

THE VIGILANT'S VICTORY.

THE AMERICAN YACHT BEATS THE VALKYRIE BY 5 MINUTES.

The First Day's Race Resulted in No Contest. Rules of the Race.

"No race" was the result of the first day's competition between the Vigilant and the Valkyrie at New York. The greatest fleet of boats that ever passed the Narrows went through on its way to the Hook Thursday morning to accompany the great racers in their international race from the Sandy Hook Lightship for the American cup. Almost every place within 500 miles of New York were represented by one or more boats and every one had aboard all it could hold comfortably. Thousands of enthusiastic persons had a delightful day's outing, but the first effort to pull off the international race was a failure.

This was mainly due to lack of wind, but Americans saw Lord Dunsen's Valkyrie, the pride of Great Britain, sail past the Vigilant, the pride of America, and were compelled to acknowledge that the English boat had outgunned the American at every point. When the wind held steadily the Vigilant held her own; but when it became a drifting match, the Valkyrie gained the advantage. Throughout the contest, it was more of a drifting match than a race. The wind at no time reached the density of a sailing breeze. The race was postponed.

THE SECOND DAY.
On Saturday the second attempt was made and resulted in a race to a finish between the Vigilant and Valkyrie, of the series for the American cup and was won by the Vigilant. The day was a beautiful one and although the wind at times was a trifle light, the sport was fine and every one, especially Americans, felt satisfied. Thursday's scene so far as the fleet is concerned, was repeated. But on Saturday there was a pretty finish and all attending demonstrations of enthusiasm consequent upon a native boat scoring a victory.

When the Vigilant, riding the waves like a victor unapproached, drew near the finish line with all sails spread, leading the English crack by two miles, all the craft in the vicinity of Sandy Hook drew up in line and screamed her loudest, although the wind blew miles away to the mainland. Her gallant race is detailed below.

Following is the official summary of the race:

Course—15 miles to windward.

Boat. Start. Finish. Elapsed Time.

Valkyrie, 11:25.00 3:38.23 4:13.23

Vigilant, 11:25.00 3:39.47 4:05.47

Outer mark.

Vigilant, 1:50.50

Valkyrie, 1:58.00

Vigilant won; corrected time 5 minutes 45 seconds.

The American cup defender had surpassed the expectations of her warmest friends. Every puff of wind that struck her seemed to lift her where a mile out of the water and she heeled so to leeward that at the finishing line she was only three-quarters of a mile behind the Vigilant. The sea was perfectly calm and the light wind from the south west only caused a ripple. The Valkyrie stuck pluckily to the race, although there was only a bare chance for her to win. At 3:25 a severe draft had struck her, and she was in danger of being blown overboard. Both were standing directly for the lightship, with the wind on the port quarter.

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LATER NEWS WAIFS.

A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury was presented to the senate increasing an estimate submitted as to the cost of deportation of Chinese. The communication states that the steamship companies have increased their rate for stowage passengers from \$35 to \$51, so that the total cost of deporting Chinese would be \$7,300,000 and the sum required for the current fiscal year would be \$800,000.

Mrs. Cleveland has entirely recovered her health. She attended theatre party during the last week. Almost her only wish now is to spend the autumn in her country house and the change will be made shortly. Baby Esther is flourishing.

There was a still further reduction in the net gold reserve of the treasury Saturday morning being \$89,152,256, about a half million lower than it was in June last when it touched the lowest point in its history to that time. The currency balance, however, shows an increase and on Saturday it stood at \$16,231,447.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.
The national bank of Kansas City, which failed during the past summer has opened its doors for business.

The Safe Deposit Trust and Banking Company of Nashville, Tenn., made a general assignment of all its property Saturday night. Inability to realize on assets assigned as the cause. The assets are \$204,056.57 and liabilities about \$204,000.

CRIMES AND PENALTIES.
At Hartford, Conn., John Cronin, a laborer, for an unknown reason shot and instantly killed Albert Skinner, a joiner, who leaves a widow and two children.

Late Thursday night John Wadwood, being refused a drink at a Livingstone, Ill., saloon, shot and killed Perry Reynolds, the proprietor, and his bartender John Dickson and wounded the latter's father.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.
The employees of the idle Warren iron mill at Warren, O., have been notified to seek work elsewhere as it is not likely to resume work for a long time.

The South steel mills of Scranton, Pa., have resumed work; employing 800 men.

The Pottstown, Pa., Iron Company has issued a notice reducing the puddlers to \$3 per ton.

Chess, Cook & Co.'s rolling mill at Bradock, Pa.; resumed operations employing 150 hands.

The East Stroudsburg, Pa., glass works have resumed work with non-union men, after three month's idleness.

At Barcelona, Spain, Pallas, the anarchist, who threw the bomb at Capt. Gen. de Campos and staff, was executed by being shot in the back by a squad of soldiers. Pallas showed no sign of flinching and met death bravely.

A newly built house in the town of Root, Russia, collapsed, killing 37 persons.

MISCELLANEOUS.
The American Express Company has tendered its service for free transportation of donations of all kinds to the Louisiana storm sufferers.

At the New York State Democratic convention, in session at Saratoga, the following ticket was nominated by acclamation: Secretary of State, Cord Meyer, of Queens county; Comptroller, Frank Campbell, of Steuben county (renominated); Treasurer, Hugh Duffy, of Cortland county; Attorney General, Simon W. Rosendale, of Albany (renominated); State Surveyor, Martin Schench, of Rensselaer county (renominated); Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, Isaac H. Maynard, of New York City.

The Republican State convention of New York met at Syracuse and nominated the following ticket: Secretary of State, General John Palmer, of Albany; Comptroller, James A. Roberts, of Buffalo; Treasurer, Addison Colvin, of Warren county; Attorney General, Theodore Hancock, of Syracuse; State Engineer, Campbell W. Adams of Oneida.

The Massachusetts Republican Convention at Boston Saturday nominated Frederick I. Greenhalgh for governor, re-nominated Lieut. Gov. Wolcott, Secretary of State William M. Olin and Auditor John W. Kimball and named Col. Henry M. Phillips for State Treasurer and H. M. Knowlton for Attorney General.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.
Maturing Vegetation Greatly Aided in the Middle Atlantic States.

The weekly crop report issued by the Weather Bureau states that the week has been cooler than usual in all sections with the exception of the cotton region and the lower Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys. Freezing temperature occurred during the week in the northern and central Rocky mountain regions, the upper Missouri valley and in Minnesota, while frosts were general in the districts east of the Mississippi northward to the Ohio valley and Northern Virginia.

There was decidedly less than the usual amount of rain from the upper Ohio valley and lake region eastward to the Atlantic coast from Eastern Texas to the south Atlantic coast, except in the Southern portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, where the rainfall was excessive. Over the western portions of the Carolinas, Southern Virginia, the lower Ohio Valley and generally to the westward of the Mississippi the rainfall has been excessive.

In the middle Atlantic states the past week has been very favorable for maturing crops and for the work of securing the same and the absence of heavy rains, with generally fair weather over the greater portion of the cotton region has been very favorable for cotton picking, which is now being rapidly pushed. Wheat seeding has progressed favorably, and wheat that has come up is looking well.

WORLD'S FAIR ATTENDANCE.

The following are the official figures for the paid admissions to the fair:

May (month).....1,050,087

June (month).....2,675,113

July (month).....2,700,293

August (month).....3,520,286

September (month).....4,658,403

October (to date).....1,108,293

Total.....15,778,293

The total attendance for the past week is 1,042,000.

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AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE

Over Two Thousand Lives Lost In a Southern Storm.

A TALE OF DESTRUCTION

From Louisiana That Rivals the Stories of Wholesale Losses of Life by Flood and Earthquake in the Orient.

The great storm between New Orleans and Mobile last week has passed and the loss of life, to say nothing of the destruction of property, is tremendous. From Bayou Cook, the great oyster field which leads to the gulf, it is reported that the settlements of the fishermen have been completely demolished and that the loss of life has reached the appalling figure of 250.

Grand Isle, a summer resort, lying in the gulf, is said to have been utterly destroyed, and it is known that the loss of life is large. Many people were there spending the season. The hotel and the two long rows of cottages which constituted the resort are no more.

In the parish of Plaquemine the villages of Bohemia, on the Mississippi, and Shell Beach, on Lake Borgne, were wiped out and at least four lives lost in each place. On both sides of the river the sugar, rice and orange crops suffered a great deal of damage, and on the west side the loss of life is reported to have been great. It is feared that the grand total will pale into insignificance the number of deaths reported from the storm which recently devastated the Atlantic Coast.

At Grand Bay, Ala., four churches were destroyed and the church at Scranton suffered a like fate. Houses have been scattered, crops ruined, and desolation appears on every hand.

Train crews arriving at New Orleans on the Grand Island road, report the track covered with debris in which dead bodies are profusely intermingled, and one of the passengers asserts that he counted not less than 87 bodies on his journey to the city from that part of the destroyed district. The country throughout is a scene of wreck and devastation.

Tony Negovitch, one of the survivors, reports that 57 bodies had been found there to the time of leaving, and from information received from other arrivals, it is estimated that 300 people perished on Bayou Cook and in that section of the country.

The deaths at other points all the way from Bayou Cook to Grand Isle and Cheniere, will swell the total to more than 1,200, according to the best information now obtainable.

At Grand Bayou not less than 26 perished. It is learned that the loss of life on Bosario and Union Islands has been greater. No definite information has yet been received from Grand Island. The tracks are completely washed away, and as there is no communication by telegraph, it is impossible to verify the reports that there have been great loss of life at that point. The houses on Grand Isle are built on a ridge that runs through the middle of the island and as many of the houses are built on trees, it is difficult to calculate what the result of the storm has been. There are only about 200 residents on the island, and no one has arrived from there.

OVER 600 LOST ON ONE ISLAND.
From the meager details at hand it is highly probable that the greatest destruction of life occurred at Cheniere, a settlement of 1,400 people, mostly fishermen, on the mainland, west of Grand Island. Here the wind and waves dealt out death in an appalling manner. Bodies and wreckage were strewn everywhere, and the reports from descriptions by one or two refugees are heartrending. The loss of life there is variously estimated at from 500 to 800.

Matthew Schurb, of Goldsboro, just opposite New Orleans, was one of the survivors of the Cheniere calamity, and arrived Wednesday morning bringing with him a harrowing story of his experiences and the loss of life. Mr. Schurb went to the island about four weeks ago with George Thompson, a lawyer, and a man named Louis Roberts for the purpose of constructing a school house.

Schurb on Sunday night had an experience which he never forgot. A man's hair was blown off his head, and a woman's hair was blown off her head. He was lying in bed when the wind came up, and he had not yet recovered from the excitement he had undergone and the frightful scene of death and destruction. He estimates that the loss of life on Grand Island and Cheniere, Caminada and in the Grand Lake, Adams, Cook, Chien and Trist Bayou settlements was 600. When he left Cheniere Island he counted but 76 houses standing out of a total of about 300, while the land was covered with corpses.

The wind began to blow hard on Sunday evening and at 7 o'clock it had reached the proportions of a hurricane. From that time on it continued to increase in velocity, as it increased the waves covered the land and got into the houses of hundreds of residents of the island. By 9 o'clock there was an average depth of 8 feet of water, and at midnight a depth of 8 feet of water, and the current was as swift as the Mississippi river when that mighty torrent is bank full. No one was able to stand up against it.

When the wind increased the houses began to go to pieces. The wind picked the roofs off as though they had been shaved from beneath by a giant hand. One by one the houses were torn down, crushing the occupants as they fell. Schurb, Thompson and the negro bricklayer were in a house in which there were fifty-two people, all huddled together and unable to move. The mighty agony of the elements suddenly there was a fearful cracking of timbers and the roof caved in burying nearly every one of the party, only Schurb and the bricklayer escaping.

Schurb clung to some floating debris until he saw a light shining in a house. He broke away from the timber and swam to the house and was admitted. He had hardly entered when the structure went to pieces, and out of the 10 who were in it only Schurb, a woman and a child got out. Schurb succeeded in getting them to a tree, and there the party stayed until 4 o'clock in the morning, when the wind began to abate.

The negro bricklayer managed to reach a pole to which fishing smacks are usually tied, and clung to it during the whole night, finally being saved. He estimates that the loss of life was probably drowned.

Schurb says that while he remained in the tree waves washed over him that were mountain high, but he and the woman and her babe clung tenaciously to the limbs for support and saved themselves from being washed away into the awful, howling gulf around them. The wind was highest about midnight and continued for a couple of hours. Then it began to abate in severity until 4 o'clock when it was blowing with only moderate velocity, finally dying out to a light breeze.

HORRORS REVEALED BY DAYBREAK.
When daylight broke the picture of desolation was awful to behold. Only here and there a good a house. Everywhere there were only brick foundations to mark where the homes stood. Trees lay prostrate upon the ground. Timber was lodged in piles, in

indiscriminate confusion, where they had been thrust by the mighty rush of waters. Ruined chimneys suggested stricken hearths; furniture, bedding, clothes, stoves, kitchen utensils and other household goods were scattered in promiscuous confusion wherever the vision was able to reach, and here, and there and everywhere the ghastly faces of corpses turned upward to the peaceful blue sky and bearing no traces of the terrible night.

Many of the men, women and children had lived through the night, but,