

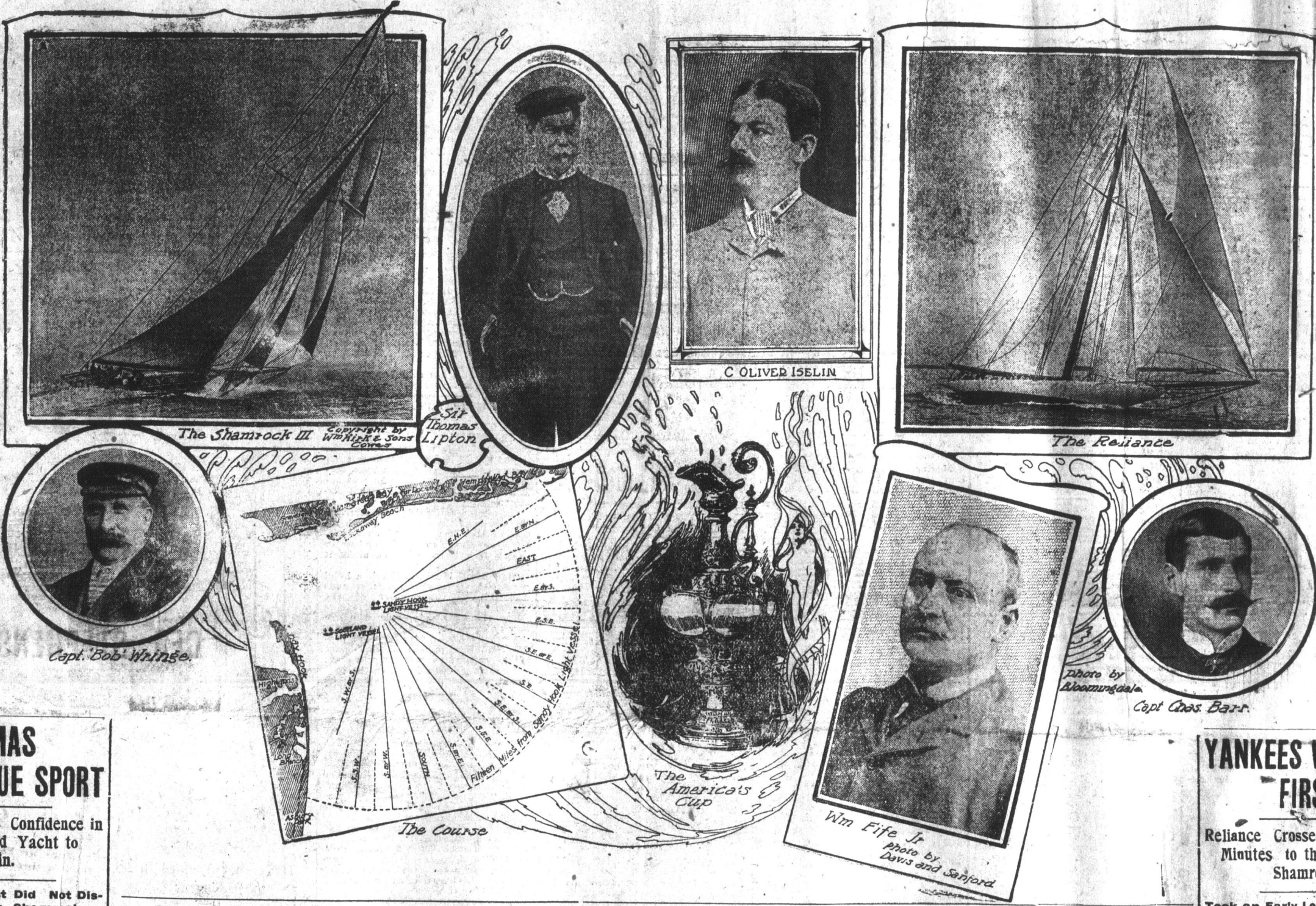
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HERE'S TO THE SHAMROCK III.---MAY THE BETTER BOAT WIN



SIR THOMAS A TRUE SPORT

Still Possesses Confidence in
His Splendid Yacht to
Win.

Thursday's Test Did Not Dis-
courage Him--Shamrock
Built for the Breeze.

The present series of international yachting races for the America's cup is the thirteenth in its history. Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger, Shamrock III., and the American defender, Reliance, are the competing boats. On Thursday last the first race was attempted, but there was little wind and it was impossible to finish within the time limit. When the race was called Reliance was about two miles ahead in the drifting contest.

NOT DISCOURAGED.
New York, August 21.—Sir Thomas Lipton, his captain and the crews of his fleet at Sandy Hook were by no means disheartened to-day. Sir Thomas was as optimistic as usual and cheerfully explained that yesterday's race was not conclusive, while Capt. Wringe of Shamrock III. was as good-natured and hopeful as ever. All appeared to believe that there would be a different story to tell if the next race was sailed in a racing wind. It was pointed out by an officer of the Erin to-day that Shamrock III. had never been exceedingly fast in drifting. The only race in which Shamrock I. ever lost her was sailed in little better than a calm, and in many cases under similar conditions, Shamrock III. had been unable to drop her pace-maker until the wind increased to five knots or better, after which she sailed at a remarkable increase in speed. To-morrow the friends of Shamrock III. were hoping for a wind that will enable the boats to sail the race an hour within the time limit.

Sir Thomas passed the day in entertaining the Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury, Col. and Mrs. Sherman Crawford and Adj.-Gen. and Mrs. Corbin. By the invitation of Gen. Corbin the whole party visited the Sandy Hook proving grounds and witnessed a test of the big guns.

ON A PLEASURE TRIP.
Date in the day the party boarded the Erin's launch and started for a trip up the beautiful Shawsbury river. After the Shamrock and Reliance had their little spin about the bay

Capt. Wringe and Capt. Bevis of Shamrock I. spent the day amusing themselves. The two captains were invited on board a yawl which was sailing about the bay, and Capt. Wringe, whose face is tanned as brown as leather, sought shelter from the sun under an umbrella and a big Panama hat. The captains spent most of the afternoon cruising about in the vicinity of the yachts.

On board the challenger there were few signs of activity. Her crew were taking a rest, but on board the Reliance her men were busy stretching out the head of the mainsail along the gaff and overhauling her spars and sails.

The wind at Sandy Hook at midnight was from the southwest, 12 miles an hour. The weather was clear and the sky cloudless. Indications are that the wind will hold through Saturday.

ROME IS INTERESTED.
Rome, Aug. 21.—The result of the first race for the America's cup was awaited here with great interest. It only became known to-day because of the difference in time and the calling off was a disappointment, as considerable wagers had been made on the race in sporting circles. The Duke of Abruzzi, who is considered Italy's first yachtsman, particularly followed the race closely, receiving telegrams direct from New York.

JAPAN AFTER THE CUP.
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 21.—An Evening Telegram special from New York says: Japan is the latest aspirant for America's cup. Honors Lieut.-Com. Iam Takashira, of the Imperial Japanese navy has announced "that he will use all his influence to have a yacht in the field to compete at the next international races. He said to-day: "We can build just as fine boats as either America or England and you may be sure that at the next international yacht races you will see the flag of Japan flying on the winner."

LIPTON CONFIDENT.
New York, Aug. 21.—To-day the Reliance lay at her moorings in Sandy Hook Bay. The wind was blowing from the north-west, and hardly a cloud could be seen. Early in the day the crew raised her mainsail and club-topsail to dry them after the

"AMERICA" CUP RACES.			
WHERE	WHEN	COMPETING YACHTS	
		AMERICAN	BRITISH
Isle of Wight.....	August, 1851....	America.....	Aurora and fleet.....
N. Y. Yacht Club Course	August, 1870....	Magic.....	Cambria.....
" " " "	October, 1871....	Columbia.....	Livonia.....
" " " "	August, 1876....	Madaline.....	Countess of Dufferin.....
" " " "	November, 1881....	Mischief.....	Atlanta.....
" " " "	September, 1885....	Puritan.....	Genesta.....
" " " "	" 1886....	Mayflower.....	Galatea.....
" " " "	" 1887....	Volunteer.....	Thistle.....
" " " "	October, 1893....	Vigilant.....	Valkyrie II.....
" " " "	September, 1895....	Defender.....	Valkyrie III.....
" " " "	October, 1899....	Columbia.....	Shamrock I.....
" " " "	Sept. & Oct. 1901....	Columbia.....	Shamrock II.....
" " " "	August, 1903....	Reliance.....	Shamrock III.....

wetting they got in yesterday's show-ers, and they were otherwise busy in making ready for to-morrow. Her headsails were up in steps. Five hundred yards astern of the Reliance the Shamrock III. lay with her green moorings. Her crew were likewise preparing for to-morrow's race. Near her were anchored the steam yacht Erin and the rest of the fleet. Numerous steam yachts and sailing craft of various classes were anchored or sailing about the fleet. At 10.42 the Reliance cast loose from her moorings, set her jib and staysail, and stood out into the Bay for a sail. Shortly afterwards Shamrock III. hoisted her mainsail with the apparent intention of going out for a sail-stretching.

Forecaster Emery at the weather bureau to-day sent out a special forecast for the vicinity of the yacht race course for to-morrow. He prophesies a good southerly breeze and clear skies. The weather Saturday over the international race course will be fair to partly cloudy, with fresh southerly winds, probably shifting to south-westerly.

During the afternoon both the Shamrock III. and the Reliance were

fast to their moorings with all sail down. Sir Thomas Lipton said to-day:—"I have not lost hope in the slightest. The conditions yesterday were the worst I have ever seen off Sandy Hook. I have been here now since June, and we never had anything so bad. It was purely a matter of luck. The Reliance was getting all the wind she wanted to foot away from us with, while the Shamrock was lying without a breeze. Whenever we did get a breeze we lost no time in making up the Reliance's gain. As a matter of fact, the Shamrock came about to come home, seeing it was hopeless to continue when she was getting no wind. The Reliance's sails were full when our sails were lying limp. The Shamrock, while the wind lasted, did better work yesterday than the Reliance. Others may say what they like on this matter, but this is my positive belief."

TO-DAY'S DESPATCHES.

At Sandy Hook bay all was activity and bustle on board the racing craft

as early as 6 o'clock, and the prospect of fast racing weather seemed to imbue the men with more life. Before 7 o'clock both boats had put their jibs and staysails in steps and taken the covers off their mastsails, while the captains and mates of each boat had been aboard and inspected blocks and tackle. The sun burned away the early morning fog, and showed a clear sky, except for the fleecy bits of cloud to windward which gave indication that the wind would keep up during the day.

Both Capt. Parr, of Reliance, and Capt. Wringe, of Shamrock III., were jubilant. Capt. Parr said:—"If this blow continues, and it looks like it, we'll have a great race in good time," and Capt. Wringe said:—"This is Shamrock's weather. We can do it in this."

SHAMROCK TO BE REMEASURED.

Shamrock III. will be remeasured in Erie basin Monday morning in the presence of a representative of Reliance. Lewis Cass Letyard, chairman of the racing committee of the New York Yacht Club, has notified

the Royal Ulster Yacht squadron, to that effect. This action is necessitated by the fact that Shamrock III. when measured previously, did not have the anchor and cable on board before starting, owing to an oversight, and which is required by the rules. Under the circumstances, Shamrock's race to-day will be subject to the new measurement to be taken Monday. The vessel on such measurement is to be exactly in the same trim as when sailing to-day.

Reliance started up her mainsail at 8.30 and five minutes to 9 took a line from her tender and with jib and staysail in steps and mainsail set left the Hook for the start. Shamrock followed her a few minutes later. She did not take a line from the cruiser, but broke out her jib and staysail and with her mainsail set sailed out of the harbor, a very pretty sight.

After Reliance had rounded the Hook she set her club topsail. Reliance clung to her tender until 9.30, when she dropped the tow and started down the coast.

WIND STEADILY INCREASED.

Reliance seemed to have trouble in setting her club topsail, and a sailor was in her shrouds trying to remove the difficulty. She signaled her tender, and was again taken in tow, which she did not drop until she had arrived at the lightship.

By 10 o'clock both yachts had arrived in the vicinity of the starting line, and had set all the sails which they intended to carry across the line. By this hour the first of the excursion fleet had begun to appear. The wind steadily increased and the wind gauges showed that the yachts would have a whole sail breeze of about 10 knots an hour to start with.

COURSE CHANGED.

Owing to the direction of the wind the committee had some difficulty in deciding the starting point, as it was apparent that a boat to windward of 15 miles from the lightship was impracticable. It was finally concluded to make the start several miles to the eastward. This change necessitated a delay from the hour set.

The weather continues beautiful and the prospects for a finished race are bright. The excursion fleet which assembled for the race was not quite as large as that of Tuesday.

YANKEES WIN FIRST RACE

Reliance Crossed Line Five
Minutes to the Good of
Shamrock

Took an Early Lead and Main-
tained it Throughout—
The Bulletin

Special to The Planet.
By Marconi Wireless Telegraph.
New York, 9.58 a. m.—Shamrock III. reached the lightship under a Reliance again in tow about half an hour to starting line. Wind was southwest blowing about 12 knots. New York, 10.12 a. m.—Reliance had arrived at lightship. Both boats had set sails. Excursion boats arriving.

New York, Aug. 22.—At 10 o'clock a. m. the wind at Sandy Hook according to the weather bureau gauge was blowing 10 knots an hour and increasing.

New York, 10.37 a. m.—The regatta committee's tug has hoisted a signal and is steaming away to the east south-east, which seems to indicate that the start of the race will be two or three miles to the eastward of the lightship, and that the boats will be sent to a windward and leeward race, with another beat down the Jersey shore.

The following bulletins are from the special wire of J. B. Proctor, the enterprising Kingston street stock and commission broker. Planet readers will appreciate Mr. Proctor's courtesy in supplying them:

9.30—Weather very favorable to yacht race. The wind is now 18 knots with a possible 20.

10.45—Yachts have left their moorings.

11.47—Yachts are working at the start.

11.50—Yachts are back for a new start.

12.03—Shamrock took the line five lengths ahead.

12 noon—Shamrock opens a big lead.

12.15—Shamrock's lead with Reliance making up.

12.25—Both boats are even.

12.31—Reliance is now in the lead and is gaining.

2.00—Reliance is a mile ahead. New York, 2.40—Reliance leads by a mile and a half. The boats have five miles to go. The Reliance crossed the line at 3.12.

The Reliance turned the outer buoy 2 minutes and 40 seconds ahead of the Shamrock.

3.50—The Reliance wins by 10 minutes.