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AMERICAN BOAT WINS FIRST RACE

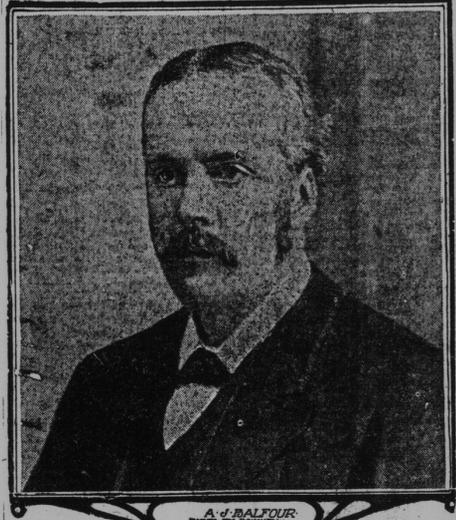
The Manchester Easily Defeats Canadian Defender

Went Over the Line Three Minutes Ahead of the Alexandra Thursday--Seawanhaka Cup Challenger Proved Very Speedy--Weather Conditions Ideal, With Wind from Twelve to Fifteen Miles an Hour.

Montreal, July 20--(Special)--The Manchester, the American challenger, today crossed the finish line exactly three minutes ahead of Alexandra, the defender, and won the first of the series for the Seawanhaka International Challenge Cup. At the start the Alexandra went over the lead by just fifteen seconds, and maintained this lead on the first tack of the boat to windward. When the pair broke tacks and headed for the Besantville shore, the Manchester was in the lead, and remained there from that time until she sailed over the finish line a winner. "Under the conditions which prevailed, the Manchester was the better boat," this frank opinion was expressed after the race by Chas. Routh, skipper of the Alexandra, and voiced the sentiments of those who witnessed today's first race for the cup. The conditions were a twelve-mile westerly breeze, under which both yachts carried full canvas, occasionally puffing fifteen miles, a smooth rolling sea. These conditions of wind and water appeared to suit the Manchester admirably, while the Alexandra failed to come up to the expectations and the hopes of the Canadians. Wise weather men predict similar conditions for the remainder of the week. The Manchester was handled splendidly, sailed for all she was worth, and won her victory meritoriously, without one thing to mar the performance. True, there was one slight accident on board the Alexandra, but the crew joined in stating that it had nothing at all to do with the result. Soon after the start a sprayer slipped from its place on the Alexandra, and it was necessary for one of the crew to go aloft and fasten it in place again. Skipper Routh said that this did not make any difference in the result, as the Alexandra kept on her way and did not lose anything on this account. Alexandra Started in the Lead. At 2:10 the starting gun was fired. At this time both yachts were to windward of the line and cruising without apparently any desire to jockey for the good berth. Both were well clear of each other and there was plenty of sea room.

BALFOUR GOVERNMENT MET DEFEAT YESTERDAY

THE BRITISH PREMIER



A. BALFOUR

MAY DIG CANAL IN FIVE YEARS EARL GREY'S INNOVATION

Sea Level One Likely to Take Ten or Twelve Years, Says Panama Chief

UNDECIDED ABOUT KIND HOUSE PROROGUED

New Chief Engineer and Head of Commission Sailed Thursday to Look Over the Ground--Will Plan Amusements for Workmen to Make Them More Satisfied.

Delivered Speech from Throne Standing for First Time in Canada's History

Ottawa, July 20--(Special)--For the first time in the history of Canada the governor general today delivered the speech from the throne standing instead of sitting, and has been the usual custom.

Mr. Stevens said that he had heard many complaints regarding conditions on the isthmus. They have no amusements and no friends, and nothing to do but work. Men 2,000 miles from home and under these conditions are home sick, of course. What they want is amusement, healthy games and outdoor exercise. In order to remedy this we will establish a separate department, and we expect to establish club houses across the isthmus.

Mr. Stevens and I were over to see the president, and we talked over the canal plans in a general way. Of course the kind of canal to be built is yet to be decided upon. I should say that it would take ten or twelve years to construct a sea level canal and about five years to build a lock canal.

Mr. Stevens said that arrangements have been made to carry on the work without any interruption whatever, should Mr. Stevens resign as chief engineer.

Mr. Stevens said that he was going to the canal zone with an open mind, and would make the best of conditions as he finds them.

TO PROBE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE METHODS Albany, N. Y., July 20--Governor Hedges this afternoon sent to the legislature a message recommending for its consideration the appointment of a joint commission to investigate the business of life insurance as carried on in this state.

Downed on the Irish Question

Three Majority Against Them --Opposition Demanded Resignation, But Premier Declined to Do So, Stating That He Would Make a Statement Later--Intimated That Another Vote Would Be Taken.

London, July 20--The government was defeated in the House of Commons tonight by a majority of three on the motion to reduce the membership of the Irish Land Commission.

On the announcement of the vote a scene of the greatest excitement was produced by the Liberals and the Irish members yelling "resign!"

The incident is considered hardly of sufficient importance to justify the government in resigning, but when asked by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the opposition, what course he intended to pursue, Premier Balfour declined to make a statement.

John Redmond, leader of the Irish party, said the premier had repeatedly declared that he would resign if defeated, and that if he disregarded this vote of want of confidence he would be acting against all precedents.

Was he going to swallow this humiliation as he swallowed every other humiliation during the last few years, the premier was asked by Mr. Redmond.

Mr. Balfour, replying very coolly, said that Mr. Redmond had greatly agitated himself over a matter which could be settled in due time. He was, he said, not conscious of any humiliation. There would be ample opportunity within a few hours of proving whether the government still enjoyed the confidence of the majority of the house. The premier said he would consult his colleagues as to whether the question should again be submitted to a vote and would make a statement Monday.

After some wrangling over the question whether to adjourn until tomorrow, it was decided to adjourn until tomorrow.

ANTAGONISH MAN KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

Daniel Fraser Met His Death at North Andover, Mass., While Stringing Wire.

North Andover, Mass., July 20--While stringing wire for the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company here tonight, Daniel Fraser, of Andover, N. H., was killed by a charge of electricity. Fraser was on a pole and one of the wires he was attaching fell over a wire supporting the street railway trolley feeder. In some way electricity was transmitted through the support wire. Fraser fell through a mass of wires, and died within a few minutes. He was twenty-nine years of age, and unmarried.

HELD FOR DEATH OF GIRL

Crowd Said Young Man Held Her Under Water Too Long While Bathing.

Bridgeport, Ct., July 19--As the result of the drowning of Lillian Bradner, fourteen, this afternoon at Seaside Park, Joseph Bassett was arrested and later released to appear before the coroner in the morning. Bassett, with another young man, was in bathing with two girls when suddenly there was a shout and a struggle, and the Bradner girl disappeared.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO SACKVILLE MAN

Sackville, N. B., July 20--(Special)--While at work in the Sackville free stone quarry, this morning, John W. Crossman was caught in the cogs of the machinery and before the power could be shut off was badly cut and torn about the chest, arm and legs. His escape from instant death was nothing short of a miracle. He will recover.

KING'S PRIZE MAY COME TO CANADA

Seven Canadians Qualify for the Second Stage

Final Shot Friday, and Dominion Men Have Great Hopes of Landing Coveted Trophy Again--Good Showing in Other Matches--British Columbia Marksmen Shooting Poorly.

Montreal, July 20--(Special)--A cable from Bialy Camp says: Six and possibly seven of the Canadians got into the second stage of the King's prize. This is a better record than was made by last year's team, which at the end of the first stage had five men qualified for the second stage, and another man qualified to shoot off in the last places.

The Canadians are not hopelessly out of the race for the prize either, for last year Private Perry, who won it only scored 94 in the first stage. Last year 100 was the high score in the first stage. This year the high score is 103 and there are four 102's. Sixteen men scored 101, and among them is found the leading Canadian, Captain Jones, of Powell (P.L.I.). As a rule the Canadians shot up to form, and only a couple of them, who would naturally be expected to be found in the list are missing. Captain Elliott will shoot off with the other scores of 94 for 64 vacancies in the 300, and is almost sure of a place.

Those who qualified for the second stage are Captain Jones, Sgt. Richardson, Pte. Morris, Pte. Wilson, Sgt. Crowe and Sgt. Moore. A noticeable feature is that the British Columbians, who have been shooting well so far, only one, Sgt. Richardson, was on.

The St. George's "Challenge" vase was the object of interest at the National Rifle Association meeting today. In today's shooting very few bulls eyes were to be seen on the 100 score boards along the 600 yards range, but there were many inners, magpies and outers, and

BOSTON PEOPLE ABLE TO SLEEP AGAIN

Hot Wave Lets Up and Thermometer Drops Several Degrees.

Boston, July 20--For the first time this week, the people of New England were able to sleep last night and pursue their daily tasks today with some degree of comfort so far as the weather was concerned. After three days of excessive heat, during which the thermometer rose well above 90, a clear, cool northwester kept the mercury down today to 86, and with the air comparatively dry, the day was well nigh perfect.

FOUND SISTER AFTER 44 YEARS

Wm. Morrison, Formerly of St. John, Finds Long Missing "Mary."

Yesterday's Boston Herald contains an account of the reunion of William Morrison, of Reading, near Boston, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Henry, of Stoneham, after a separation of 44 years. Mr. Morrison, who is aged 63, left Scotland when a youth, journeying to this city, and Yorkmouth (N. S.), where for 13 years he worked as a baker. His health failed him, and subsequently he went to South Boston and worked in a tannery for many years.

Mr. Morrison last met his sister in Scotland when she was a little girl, and the remarkable part of the reunion lies in the fact that for more than a month she lived in Stoneham within easy reach of her brother's home without being aware that such was the case.

Relatives of Mr. Morrison, the children of his sister, lived in Stoneham, and a few months ago their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, decided to leave Aberdeen and make their home with the children, who had no definite knowledge as to the whereabouts of their mother's brother in Boston.

A letter carrier assisted in locating him, and the meeting of brother and sister was affecting.

"ELIJAH" SANDFORD AND YACHT AT JAFFA, EGYPT

Lewiston, Me., July 19--The yacht Coronet, with the Rev. Frank W. Sandford and party of Holy Ghost and U.S. missionaries, whose arrival at the island of Malta in the Mediterranean was announced July 8, is reported as having reached Jaffa, Egypt.

CHINA'S DEMAND MAY UPSET PEACE CONFERENCE

Objects to Russia and Japan Disposing of Manchuria Without Her Consent--Appeals to Washington, and Also Sends Protest to Belligerents--Oyama Defences Impregnable--Komura Had Busy Day on Arrival at Seattle.

Washington, July 20--China's official notification to the powers that she will not recognize any arrangement regarding Manchuria concerning which she has not been consulted beforehand has reached Washington and will be forthwith forwarded to the president at Oyster Bay. Before addressing the note to the neutral powers China sent to St. Petersburg and Tokio an identical note containing this notification. The Chinese communication is briefly worded and is so expressed that it calls for no reply. At this time both yachts were to windward of the line and cruising without apparently any desire to jockey for the good berth. Both were well clear of each other and there was plenty of sea room.

China has not yet taken this step for several reasons. The Chinese government is anxious that, so far as possible, the belligerents be allowed to negotiate directly with each other, and is averse to being forced into the negotiations. China's motives in addressing to Russia and Japan such a notification was to remind them that she had never acquiesced in the alienation of the province of Manchuria from Chinese sovereignty, and that she expected as the first result of the war the full restoration to Chinese control of that province.

Advice reaching Washington indicates that the insistence upon the unconditional restoration of Manchuria without condition finds favor in the Chinese capital and this is realized opens up an important subject in connection with the Washington conference.

Having been the chief zone of operations, Manchuria will naturally figure prominently in the conference. China's insistence that she be consulted about any arrangement concerning Manchuria will, if respected by the belligerents, as it is believed, necessitate an indirect participation in the negotiations by China.

China Trusts Japan It is learned on the highest authority that the Chinese government is inclined to trust to Japan to execute her pledges regarding Manchuria, and unofficially has already given assurance to the Japanese of her confidence in their sincerity in this matter. On the other hand, Russia, it is said, will come to the conference ready to forfeit her sphere of influence in Manchuria only on condition that

China give to Japan no privilege there not accorded to all the powers. Therein lies China's best assurance that little headway can be made regarding Manchuria without communication with Peking.

There are, however, elements at Peking which are uneasy regarding the result of the Washington conference and the Peking government has reiterated that its apparent inactivity at the present moment is only tentative. Indications that Russia and Japan were coming to an agreement about Manchuria which did not provide for an effective and real Chinese administration of the province would immediately arouse the Peking government to action. Such an action it can be stated probably take the form of a direct appeal to the Washington government for assistance in defending the Hay doctrine of "The preservation of the territorial and administrative entity of China" to which all powers under the leadership of the late secretary of state were recommended since the present war began.

Thus far no instructions have reached the Chinese legation, which, in the absence of the minister is in charge of Young Kwai, regarding the sending of any representatives to Portsmouth (N. H.). The minister, Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, is spending the summer at Amherst (Mass), and expects to remain there until September. Like other diplomats at Washington, and in accordance with the expressed wish of the president, Sir Liang is understood, will not go to Portsmouth at all, unless ordered there by his government.

China's insistence that Manchuria be returned to her sovereignty has the full sympathy of the Washington government though the latter does not share any anxiety on this point. In the preliminary negotiations here it was more than once made plain to the belligerents that whatever the result of their negotiations it was expected that China would be left intact.

Oyama's Defences Impregnable Gushu Pass, Manchuria, July 20--6 p.m.--Since a month ago, when the army was under the impression that it was about to advance, the commanders have been much annoyed by talk of peace, but the appointment of M. Witte as senior peace plenipotentiary appears to have convinced the commanders of the government's determination.

The Russian army rests as usual with cavalry flanks slightly enveloping the Japanese (Continued on page 4.)

Beginning in Wednesday's Semi-Weekly Telegraph, the Opening Chapters of H. Rider Haggard's Powerful and Absorbing Romance, "The Brethren."