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COMMEMORATING THE FAMOUS CONTEST BETWEEN
ALFRED SHRUBB AND TOM LONGBOAT IN
MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK,
FEBRUARY 5TH, 1909.

For days and weeks 'twas talked about—the
whole world echoed it;
A thousand papers flashed the news and told
how each was fit;
The miles they did, the time they made, was
carried far and wide:
Big Chief, they said, was running strong, and
so was Britain's Pride.

The Marathon, the Marathon, it filled our nights
and days,
And ev'ry boy the country o'er was smitten by
the craze.
They scurried down the country lanes and
through the city street;
The pavements echoed to the sound of rapid run-
ning feet.