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The Six Days' Bicycle Race. New York, Dec. 25.—On the 18th contestants who started in the 6-day bicycle race in Madison-square Garden at mid-night, four have already left the track for good. They are: Bartholomew, Gross, Berio and Forwald. The first two left because they were physically disabled, while Berio after covering 30 miles claimed he had been defeated by the scores and quit the field in high disgust. The 10th mile record, which was 4 hours and 20 minutes, held by Arthur Robb of England, was smashed this morning by Van Emburgh. He made the distance in 3 hours and 20 minutes, which is 176 miles and 7 laps, made by Prince in 1891. Homer made 200 miles in 4 days.

At 8:30 o'clock a 5-mile scratch race took place between R. Howell, ex-champion of America, and J. S. Price, champion of England, for \$200. Prince won by a length in 14.41, knocking six seconds off the record. At 9 o'clock a 5-mile race took place for \$50, first to receive \$20, second \$15, third \$10. The starters were P. J. Berio, E. F. Bittner, and Carl Hess. Hess, who was on the first lap, and without being injured, retired. Berio, Bittner and Hess finished in the order named, time 5:37.4. It was announced at 9 o'clock that Waller had beaten the former 21-hour record of 2:41. At 10 o'clock a 5-mile race was held. At 10 o'clock the score was: Waller 355—6, Martin 344—1, Hosmer 367, Starbuck 328—9, Albert 222—4, Berio 279—3, Maxwell 274—4, Van Emburgh 274—3, Ashinger 264—6, Barton 237—7, Fuller 224—4, Foster 201—6.

Between 10 and 11 o'clock a 10-mile race was engaged in for \$50, to be divided. The starters were C. W. F. Berio, J. S. Price, Yelmer, Johnson and Carl Hess. Price and Berio came in one, two, three, time, 23:45. In the ninth mile Price was deliberately cut into by Berio, who threw him off the track. Nevertheless the decision was given to Price. No protest was entered.

This afternoon the mile race was run. The first heat was between Price and Berio. Price won by a length in 1:41. The second heat Berio beat Hess and Newhouse in 2:43.3. The final heat was started with Berio, Price and Newhouse as competitors. They finished in the order named, Berio's time being 2:50. A five-mile race between Hess and Newhouse was run. Hess won by a length in 1:41. The score at 6 o'clock was: Martin 305—1, Waller 301—0, Martin 292—2, Schock 292—3, Berio 297—8, Albert 279—3, Golden 264—2, Ashinger 230—1, Barton 213—1, Fuller 202, Foster 108.

Hogan Wins Race His First Defeat. MCKENZIE, Mich., Dec. 25.—(Eagle.) Hogan of California and Jack Bates of Rochester, N.Y., the former at 131 and the latter at 140 pounds, fought in a ten-round boxing match before the Mackay Athletic Club at Lake View, just outside the city limits. Bates was unable to hit Hogan, scoring only twice, while the other hit him at will, knocking him down and nearly out in the seventh and twice out in the twelfth. This was Bates' first defeat.

SANTA STUCK IN THE CHIMNEY. And They Had to Pull the Chimney Down to Get Him Out. NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 25.—Sampson Getholtz, a Stillport Rock Township farmer, thought to surprise his family by sliding down the old-fashioned chimney and impersonating Santa Claus. He made the passage all right until he reached the center of the chimney, where he stuck fast. Getholtz yelled for aid. Members of the family did not recognize his agonized voice and ran from the house in terror. Neighbors were summoned, and after much difficulty he was made known. The chimney was torn down level with the roof, a rope was lowered and by the united efforts of three men Getholtz was pulled out.

Murdered Beside a Christmas Tree. PHOENIX, Dec. 25.—Four men were arrested on suspicion of having murdered Rudolph Meira, better known as Rigoletto of Tuscany, who was killed beside a Christmas tree in his house here on Saturday. Their names are Dolzi, Dragoun, Dvorak and Kria. They were examined to-day, but no facts were ascertained that would identify any of them as the murderer. They are believed to be young Czech agents, who killed Meira because he was said to have betrayed the secrets of the notorious "Omahlada" and to have aided the police generally in learning the plans of the Young Czech agitators. At the examination Dolzi offered to confess if he could get a release from the oath of his secret society. Dragoun at once told him to speak out the truth, but Dolzi remained silent. The police theory of the crime is that Dvorak skipped outside Meira's door to watch for intruders, that Dragoun throttled Meira and Dolzi stabbed him. Dolzi's trousers were stained with blood when he was arrested.

Twenty-two Horses and \$20,000 Lost. KENTVILLE, Pa., Dec. 25.—This morning the barn on the Keystone stock farm in Manor Township, owned by Bowser Bros., was destroyed by fire. Twenty-two horses perished. The loss is \$20,000.

MISS ALTA'S ALLEGED ROMANCE. There has been just one romance in Alta's life, and just a touch of romance in that of her sister. Some years ago a girl was said among the interested parties to be the daughter of the late Mrs. C. J. McCormick of Chicago who was growing golden old. This girl has not seen her sister since she was a child. She is now a young woman of 20 years and is said to be a first-class singer. Rev. Dr. L. A. Grant, who has just been appointed pastor of the Baptist church in this city, is said to be the father of the girl. John D. Rockefeller was superintendent of the Sunday school and a deacon in the church. The girl was all the charitable work of the congregation. The \$20,000 claim was just being repaired were being made to the main building. The girl is said to be a first-class singer and a first-class pianist. She is said to be a first-class singer and a first-class pianist. She is said to be a first-class singer and a first-class pianist.

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The Two Unmarried Rockefeller Girls. Though worth \$25,000,000 each, are simple in their tastes and without social aims. The two wealthiest heiresses in America are the Rockefeller sisters, Alta and Edith, the unmarried daughters of the Standard Oil king. These young women, would their father die to-morrow, would each, according to The New York World, have an inheritance of \$25,000,000. The Standard Oil fortune is estimated at \$140,000,000 and is increasing at the rate of \$15,000,000 every year. The Rockefeller girls are not quite 24 years old, and her sister Edith is two years younger. The share of estate left by their father will be more than double the magnificent fortune held by Miss Helen Gould. Miss Gould's wealth is estimated at \$15,000,000. The Standard Oil magnate has four children. The eldest daughter, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, is Professor Charles Strong, who occupies the chair of professor of psychology in the new Chicago

University, to which John D. Rockefeller has given \$2,000,000 in cash. She is 27 years old. The youngest of the four is Miss Edith, who has just reached her 21st year, and who is being prepared to take her father's place and look after the vast interests of the Rockefeller millions.

The wealthy Rockefeller girls have lived the quietest of lives. They do not care for the 400 parties for the reason that none of the family has ever cared to attempt an entrance within the circle of New York's fashionable set. They are not recognized in the daily throng of notable people on Fifth avenue. When they attend the opera it is in the quiet corner of some friend's box or in a modest orchestra chair. They are never seen at the theatre, but they miss no concert of merit.

A FAMILY OF FINE MUSICIANS. The whole life of these two heiresses has been devoted to self-culture and their home education has been and is still closely supervised by their mother, who was a school teacher in New York City, and who is now a bookkeeper on a small salary, married life. Alta and Edith are accomplished pianists and violinists. Edith is an omnivorous reader, and both are well acquainted with modern literature and the standard English language. They are both of them devoted to the violin and the cello. Their father is an exceptionally good musician, and he has given them four pianos in the Rockefeller mansion at a West Fifty-fourth street address. The younger sister, Edith, is a fine pianist, and she has been playing the violin since she was a child. Her father is an exceptionally good musician, and he has given them four pianos in the Rockefeller mansion at a West Fifty-fourth street address.

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sol Smith Russell. Sol Smith Russell appeared before a large audience at the Grand night in "A Poor Devil's Luck." His delineation is the character of the unfortunate gentleman who had seen better days, but through gift with a genius for invention had been reduced to poverty and want and is panned, panned, panned. Noah Vale, though poor, is yet powerful in the good points of general business inspiration, though hungry and starving, laid dignified, courteous and filled with high aspirations, it would be out of keeping to say much of this play, which is so well known to Toronto audiences, or to speak of the actor of Sol Smith Russell. But the play has been re-written, and improved, and the actor has been re-cast, and made lighter and merrier. The company gave all the support which could be given to the play, which is so well known to Toronto audiences, or to speak of the actor of Sol Smith Russell. But the play has been re-written, and improved, and the actor has been re-cast, and made lighter and merrier. The company gave all the support which could be given to the play, which is so well known to Toronto audiences, or to speak of the actor of Sol Smith Russell.

A Railroad Tote. Pretending to dance and dancing and "bookabout" comedy work of Arthur Moulton and James G. Kelly all combine to make "A Railroad Tote" a most interesting play. At both performances at the Grand, for the first time, a "Wisconsin lady" who married within a few months, and who never lived or suggested that she was a capital swimmer.

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