

TWO MEN WILL RACE ACROSS STORMY ATLANTIC TO REVIVE IN HEARTS OF YOUTH LOVE OF THE SEA

Thrill of a Royal Adventure Is Only Prize for Duke of Leinster, Distinguished Sportsman, and William Wallace Nutting, Doughty Yankee Skipper, Who Will Tempt Fate by Voyage in Frail Boats Not Much Bigger Than Saucers

THE King of Ireland—that is, the hereditary King—has come to call upon an American.

Is his visit for a conference upon matters of state, politics or society? No, indeed. He has come to arrange for a sailboat race across the Atlantic.

The Duke of Leinster, who is the premier Duke, Marquis and Earl of Ireland, whose ancestors for hundreds of years were Kings of Ireland, believes in the amity of men and nations through a love for the simple elements of life.

His perilous deeds in battle, on the hunting grounds and on the sea are legion. His exploits on the noble visitor is the most romantic figure in Ireland today. He is a descendant of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, who, in 1793, led the Irish against England, was captured and died as a martyr for Ireland. The Duke of Leinster is worshiped as the namesake of this saint and martyr. He is considered to have the same personal magnetism and daring spirit that his ancestor possessed.

He will race against an American who boasts and bespeaks the heritage of the sturdy struggle of Middle West American pioneer life.

There will be no prize for the winner, except perhaps a cup. The American is in the race for the fun of the thing. So, too, is the Duke.

In fact, the Duke would have sailed across the Atlantic alone instead of racing some one else across. That had been his original intention. Last July, in London, he said he intended to sail across in a ketch.

William Wallace Nutting, of New York, commodore of the Cruising Club of America and editor of Motor Boat, read an account of the Duke's intention. Mr. Nutting had sailed across the Atlantic in 1920 in his ketch Typhoon. He wrote the Duke and challenged him to a race.

And so the Duke, good scout and real sportsman that he is, has come to America to confer with Mr. Nutting and to arrange for that race.

This is the Duke's first visit to America. Instead of rushing around to get a view of all the gay places and eagerly engaging in the social events of the elite, or presenting the prima facie evidence of "what the well-dressed young man should wear"—as most of our distinguished foreign visitors do—he is busy attending to the arrangements of the race and to the selection of his boat.

"It is a thrill that I have always wanted and am going to have," said the Irish sportsman, in speaking of the proposed race.

Thrill of Airplaning Is Yet to Be Felt

The one adventure he has not had, he said, was riding in an airplane. He does not want to ride in a sea-plane until he can pilot his own boat. First, he wants to sail across the Atlantic and then fly across it.

"And then swim across," added his companion, Captain A. V. Coles, with a twinkle and a bit of humor, as he poured some tea for a few callers at the Duke's hotel.

The Duke seemed to take his friend's remark seriously, for evidently there is no hazard he would not like to take.

He comes from a family of fighters. Five of his ancestors, who had been drawn and quartered on Tower Hill in London.

"What's drawn and quartered?" some one in the party asked.

"The arms are tied to a pair of horse carts and the legs are tied to another pair. Then the carts are turned in different directions and the body is pulled apart," he answered very quietly and quickly.

This bit of witching history seemed mythical as he related it, while prosperous fur-wrapped Americans strolled through the hotel lobby.

The Duke of Leinster is the twenty-ninth Earl of Kildare and is the seventh to hold his present title. During the war he refused a commission and enlisted with the Irish Guards. In the fighting in the south of Europe he was wounded five times. When he was transferred out of the service he held the rank of lieutenant. He then joined the First State army under Collins in an effort, he said, to help "make his country peaceful and prosperous."

Has Hunted Big Game in Wilds of Africa

After that he resumed his hunting expeditions. Before and after the war he hunted big game in Africa. He is a crack marksman.

Before the Irish Free State came into existence the Duke owned 120,000 acres of an estate at Carton, near Dublin. Today he has but 12,000 acres, the remainder having been taken over by the Irish Land Commission and sold.

"Just a few thousand acres left around each castle," added Captain Coles as the Duke related the story of the confiscation of the land.

Although the youthful peer—he is about thirty now—has the farvealing

ed manner. He doesn't say "pslaw," "by jove" and "Chapple," as all British gentlemen are supposed to say; and he doesn't wear spats! He is quite taken by American slang, particularly "Can you beat it?"

He was loath to talk about himself, and insisted that his thrilling experiences were not hazardous. His two English companions occasionally spoke for him. But the Duke missed not a word they said.

will be satisfactory to me. I will agree to any proposition so long as the race takes place.

"The points Mr. Nutting and I have agreed to are: We will hold the boats to approximately forty feet in length



The Duke of Leinster, sportsman, in America arranging for the race across the Atlantic in a ketch



William Wallace Nutting, who has accepted the Duke's challenge



"The Typhoon," in which Mr. Nutting has already crossed the Atlantic, however, not in competition

A Duke. Coming over to see me. To arrange for the race."

Mr. Nutting is not a bit vague about the terms of ocean racing. He can use, from long experience, enough nautical terms in ordinary conversation to necessitate a glossary. Then he draws all sorts of pictures of sails and rigs and schooners, which convince you that he knows, at first hand, all about what he is talking. And the sea stories he writes make any boy's hair stand on end.

Previous Trips Rob New Voyage of Its Terrors

In 1913, Nutting sailed single-handed, in the ketch, Typhoon, from New York to Newfoundland, and then down the coast of Newfoundland to Miramichi.

He crossed the Atlantic twice, in 1920, in the ketch Typhoon. "A ketch," explained Mr. Nutting, "is the opposite of a schooner. It is a two-masted vessel with the smaller mast aft. Thus the sail area is better distributed for a small crew. A yawl has a bigger mainsail, it has the little sail aft."

Mr. Nutting was active in helping organize the Cruising Club of America. Of it he said:

"The American Cruising Club is patterned after the Royal Cruising Club of England, which has done remarkable work in keeping alive the spirit of the sea, and of real yachting. The English Club puts out a year book; gives prizes for the most noteworthy amateur voyagers; works with the Admiralty in planning cruises. It gave valuable service during the war, as its members knew the nooks along the coast with which the navy was not familiar."

"Here in America yachtsmen have to be pulled into real sailing," he continued briskly. "They have become just country clubs. We must have real sailing and real boats."

"We want to get the kids into this sort of thing. We have lost a whole generation to the automobile. We want to get them back to the water. Seaman'ship makes for fearless, sturdy manhood. In the automobile there is usually more risk to the other fellow. On the sea, the sailor fights his own risk."

"Here in America," he asserted, with vim, "we have traditions—traditions from the days of the clipper ships. We have been getting away from the water. It's great sport and good training. We don't want our kids to miss it."

Reviewing his cruise on the Typhoon, Mr. Nutting said that vessel was built according to his own ideas of what a seagoing yacht should be, "and we sailed her across the Atlantic and back for the fun of the thing."

"We feel," he continued, "that the sport of picking your way across great stretches of water, by your own newly acquired skill with the sextant, feeling your way with the leadline through the fog and darkness into strange places are worth the time, the cost, the energy, and even the risk and hardship that are bound to be a part of such an undertaking."

So the Duke of Leinster and Mr. Nutting will pit their skill against the



Nutting at the wheel of the little ketch, "The Typhoon"

Duke Thinks Americans Are Very Warm-Hearted

"Not kind-hearted, warm-hearted," corrected the peer.

"The Duke," continued Captain Coles, "has a fondness for monkeys."

"For all animals," corrected the Duke.

"Especially for monkeys," persisted Captain Coles.

"A love for all animals, particularly monkeys," the Duke continued, stressing the "all."

His fondness for monkeys he explained by the fact that 100 years ago a pet monkey saved one of his ancestors from being burned to death. Since then monkeys have always been one of the Leinster family, which is the only one in England with monkeys on its coat of arms.

"My five pet monkeys certainly made a mess of things in my hotel rooms in London—broke up windows and furniture," said the present Fitzgerald with his engaging smile. His castles have in them many wild animals which are, however, useful.

As a hunter he is to Ireland what Roosevelt was to America. He does not, however, believe in shooting any animals which are useful.

"There is no sport in fighting animals which are harmless," he said. "The elephant and the tiger are animals which are dangerous to people and to crops."

look in his clear eyes that makes one picture him atop mountains looking out over the valley where his castles stand, and although his face is ruddy from the winds and the furrows of sea storms, there is about his face the delicacy of fair complexion, of fine features and of heroic brow.

He is a six-footer, tall and very slender. Nothing of the robust in his build. In repose he has the grace of the lean gentleman. At his slightest gesture you are made to think of the phrase, "Swift as an arrow." You can picture him in the jungles of Africa coping with the spring of a panther from nerve animals.

In discussing his skill as a boatman, under and fighter he has boxed with Jimmie White, flyweight champion of the world and has engaged in several amateur wrestling bouts, members of the American Cruising Club said. "His skill must be in speed and nippiness, for he isn't a husky-looking guy."

The Duke is anxious to try his boating in this country. He thinks it must be great sport.

"They say you can go seventy miles an hour in the boats," he remarked.

His Social Diversion Is Centered in Opera

When asked what other entertainment he wanted to seek during his month's stay here he answered:

"Opera."

"That's strange," declared one of his callers. "That you should like music, when you care so much for rough sports."

"No, it isn't," he answered, impressively; "any one who loves the mountains and the sea also loves music. It is all the same great rhythm of the universe."

This Irish nobleman has an unaffected

Rival Will Take Along a "Seasoned" Companion

Mr. Nutting will take with him F. W. Casey, Bulfinch, Canadian yachtsman who crossed the Atlantic with him in 1920.

A voyage across the Atlantic in a small boat is not a new feat. Judging from similar voyages, it should take, normally, twenty to thirty days.

A few years ago Thomas Fleming Day crossed twice in a small craft. Once in his own yawl with two companions and again in a power boat, a cruise that ended at Petrograd.

Silhouetted against the delicate profile of the Duke of Leinster are the large regular features of William Wallace Nutting. Mr. Nutting has the husky build of an American athlete here, and comes from Purdue.

and not more than twenty-five days, he said. He will each take one outfit between the boats will be provided with healthy gasoline motors, we will carry a small supply of fuel; the race will begin some time in June or July; the landing place will be Capri, one of the 1,000 coast or islands, the yachting center on the Island of Wight."

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