

NEW CHALLENGER TAKES INITIAL DIP

Shamrock III, As Proudly and As Gracefully as a Swan Plunges Into Her Native Element

CHRISTENED BY THE COUNTESS OF SHAFTSBURY

Stars and Stripes Fly at Her Bows as a Compliment to America—Tour of Inspection Follows

Dumbarton, March 17.—The day dawned with heavy rain and with a strong gale. Despite this, however, the preparations for launching Shamrock III continued. Dumbarton is today en fête. The workmen have holiday and are taking full advantage of it. Sir Thomas Lipton, the Countess of Shaftesbury, who is to break the bottle of wine giving the new yacht its name, with other guests from Glasgow, arrived on a special train gaily bedecked.

A tour of inspection will follow the launching. Designer Fife declares the yacht this year will be a marvel. Today the yacht flew the stars and stripes at her bow in compliment to America.

Dumbarton, March 17.—Shamrock was successfully launched at one thirty o'clock.

Until a half hour before the launching the weather was so boisterous that it was doubtful if it would be possible to launch the yacht without causing damage. Lipton however, insisted that preparations go on. At one o'clock it cleared somewhat and at 1:21 the signal to raise her from the cradle was given. Just then the sun broke through the clouds and flooded the scene with brilliant light. This was taken as a good omen and the crowd broke into loud cheers.

The Countess of Shaftesbury, naming the yacht said "I christen you Shamrock III. May God bless you and may you bring back the cup."

Whether the third leaf of the Shamrock, as Sir Thomas calls her, will be able to lift the cup or not remains to be seen, but that William Fife, her designer, with the advice of Designer Watson, has turned out a dangerous boat every one agrees.

Owing to the limited draft of water on the Clyde at this port two massive pontoons, which were used in the launching of Shamrock II, will again be employed.

While reports from the other side as to the underbody form of previous challengers are generally misleading, it is stated that Shamrock III is a vessel of easy form, with moderate overhangs, fine water line, with more of a V-shaped section than previous challengers, and that she will have a moderate sail spread.

Many yachtsmen over here, however, refuse to believe that Fife has clipped the wings of his new challenger, and that instead of a small sail plan she will have an enormous sail spread.

However, Fife, it is said, has long been impressed with the ability of low powered yachts to beat those of large sail spread, and the races between Spharita and Karaid, and his previous experiences with the Minerva, Clara and Tyra, it is believed, have convinced him that a vessel of easy form, with a moderate sail plan, could more than hold her own with more powerful craft in any kind of weather.

THE CUP DEFENDER.
Providence, R. I., March 17.—The

CRITICAL TODAY AROUND MEMPHIS

River Already One Foot Above Highwater Mark of 1898--Breaking Levees May Lessen Danger

Washington, March 17.—A Weather Bureau special bulletin says the river situation in the Memphis districts has become critical. The stage this morning was 39.4, a rise of 0.5 since Monday morning and 1.1 feet above high water stage in Memphis in 1898. But with the falling tendency and the unofficial reports of breaking of levees north of Memphis, these breaks, if extensive, will doubtless modify the condition somewhat and the maximum be slighter than forty feet.

The Louisiana tributaries continue to rise and the Shreveport gauge records 31.9 feet this morning.

latest and greatest cup defender ever designed by Captain Nat G. Herreshoff, the Wizard of Bristol, is now fast approaching completion in the south construction shop. So far advanced is the work that it is believed she will take her maiden dip some time during the fourth week in April, though some of Herreshoff workmen say the yacht could be launched earlier, if necessary.

In a long article today, a local paper says of the new yacht:

"It was undoubtedly a benefit to the yachting world that the Independence was built in 1901, though beaten as she was in every race in which she sailed against the Herreshoff models.

"The new Herreshoff creation cannot be called an Independence, so far as the whole shape is concerned, but there are elements in her hull, perhaps strikingly similar to the Crownships design, and of a character the new yacht showed as one in which her designer crafted a departure to a degree from the basis upon which the Columbia and the Constitution's models were evolved.

"In beam, as well as in over all length, Nat Herreshoff has worked out surprises, giving the new yacht a greater beam than any other racer of the keel type received before in the 90-foot class. The latest craft has a beam of 25 feet 8 or 9 inches, almost 26 feet. The Columbia's beam was 24 feet 6 inches and the Independence had a beam of 23 feet 11-2 inches. The Constitution's beam is 25 feet 2-2 inches.

"The draughts of the big racing boats are as follows: Columbia, 20 feet 3 inches; Constitution, 19 feet 10-2 inches; the new boat, 19 feet; Independence, 20 feet. The freeboards of all the crafts enumerated above were nearly of the same extent—4 feet 4 inches—except the Constitution, which is about 5 feet.

"The yacht is described as having the greatest reaching characteristics ever given a cup racer, due to longer ends, greater beam and improved form. With all this, her displacement is said to be less than that of the Constitution. The lead keel as compared with the 1901 racer looks like the side of a catamaran against a fisherman's skiff, weighs about 100 tons and should hold the flyer well to windward."

10 YEAR OLD LAD DIES OF LOCKJAW

Dan Cauble Stuck a Nail in His Foot a Week Ago and the Dread Tetanus Was Quick to Develop

Daniel Cauble, the 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cauble, who live on West Seventh street, died this morning as the result of a severe attack of lockjaw.

The little fellow while playing several days ago, stepped on a nail—one of the sharp wire variety. It pierced his shoe and penetrated his foot to a depth of at least an inch or more. The wound did not seem to be a serious one and there was no thought but that the little fellow would soon recover.

Three days ago, symptoms of that dreaded disease, lockjaw appeared and all of yesterday the boy was hovering between life and death. Last night heroic treatment was resorted to but to no avail. The little fellow died in great agony this morning.

Much sympathy is expressed for the sorely bereaved father and mother. Mr. Cauble is an employe of the D. A. Thompkins Company and is one of Charlotte's best citizens.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence No. 313 West Seventh street tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Dr. John W. Staggs will officiate. Messrs. Witt, Jarratt, John C. Watson, Fred McGinn and Thornwell Andrews will act as pall-bearers.

THE MAY MEET.
Mr. Harden Says There Will Be Splendid Racing.

Mr. Junius Hardin, secretary and treasurer of the Mecklenburg Fair Association, arrived in Charlotte last night.

Hardin states that the May meet in Charlotte is going to be the greatest racing event in the history of the State. The programme as mapped out includes some of the fastest horses in the country.

Besides the usual number of trotting events, there will be several fast running races.

Mr. Harden informs a News reporter that a large number of well known horses will be seen on the Charlotte track at the May meet.

WILL NOT BURY HIM YET.
Doctors Say Young Man Is Dead, But Parents Still Hope.

Tacoma, March 17.—An Olympia undertaker refuses to bury Thomas Guslander, twenty years old, who was pronounced dead by his physicians last Tuesday morning. The funeral arrangements were being made when it was discovered that the body was not yet rigid, six hours or more after his certified death.

Guslander had inflammatory rheumatism and had been ill only a short time. The physicians insist that life is extinct. The parents refuse to give up and have been working over him since Tuesday. The body is not yet rigid.

The funeral is to be postponed until no doubt remains that he is dead.

FINANCIAL RUIN THREATENS MEXICO

Failure of Six Very Important Firms Said to Portend General Financial Crash in The Republic

SITUATION IS LOOKED UPON AS VERY SERIOUS

Many Great Banks and Several Railroads Are Said to Be Interested in the Failures

El Paso, March 17.—The failure of six large important firms in the city of Mexico Saturday is said to be the forerunner of a general financial crash in Mexico as an inevitable result of the effort to place Mexico on a gold basis.

One of the greatest trust companies in the southwest is being established here through which matters looking to placing Mexico on a gold basis will be looked after.

Many great banks of Mexico will be interested in the trust company as well as several American banks. It also is reported that one or two Mexican railroads will be connected with the trust company.

The situation is considered serious for the Republic. The failure of an importing firm in Mexico City Saturday caused a flurry in financial circles.

THE COTTON MARKET.
The Bulls and Bears Were Not So Many Today.

New York, March 17.—C. W. Lee & Co. Say: The market continued quiet today. An overflow of the rivers were reported at one point and predictions were anything but favorable. All the morning there was a surprising absence of cotton for sale and while the demand was not heavy enough cotton seemed to be wanted to hold prices. May was the best option. July sold only 12 and 14 points under May most of the day. This means one of the two things. Either the bulls have sold enough and are willing to let the market take its course, or there is a lot of May coming from other quarters.

We are informed from very reliable sources that the pool will ask for the delivery of cotton on May. This is a very important piece of news, if true. It may be circulated to help the markets. But, it came in a way to give us confidence in its trustworthiness. We would not operate in May cotton. The above is not a scattered interest of importance. As long as the big holders are not willing to sell, there is no pressure as commission houses are pretty well sold out. If receipts fall to show up later in the season, it makes a very strong position. But, the price is a high one, and spinners have practically withdrawn from the market. There are being gambling operations going on in all markets and the bulls

will keep at it until someone is badly hurt. August works towards 9 1-2, this option should be a sale. We would only sell on bulges.

FOUND PREHISTORIC POMPEII.
Italian Asserts That Researches Prove Existence of City 2 Centuries Before Rome.

Rome, March 17.—Prof. Dall'Osso, Inspector of the Museum of Naples, has just published an article, in which he affirms that researches and excavations prove that there existed a Pompeii nine centuries before our era. This city existed near the location of the actual ruins of the City of Pompeii. It flourished two centuries before the foundation of Rome, and was like the Pompeii No. 2, destroyed by an eruption of Vesuvius.

Many skeletons bearing necklaces of bronze and other jewels of great antiquity have been found from time to time in the locality.

WOMEN AND "FOOL" CLUBS.
Burdick Tragedy Illustrates the Evil, Priest Declares.

Syracuse, March 17.—The Rev. Father Heenan, preaching at mission services at the Church of St. John the Baptist last night, denounced women's clubs. He pointed to the Burdick tragedy in Buffalo and the conditions it revealed as an indication of the lives of the clubmen and clubwomen.

"Rainy-day skirt clubs," he continued, "are the curse of many homes today. Women are neglecting their families to attend to that and similar clubs, and it is the women and their clubs that is responsible for the destruction of home happiness."

A COMMUNICATION AND THE ANSWER
"One Vote" Objects to News' Article on the Mayoralty Campaign - A Call to Capt. Franklin

To the Editor of the News:
The article in yesterday's News on "The Mayoralty Fight" signed by the city editor is a serious injustice to Capt. Franklin. The impression is given that he stands for methods of city government that are not in line with ideas of morality and while the writer states that his information is from "splendid sources" it would meet with an open denial if taken to Capt. Franklin for confirmation. If there is anything else to go by Capt. Franklin's own character stands as a denial of any such insinuation. Every one who knows Capt. Franklin (and who in Charlotte does not?) knows that he is a man of character and that his convictions are backed by his actions. If elected Mayor of Charlotte the city would respond to his active work in her interest just as every other thing has grown and prospered to which he has put his hand.

ONE VOTE.
[In answer to the above the city editor wishes to state that the spirit and style throughout of the article complained of was obviously one of neutrality. He distinctly disclaims any partisanship or partiality in the matter and yields to no one in his appreciation of Capt. Franklin's Christian character.

If "serious injustice to Capt. Franklin" has been done the "impression," and not the article itself, must be responsible for it. Let the extract from the article pertinent to the question speak for itself:
"Fifth. It is the wish of a majority of the Franklin men, (if I understand them), that the back doors to the saloons be opened and the closing hour be 10 o'clock instead of 9, as at present."

While Capt. Franklin has not said he would favor the latter proposition, I learn from a splendid source that should the board of aldermen be captured by his friends, this change will be advocated."

The above will be found to be nothing but a conservative statement of facts, as he has found them, concerning the designs of the Franklin men, and is in no wise susceptible of a meaning which affects Capt. Franklin in the manner complained of. On the contrary, it is expressly stated that Capt. Franklin has not said that he would favor the measures advocated by his friends.

In connection with the charge that injustice had been done him the writer today called up Capt. Franklin and asked him to state wherein the injustice consisted. His reply was that he did not wish to be interviewed, but a short while afterwards Capt. Franklin called the writer up and said that he was making the race for mayor on a moral platform and that anything said to the contrary was a misrepresentation. Upon being questioned to state explicitly what measures he stood for he again called the writer up and said he would be interviewed.

Capt. Franklin is assured of ample space in the News to set forth his position specifically, in confirmation or repudiation of what his friends are saying as to what his administration will be in case of his election.

His life has been blameless, but in a campaign where moral issues are involved a prospectus as well as a record is insisted upon and the people whose suffrages he is soliciting will not be satisfied until his silence is broken. What is your platform, Capt. Franklin? It's up to you.]

DR. BASS IS DEAD; FORGIVES SLAYER

Tarboro Physician, Shot By a Fellow Physician Yesterday, Dies as Result of His Wound

SHOOTING THE RESULT OF AN OLD FEUD

Affair Occurred on the Streets of Tarboro and Has Plunged the Little Town Into the Deepest Gloom

Tarboro, N. C., March 17.—Dr. Bass died at eleven-thirty last night. He leaves a wife and five boys, one nearly grown. Before dying he expressed the wish that his son would take no revenge and the son says he will obey the wish. He was buried this afternoon. Every business house is closed and there was an immense concourse at the funeral. The entire community is stirred and deeply shocked.

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in front of the postoffice on Main street J. M. Baker shot Dr. H. T. Bass and inflicted, what proved a fatal wound. The pistol ball went through both walls of the stomach and penetrated the liver.

Two shots were fired by Dr. Baker, only one taking effect. Dr. Bass pulled out his pistol after he was shot but says that he does not remember whether he shot it or not. Anyway the pistol fired, but the ball went over the heads of the crowd and did no harm.

After the shooting Dr. Bass walked to his office and soon afterward was carried to his home.

The shooting of Dr. Bass is the result of bitter feelings of long standing between the two men.

Last summer there was a difficulty on the street between the two men and Dr. Bass knocked Dr. Baker down. The trouble was brought about by criticisms of the management of a sanitarium of which Dr. Baker is the head.

The matter was later heard in court and at the trial Dr. Baker was exonerated. In the court room both men drew their pistols but friends intervened. They expected trouble later and sought to effect a reconciliation, but without avail. Dr. Baker is a much smaller man than Dr. Bass and is ten years his junior, being about forty-seven years old.

Yesterday Dr. Bass attacked Dr. Baker and a fight ensued. As to exactly when and how the shooting occurred the statements that have been made upon the street are conflicting. Some say that the shot which may prove fatal was fired while the two men were actually fighting; others say that Dr. Bass shot Dr. Bass after they were pulled apart.

Both Dr. Bass and Dr. Baker are physicians of fine standing in the town and have many friends. Business was practically at a stand still all day, and

TRUE BILL FOUND AGAINST HAMILTON

Fairfax Jury Holds White Man Responsible For Wreck of No. 33 in Which Two Men Were Killed

Conductor O. W. Loving of the Southern Railway, returned last night from Fairfax Court House, Va., where he was called as a witness before the grand jury of that county in the case of the Southern railway against Bob Hamilton, who is charged with wrecking No. 33 at Ravenworth, Va., on the night of February 16.

The grand jury yesterday afternoon returned a true bill against Hamilton, charging him with the duty deed. It will be recalled by News readers that the wreck of No. 33 was a most disastrous one. The engine, tender and three coaches were almost completely demolished. Engineer T. J. Purvis and Fireman Walter Wigginton, were instantly killed. Several of the passengers were more or less injured.

The wreck occurred right at the station at Fairfax. There is a little spur track, about 60 feet in length and it was the switch at this point that was changed. An old shed, to one side of the track was completely torn away.

The man Bob Hamilton has, at different times, worked as a section hand for the Southern. Once before he was in the courts charged with train wrecking but the jury failed to convict him. This time, the detectives think, they have a good case against him and some sensational evidence is promised.

STATESVILLE VOTES DRY.

At the Election Yesterday the "Dry's" Won By 240 Majority.

Statesville, March 17.—Prohibition carried the day here yesterday. The "dry people" won the election by 240 majority.

The total registered vote was 664 and the number of votes cast was 622. The election passed off quietly. There was lots of interest manifested and the voting places were crowded all day. The prohibitionists are exceedingly proud of the great victory they won at the polls on yesterday.

PARIS TO HOLD BIG FAIR.
In Imitation of Leipzig's Yearly Celebration In March.

Paris, March 17.—Paris proposes to hold an international fair next year, in imitation of Leipzig's yearly celebration.

Leipzig devotes three weeks each March to the event. So many foreigners flock to the city at that time that the college students take their vacations that their rooms may be rented to visitors.

The first week is called the Coopers' week, and they reign supreme for seven days. Then the fair proper begins, all sorts of merchandise being exposed as furs, jewels, manufactured products, and like the great Russian fair of Nijni Novgorod, which sells by retail, it is forbidden to handle anything but samples during the fair.

The city of Paris, which is the scene of numerous small local fairs during the year, has conceived the ambition of competing with Leipzig. The date of the International Fair will not clash with Leipzig's.

IS STILL NURSING FAIRBANKS' BOOM

Edit'r Mitchell, Nothing Dauted By Disaster at Elizabeth City Will Start a New Weekly Paper

Mr. Roscoe Mitchell, who has gained no little notoriety through his controversy with Postmaster Meekin at Elizabeth City, over the policy of the North Carolinian, a weekly paper set that town, is spending a few days in Charlotte. Mr. Mitchell also bears the distinction of having launched the Fairbanks boom in this State, which was at the bottom of the Elizabeth City squabble.

Mr. Mitchell leased the North Carolinian for five years. After assuming charge of the paper he sprung a surprise on its owner, Meekin, by boosting Senator Fairbanks for the Republican Presidential nomination. This of course would not do, for Mr. Meekin owned his slice of political pie to Roosevelt and accordingly he called a halt. Mr. Mitchell refused to halt and so Mr. Meekin hid himself away to Washington to explain to the powers that he had washed his hands of the whole affair. While he was explaining, the plant of the North Carolinian caught fire and was burned down. Then Mr. Mitchell surrendered his lease with the understanding that he could purchase the remnants of the North Carolinian and build up a successor to that paper with which to nurse the Fairbanks' boom. But after Mr. Mitchell gave up the lease Mr. Meekin refused to sell and thus was the Fairbanks' boom burst—at least so far as Elizabeth City was concerned.

But Mr. Mitchell was not daunted. He remembered that Elizabeth City was not the only town in North Carolina so he quietly went to work, made his plans and now announces that he will start a new weekly in Raleigh and the first issue will appear next week.

Mr. Mitchell says he has secured several converts to the Fairbanks' boom since coming to Charlotte and intimates that before he is through with the North Carolina wing of the Republican party, Roosevelt's chances for a re-nomination in 1904 will resemble a large chunk of hot-meat-table gloom.

Aside from all this Mr. Mitchell is a clever newspaper man and a genial, all-around good fellow and his friends here are always glad to shake his hand.

DR. ION CALLED TO BOSTON.
Greek Lawyer To Become a Member Of University Faculty.

Washington, March 17.—Announcement has been made of the selection of Theodore Papazoglou Ion, a Greek scholar, who came to this country to pursue post-graduate studies in law at the Catholic University of America, to be a member of the faculty of Boston University.

Mr. Ion came to Washington in 1898 and in the following year obtained his degree of doctor of jurisprudence at the Catholic University. He had previously attended the University of Constantinople and the Faculty du Droit, Paris, obtained from the latter degree of bachelor and master of laws.

THE POLICE HAVE NEW TESTIMONY

Furnace-Tender Will Testify That He Heard Mrs. Hull and a Man Talking in the Burdick Cellar

ABOUT HALF OF THE WITNESSES HAVE TESTIFIED

Furnace-Tenders Testimony is Startling and Furnishes Another Link in Chain Against Mrs. Hull

Buffalo, March 17.—About half the witnesses subpoenaed for the Burdick inquest have testified. With the testimony of little Marion Burdick given yesterday, District Attorney Coatsworth has completed the examination of all who were in the house the night of the crime except the two little children of Mrs. Burdick. It is believed, they will be put on the stand at today's session between 2 and 3 p. m. Mrs. Paine also may be summoned to the stand today.

Alfred Brookman, who worked on the furnace rote on Ashland Avenue, including the Burdick house, is another witness so far held in reserve by the police. It is said he will testify that while attending the Burdick furnace this morning after the murder, he heard a woman's voice, recognizing it as Mrs. Hulls, and a man's voice, in conversation in the basement. The man asked in startling tones "Who is that," when Brookman opened the furnace door. Mrs. Hull denied that she was in the cellar that morning.

Miss Marion Burdick, pretty rosy-cheeked daughter of Edwin L. Burdick, was the most interesting witness at the inquest before Judge Murphy yesterday. Like Mrs. Hull she volunteered no information. She answered in monosyllables whenever possible. It was "yes" or "no." When those replies would not suffice she said as few words as possible. She was not easily confused and there was no sign of agitation. At one time when the District Attorney questioned her closely regarding the events that occurred at the time her father was murdered.

Attorney Coatsworth began by speaking kindly to the girl, and carefully choosing his words in putting question to her. Later he fired questions in rapid succession, all of which were met with replies both sharp and decisive. At one time when the District Attorney asked the same question several times the girl caused a murmur in the court room by raising her voice sharply in a clear emphatic "I don't know." Nothing of importance was elicited from her while she was on the stand and the District Attorney finally gave her up in despair.

"CO-EDS" IN MALE ATTIRE.
Northwestern University Dance Where All Men Were Barred.

Chicago, March 17.—Northwestern University women students gave a ball last night in which swallowtails, low-cut vests, neatly creased trousers and pattern leather shoes formed the costumes of half the party, but no men were present.

The masculine attire was worn by young women, who led their partners in tin waltzes, escorted them to the tables for supper and performed the numerous other chivalrous acts the women are accustomed to receive from their masculine escorts on such occasions. The ball was held in Willard Hall and was attended by the eighty young women who reside there.

Some of the girls made fine looking beaux and they declare they enjoyed the dancing as much as if the men had attended.

MISS ASTOR TOWED THIS LADY-KILLER?

Report Has it That She Will Marry Bratianu, who is the Roumanian Minister Of Foreign Affairs

Vienna, March 17.—Die Zeit's Bukarest correspondent says society there is regarding the engagement of Miss Astor, who is with her brother, visiting the Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Roumania, to Foreign Minister Juel Bratianu, as a settled affair.

Bratianu, the correspondent adds, is a handsome lady-killer. The eldest son of the famous statesman whose statue is shortly to be erected in the capital of the United States, is the one Miss Astor's name is coupled with.