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HOW-NED HANLAN WAS BEATEN

A Pretty Story of the Great Aquatic Battle in the Antipodes.

THE Sydney Morning Herald thus describes

the great race between Hanlan and Beach rowed on the Nepean River, in Australia, on "A fairer day or a more perfect stretch of water upon which to row a great race in wager boats could not be obtained; and, although Hanlan had the choice of position, it gave him little, if any, advantage over his opponent The start was effected by mutual consent. Both men went away at the rate of forty strokes to the minute, Hanlan appearing to lead at the start. Opinion was divided on the boat, however, the timekeeper, J. G. Deeble, and others maintaining that Beach was ahead, and the Canadian's friends asserting that their man led. Both Beach and Hanlan pulled in magnificent style, the champion's mighty grip, and long, clean and powerful sweep being admired by all. Hanlan's rowing was perfect, and his boat shot through the water with great rapidity for the first 200 yards. It was a struggle between giants, and it was just question of which would cut the other down The greater strength of Beach, however, began to tell. In the second minute the men were striking about 37, keeping stroke and stroke together, and giving a magnificent exhibition of professional rowing. Cries of 'Beach is ahead! 50 to 1 on Beach; ' No! Hanlan lead -the Canadian's ahead!' were frequently raised on the steamer, which could not keep up with the men; but before the first quarter of a mile had been negotiated, Beach was seen looking across at Hanlan and watching him and Mr. Deeble, who had been watching the men intently, shouted: 'He's got him; Beach wins from the start!' at the half-mile Hanlan's boat rolled a little, and he glanced nervously at his opponent, who was forging ahead slowly but surely. In point of fact, Beach rowed harder than Hanlan did, although at times the latter was actually striking the water faster than the other man. At the half-mile the Canadian rowed thirty-eight to the minute, Beach thirtysix. Another half-mile it was evident would tell who was to win the race, and the men quickened up a little. Beach now spurted up. to thirty-eight, and drew away from his opponent; but the Canadian answered in fine style, and putting on a tremendous spurt, he lessened the distance almost immediately. The Illawarra man had now fairly settled down to his work, and laying all his strength on his

powerful strokes he spurted for a few minutes

and led Hanlan by more than a length and a

half, amid a scene of considerable excitement

on the steamer. Both men were cheered by

the spectators as they swept onward past the

Nelson, who appeared to be affected by the

general excitement, shot out into the stream

and rowed over the course after the men,

keeping pace with the steamer for a consider-

able time. Approaching the mile Beach took

things easier, rowing thirty-three strokes to

the minute, Hanlan striking thirty-four. On

and on sped the oarsmen, until at the mile

Beach was more than a length ahead of the

Canadian, and holding him safely, notwith-

neither seeming to gain any advantage. At the two-mile mark Beach had increased his lead to nearly three lengths, and from this point to the finish the excitement of those on board the steamer abated a little, as it was ' 100 to 1 on Beach.' A large number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled on the river bank at the rear of Mr. Dibbs' residence, and these greeted the champion with vociferous cheers and waving of handkerchiefs. Cheers were also given for the Canadian. Both men were striking thirty-two per minute as they passed the house, and they kept at it for the next 200 yards, when Beach slackened a little, but still maintained the lead he had secured. About half a mile from the finish the crowds lining the banks on either side of the river and the railway bridge began to realize the true position of affairs, and cheer after cheer rent the air as the champion swept onward. About this point Hanlan appeared to roll a little, and the cry went up: 'Hanlan's done, the race is over!' But the Canadian was not done, as he recovered almost immediately and spurted a little. Beach answered promptly, maintained the lead he had secured, and then they settled down to steadier work, the Dapto man rowing twenty-eight to the minute and Hanlan stiking 30 to 31. Both men continued to pull in good style, but it was evident that they were greatly distressed, as the contest throughout had been a desperate one. A quarter of a mile more and the race was won. Beach quickened a little, rowing at 30 to the minute. Hanlan also spurted, striking 32. The spurt did not last long, however, as the oarsmen were completely fagged. The next one hundred yards were rowed by Beach at 28 per minute; Hanlan, 31, but the pace was not fast. The men then made a final effort, but Beach eventually passed the winning post first, being two clear lengths ahead of Hanlan. A scene of wild excitement and enthusiasm prevailed as the men rowed under the bridge at the conclusion of the race and shook hands with each other. The official time for the contest was 19 min. 553 sec., an exceedingly fast performance. Lawrence Gearan. I will teach Reading, Wrirace both men were completely rowed out. Beach, who was very pale, appeared to be more distressed than Hanlan. The former, who was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering, was taken ashore by his admirers; but the latter rowed across to his quarters, where he experienced a warm reception. That the best man won will not be denied by the most ardent supporters of Hanlan; but the friends of the Illawarra man must admit that the Canadian rowed a great and gallant race from the start to the finish. Even the champion himself stated than he never rowed a harder or better race in his life."

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IF President Cleveland's manifesto bears no immediate result, it will at least have done this good-that it has started the Free Trade agitation in America in a manner that will take a deal of stopping. A mass of evidence is gradually being brought to light which must eventually prove fatal to Protection. Au article on the tariff in the current number of Harper's Magazine contains a few facts about the steel rail industry. It appears that for every mile of rail laid or renewed-and last year there was 10,000 miles laid and 14,000 rerewed-the American railway companies pay about 1,350 dollars more than they would boatshed on Mr. Ewan's land, at which place if the tariff were removed. In other words, a tax of something like £6,710,000 annually is placed upon the builders of railroads on the score of steel rails alone, and through them upon all that use railroads. And this for the benefit of a small and specially favoured class. This is only one item among many, but it is a fairly good instance of the manner in which a Protective system operates to the destruction of industry.- Eastern Morning News.

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