

New York And Washington Stirred Over "Hoss" Race

Question of Whether Zev or My Own to Meet Papyrus Is the Issue and Cards Seem Stacked Against the Grayson Colt

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New York, Oct. 3.—With the poise and sang froid of thoroughbred English gentleman that he is, Papyrus, blue blood of the British turf, waited patiently at Belmont Park today for the committee of the Jockey Club to name the American "cousin" who is to match speed and stamina with him at a mile and a half on Saturday, October 29.

Although jockey club officials stoutly maintain that no selection has been made and that none will be made until Saturday, October 6, every trainer and racing man within sound of the hoof beats on the metropolitan tracks knows that Zev will be the colt named to uphold the Stars and Stripes against the invading union jack.

This does not mean that these trainers and and followers of the turf believe that Zev is the better horse for the race. Many of them think that on his present day condition, Admiral Cary T. Grayson's My Own could show a pair of clean heels to Harry Sinclair's champion. There never would be a horse race if opinion was all one way. It is just in the cards that Zev is to be chosen. Everybody knows Zev's trainer is carefully pointing him for the race. It will be woe unto the Jockey Club, however, if Zev races and loses to Papyrus. Then there will be a terrible hullabaloo. The partisans of My Own will say that a great mistake was made and that the Grayson colt could have taken the English derby winner without the shadow of a doubt.

Of course, turf followers here in New York state have learned to endow the Jockey Club with all worldly wisdom. No king ever wielded more autocratic power over his subjects than August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club wields over the racing folk in this vicinity. These folk have been taught in the past that the king can do no wrong. And so they are awaiting, without criticism, the decision that they know will go to Zev.

The fact that all Washington is stirred up over the prospective elimination of My Own is creating not a ripple on the surface of East 40th street where the Jockey Club maintains its headquarters, Brigadier General William Mitchell, of the air service, representing the sentiment in army and naval services, had the temerity to write to the chairman of the Jockey Club. In reply the chairman has sent a letter intended to put General Mitchell in his place. In effect Mr. Belmont has told the general that if he wrote as a private citizen, demanding that My Own be given proper consideration, the matter is none of his business. If he wrote officially in his capacity as a general of the air service Mr. Belmont says: "the committee will give its answer the more careful consideration an officially authorized communication demands."

Naturally the Jockey Club knows that General Mitchell did not write "officially," for neither the army nor the navy is involved in the international match race, although if the contest gets much hotter the army may have to be called-out to quell a new civil war.

Since the beginning of man there never was anything that could stir up so much trouble and so much difference of opinion as a "hoss race." The forthcoming contest between Papyrus, the English champion and the American selection, is no exception. This international race has more angles for discussion, however, in view of the contest as to which is the better American horse, Zev or My Own. Turf followers everywhere regard it as a great pity that Zev and My Own could not have been matched to fight it out for the premier American position. They

it was 331. In North Carolina it was 186 in 1921 and 154 in 1922. The deathrate from tuberculosis for white people in New York in 1922 was 92 and in North Carolina for the same period it was 90.

North Carolina is evidently a safer place than New York for both white and colored people as far as the dangers from tuberculosis go, and a more heartening thing is the fact that the State is growing safer each year. In four years the negro deathrate from tuberculosis has decreased from 233.1 in 1918 to 154.2 in 1922. In eight years the State's deathrate from tuberculosis has been cut in half and more. In 1913 there were 4800 deaths from tuberculosis, in 1922 there were 2369.

A New York writer finds it difficult to explain the unusual increase of deaths among negroes from tuberculosis alone in one year. He hardly thinks it can be due altogether to the increase in negro population which has been 7 percent annually or 60,758 in the period from 1910 to 1920. This rate does not include, however, the accelerated movement of negroes from the South to the North in the past two years. He is of the opinion that the negro coming from the warm and open air of the South to a colder climate, to more congested living conditions in a large city, finds him-

self exposed to the damages of tuberculosis to a greater extent than his more acclimated neighbors. The writer admits that the situation of a larger negro population with an increasing death rate from tuberculosis is a problem requiring special effort even for the common good of its citizens.

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have never met. Both have splendid records. Either one would be a fit American representative if other fine thoroughbred were away.

It was accepted today that all chance of bringing the two American together was gone. Zev will race My Own at a mile and an eighth but not at a longer distance. My Own will race Zev at a mile and a half, but not at a shorter distance. So, in the language of Colonel Matt Winn, dean of the Kentucky turf "that is all thrashed out."

The partisans of My Own say that the Jockey Club is committed to the Grayson colt because it arranged recently a national trial sweepstakes, to select a horse to meet Papyrus. Zev declined to enter the sweepstakes. My Own entered and beat the same horses that Zev previously had beaten. The international race is to be at a mile and a half, so Admiral Grayson argues any trial for the event should be at that distance. The Jockey Club does not agree with him on that score. Mr. Belmont himself says that it would be folly for the trainer of Zev to agree to such a contest two weeks in advance of the high race. So that, also, is thrashed out. It was this statement by Mr. Belmont which convinced everyone that Zev was to be chosen for the Papyrus match.

Both Zev and My Own have shown that they have both speed and endurance. The Admiral thinks that My Own is better at the distance. A shorter distance might find them in a dead heat judged by their past performances. Zev has gone the mile in 1.37 twice and once in 1.37 2-5. My Own has stepped the mile in 1.36 1-5; 1.37 3-5 and 1.37 4-5. An eyelash might easily separate the two in a mile race.

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