

FOR-TOMORROW'S ISSUE UP TO 9 O'CLOCK P. M.

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THREE CENTS

A DEADLY DRUG

Is Alleged to Have Been Doled Out to Gaudaur on the Eve of the Race.

HIS ASTOUNDING CHARGES.

He Rows the Race, Finishing a Quarter of a Mile Ahead of Teemer.

A CLAIM OF FOUL IS FILED.

The Parties Meet, Wrangle and Hamm is Physically Assaulted by a Teemerite.

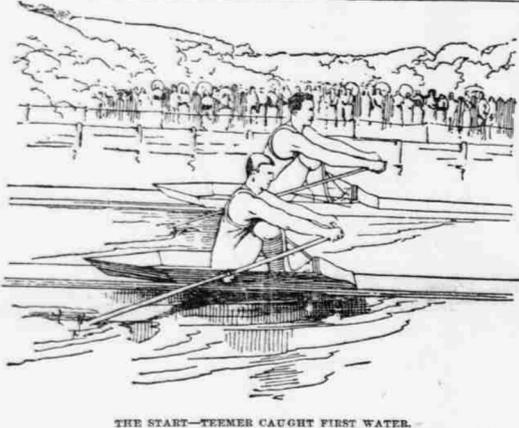
THE RACE REMAINS UNDECIDED.

What St. John Said in His Indignation Over the Very Serious Poisoning Episode.

A LETTER SIGNED BY TWO OARSMEN

Gaudaur, Hamm and St. John allege the former was poisoned on Thursday night. Nevertheless, Gaudaur has finished the race a quarter of a mile ahead of Teemer. The latter claims a foul. The referee holds the matter open until 3 o'clock this afternoon, as the contestants sought a resort to physical force last night.

The Teemer-Gaudaur boat race yesterday began and ended with two interesting scenes.



THE START—TEEMER CAUGHT FIRST WATER.

As far as sports go, the race was rowed; but the winner will not be known until this afternoon, some time after 3 o'clock.

There has undoubtedly been considerable anxiety about the race during the last few days, and, to make a long story short, in the way of introduction to the account of the contest, it may be stated that Hamm and Gaudaur visited THE DISPATCH office yesterday and made a request that the race be postponed, because they had been drugged or poisoned on Thursday night at McKeesport.

IT WAS SIMPLY ASTOUNDING. The statement was more than surprising, it was astounding. The two rowers, or at least the trainer and the contestant in the race could not see the referee (that is the sporting editor of THE DISPATCH), but Mr. Hamm not only wired that gentleman to see him about important business, but left the following significant letter in THE DISPATCH office:

DEAR SIR—Mr. Gaudaur and I have been battling you all morning. We had a dose of poison last night, and Gaudaur can row to-day. You will understand that we have the right to object to the water, and we want a postponement until Tuesday. Gaudaur will be unable to row until then. We are going to hunt up St. John, and will not be able to see you, probably.

IT MADE HIM VERY ILL. Gaudaur is very ill from the effects of it. Of course you will understand this is a private communication, and, if you can grant us the favor, I think it is due us from you.

HAMM AND GAUDAUR. After our consultation with St. John, we may drop the race; so say nothing in the way of stakes away until you hear from us.

This letter was so startling in its story that the referee soon saw St. John. The latter had in the meantime taken Gaudaur to a prominent physician in this city, whose name St. John withheld for the present. St. John, however, said that there was no doubt whatever about an attempt being made to drug or poison Gaudaur.

WHAT ST. JOHN SAID OF IT. St. John was evidently much affected, and during a private conversation with the writer he said: "It is an absolute certainty that Gaudaur has been tampered with, and he tells me a story of how it was done that is startling in the extreme. The physician I have had examining him says he has swallowed a big dose of lobelia. Gaudaur is sick, very sick at the stomach, and has purged. I want him to row, however, and I am sorry that a thing like this should occur. We have an idea of the parties, but I refuse to mention any names at present. It is a serious affair."

The writer reasoned with St. John, with the object of having Gaudaur row if possible, because of the tremendous crowds going to the race. After an exchange of opinions St. John said:

CHOCK FULL OF SPUNK. "Jake will row if his purging stops and the water is smooth; but I regret that a man being away like this has taken place. He has been away from his training quarters

all morning and running around; but if he can get into his boat he will row, and give Teemer such a beating as he never had in his life."

The above conversation took place at the Baltimore and Ohio depot about ten minutes before 1 o'clock. Gaudaur was on the platform, looking very weary.

At 4 o'clock McKeesport was packed end to end with one of the most enthusiastic and noisy crowds ever seen at a boat race. The streets of the town were crowded, and every inch of the banks of the river was occupied with people waiting to see the contest.

Nearly a dozen steamboats were filled with passengers, and the referee's boat was an overladen craft, if ever there was one. For a time it seemed as if everybody wanted to back Teemer; so much so that odds of 2 to 1 on the McKeesport man were offered all around.

THE RACE ITSELF.

Teemer's Sport for the Lead at Little Avalanche—A Very Pretty Contest at the Mile-and-a-Half—The Tame Finish.

About 5 o'clock the referee's boat moved from the wharf and proceeded to the starting point. During the trip down butting was somewhat brisk at 2 to 1 on Teemer. Many bets, such as \$50 to \$30 and \$100 to \$50, were made.

The water was tolerably fair. At places it was a little lumpy, but, taking it all through, the course was good.

Mr. St. John, Judge for Gaudaur, and Mr. W. A. McPherson, of Boston, Judge for Teemer, tossed for choice of water, and St. John won. He chose the inside, or south side of the river. The stakeboats were dispensed with, because of the crowd of steamers, and the rowers agreed to get into line by mutual consent.

THEY WERE WELL RESTED.

They had rested about three hours at the Barnard cottage, near the starting point, Saltburg, and about 5:45 o'clock they were at the mark. The referee soon had them in line, and the word "go" was given before they had been at the mark two minutes.

Teemer got the best hold of the water, and, with a vigorous stroke, he dashed off with a good half length's lead. Gaudaur made a short stroke or two at the start, and the snubbed Teemer to increase his lead to almost a length before 200 yards had been covered.

Teemer began at a 53 rate, that is, he settled down to that after a few yards had been rowed. Gaudaur's stroke was a little slower, about one or two per minute. Teemer was rowing

AT A KILLING RATE. and he gradually left the St. Louis man inch by inch. Both were rowing a clean stroke at the half mile; but Gaudaur was certainly rowing with more ease than Teemer. The latter was striking the water a little deep, and pulling his scull through the water with all the power that he possessed.

It was apparent that neither Teemer nor any man living could keep up the exertion he was under very long. Not even Teemer in his best day could do it.

Teemer, to the uninitiated eye, looked every inch an easy winner. It seemed as if he was going to "walk" leisurely away from Gaudaur, but the latter got settled down to a powerful and most effective way of about 31 to the minute, and when the mile had been covered Gaudaur had, apparently, Teemer's measure. The latter was working away with his vigorous and powerful stroke, but Gaudaur, though striking slower, was just beginning to get a little more speed on his boat than the McKeesporter.

TEEMER'S OWN TACTICS. During this time Teemer had been pressing Gaudaur dangerously near the shore, so much so that several times it looked as if the St. Louis sculler would be stranded. Had he fouled Teemer then the race would certainly have been his (Gaudaur's). However, Teemer's pace began to wane at a mile and a half. Gaudaur began to creep up, and at this point the race was as pretty and exciting as anybody would wish to see.

Teemer saw Gaudaur closing on him, and a desperate struggle ensued. They both rowed like demons, Teemer still forcing Gaudaur close to the shore. A tugboat lay ahead and Teemer rowed outside and Gaudaur inside. Neither lost an inch by it, and when they were clear Gaudaur had gotten very near to Teemer.

Al Hamm now figured on the course. He was apparently ahead of both rowers far enough to be out of their way, and nearing the two-mile point, or what was supposed to be the two-mile point, he rowed from the shore into mid stream ahead of both rowers. Just at this time Teemer, who had been rowing the same vigor that he did during the first mile of the race, made an abrupt deviation for mid stream.

AVOIDING THE JETTY. There was a jetty ahead of the rowers, projecting from the south shore, and it was necessary that Teemer should strike very rapidly into mid stream to get clear of it far enough to allow Gaudaur to clear it. It really seemed as if Teemer got too near the jetty in Gaudaur's water, and was fearful of the consequences of forcing Gaudaur into it. However, Teemer made a remarkable course from the shore, his boat going almost straight across the river. He followed him a certain distance, and then struck a straight course for home. Hamm was now certainly well out of the way of both scullers.

When the rowers got fairly straightened for home Gaudaur was safely in front, and rowing well. His stroke was as powerful as ever, and his boat was moving swiftly on an even keel. Teemer was not displaying, by a long way, the same vigor that he did during the first mile of the race, and with an effective drag of about 25 per minute, gradually left Teemer behind.

The race was now over, as far as a contest [Continued on Seventh page.]

SETTLING THE BASIS. THE END MUST COME.

Meeting of the Flood Commission to Decide Important Points.

THE VAST CLAIMS PRESENTED.

In the Conemaugh Valley Sworn Losses Exceeded \$8,000,000.

FIXING THE LAST DISTRIBUTION.

Some Places Have Already Obtained the Last Payments Due Them.

THE STATE FLOOD RELIEF COMMISSION HELD A MEETING AT HARRISBURG YESTERDAY.

The session was held with closed doors, but the main features were made public. The chief difficulty is to settle upon a basis for the final distribution in the Conemaugh Valley. The sworn losses there exceeded \$8,000,000. Some localities have already obtained all that will be given them.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

HARRISBURG, September 13.—The State Floods Relief Commission shut itself up in the consulting room of the Supreme Court Judges this afternoon, and for three hours, in the absence of any reporters, who were refused admittance, listened to statements of a committee which represented claimants from what is known as the Jersey shore district, covering the townships and two boroughs, and discussed various suggestions looking to a final distribution of the fund on hand for the relief of the sufferers by the floods, estimated by Secretary Kremer to aggregate about \$1,500,000. All the members were present except Mayor Piller, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Marvin, of Pittsburg.

JERSEY SHORE CLAIMS.

Captain P. D. Bricker, of Jersey Shore, and Rev. J. A. Patton, of Waterville, Lycoming county, made sturdy claims for a big slice of the relief fund for their suffering constituents, whose losses, according to sworn statements submitted, amounted to \$408,000. The committee agreed to allow \$300,000, in addition to \$7,500 previously distributed for the relief of these flood sufferers, and \$100,000 to the Williamsport district.

The main purpose of the meeting was to arrive at a basis for the final distribution of the amount of the contributions to which the people of Johnstown and vicinity were entitled. Full examination was made of various claims presented from different sections of the State. It was ascertained that in several counties the final distribution has been made, and that in others payments are in progress, while some districts have failed to complete their schedules.

A PLAN FOR JOHNSTOWN.

The question as to how to make the distribution of the fund in the Conemaugh Valley, as to these people the large bulk of the money will go, was earnestly discussed. A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Ogden and Reeves, of Philadelphia, and Miller, of Pittsburg, submitted plans of distribution for consideration as gathered from statements submitted to the commission, which was unable to come to a conclusion at the first conference. The committee adjourned to meet at the Grand Hotel in the hope of reaching an agreement looking to the immediate distribution of the available relief fund.

After the commission had partaken of a substantial supper ex-Secretary Hamm and J. H. Brown, of Johnstown, members of the committee of inquiry appointed to ascertain the losses of about 6,000 people, were called before it.

THE SWORN LOSSES.

This committee had sworn statements to show that the losses in the Conemaugh Valley, without counting those of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Cambria Iron Works and other corporations, aggregated about \$8,000,000. The committee also showed that \$605,000 had been distributed among the sufferers, that the losses ranged from \$5 to \$165,000, and that 190 people had suffered to the extent of \$10,000 and over by the bursting of the South Fork reservoir.

The committee adjourned to meet at the headquarters of an hour after midnight, after having decided to distribute \$1,600,000 among the flood sufferers of Conemaugh Valley, in addition to the sums provided by them. It will go to over 4,000 claimants, under the supervision of Secretary Kremer, of the Flood Commission, in conjunction with the Johnstown Committee of Inquiry. Probably two weeks time will be required to complete the work of distribution.

Resolutions expressive of sorrow at the death of Judge Cummin, a member of the Commission, were adopted.

SHORT WEIGHT FLOUR.

Ten Thousand Barrels of St. Louis Manufacture Found Light. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

ST. LOUIS, September 13.—The four manufacturers of the city are excited over dispatches from New Orleans showing that the St. Louis flour has been from three to eight pounds short of weight for the past month. Ten thousand barrels have been examined and found short. There was no shortage in the Minnesota flour, but Missouri brands were off. Among the worst they say was "Fleur Du Cap" from Cape Girardeau, 2,000 barrels of which were short. Plant's mill and Crangle's mill flour of St. Louis were also found short. The St. Louis man interested refuse to talk about the matter.

For some time past the millers of this city have not been able to ship any flour to New Orleans, because they could not meet the price of the country millers.

Messrs. Crangle and Plant would say nothing until they heard a full report of the inspection.

COLONEL SWITZLER RESIGNS.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics Will Step Out. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, September 13.—Colonel Switzer, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, of the Treasury Department, has placed his resignation in the hands of the President, and there will now be quite a struggle for that position, as it is one of the most important places to fill within the gift of the Government, for the one thing the chief does not need is a knowledge of statistics.

Missouri will claim the position, as Colonel Switzer is from that State, but the New England and Middle States assert that as the questions on which the statistics mostly bear are more nearly related to that region than to any other part of the country, it should have the office.

A SUIT AGAINST A SENATOR.

A Summons Served on D. M. Sabin to the Amount of \$150,000. CHICAGO, September 13.—Just before ex-Senator Dwight M. Sabin left town for St. Paul Thursday afternoon he was waited upon by a deputy sheriff and summons served upon him in a suit brought against him for \$150,000 by J. H. Westover, of Chicago. The suit was served on Monday.

Mr. Westover was seen this morning, but absolutely refused to make any statement as to the nature of the suit.

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