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EIGHTH YEAR  
THE THISTLE OUTSAILED.

THE VOLUNTEER WINS THE FIRST  
FIRST BY OVER 10 MINUTES.

Thirty Thousand People Witness the Great  
Contest.—The Owners of the Scotch  
Yacht Not Satisfied—Morning on the  
Clyde—London Press Opinions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Half the battle for  
the America's Cup was won to-day, and the  
Volunteer, 23.8 m., 223 secs over the 30 min  
course of the New York Yacht Club. It was  
generally understood that the Thistle was  
a yacht to be feared in light  
breezes, but to-day's race has shown con-  
clusively that the Volunteer is more than a  
match for her. The first 10 miles of the  
course from the start at 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
was all windward work in the boat, with  
breeze and against the tide flow. In this  
work the Volunteer was admirably handled  
by Capt. Haff and Jno. Ellsworth, beat-  
ing home 17 min. 30 sec. From  
here to Sandy Hook the light wind, 103  
miles, both laid their course, and the  
Thistle, with at times a point of lead, and  
the southwest wind blowing from  
the northward, beat 1 min. 10 sec. back to  
the finish before the wind, the  
Thistle 20 min. 23 sec.

Thirty Thousand People Witness the Race.

Such a flotilla of steamers and sailing craft  
has never been seen in New York Bay

as that assembled at the start, and later ac-  
companying the boats. Over 300 vessels were  
over the course. Steamships and steam  
boats, steam yachts, launches and tugs of  
all descriptions were present, and 3000  
audience of the contestants, and it is esti-  
mated 30,000 people witnessed the race  
from the decks of the boats. The Volunteer  
gave the passengers a good view that they  
not only had the best of the race, but also  
that seriously, in some cases much of the  
improved tactics of the racers stimulated.

The Best Match.

There was anything but a promising outlook

for a good yachting day. At 8.30 a.m. when

Commodore Gerry's steam yacht Electra

arrived, her anchor off nose of the

Electra, there was a thick haze, almost a fog, hung over the

water, and it was not wind enough to blow the  
fog away.

Secretary Whitney and Fairchild, Capt.

Chief Justice, Mr. Bruce and George

Ingramham, with a number of ladies and gentle-  
men, were on board the Electra, and the  
guests of Commodore Gerry on board the flag-  
ship, which had been placed at the disposal of  
the body, Governor Kerlegh and Alexander  
Tayor Jr., as the judges. The members of  
the crew were ex-Commissioners Jas. D. Smith, Philip  
Johnston, Capt. G. L. Ellsworth, Capt. John  
Gerry, ex-Captain of Electra, Capt. Kerlegh,  
Lieutenant M. J. Ash, Secretary John H. Ellsworth,  
Capt. John H. Ellsworth, Capt. John H. Ellsworth,  
the latter being General Paine's representative.  
The Electra, with the Electra, was the  
first to leave. The wind was so light that to  
steer the Thistle had to anchor at 8.40.

The Volunteer Towed Home.

The Volunteer was the first boat to leave

New York, Sept. 27.—The yacht race in

the city proper, where large crowds assem-

bled on the bulletin board, the cable office early, in the evening, dispersing, had

made many interested but the public paid no

special attention to the race.

The Volunteer, who had been invited to

certainly win, was quoted in which the writer

of the article, "I am sure the Volunteer, and their yachtmanship know she is

expected to do well, and that she will be a

success."

London Free Press.

The Post believes that if the wind will blow

strongly the Thistle will win.

The Volunteer, who has been invited to

denied that America has so far main-

tained the yachting supremacy which

cannot be attributed to any fault in the

handling of the Thistle, which was admirably

done by Capt. Haff and his crew.

The Thistle had still a chance, in the opinion of the Post, to win if it could have

the besting good-tempered and strong

anchors and swing to the ebb tide of Buoy 18 at 8.15 with the

Thistle's bow to the westward of the Blue's blue dry

at her main truck.

The Thistle's Big Topless Loops.

The Thistle was also topless when standing

aloft, and the two men lay on the deck, their

immense silk topless reaching far up into the

haze above. Capt. Barr was at the tiller and

clenches his hand in a apolous white flannel

owner. About the deck were his guests and

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