

OXFORD WINS BOAT RACE

DEFEATS CAMBRIDGE BY OVER THREE LENGTHS

After First Mile Result of the Contest Was Never in Doubt

(Times Leased Wire.)
 London, March 23.—Oxford lowered the Cambridge colors to-day in the annual regatta on the Thames, winning by three and one-half lengths, after a race of four and one-half miles. The distance was made by Oxford in 20 minutes 14 seconds, which is 27 seconds behind the record time.

The Oxford crew was in fine fettle, and shortly after the first mile mark had been passed they showed their superiority over Cambridge, and the result from that point was never in doubt.

The race held the greatest interest for thousands of persons who lined both banks of the Thames to witness the most important event in the yearly athletic calendar of England.

Starting from Putney on the Thames, the crews raced for the first mile with the Cambridge boat a quarter of a length in the lead. After the first mile the Oxford eight slowly closed upon their rivals and soon nosed into the lead. From then on the Oxford crew was never headed.

The average weight of the Oxford crew was 176½ pounds; that of Cambridge 172½ pounds. The Cambridge oars hit the water at 12.27 and the Oxford followed at 12.30. Cambridge began with a stroke of 38 and Oxford 35. Cambridge clung to the 38 stroke, but after a mile began to tire. At Hammersmith bridge, a third of the distance, Oxford led by three-fourths of a length, and was so confident of winning that she dropped her stroke to 34.

Cambridge made a final spurt near the half-way point, and succeeded in cutting down Oxford's length and a half lead to an even boat length. Oxford thereafter rowed steadily and increased her lead to three and a half lengths, quite a distance before the finish.

Oxford was a hot favorite. At the toss for position Cambridge won and chose the Middlesex side of the river, Oxford having the Surrey side. There was scarcely enough wind to ruffle the water. This was of advantage to Cambridge, as she had a lighter crew.

The race was the sixty-sixth annual between Oxford and Cambridge, and was along the Thames, from Putney to Mortlake.

The river was lined on both banks throughout the entire four and one-half miles of the course, with thousands of shrieking enthusiasts who shouted the names of their favorite eight and waved the colors of the respective universities—dark blue for Oxford, light blue for Cambridge.

Oxford colors predominated. The Oxford eight were in splendid condition. The Cantabs, on the other hand, were generally voted too light. They looked as though they had been overworked. Recent changes in the crew, furthermore, seemed to have unsettled the men. Their stroke, H. J. S. Shields, was criticised for the short stabbing thrust of his oar, which compared most unfavorably with the effective swing of the rival stroke, Capt. R. C. Bourne, of Oxford.

Most spectators held that Capt. E. G. Williams, of the Cantabs, who pulled number five should himself have stroked the Cambridge boat. Even Williams obviously lacked the magnetism of his predecessor, D. C. R. Stuart, the idol of the rowing world.

The eight crews were: Oxford—M. B. Fielding, bow; R. H. Owen, No. 2; N. Fielding, No. 3; E. Majolier, No. 4; D. Mackinnon, No. 5; A. S. Garton, No. 6; P. Fleming, No. 7; R. C. Bourne, stroke, and captain. A. W. Donkin, coxswain.

Cambridge—R. W. Arbutnot, bow; R. Davies, No. 2; F. E. Hollyer, No. 3; C. P. Cooke, No. 4; E. G. Williams, No. 5; and captain, J. B. Rosher, No. 6; E. E. Blanch-Smith, No. 7; H. J. S. Shields, stroke; C. A. Skinner, coxswain.

Cooke is an Australian, Rhodes scholar; Skinner is a South African. There were no Americans on the crew this year.

Riverside clergymen protested vehemently at the holding of the present season's races in Holy week, and did their best to persuade the university authorities to interfere and change the date. The officials declined to do so, however, as the tide will remain low for a long time to come.

The Cambridge eight took the water first promptly at 12.30. Oxford followed in lively fashion a few minutes later. To-night the crews will, as usual, occupy boxes at the Alhambra theatre.

WALKOUT OF FIREMEN MAY BE AVERTED

Chicago, March 23.—Although the danger of a strike of the railway firemen on western roads has not been entirely eliminated, it is believed to-day that it is improbable that the men will go out.

Both the railway general managers' committee and the officials of the Brotherhood of Firemen practically have agreed on a plan of settlement, and the outlook for peace was brighter today than at any time since the strike was voted.

FRANCO-CANADIAN TRADE.

Paris, March 23.—The Canadian section of the British Chamber of Commerce is taking up with the French government the question of certificates of origin required on goods imported from Canada.

SHORTEST ON RECORD.

St. John's, Nfld., March 23.—The shortest session on record of the Newfoundland legislature closed yesterday.

JUDGE LAMPMAN IS APPOINTED

HE WILL INVESTIGATE POLICE COMMISSION

First Sittings Will Likely Be Held Some Time Next Week

As forecasted in Tuesday Times the provincial government has named a commission to inquire into matters connected with the police commission in this city. The commission is Judge Lampman, of the County court of Victoria. He will enter upon his duties at once, the sittings beginning next week.

The scope of the commission is expected will be fairly wide, so that all things connected with the administration of police affairs in the city may be gone into.

The ground on which the attorney-general based his request for a commission is understood to have been that reports of a rather startling nature were in circulation and required investigation.

It is said that one result of the publication of the news of the appointment of a commission was that all gambling ceased in Chinatown last night.

TRUMPED PARTNER'S ACE.

Player Assaulted With Butcher's Steel During Game of Cards.

St. Louis, Mo., March 23.—Because he did not know it was "bad for him" to trump his partner's ace in euche, Charles Lewis is in a local hospital. His partner, Henry Davis, was arrested, charged with assault and a butcher's steel is booked as evidence.

According to the story told by Lewis, he was playing a four-handed game with Davis, A. Gutierrez and Jas. Sterling. Davis named diamonds as trumps, led an ace of clubs. Sterling followed with a small club and Lewis confidently placed the left bowler of diamonds on the two cards in the centre of the table. Davis' rage rose as he saw his partner's blunder and bubbled over when the last player followed the original lead with a small club.

Davis is alleged to have seized a butcher steel and before he could be disarmed, landed several blows on his erring partner's head.

TROUBLE ON IRRESISTIBLE

SIGHT OF BIG GUNS THROWN INTO SEA

Inquiry Fails to Reveal Offenders—Crew Confined to Battleship

(Special to the Times.)

London, March 23.—The battleship Irresistible has been isolated at Portland Roads since March 12th, owing to disaffection among the crew.

The cause of trouble has not been made public. It became known yesterday, however, that the sights of big guns were shown overboard on the night of March 12th and that most rigid investigation failed to reveal those responsible.

Since the discovery of the offence the crew has been confined to the ship, no mails being delivered or any communication with shore allowed. Tobacco and other luxuries have been withheld.

The ship sailed for Bantrey Bay yesterday. The court of inquiry will be continued to-day at Portland.

NO INCREASE IN SALARIES.

Montreal, March 23.—The city council at a meeting has voted down a proposal to increase the salaries of the mayor and controllers from five thousand to ten thousand dollars a year, and also voted down a proposal to establish a police commission.

FARMER KILLED.

Macleod, Alta., March 23.—F. Russel, a farmer living south of here, was killed by his team running away while dising on his farm.

TWO MORE INJURED PASSENGERS DIE

Forty-Nine Persons Dead as a Result of Train Wreck in Iowa

(Times Leased Wire.)

Marshalltown, Iowa, March 23.—The death of A. H. Nagle, of Waterloo, Iowa, and Charles E. Davis, of Minneapolis, to-day brought the total dead in the Rock Island wreck to 49 persons. The wreck occurred at Reinbeck last Monday. Nearly a score of injured passengers are here still.

NEW FACTORY FOR CALGARY.

Calgary, March 23.—Secretary Webster, of the board of trade, announces that Montreal capitalists have definitely announced that they will erect and operate in Calgary a large boot and shoe manufacturing plant. It is stated that the company and several other of excellent financial standing will operate one of the largest plants in Western Canada.



MR. MARTIN'S STRENUOUS DAY AT WESTMINSTER.

MADRIZ MOVES ON BLUEFIELD

NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT MAY ATTACK TOWN

Efforts Will Be Made to Mobilize Scattered Forces of Insurgents

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bluefield, N.C., March 23.—(By wireless to Colon.)—Two thousand Madriz soldiers are moving towards Bluefields to-day, according to spies who have reached Rama. The spies came from the interior and telegraphed the news to the capital of the provisional government.

Bluefields was thrown into a panic by the news. Plans were hastily formed for the defence of the city. The Estrada forces are scattered and only a few stragglers have returned to Bluefields, and the town is practically defenceless.

Couriers have been sent out to communicate, if possible, with the various commanders of the Estrada forces and an attempt will be made to mobilize the troops between Rama and Bluefields. Rama is the base of the movements of the Estrada troops and efforts are being made there to bring in the stragglers and reorganize the army.

General Vasquez, commanding the Madriz forces, is expected to reach Rama within two days and if he should succeed in cutting off the provisional army before it reaches there it is believed here only a disorganized resistance could be offered the administration soldiers, and the fall of Bluefields would be almost certain.

The threatened danger has given rise to the rumor that the United States will be appealed to again to interfere in Nicaragua. There are many Americans in Bluefields and it is said a hasty message will be sent to Washington asking for the return of United States cruiser to protect American interests. The last cruiser left Nicaraguan waters a few days ago.

Hopes to Win Recognition.
 New Orleans, La., March 23.—Consul Altschul, who represents the Madriz faction of the Nicaraguan government, declared to-day, following the announcement that Madriz troops are moving on Bluefields, that confidential advisers he had received, confirmed the press dispatches. The Madriz army, he said, had been secretly advancing for several days. It is now in the Rama district and will march from there to Bluefields.

President Madriz hopes by the capture of Bluefields to end the revolution in Nicaragua and by crushing the provisional government with recognition from Washington, according to Altschul.

SETTLERS FOR WEST.

Toronto, March 23.—A thousand settlers left yesterday for the West.

ERROR PROVES COSTLY TO CALGARY

Calgary, March 23.—A short time ago Mayor Jamieson and City Clerk Gillis went to Ottawa to arrange the sale of city debentures, but money realized to take up two civic notes held at local banks. Through a blunder the bonds were not negotiable when sent to London, England, and the notes have had to be renewed, costing the city over \$10,000 in extra interest. For the costly error each official denies blame, and both have threatened to resign. It is likely that the city clerk will be asked for his resignation at the next council meeting on account of the part he has taken in the transaction.

NEW PRESIDENT.

Toronto, March 23.—Mr. Justice Oster was yesterday elected president of the Toronto General Trust Company, as was expected a few days ago, when he resigned from the bench.

C. P. R. DIRECTOR COMING TO VICTORIA

R. B. Angus and Party Will Spend Three Weeks in B. C. Capital

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, March 23.—R. B. Angus, Canadian Pacific railway director, and party of friends reached the city last night on the way to spend three weeks in Victoria. In the party are Miss Angus, Miss Size, and C. S. Smith, wholesale shoe merchant, Montreal. Mr. Angus will be eighty years old in May.

INSURANCE MAN TESTIFIES AT INQUIRY

Declares an Offer Was Made to Kill Bill at Albany for \$10,000

New York, March 23.—That Timothy Sullivan, member of the state legislature, was alleged to be the man who offered to kill adverse insurance legislation for \$10,000, was the startling testimony offered to the insurance investigation here yesterday.

George F. Seward, president of the Fidelity and Casualty Company, was on the stand. He declared he received word from a Sing Sing prison official named Brown that Sullivan would kill the bill to separate the fidelity and casualty companies. "Go to hell," was Seward's answering telegram, according to his statement on the stand.

Seward said he went to Albany and killed the bill himself without paying the \$10,000. He was asked if the man referred to was "Tim" Sullivan, now a member of the legislature. Seward said he did not know what Sullivan it was, except his name was "Timothy." He said he did not know the name of the prison official that sent him the telegram. He was sure, he declared, that the man Toronto Warden Brown, then in charge of the prison.

"Insurance men," Seward said, "are honest, but they are harassed to death by men who want money."
 "Big" Tim Sullivan, when told of Seward's testimony, said: "It is a lie." He said the whole story as told on the stand was "one of these hearsay stories."
 "Nothing in it," he concluded.

ELOPE ON A MOTOR CYCLE.

San Diego, Cal., March 23.—"Loachivar had nothing on me," remarked F. M. Hall yesterday, referring to his unusual motor cycle elopement with Miss Carrie Clapp, the 19-year-old daughter of a wealthy rancher of Ramona.

Miss Clapp and Hall were very much in love, he stated. So much, in fact, that they determined to wed in spite of the objection of the young lady's father. It was arranged that Monday evening Miss Clapp was to be ready for Hall when he called, and together they would fly to this city to be made man and wife.

When Hall appeared Miss Clapp slipped from beneath the parental roof tree.

Instead of restive steeds, left in charge of a faithful groom, she found a "Big" Tim Sullivan leaning against a blue gum tree. It had seats for two. Undaunted, the maiden mounted beside her lover and over the rough country roads they bounced to San Diego. The marriage ceremony was performed a scant hour before Clapp arrived on the morning hour. Hall and his bride were forgiven.

OVER TWO HUNDRED PERSONS PERISHED

Boston, Mass., March 23.—Two hundred and twenty-five persons perished by shipwreck, and 83 vessels met with disaster, off the New England and British North American coasts or while engaged in the New England, Canadian or Newfoundland trade during the autumn and winter season of 1909-10, which has just closed.

Of the vessels involved, 13 were steamers or tugs, one was a full-rigged ship, four were barges, three barquentines and 82 schooners. A number of barges were lost, but they were not included in the list. The financial loss exceeds \$1,600,000.

PETITION BEING LARGELY SIGNED

GENERAL INTEREST IN THE INQUIRY

Expert Adams of San Francisco, Will Attend if Necessary and Give Evidence

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
 The petition looking to the appointment of a judicial inquiry to investigate the failure of the Smith's Hill reservoir is to-day being very numerous signed, and applications for copies of the petition for circulation outside the business section were numerous to-day.

The cheering feature in connection with the matter is the evidence of an awakened public interest among ratepayers, and the almost unanimous feeling that the time for passing over these matters has gone by, and that only vigilance on the part of the electorate will prevent their repetition in the future.

The petition on the counter of the Times was rapidly filled up to-day and a second one is now being signed. Prominent citizens are in charge of duplicates, many of which have already many names attached. One citizen took a petition yesterday afternoon and by dinner time had about thirty signatures.

The Times has also ascertained that if public interest makes it necessary that Expert Arthur Adams will come up from San Francisco and will lend his assistance in unravelling the tangle.

Citizens are reminded that all who wish to sign the petition may do so at the Times office. It is desirable that it be as numerous as possible. It is possible that the government which has appointed Judge Lampman to investigate police matters may enlarge the scope of his commission to deal with the reservoir matter.

GREAT WATERWAYS RAILWAY.

Calgary, March 23.—Premier Rutherford arrived in Calgary late last night. He refused to be interviewed beyond discussing the mild weather. It is understood he is here on the invitation of Clarke, the Yale graduate, who put through the Alberta Waterways railway agreement with the Alberta government.

TUG SINKS IN FRASER RIVER

ALL HANDS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED

Tacoma Steamer Goes Down On Trip From Steveston to Vancouver

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, March 23.—The tug Arthur B., of Tacoma, bound from that port to Vancouver with a cargo of plaster, foundered last night off the Sand Head, at the mouth of the Fraser, and as far as known all hands on board were lost.

The foundering was seen by the men on the Sand Head's lighthouse, but they were unable to render any assistance, and they say that the vessel went over so quickly that it could not have been possible to have got a boat launched. If one was launched it went down after the tug went down.

The tug put out from the Steveston wharf about 8 o'clock last night, and about 8:30 she went down. There was a strong wind blowing at the time, and it is thought that the tug in attempting to change her course got a list that shifted her deck load and went over without the crew having a chance to save themselves. She sank in about 25 feet of water.

What crew the Arthur B. had is not known here, but there would be six or seven at least.

Tacoma, Wash., March 23.—The tug Arthur B. left Tacoma March 19th with Captain McGranahan and a crew of five men. She was owned by Capt. McGranahan and a shipping man named Weeks, of Vancouver. The Arthur B. has made infrequent calls in the local harbor for several years. She was built at Port Orchard in 1897. Her length was 66 feet, depth 6.2 feet, beam 23 feet.

OFFICERS ON TRAIL OF OPIUM SMUGGLERS

Members of Gigantic Ring Operating in West Will Shortly Be Arrested

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Cal., March 23.—Federal officials in California, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, although no ready day to make arrests in a crusade against a gigantic ring of opium smugglers, according to local federal officers. This information follows the arrest here of L. Legner, a bartender in whose room, according to the officers, a number of letters were found which reveal the workings of the gang and gave the officers a means to substantiate other clues they had discovered.

According to the information given out the gang has operated in several border cities. It is expected that arrests will be made at El Paso and Los Angeles.

TARIFF QUESTION REPORTED SETTLED

AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED IN FEW DAYS

London Times Pays High Tribute to Canadian Statesmanship

New York, March 23.—According to the Tribune to-day the United States and Canada have arrived at a definite agreement on a tariff question according to apparently authentic reports. This information was obtained, the paper says, from a man close to President Taft. It was stated the agreement would be promulgated within a few days.

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"I can't go on the floor of the House," he said, "the president, as I have to accept opportunities like this to vent my views. At the recent extra session of congress we passed a new tariff bill, which has been the subject of many a considerable discussion. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Several months of the new tariff law have proved a number of things:

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MANITOBA LIBERALS.

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