Iselin-Morgan yacht Columbia today vanquished the Vanderbilt yacht Defender, and convinced the yachtsmen who saw the royal struggle that she was worthy of defending the precious trophy which Sir Thomas Lipton and his merry tars hope to take back with them in the Shamrock, next fall.

The Columbia's fore staysail and club topsail are anything but perfect, and in a general way she will need a good deal of tuning up. Yet, based on the showing she made as a better boat than the Defender, under adverse conditions, the nautical sharps are strongly convinced that Sir Thomas will sail home without the cup, the possession of which has given us the yachting supremacy of the world since 1851.

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OFFICIAL FIGURES. SANDY HOOK, N. J., July 6.—Columbia won the race. She crossed the finish line at 4:47:55 official time. Defender finished at 4:51:48. Columbia, by winning by 1 minute 53 seconds, made the race a mere formality. As she started two minutes astern of Defender Columbia actually beat the other boat by 1 minute and 53 seconds. Columbia's elapsed time was 3:27:48.

In the ten miles of windward work between the start and first tack off Shrewsbury Rocks, Defender held her own, while the Columbia was strong. As she became light during the last two miles and Columbia passed Defender, keeping off around the mark as follows: Columbia, 3:33:30; Defender, 3:37:48.

Columbia continued to gain in the reach from the first to the second mark, rounding as follows: Columbia, 3:36:00; Defender, 3:40:00.

During a rain squall soon after 4 p. m. the wind shifted to west northwest, making it close-hauled work to the finish.

TOLD BY AN EXPERT. An Old Sea Dog's Report of the Trial Race. NEW YORK, July 6.—At 10 o'clock a fairly steady breeze came in from a little west of south, but a squall killed it later. The Defender was in the lead, and was entering Godney's channel. The peak of the Columbia's main sail had been broken, and she was looking for a big decrease in the Texas cotton crop.

There was considerable delay at the start. The breeze had freshened as the yachts got outside, and what the old salts term a lumpy sea was running. After Commodore Morgan's flagship, the Corsair, with Commodore Morgan, Chester Griswold, ex-Commodore Nicholson, Rear Admiral Francis Higginson, Irving Orinell and a large party of guests aboard, had signaled the course, and the racers had cast off their lines, a sharp rain squall killed the breeze. But the squall was brief, and a half hour later a steady two-knot breeze was blowing from the southwest.

The Corsair signaled the first leg to windward down the Jersey coast, and the yachts began to jockey for positions. Capt. Barr had the tiller of the Columbia, and aboard with him were C. Oliver Leitch, Mrs. Iselin, Newbury Thorne, William Iselin, Herbert Leeds and Woodbury Kane. Capt. Rhoads had the helm of the Defender. William Furler Duncan and John Bedford were aboard of her. As the warning gun was fired the Columbia, without waiting for the starting gun, rounded Sandy Hook lightship and headed across the line. Either it was a blunder on the part of Capt. Barr, or it was designed to give the Defender a start equal to her time allowance, which is figured at about two minutes. Just as the starting gun boomed the Defender crossed on the port tack. Meantime the Columbia tided and, returning, came about and headed for the line, crossing it exactly two minutes after the Defender. Both yachts carried fore staysails, jib, baby jib tops and club topsails.

REHEAR IN SIGHT

GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES ISSUE OF TEN THOUSAND RATONS TO TEXAS SUFFERERS

WILL SAVE MANY LIVES

PROMPT RELIEF ACTION COMES AT A MOST OPPORTUNE TIME FOR UNFORTUNATES

WORK OF RESCUE PROCEEDS

Fleet of Government Boats Will Sail Through the Flooded District and Pick Up Refugees Surrounded by the Waters of the Brazos-Cotton Crop Not So Badly Injured as Has Been Reported.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 6.—Reports from a special correspondent indicate that while the property loss by the recent floods has been enormous, the loss of life has been greatly exaggerated. Only two lives have been lost in the lower Brazos flood. Every year the Brazos and Colorado valleys suffer from inundation. Up to the present flood the greatest destruction from the annual inundations was in 1885. This year the high water mark of 1885 has been surpassed in Washington, Waller, Austin, Fort Bend and Brazos counties, in Southern Texas. The Brazos is falling rapidly in the central part of the state, the scene of last week's flood.

The flood reached the southern part of the state Sunday night and Monday. The planters had received ample warning, but many negroes remained in the Brazos valley, believing the water would not reach higher than in 1885. From 1,500 to 2,000 colored people were caught in the river in Austin, Waller and Fort Bend counties, and were forced to take to the trees and house-tops. An appeal was made to Houston for boats, but Houston had sent all boats available farther up the river, last week, to Calvert and Bryan. Gov. Sayers, at the suggestion of Congressman Hawley, appealed to the war department for permission to send government life-saving boats from Galveston to the Brazos valley. A special train left this afternoon for the flooded district, carrying several government and a number of private boats.

It is believed that nearly all the people lodged in trees and in house-tops have been rescued, but the boats sent from Galveston today will patrol the flooded district and make a thorough search for stragglers. So far as known, but two lives have been lost in the lower Brazos flood.

RATIONS FOR SUFFERERS. The war department has authorized Gov. Sayers to distribute 10,000 army rations among the flood-stricken areas. The rations to be furnished the government is to be distributed at Wallis, Sealey, Richmond, Rosenberg, Columbia, Arcoia, Fulshear, Chenango, Columbia, Velasco, Navasota, Calvert, Hearne, Bryan and Brenham. In addition to the war department, Houston and Galveston have sent several carloads of groceries into the flooded district. It is believed there is now food enough in transit to the negroes until the waters recede and they can return to plantation life.

As to crops, cotton is not lost. It is entirely whed out in some places, but in the more good lands, the grain has been done by the flood or crops. Cotton will be replanted in most cases. Corn has been done in some localities, but the crop is not an entire loss. Those who are looking for a big decrease in the Texas cotton crop will be disappointed. There is plenty of time to raise cotton before January, 1899.

The next trouble will be at Velasco, the mouth of the Brazos, which point the floods reached today. The town may be cut off from communication with the world for a day or two, but no loss of life is anticipated, because of two days' notice that the flood had broken loose above, and was headed for the river cut-off. Galveston, will be really in danger at that point.

The sending of government boats to the flooded districts was advisable, although it is believed nearly every person in the war rations was most timely, as several thousand homeless negroes will have to be fed for ten days. The destitute will be given work on railroads until the flood will permit them to return to their homes.

Reports of the prospect of financial legislation Gen. Henderson said that was being taken care of at Narragansett Pier.

MR. HENDERSON TALKS. WASHINGTON, July 6.—Gen. Henderson, of Iowa, the prospective speaker of the house, had a conference with the president today, but at the conclusion of his call stated that no general questions had been discussed.

MR. SAMPSON'S PAY. WASHINGTON, July 6.—Mr. Mitchell, acting secretary of the treasury, has replied to an inquiry from Pay Inspector Burtis, on the flagship New York, at Port of Spain, Trinidad, as to the rate of pay to which Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson is entitled from Aug. 10, 1888, when he was commissioned a rear admiral, to March 4, 1892, the date when congress adjourned. The essential facts in connection with the case of Rear Admiral Sampson's advancement are reviewed by the bureau of navigation, and in deciding Acting Comptroller Mitchell, in the course of his decision, says: "An opinion of the date when he was commissioned as such for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle, to the adjournment of the session, and a salary which such advancement was proposed."

MR. BRYAN'S HOPE. It is Cordially Seconded by Kentucky Democrats. LEXINGTON, Ky., July 6.—The Hon. William Jennings Bryan passed through this city on his way to the state of Cuba, O., where he will be entertained at a banquet given in his honor on Friday evening. He was met by prominent Democrats, and a large number of his admirers. He expressed a desire to see Kentucky go Democratic by a majority of 50,000 this fall. When asked about the convention of the Chicago platform, and add planks against trusts and imperialism.

RABBI GINSBERG DEAD. Murderous Assault by Three Negroes Proves Fatal. BINGHAMTON, N. Y., July 5.—After fighting against death for forty hours, with three deep stitches closing a wound in the left ventricle of his heart, Rabbi Isaac Ginsberg, who was murdered by three negroes early yesterday morning, died today, Sept. peritonitis having developed during the day. The results of his wounds. Two of the murderers are still at large.

WOMEN BY EXPRESS. Two Wives Sent to Their Husbands in the Klondike. SEATTLE, Wash., July 6.—The Nugget

SHOT IN THE BACK

FORMER KING MILAN, OF SERBIA, NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH BY ASSASSINATION

IS HIT BY ONE BULLET

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HIS MOTIVE IS NOT KNOWN

Police Are Unable to Identify the Assailant of the Former Monarch, Who Is a Young Man and a Stranger in the Serbian Capital—King Alexander Cheered by His Subjects.

BELGRADE, Serbia, July 6.—Former King Milan, father of King Alexander of Serbia, narrowly escaped assassination here this evening. The would-be murderer is under arrest. He fired four revolver shots, one of which grazed his majesty, wounding in the hand Adjt. Lukitch, who was with him.

At the time the attack was made, about half past 6, King Milan was driving through Michael street, in an open carriage. The would-be assassin is about twenty-six years of age, and has not yet been identified by the police.

On his returning to the palace King Milan received the congratulations of the members of the cabinet, and the diplomatic corps, upon his escape.

Later in the evening King Alexander drove through Michael street, and was enthusiastically received by the populace.

PEACE OR WAR.

Great Britain Will Be Prepared in Either Event. PRETORIA, Transvaal, July 6.—The volkeraad were in session today. President Kruger and the negotiators from the Orange Free State being present. It is understood that an agreement was reached in the afternoon, and immediately to all settlers prior to 1880, and to other classes of residents within seven years, the naturalization clause to be optional, and the franchise to be debated in open session tomorrow.

HER DAILY VISIT. Mrs. Dreyfus Seemed Better Pleas-ed With Her Visit. RENNES, France, July 6.—Mrs. Dreyfus, upon leaving the prison today, appeared in much better spirits than yesterday. It was evident that her conversation with her husband had been of a more cheerful nature. The spectators could only get a passing glimpse of her as she drove rapidly in a closed carriage to the residence of Mme. Godard. The latter left her home today, and took up quarters temporarily at the residence of a relative in another part of the town in order to allow the Dreyfus family full freedom in using her mansion.

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IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE DAY

Weather Forecast for St. Paul, Fair; Northerly Winds.

1—Spanish Prisoners Out. Floods in Texas. Riots in Serbia. Columbia's Trial Race.

2—Work for the Parol Board. State Teachers' Exams. Death of John Dowling.

3—Minneapolis Matters. Mayor Exercises a Veto. Northwestern News. Joe Boxell's Defense.

4—Editorial.

5—Sporting News. St. Paul Team Wins. Minneapolis Defeats Hoosiers.

6—Sporting News. Chicago Golf Tourney.

7—Happy Endeavors. Adventurers in an Asylum.

8—Markets. Chicago July Wheat, 72 3/4c. Base Silver, 60 3/8c. Stocks Bull and Lower.

9—Railroad News. President Mellen Returns.

10—In the Field of Labor. Assembly is Bucking. Capital Certificates. Salvation Army Recruits.

OCEAN LINERS.

NEW YORK—Arrived: Lahn, Bremen, etc. Sailed: Bremen, Friedrich der Grosse, Rotterdam, etc. Amsterdam, New York, via Boulogne.

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CHERBOURG—Arrived: Furst Blumenthal, etc. Sailed: Furst Blumenthal, etc. New York, via Southampton and Liverpool.

TODAY IN ST. PAUL.

METROPOLITAN—Boston Lyric Opera company in "Wand'ring Jew," 8 p. m.

Primary Sunday school teachers meet, Y. M. C. A. room, 8 p. m.

First Baptist Sunday school excursion leaves foot of Jackson street, 9 a. m.

KILLS MOTHER AND SISTER.

A Nine-Year-Old Boy Accidentally Shoots Both at Coats, Kan. TOPEKA, Kan., July 6.—Willie Porter, aged 9 years, at Coats, Kan., yesterday pointed a pistol at his baby sister, sitting on her mother's lap, and, with the words, "I'll shoot you," pulled the trigger. The ball passed through the baby's head and the mother's heart, killing both instantly. The boy found the pistol in the hired man's room.

FIRST START-UP.

Mammoth Mine Opens With a Force of Twenty-Five Men. WALLACE, Idaho, July 6.—The Mammoth mine started up today with twenty-five men. This is the first effort made to work it since martial law closed it down.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Vibrations General Throughout the State of California. SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—An earthquake shock was felt here this afternoon, and reports received from other sections of the state show that the vibration was general. No damage has been reported. The vibrations were from east to west.

BENI CHIEF DEAD.

Alegobshir Captured and Executed by Lieut. Gabbet. BONNY, Africa, July 6.—Olegobshir, the Beni chief, has been captured and executed by Lieut. Gabbet.

THE LATE ROBERT BONNER.



NEW YORK, July 6.—Robert Bonner, publisher of the New York Ledger and owner of famous horses, died at his home in this city at 7:40 tonight. Mr. Bonner had been ill for some months, but was able to be about until about ten days ago. Death was due to general breaking down of the system. He was born in London, England, April 24, 1824. He came to the United States and learned the printer's trade. In 1839 he was employed in the office of the Hartford Courant, and was there known as the most rapid compositor in the state of Connecticut. In 1844 he removed to New York, and in 1851 purchased the Ledger. To gratify his taste for horses he purchased many of the fastest trotters in the world, but at once removed them from the race courses. Among his horses were Peerless, Dexter and Maud B. Mr. Bonner gave liberally to Princeton college and to other deserving objects.

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