

WILL TRY TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Word comes from Europe that a number of swimmers of both sexes are preparing to attempt in August the crossing of the English Channel, a coveted goal of the world's greatest exponents of long distance swimming, and the approaching trial will be watched with keen interest, for among the prospective candidates are some stars of demonstrated ability and endurance.

Were merit the only gauge of success in undertaking the classic feat, indeed, it almost might be taken for granted that more than one of the slated swimmers would come through with flying colors. The art of notation has made wonderful strides in recent years and modern strokes afford greater speed on less effort than the old, so that present day swimmers are far better qualified for the test than their predecessors. It happens, though, that the Channel swim is to a large extent a luck swim, in which chance plays an important role, and this leaves ever in doubt the outcome of endeavors to make it.

The difficult problem which faces the Channel swimmer is to calculate accurately the speed which he can maintain against the long trip and the ebb and flow of tidal currents. In order to complete the crossing he must reach the opposite shore within the confines of the jutting capes which form the narrow strait between Dover and Calais, for beyond the capes the shores recede suddenly on both sides, increasing rapidly the distance between England and France. Now the tide runs a mile race through the strait, so that the swimmer will be carried swiftly in one direction by the ebb, in the other by the flood, virtually at right angles to the course. Also during the ebb he will find the current driving him off the beach as he nears land. It is necessary, therefore, for him to so arrange the start that by the time he approaches the goal he will find himself directly between Dover and Calais, with the tide flooding. If he miscalculates, the current will lead him out of the strait and doom him to defeat, or fight



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against him at the end and prevent his landing.

The problem is complicated, too, by the fact that there is no assurance that conditions encountered at the start will prevail throughout the trip. One may set out in still weather, sea as smooth as a mirror, and within a few hours a still breeze may be whipping the water into seething combers, the most careful estimates of speed then going for naught. Actually, it will be seen, the Channel swimmer gambles on the weather and on the ability of his handlers to figure the pace he will hold under varying conditions.

It is for these reasons that men undoubtedly able to cover in still water a longer course than the twenty-mile route from Dover to Calais have failed repeatedly in their efforts to conquer the Channel. They possessed the necessary speed and endurance to succeed, but they guessed wrong. A notable instance is Jabez Wolfe, of England, a swimmer of exceptional ability. Several times he has come within an ace of effecting the crossing in fourteen to fifteen hours, or seven to eight hours under the times for the course made by Webb and Burgess, the only men credited officially with completing the route. But in each case he was a bit off in his calculations and contrary tides drove him off as he seemed sure of touching land. Fortune must favor if the Channel swim is to be accomplished.

A GREAT BENEFACTOR
Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who passed away Wednesday at his summer home in Cape Breton, was one of the greatest scientists of this or any other age. A native of Scotland he came to the new world in the seventies and for a time was a resident of Brantford, Ont. It was in Brantford that he perfected his wonderful invention and that flourishing Ontario city is proud today to style itself, the telephone city. By inventing and perfecting the telephone Dr. Bell conferred a priceless boon on the human race, and in his case it can be truly said that the world is better because of his life and deeds. The name of Dr. Bell will go down in history as that of one of the greatest benefactors of mankind.

NO NEW CASE OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS AT HAMILTON
Hamilton, Ont. Aug. 3—No new cases of infantile paralysis were reported and the authorities expressed the hope that the outbreak has been checked.

HALIFAX SUMMER CARNIVAL WILL BE FLAG WEEK

It would be difficult to surpass the brilliant program the committee have drawn up for the Halifax Summer Carnival—August 7 to 12 inclusive—which will also be Flag Week. Nothing like it for novelty, variety, and salient features has been planned at any previous gala week in the city, and the scope of the attractions will make the Halifax Summer Carnival as interesting to the whole province as to the metropolis.

The greatest novelty and most impressive feature will be the parade of 3,000 American sailors and Officers, not under arms, including 600 men and 60 officers and 1700 midshipmen (in training from Annapolis Naval Academy) all from the United States Atlantic Squadron, together with 250 men and 35 officers from the United States Flagship Olympia. The Squadron is now at St. Kitts, but United States Consul General Gonsaulus has used his influence successfully to have the squadron visit Halifax as a unique feature of the Carnival. The committee is negotiating with the proper authorities to have British and French battleships come to Halifax for the occasion. Should these ships be allowed to be present, the complements of the British, French and American battleships and cruisers will form up on Tuesday, August 8, second day of the Carnival and the grand processions will be known as "The Parade of the Allies." This will be a spectacle not witnessed in any country since the great Peace Parade in London at the close of the war.

The Carnival will open on Monday, August 7, with a parade under the auspices of the Halifax Fire Department. But it will not be an exclusive firemen's affair. The whole city will enter into the spirit of the Carnival, and on that day the various clubs, institutions, and business firms of the city will cooperate with floats and other gala auxiliaries. Besides, Carnival Week, being Flag Week, all householders and business firms will be expected to decorate their properties with at least one flag of conspicuous size, and to add smaller flags in other decorative designs. The first day will be climaxed with a grand open air concert of instrumental and vocal music in the Public Gardens, and a brilliant Children's Pageant, the children to be garbed in variegated dress and to perform Rainbow dances and grand marches, and various evolutions that belong to pageants.

This but partially indicates the scope and spirit of the carnival. Every morning, afternoon and evening will have its special features. There will be parades, concerts (open air), field sports, regattas, yacht races for the coronation cup and for other trophies, three days of harness horse-racing, international baseball games, athletic and boxing tournaments, illuminations and band concerts at the Waegwoltic and other clubs on the Northwest Arm; and special pageants of the members of various conventions which are scheduled to meet in Halifax during the Carnival week.

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LIPTON WILL MAKE ONE MORE TRY FOR THE CUP

From information obtained it appears that Sir Thomas Lipton will make one more try to win the America's Cup.

The Irish baronet will be in this country early in September, according to one of the managers of the Lipton plant in Hoboken, and at that time will make preliminary plans to challenge for a race in 1923. It is believed he may try with a schooner this time.

The fact that Sir Thomas, who has made four unsuccessful attempts to capture the classic trophy, cabled recently to his attorney, Willard U. Taylor, Wall street, indicating that he might race again, became known last week. This cablegram was in reply to one sent by Mr. Taylor in reference to an offer made by a local yachtman to purchase the 23 meter Shamrock which is laid up, along with the challenger, Shamrock IV., at Jacob's yard, City Island.

Sir Thomas' reply to the offer was "Do not sell. May race again." Soon after this cable was received another one came along from Sir Thomas directing that the 23 meter boat be put in condition and kept in apple order. Work is now going on at Jacob's yards in accordance with Sir Thomas' instructions.

BANKS DO NOT APPEAL TO THIS MILLIONAIRE
Russia now boasts of several "trillionaires." These are men who have made fortunes in Russian currency, and count this wealth in astronomical figures. One speculator is credited with profits of \$4,000,000 which amounts to 15,000,000,000 rubles. He is putting his wealth into gold, silver and jewels, and the stabler currencies of foreign countries.

MONTREAL HORSESHOER CHARGED WITH STEALING RACE HORSE
Con 'e Mole, of Montreal, horse-shoe, was committed to stand trial August 8 on a charge of stealing the race horse "Sevillian" from its owner, Patrick J. Smith.

Smith stated he had loaned the horse to Mole, who was in his employ. When he discharged him, Mole refused to give up possession of the horse. Smith denied that the horse had been taken from Mount Royal track to Kempton Park with his consent.

REFORM IN THE APPOINTMENT OF CLERGYMEN

Reform in the matter of the system of appointing ministers to Presbyterian churches in Canada is a subject which has resulted in a new movement in Presbyterian circles. Those behind the movement condemn the present system, which makes it necessary for the average minister, and also the young student just from college, "to go campaigning." As a remedy, it is suggested that there be a time limit followed by a re-induction under the supervision of something like a church stationing committee. Four year terms are suggested.

One-fourth of the congregations in each presbytery would vacate on a fixed date each year, in order to preserve continuity. The usage as to call would be preserved as long as the call was completed in order and accepted provisionally, three months previous to the terminal date. A second term for the incumbent would be in order under call, but the committee would have to assure itself that the call was practically unanimous. The stationing committee in the final three months could arrange to fill all anticipated vacancies and place all available ministers.

DR. BELL WORKED ON PROCESS TO DISTILL SALT WATER

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who spent last winter at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. David Fairfield, at Cocoa Nut Grove, Florida, devoted much of his time to an attempt to develop a process to distill salt water in the event of disaster at sea, an invention which he declared, would be of great benefit to the human race. He had not completed his experiments when he left for the north.

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