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WALTER HOOVER WINS HIS HEAT IN DIAMOND SCULLS COMPETITION AT HENLEY

Henley on Thames, July 6.—Walter M. Hoover, of the Duluth Boat Club, U. S. A., today won his first heat in the Diamond Sculls of the Royal Henley regatta, defeating R. J. C. Tweed of Cambridge University by a length and a half. His time was 10 minutes, 41 seconds.

Dreary at Course.

Three days of rain have made the Royal Regatta week a dreary spectacle of umbrellas, raincoats and bedraggled summer girls instead of the usual fashion displays.

This year's competition in England's blue ribbon sculling event, it is considered, will virtually decide the world's amateur championship and the contest is likely to be the keenest in its long history, with Hoover, J. Berford, Jr., winner in 1920, G. H. L. Gollan of the Thames Club and A. Baynes, the Australian, the strongest four men of the clubs.

The foreign crews will be seen in today's races, the Grasshopper Club of Zurich, Switzerland, opposing the Thames Club, eight, the French eight rowing against Jesus College, Cambridge and the London Rowing Club against the Christiansia Roklub, in the grand challenge cup. In the silver goblets heats, the Dutch pair will oppose the Thames Club team.

London, Eng., July 1.—For the next week beautiful Henley-on-Thames will be the lodestone for those whose fancy turns to the greatest of aquatic sports, amateur rowing. Competitors from many countries will be on hand to match their speed and endurance, and to the successful athletes will go the highest honors that can be won by amateur oarsmen.

Henley Royal Regatta for well on to a century has gathered together the best amateur oarsmen of the world. It was founded in 1839, when at a public meeting it was decided to raise a subscription and purchase two challenge cups, the Grand Challenge Cup, to be rowed for annually in eight-oared boats, open to all amateur crews, and the Town Challenge Cup, for four-oared crews residing within five miles of Henley. Two years later the Seward's Challenge Cup for four-oars, open to competition under the same conditions as the Grand Challenge Cup, was added to the programme. Additions were made periodically, and there are now eight events which make up the four days' regatta.

One-half the events—the Grand Challenge Cup, the Seward's Challenge Cup, the Silver Goblet for pair oars, founded in 1845, and the Diamond Sculls, for single scullers, founded in 1844, are open to all amateurs, as defined by the Amateur Rowing Association. Two of the remaining events, the Ladies' Challenge Plate (eight oars) and the Visitors' Challenge Plate (four oars), are open to crews from schools and colleges in the United Kingdom. Restricted to the Thames Challenge Cup (eight oars), and to the Wyford Challenge Cup (four oars), which complete the programme.

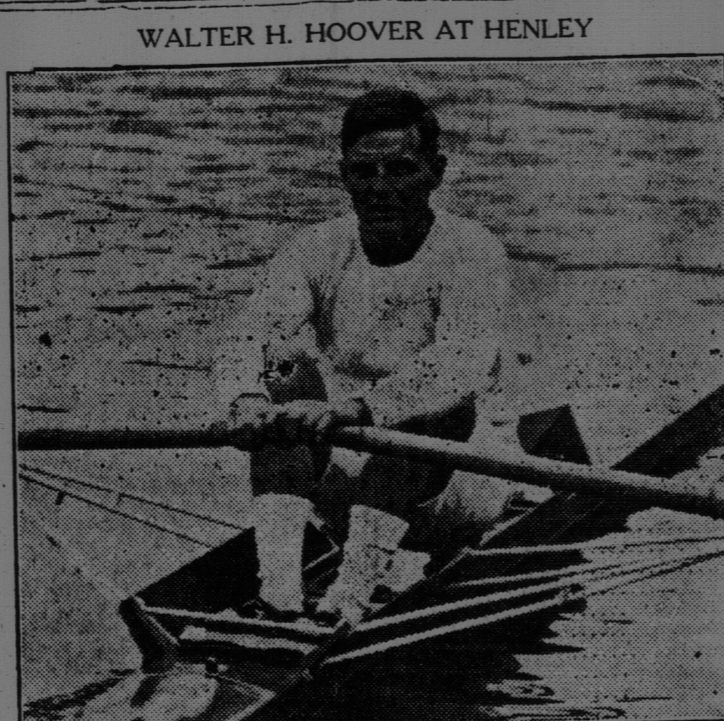
Entries for this year's regatta, which will open on Wednesday, July 5, compare very favorably with those of the last pre-war regatta, 1914. For the Grand Challenge Cup entries have been received from four foreign countries, Norway, Switzerland, Belgium and France. The appearance of the Ghent Club of Belgium is particularly welcome, as this club in its seven quests for the

Grand Challenge between the years 1900 and 1911 was successful three times, 1906, 1907 and 1909. The Christiansia Club of Norway won the Thames Cup last year, and the experience gained by that young but powerful crew a year ago should prove invaluable when they meet the much stronger English crews in the major event this year. This year will mark the second time that France has sent in an entry, the former occasion being in 1892, while Switzerland will make its debut in the Grand Challenge at Henley next week. The Grasshoppers' Club, as the Swiss Club is named, has a very strong crew. At the Olympic regatta in 1920 they put up an excellent fight against the powerful Leander club, representing England. The Grasshoppers have also been entered in the Stewards' Cup.

Keen competition is expected for the Diamond Sculls. Baynes, amateur champion of Queensland, has undergone a strict training course at Marlow under Hilton Belyea of St. John, New Brunswick, withdrew his Henley entry immediately following his defeat by Hoover at Philadelphia. F. E. Eysen of Delft University, Holland, the winner of the Sculls last year, has not entered for this race next week.

The course over which the regatta is rowed is one mile and 550 yards in length, and about 110 feet in width. The races are rowed against the clock and the time usually occupied by the winning crew of the Grand Challenge Cup is within a few seconds of 7 minutes. The fastest time in recent years was that of last year, when the crew from Magdalen College, Oxford, rowed the course in 6 minutes, 54 seconds. During the war years of course rowing was out of the question, but at the first regatta following the war Magdalen were victorious in the Grand Challenge, winning again last year.

As might be expected in any event with such an extended lifetime, many unique incidents have featured the Henley regatta. In 1848 the famous "see-saw" episode took place. At the last hour one of the members of the Oxford crew was incapacitated through illness and the opposing crew refused permission to the Oxford crew to put on a substitute. Nothing daunted, the Oxford crew took to the water with one man absent, and won undying fame by winning the Grand Challenge cup with seven oars. Ten years later Oxford defeated Cambridge in the Grand Challenge by only eighteen inches. In 1897 New College, Oxford, set up a record for the course for the Grand Challenge when they won from the Leander Club by two feet in six minutes and 51 seconds. From 1897 and onward the competition for foreign crews has been a feature of the regatta. In 1906 the Club Nautique de Grand, Belgium, carried off the Grand Challenge, and the Belgian



American sculling champion having his first practice in a British built boat on the Thames.

club repeated in 1907 and 1909. In 1912 the Sydney Rowing Club, New South Wales, was the winner, and in 1914, the last regatta before the war, an eight from Harvard University carried off the rowing title. The Diamond Sculls left England for the first time in 1893, when J. J. Ooms, a Hollander, won the finals. In 1904 L. F. Scholes, of Toronto, Canada, won the Diamond Sculls, defeating F. S. Kelly of the Leander Boat Club. Scholes' time created a new record for the event, but in the following year Kelly, in winning the Sculls, lowered the record to 8 minutes and 10 seconds, which stands to this day. Kelly, through winning the Sculls on two successive years, and then winning in the year following his defeat, stands out very prominently in the records of the Diamond Sculls.

The winners of the Grand Challenge Cup, and the Diamond Sculls since 1900, with time, follows:

Club	Min.	Sec.
1900 Leander Rowing Club	7	8
1901 Leander Rowing Club	7	5
1902 Third Trinity	7	17
1903 Leander Rowing Club	7	9
1904 Leander Rowing Club	7	9
1905 Leander Rowing Club	6	58
1906 Club Nautique de Grand, Belgium	7	9
1907 Club Nautique de Grand, Belgium	7	81
1908 Christ Church College, Oxford	7	10
1909 Club Nautique de Grand, Belgium	7	8
1910 Magdalen College, Oxford	7	19
1911 Magdalen College, Oxford	7	2
1912 Sydney Rowing Club, New South Wales	7	6
1913 Leander Rowing Club	7	11
1914 Harvard University R. C.	7	20
1915-1919 No regatta.		
1920 Magdalen College, Oxford	7	24
1921 Magdalen College, Oxford	6	54
1922 Diamond Sculls		
1900 E. G. Hemmerde, Union C. O.	8	42
1901 C. V. Fox, Guards Brigade Rowing Club	8	52
1902 F. S. Kelly, Balliol College	8	59
1903 F. S. Kelly, Leander Rowing Club	8	41
1904 L. F. Scholes, Toronto	8	23
1905 F. S. Kelly, Leander Rowing Club	8	10
1906 H. T. Blackett, V. R. C.	8	55
1907 Capt. W. H. Darrell, House		

NOTORIOUS HUN COMMITTS SUICIDE

"Bluebeard" Had Admitted Killing Four Women and Was Suspected of Slaying Twenty.

Berlin, July 6.—Germany's notorious "Bluebeard," Karl Grossmann, committed suicide in his cell by hanging, yesterday, half an hour before he was to be taken to the criminal court, where he was undergoing trial for murder. He admitted killing four women and was suspected of murdering twenty.

THINKS SAVINGS LOST, SO HANGS HIMSELF

Distrust of Banks Brings About Suicide of Long Islander.

Jamaica, L. I., July 6.—Andrew Vechnier, 45, did not believe in banks. But he had saved \$2,000, and relatives convinced him it was unsafe to carry so much money about with him. So Vechnier reluctantly deposited it all in a savings bank. Returning from the bank he met a friend, to whom he told what he had done. The friend told him the bank to which he had entrusted his all was unsound. Vechnier rushed back to the bank. It was after noon and the bank was closed. And only an hour before the receiving teller had assured him he could withdraw his money at any time. Vechnier returned home melancholy. He walked to the outskirts of the town carrying a small bundle. At dusk his body was found hanging from a limb of a tree. The police reported that Vechnier hung himself, using his overalls for a rope, believing his life's savings were gone.

PRISON FOR SEVENTEEN FOR MANSLAUGHTER

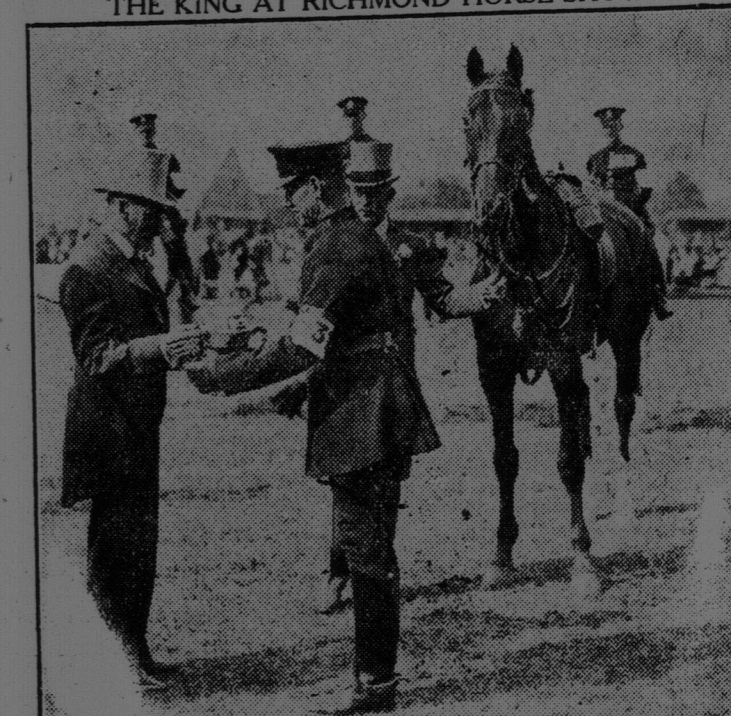
Quincy, Ill., July 6.—Seventeen former track laborers of the twenty-nine accused of murder in connection with the slaying of Sheriff Edward Lashbrook of Schuyler county, were sentenced to serve the statutory term for manslaughter—one year to life—in court.

To ten men new trials were granted.

CROSS IN MEMORY OF TWO MISSIONARIES

Simcoe, Ont., July 6.—About 1,500 people from all parts of Ontario attended the ceremonies at Brant Hill, Port Dover, when a huge cross erected in memory of the two daring explorers and missionaries, Gellie and Dollie de Casson, the first white men to touch the shores of Lake Erie was unveiled.

THE KING AT RICHMOND HORSE SHOW



His majesty is presenting to Police Constable Knibbs a cup given for the best trained police horse. The Marquis of Cambridge is holding the horse.

CONSERVATIVES TO PROMOTE A NEW LIQUOR POLICY?

Reported That Will Come in Connection With the Next Ontario Election.

Victoria, B. C., July 6.—The Conservative party in Ontario plans to enter the next provincial election on a new liquor policy which will be more generous than the prohibition law in force there now, so it was said here yesterday in connection with the visit of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, leader of the Conservative party in Ontario, to the city.

Mr. Ferguson is here, it is said, to study British Columbia methods of handling the liquor question before formulating the liquor policy which the Conservative party is to announce.

The bill will be particularly appreciated in Japan and several South American states. Rt. Hon. Edward Shortt, the home secretary, indicated that the bill had met the approval of the governments

of the overseas dominions, which would introduce legislation along similar lines.

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