

## BIG BOAT RACE THIS AFTERNOON

Harvard and Yale Crews will  
Meet at New London for  
Fifty-third Annual Con-  
test.

New London, Conn., June 24.—Oarsmen of Harvard and Yale await the fifty-third annual race between the "varsity" crews. It will be held on the Thames River four-mile course this afternoon. While the athletes who will man the shells rest in their camps at Red Top and Gales Ferry, a few miles from here, this little Connecticut city welcomes the influx of the "regatta crowd," which it has come to know and to prepare annually for with increased menu and hotel prices, while with banners of the rival crimson and blue street vendors seek to extract from the exuberant undergraduates as much loose currency as possible.

The "regatta girl," chaperoned by cautious parents who have made the trip by motor or by private yacht, lends a feminine touch, rivalled only at the Harvard-Yale football game. Tomorrow she will provide the outstanding feature of the colorful crowd which will fill the slow-moving observation trains as they crawl along the river shore keeping pace with the straining crews. The fact that both "varsity" crews in tomorrow's big race have defeated more than once this spring dampens in no way the enthusiasm of the crowd, which recognizes only that Harvard and Yale are the rivals.

Added to the usual throng that will witness the regatta is a portion of the crowd that attended the intercollegiate championship event at Poughkeepsie and made a "trip" of it by coming here today. Most of this group are "dyed-in-the-wool" rowing enthusiasts, including oarsmen and coaches of other colleges and veteran experts of no college affiliation.

Both universities will send to the starting line crews generally thought to be inferior to those of last season, when Harvard defeated Yale by several lengths. Harvard has won only one varsity race, beating the weak Mass. Tech. eight, but losing to Cornell and Yale to Princeton and the Navy in a tri-

angular contest. Yale has been defeated by Pennsylvania and Columbia in dual races, and by Princeton and Cornell in a triangular regatta, while a Yale eight also defeated the Mass. Tech. oarsmen. However, both Eli Yale and John Harvard will show improved crews tomorrow. To both, the contest is the single aim throughout the training period of several months. Victory or defeat on the Thames makes the season a success or a failure for the crews, irrespective of earlier results.

The university winning tomorrow takes the lead in the series of contests which has lasted more than half a century. Each has won the "varsity" race twenty-six times, and that fact will stir the rivals to greater efforts than ever. Also, the coaching systems in the two camps, especially at Yale, will be under close observation. Yale's victory in 1919 has been the only Eli triumph over Harvard on the water since 1915. The surprising and overwhelming defeat on the Thames last year has been followed by several defeats and unsettled conditions in Yale rowing.

These conditions reached a climax three weeks ago, when Guy Nickalls, in charge at Yale since 1914, with the exception of the war years, resigned and James Cordery, who had been Nickalls' assistant this year, took charge of the Eli's when they went into camp at Gales Ferry. During the training of the eight there, Cordery has been assisted by Churchill Peters, captain and stroke of the 1920 Yale "varsity." Victory for Yale tomorrow will bring to Cordery recognition as the "miracle man" of Yale rowing history.

In Robert F. Herrick and William Haines, Harvard has had at the helm this spring the same coaching combination which developed the record-breaking Crimson "varsity" crew of 1916 and the junior "varsity" eight of the same year which competed in the English Royal Henley and won the Grand Challenge Cup in that classic event.

Harvard will be a pronounced favorite in the freshman race tomorrow. The Crimson yearlings, coached this season by Dr. R. Heber Howe, have shown unusual power that augurs well for the "varsity" next year. The eight was selected early in the season and has been held together, with only one or two changes, since shortly after the spring recess. But condition in the "varsity" and second "varsity" shells have been more unsettled.

Harvard men pin their hopes mainly on the fact that Coach Haines is a careful conditioner of oarsmen and a "slow starter," his crews invariably showing marked results of the last few weeks of training, aimed to bring them to a "peak" a day or two before this race.

On May 7, Harvard was six lengths behind the second place Navy crew that was defeated by Princeton, and on May 28 trailed Cornell by four lengths over a mile and seven-eighths' course on the Charles River. In 1920, the early-season showing of the Crimson was just as dismal, but it was a powerful crew that that diminutive stroke, Jenney, led to a victory on the Thames. Illness has kept Jenney from rowing this spring, and development of a stroke-ear has been one of the main worries at Cambridge.

Yale men have not forgotten the defeats earlier in the season, but nevertheless, in numerous pre-race discussions tonight, recalled previous seasons when the Elis entered the Thames classic with the "dope" strongly against them and emerged victorious. The training of Captain Hordis eight this spring has indicated that care was being taken to guard against too rapid development. Wearers of the Blue are confident that tomorrow's eight will be a much different combination from that outworn by Princeton and Cornell at Ithaca a few weeks ago.

Tickets for the observation trains, always at a premium, have been more scarce this year than ever because of the curtailed length of the trains. Graduates, on ordering tickets, were requested to secure pasteboards for personal use only, and as a result the crowds on the trains will be almost purely academic.

The Harvard-Yale regatta dates back to 1882, when the Crimson was victorious over a two-mile course on Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. That contest was in reality an inter-class affair, Harvard's class of 1883 defeating the Yale eight in a two-mile row in barges. Three years later, on the Connecticut River near Springfield, Mass., Harvard's eight-oared and four-oared barges defeated two Yale six-oared boats. In 1888, two shells and two barges represented the universities, informally, in a three-mile race on Lake Quinsigamond, and Harvard won, but the next day Yale reversed the decision in the feature event of the "Citizens' Regatta." The next summer the crews raced over the same course, Harvard winning. The war then suspended college sport until 1914, when they met again, continuing the races at Worcester until 1917.

Then the colleges entered the "Rowing Association of American Colleges" and the dual regattas were suspended until 1916, when resumed at the four-mile distance at Springfield. Two years later, the course was shifted to New London, and the regattas have been held here annually, with one or two exceptions, since that time. Since the distance of the intercollegiate championship race at Poughkeepsie was shortened to three miles, the Harvard-Yale contest has been the only four-mile rowing event held annually in America.

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### COCKROACH HOLDS UP TRAIN.

Winnipeg, June 24.—A Cockroach which climbed into a telegraph instrument in a signal box on the Canadian National Railway, between Toronto and Winnipeg, "grounded" the wires and held up the train for twenty minutes because the operator could not get a message through to release it.

### MONCTON PERSONALS.

Miss Greta Eagles, St. John, is visiting in Moncton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Fred Keith.  
Miss Marion Murray, who has been attending the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray.  
Miss Mary Dykeman, of Moncton, left Tuesday for Hampton to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Jenkins, of Hampton, to E. H. Ganong, on the 29th. Mrs. A. W. Burns, Miss Louise Burns

and Miss Olo Burns arrived in Moncton on Tuesday afternoon from Providence, R. I. Mrs. Burns has been in Providence since May to be with her daughter who have been in training in Providence Hospital. The Misses Burns are now on vacation and accompanied by their mother will spend the summer at Hopewell Cape.

Paris, June 24.—Since the Paris anti-rat campaign was started last winter 400,000 of the rodents have been exterminated. The cost was \$20,000.

### TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS AUG. 22

Ottawa, June 23.—The call has been issued today for the thirty-seventh annual session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. It will be held in Winnipeg, commencing on Monday, Aug. 22. At least 2,000 affiliated bodies throughout the Dominion are entitled to representation, but the probable attendance will be from 500 to 600 delegates, including a sprinkling of women.

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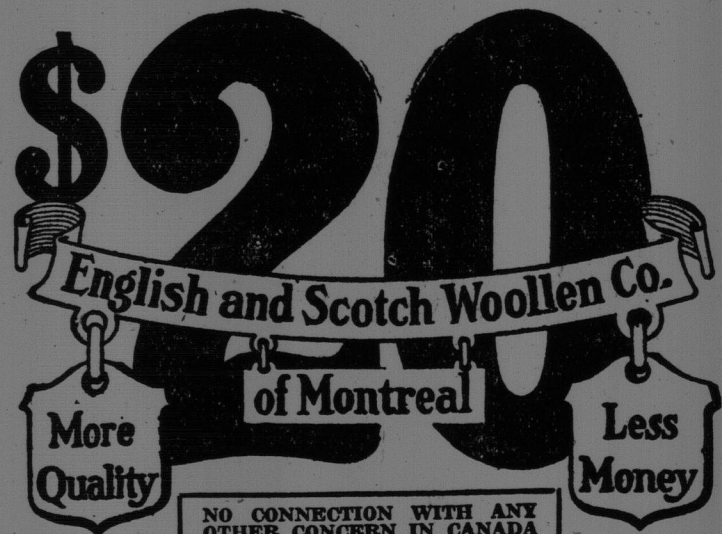


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