



NEWS of the WORLD



VANDERBILT IS BIGGEST WINNER

Captures Big French Racing Stakes—Lily Langtry Quits—Maher Leads.

London, England, Dec. 19.—W. K. Vanderbilt again closes the season at the head of the list of winning owners in France.

During the racing season just ended W. K. Vanderbilt has won about \$62,500, to which amount the following 3-year-olds contributed largely: Northeast, \$18,240; Sea Slick, \$13,580; Gambaisel, \$12,670; Schuyler, \$12,480; Foresight, \$3,400.

Mr. Vanderbilt has thus this year beaten his record of nearly \$50,000 in 1906, when maintenance won \$23,000, and Prestige was also so successful before he broke down.

Last season Mr. Vanderbilt cleared \$13,000, and in 1905 he took \$17,000.

Many owners would have thrown up the sponge before 1905 if they had experienced the ill luck the well-known American had; but pluck, or perseverance, call it what you will, has resulted in a grand total of over \$132,000 being realized in the last four seasons.

M. Edmond Blanc, who comes second this year to Mr. Vanderbilt, with \$28,650, is experiencing a revival in fortune. During the seasons of 1904 and 1905 his horses won \$13,000, and last season \$12,000. Still, a sum of over \$100,000 in five years is certainly not to be despised. Blanc was \$100,000 of winnings this year to his 3-year-old filly Medusa, notably Pils du Vent and the unbeaten filly Axalis—have helped him along considerably. M. Blanc has been far more successful as a breeder than the American owner, whose luck, however, in his direct has also undergone a change.

The success of these two owners cannot fail to inspire the new American contingent with a certain amount of confidence, especially if they possess any crack 2-year-olds, for the French owners have not shown themselves to be wondrous this autumn.

Mrs. Lily Langtry (Lady de Bath) is to give up breeding horses and is to sell her stud, including Merman, Sea-weed, is the soundest, hardest and most genuine stayer known on the English turf for many a year, and he was retired at the very zenith of his form, after beating the champion of France, Perth II, in record time, for the Ascot cup. He is sire of Duma, Fethora, A Skipper, Aqua-Marina, &c.

Jimmy Britt, former American light-weight champion, is again to meet Johnny Summers, over whom he recently won a decision. The fight will be held before the National Athletic club, on February 27. The British sporting contingent believes this time Summers will be returned winner.

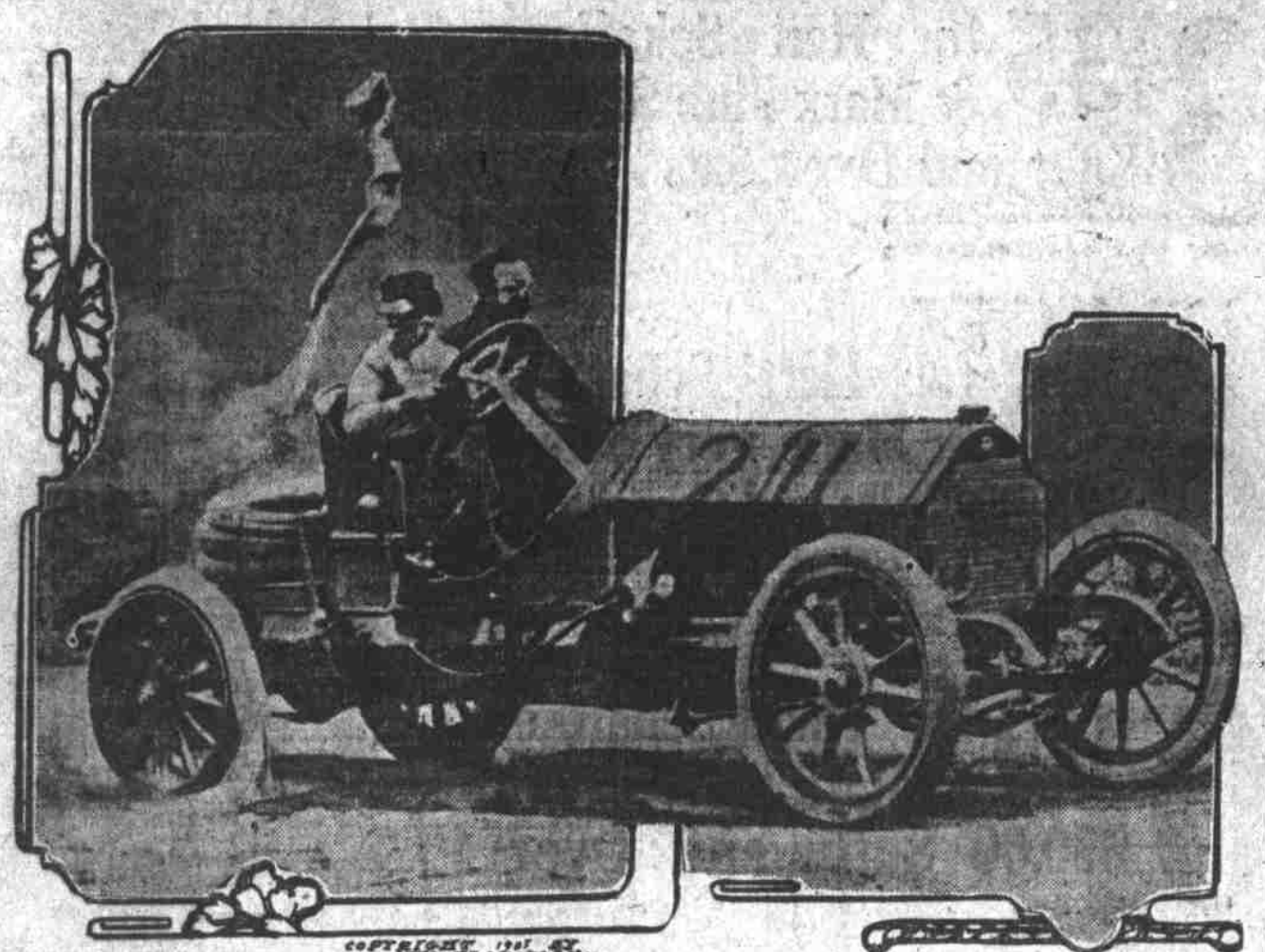
Danny Maher, the American jockey, is beyond doubt the premier jockey for this season. With 45 mounts he landed 123 winners, 90 seconds and 54 thirds. His percentage of wins was more than 28, and he was in the money on considerably more than half his mounts.

Woolton came in second and Higgs, last year's leader, third. For number of years Maher has led the list in percentage of wins, but this year he leads in actual number of winning mounts as well.

Maher has just decided to try riding other horses as well as his own. He recently won his first race over the hurdles at Kempton park, in a field of seven.

A rumor is current in Washington to the effect that David C. Owen, post-master of Milwaukee, may be appointed first assistant post-master general, under Frank H. Hitchcock. Mr. Owen and Mr. Hitchcock are intimate friends.

A RARE PICTURE OF AN AUTO TIRE "BLOWOUT"



Blowouts and punctures to tires are the bane of the average automobilist's existence, and while they are of frequent occurrence both in touring and in track and road races, very few people have ever seen the action of a tire at the instant the accident occurred. Herewith is published for the first time an actual photograph of a "blowout" which occurred on the rear right tire of a Palmer & Singer car at the recent Brighton Beach race meet. The photograph, which is a copyrighted one, was taken by Otto Klingman, an expert amateur of New York, who snapped his shutter at the very moment of the mishap.

O'CONNELL WILL MEET ANY MAN AT WEIGHT

When Ed J. O'Connell posted a \$250,000 side bet to meet any wrestler in the world under 155 pounds and told any doubting Thomas to go anywhere to get an opponent, Portland fans were elated. At that O'Connell is giving 10 pounds away, for he only weighs 145 pounds himself. Furthermore, outside of Frank Gotch and Fred Beel, O'Connell does not believe there is a man in America at any weight who can throw him three times in an hour. He has wrestled with the best of them, and he ought to know.

"When I say that I can beat any man in the world under 155 pounds I know what I am about. My money talks. Those who doubt my ability may go where they like to get a man to beat me. If they can't find him in America, let them go to Europe or any other place. I am allowing 10 pounds, and what more can be asked. Without boasting, I might tell the fans that at the time I was the lightest lightweight in the east I took on men weighing from 10 to 20 pounds heavier than I. With men of my own weight I had to wrestle handi-capped, agreeing to throw them three times in an hour.

"I tried for three years to get George Bothner, the man who claims the present lightweight championship of the world, into the ring. The nearest he ever came to stepping into a ring was

BRIARCLIFFE RACERS SKIRMISH OVER BORE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
New York, Dec. 19.—Inability to agree as to the method of engine measurement to be followed by cars entered in the Briarcliffe race next year, is responsible for the failure of the automobile manufacturers' committee having the race in charge to progress further in their plans for the coming event. Several meetings of this committee, which is composed of a representative of each make of car which took part in last year's race, have been held recently. It is probable that the limitation will be put somewhere between five and five and a half inches.

"The difficulties connected with fixing such a bore limitation are the natural sequence of the efforts of the many manufacturers to develop their stock cars to the highest point of power and efficiency. In doing so many have enlarged the bore of their cylinder until which he threw Stranger Smith and Joe Heimlich, and then they saw the great battle he put up against Mike Dwyer last Thursday night in a handi-capped match. Dwyer getting one fall in an hour's hard struggling, O'Connell's skill brought the crowd to its feet a dozen times during the hour. His speed bowled Dwyer and electrified the spectators. That he has all the class for a champion there is little doubt. Every chance is offered the first-rate easterners to cover O'Connell's bet and meet him on the padded mat.

TOWNS GRAMBLE FOR AUTO RACING

Principal Distance Events Bid for by Many Important Cities.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
New York, Dec. 19.—Judging from reports from various sections of the country, New York and vicinity will have worthy competitors in the scramble for the principal automobile road race of the season. Despite the fact that Motor Parkway already built and the additions contemplated for the completion of the Long Island will have no monopoly of mile a minute contests during the next 12 months.

With Savannah in the field for the removal of the Grand East race club yearning for the sight of a similar event; Chicago after the initial running of the Thompson stock car race and several cities as applicants for the Briarcliffe trophy event, it appears as though New York is positively assured of nothing in the way of a big event aside from the Vanderbilt cup contest.

While it does not follow that the application for the holding of any one of these races is equivalent to the securing of the same, it indicates clearly that the race is in the air. It is probable that the part of other localities aside from this section to participate in the holding of auto races.

There are at present fully a half dozen cities of importance which stand ready to do all that Savannah did if granted the privilege of standing sponsor for one of the big auto events of 1909. It is certain that foreign race drivers will demand some assurance of a free course in this country hereafter, now that it has been demonstrated to them that such a condition of affairs is possible.

ALBINA ATHLETIC CLUB VS. CHEMAWA SECOND

The Albina Athletic club of Portland leaves Christmas morning for Chemawa to play the undefeated Chemawa second team. The Albina club has made a good showing this year, having lost but one game out of seven, and that to the James College football team of St. James, winning by a close score 8 to 6. Chemawa's goal has not been crossed this year, and a hard-fought battle between the Redskins and the palefaces is looked for. Manager Howard of Albina has some classy players with local reputations on his squad, such as Donasen, the H. M. A. crack fullback; Palmer, Beagle, Belg, Snooka, Mount, Angel, Quaker; Benson, Morrow, Davis and Lalart, ex-St. Ann's college players. The game will be called at 2:30 p. m.

Third Beats Barclay

Oregon City, Dec. 19.—A well-contested football game was called at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, between the Barclay school football team of this city, and the Third Presbyterian church team of Portland, resulting in a victory for the Portland boys by a score of 21 to 0.

The victors have a fine record, having defeated every other team in the Presbyterian church league, and their goal has never yet been crossed.

Cadets Win Basketball Game.

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.)
West Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—By fine team work and excellent passing, combined with being able to shoot goals from any angle, the cadets defeated Fordham at basketball here today by a score of 45 to 28.

Middles Beat Georgetown.

Annapolis, Dec. 19.—In by far the best basketball game ever seen here and one of the best and most exciting athletic contests of any kind, the navy academy team won from Georgetown today by the score of 33 to 22.

WANT \$250,000 FOR NEW HOME

Oregon Historical Society and Pioneer Association to Ask State Aid.

At a joint meeting of the Oregon Historical society, the Oregon Academy of Science and the Oregon Pioneer association, held in the city hall last night, it was voted to appoint a committee of three members of the convention to aid the committee already appointed by the historical society to do all possible to get new quarters for the society. A plan was proposed which if it can be carried out will give the city and state a fine museum and convention hall.

It is proposed to induce the city to donate a site, preferably one of the park blocks; to have the citizens of the city by means of personal subscriptions raise an irreducible maintenance fund of \$50,000 and to have the next legislature appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the building of a large building to be the home of all the societies of this nature in the city.

W. D. Fenton has drawn up a bill to be introduced for the \$250,000 appropriation and steps will now be taken by the committee to get the Multnomah delegation into line for the proposed bill. Great hopes are entertained by the members of the societies and they are already planning what to do in the event the bill safely passes the two branches of the legislature.

At last night's meeting several speeches were made in favor of the proposed move. It is the intention of the societies to make the new museum one which will command favorable comment from the United States. There will be no scarcity of material to fill such a building for Mr. Himes who has charge of the press exhibit already has several tons of various valuable articles ready for a place to display them.

The committee will be appointed within a few days.

BAT NELSON TURNED OUT OF ST. REGIS

(Heart News by Longest Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 19.—"Bat" Nelson, light-weight champion star of the world by profession, and amateur boxer when he chances to be in New York and runs across a story, brought this one to the attention of the American office.

"Hey, did you get it here about me being put out?"

"Who put you out? Was it for the count?"

"No, in the St. Regis," answered Nelson. "He put me out of the hotel."

"How did it go?"

"The way it goes," went on Nelson. "I went in there with my manuscript for me great book—'The Life of Battling Nelson'—and a bundle of letters. I was there for a week, and the St. Regis joint in a tax written down. 'Bat Nelson, and a man named 'Hilly' told me a few days ago that 'Chawmed, Mr. Nelson,' says he. 'Front show Nelson to suite No. 3. 'Then when he gets up there another guy comes running behind us with a kind of a sickly grin like a feller that's been hit a good wallop, and says, 'Gee, pawdon, Mr. Nelson, sir, but there's been an error made. This here suite's been assigned to another guy. I'm afraid we will have to ask you to engage quarters somewhere else. We're filled up here. Awful sorry, you know. 'Wouldn't you call that being put out? Me and me man had to go down stairs and take the taxi again."

"Say, didn't this Prince Hilly stop there, too?"

Battling Nelson and his "man" eventually registered in the vicinity of Forty-second street and Broadway, which was more like Hesperwich.

Besides his manuscript he brought with him a great ambition to be a marathon runner. He thinks he would fit into the Longboat-Dorando game very nicely.

"I came partly to get Ernie Hjorthen to train me, for I am going to get into this Marathon game," he says. "I believe I can run off 36 miles as easily as I can trim a lightweight."

Boston Trains at Hot Springs.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boston, Dec. 19.—Secretary McBrean of the Boston American league club today announced that the club will train at Hot Springs, Ark., from February 27 until March 7, when it will jump to Memphis for two games. It will then return to Hot Springs for a week, go to Little Rock for two games, return again to Hot Springs for three days and then start north.

MacFarland Loses to Taylor.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boston, Dec. 19.—Major Taylor of Worcester, Mass., defeated Floyd MacFarland of California here tonight in two out of three heats in their sprint bicycle race at one mile, one mile pursuit and half mile. MacFarland won the first pursuit race.

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"PEGGY PERRY" STICKS TO STORY MRS. SAGE SENDS QUEER PRESENTS
Police Not Satisfied Actress' Death Wound Entirely Accidental. Family Trees Along With Christmas Trees—Sends Them to Schools.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Miss Margaret Weiswell, known as "Peggy Perry," a pretty young actress, tonight made an antemortem statement exonerating her associates from suspicion of having inflicted a wound that is expected to end her life.

Miss Weiswell was shot through the abdomen at an early hour today while in company with Miss Elisabeth A. Jahn, and will die before many hours, it is feared. Miss Jahn is suffering from nervous prostration.

Walter A. Eckersall, former football star of the University of Chicago, an acquaintance of the wounded girl, has been at her bedside to present her from being annoyed by questioners.

The young woman told the same story in accounting for the shooting. They say Miss Weiswell was examining a typewriter and accidentally discharged it twice. The first bullet went wild and the second penetrated her body.

From other sources the police gleaned varying versions of the affair. Theories of accident, intentional shooting by an unknown member of the party and suicide have been suggested to the detectives, and all persons connected with the shooting were warned tonight not to leave the jurisdiction of the police.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Dec. 19.—Some of the oddest presents to be distributed at this holiday season will be sent out Monday by Mrs. Russell Sage. The recipients of the gifts will be 450 public schools in the various cities of the United States. The gifts will consist of magnificently bound copies of the history of the Sage and Bloom allied families of Montague, Winton, Brown, Joselyn and Standish, Doty, Carver, Jernall, or German, Pierson and Howell, in England and America.

Mrs. Sage's ancestors were among the founders of the public school system in the United States, a fact of which Mrs. Sage feels proud. A genealogist has found that Mrs. Sage is descended from a companion-in-arms of William the Conqueror.

PERSONALS

Miss Ethel Abbott, a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory of Music of Baltimore, Md., and who has recently taken charge of the musical department of St. Helen's hall, has been visiting with Miss Essie M. Block of Oregon City, who is also a graduate of the Peabody conservatory.



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