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WHAT WILL WE DO?

Washington's greatest opportunity is now—today—not tomorrow, nor next week. "Procrastination is the thief of time," a truism that seems to be applicable just now.

The town seems to be sitting in its chair of ease, unmindful of the fact that the time in which to secure the Matamoras Railroad is passing. The Matamoras Railroad is a project which is being pushed by the Government and the Council of State, and the Council of State is now in the town along its road.

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has not challenged as yet, but is sounding members of the club as individuals in order to ascertain if there has been a change of heart since his last challenge of two years ago was rejected.

As the concessions now asked by Sir Thomas precedent to a match do not differ materially from those named two years ago, it is difficult to see how an acceptance of his proposition can be expected.

Foreign yachtsmen have all along contended that they were handicapped by the conditions imposed by the Americans, while the latter have contended that they were governed by the deed of gift under which the cup is held, and that it is not possible to make the desired modifications.

Ever since Lord Dunraven, disgraced over the defeat of his challenger, went back with a sensational story of unfair treatment the British yachting world has displayed an aloofness toward the America's cup that bodes ill for its future as an incentive to international contests on the water.

Sir Thomas Lipton appears to be about the only exception to the general feeling of hostility, and when he challenged it was slyly intimated that he was actuated by business reasons. He proved, however, to be a thorough sportsman, and has sent over three boats, each the work of the first designers in England, and equipped second to none of those he raced against.

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\$1,000,000 TO FIGHT DISEASE

Rockefeller Donates That Sum for Campaign Against Hook Worm in the South.

New York, Oct. 28.—A gift of one million dollars by John D. Rockefeller to fight the "hook worm disease" was announced at the office of the Standard Oil Company here late today.

A dozen well-known educators and scientists, selected in large part from institutions of learning in the South, where the parasite is prevalent, were called in conference with Mr. Rockefeller's representatives at the Standard Oil Company's offices, at 26 Broadway, last Tuesday, and at that meeting Mr. Rockefeller's desire to organize a commission to carry on a campaign against the malady was discussed.

As a result of this discussion of the situation, the "Rockefeller Commission for the Eradication of the Hook Worm Disease" was organized.

The members of this commission, as selected by Mr. Rockefeller, are: Dr. William H. Welch, professor of pathology in Johns-Hopkins University; president of the American Medical Association; Dr. Simon Flexner, director of Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Dr. Charles W. Stiles, chief of the division of zoology, United States public health and marine hospital service, and discoverer of the American species of hook worms; and the prevalence of the disease in America; Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia; Dr. David E. Houston, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. P. P. Claxton, professor of education in the University of Tennessee; Hon. J. V. Joyner, State Superintendent of Education in North Carolina; and president of the National Education Association; Walter H. Page, editor of "The World's Work"; Dr. H. H. Wood, principal Hampton Institute; Frederick T. Dent, one of Mr. Rockefeller's business managers; Starr J. Murphy, Mr. Rockefeller's counsel in benevolent matters; John A. Rockefeller, Jr.

All but Prof. Claxton and Mr. Joyner were present at the meeting, and they have both since accepted places on the board elected to carry out Mr. Rockefeller's plans.

In calling these gentlemen together for Tuesday's conference, Mr. Rockefeller addressed to each a letter pointing out his interest in relieving the human suffering caused by the "hook worm" parasite, especially because, he said, it had been his pleasure to spend a portion of each year among the warm-hearted people of the South and he welcomed the opportunity to express appreciation of their many kindnesses and hospitalities.

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