

FIVE TEAMS OUT OF RACE.

Cyclists, Dissatisfied With Methods of Opponents, Quit Track.

OTHERS STILL AT IT.

Trouble Came Over Changing of Riders When Root and Dorlon Gained a Lap in Six Day Race.

New York, Dec. 7.—Angry, because they believed the race was being unfairly conducted, and because methods which they allege to be wrong allowed other riders to gain a lap upon them, five teams in the six day bicycle race, at Madison Square Garden, including some of the best riders competing in the event, quit the race early today.

The five teams which quit were Walthour and Munroe; Bedell Brothers; Mayo and Newkirk; McLean and Bowler and Butler and Moran. All of them were among the best in the contest and among those most heavily backed to win the heaviest prize. The trouble was precipitated by the most excited period of riding which the race had thus far given, when Root and Dorlon followed later by Stol and Vanderstuyft, succeeded in gaining a lap on their opponents. Walthour, who acted as spokesman for the five dissatisfied teams, declared that the members of the other teams relieved each other at intervals not allowed by the rules, especially in the case of Stol and Vanderstuyft.

The trouble began shortly after two o'clock. There was to be a general relief of partners about that time, but Dorlon, when the other partners were about to leave the track, did not go. He had been riding slowly but the bunch for hours nearly keeping on even terms with the rest. Just as the change of riders was being made Dorlon started a sprint at a pace which eclipsed anything the race heretofore produced. The crowd which had not had much excitement after midnight, immediately rose to the occasion and the garden rung with the shouts of the spectators as they realized what was happening. For two miles Dorlon kept up his heart-breaking sprint and by that time had gained half a lap on the bunch. Then, hardly losing a second, Root jumped in and being fresh began a sprint which was even more heart-breaking than Dorlon's had been. He kept it up for forty minutes with the other riders trying desperately to overtake him, but at the end of that time he had gained the lap he and his partner coveted. Walthour was on the track throughout the sprint and riding a little ahead of the rest. When Root was making his meteoric dash half a lap ahead of the rest Little Stol, the Belgian rider who had just relieved Vanderstuyft stole up past Walthour and began a sprint to catch Root. In twelve laps he had done what he tried for and Walthour had been too much taken by surprise to catch him.

Then the partners in the five teams named, who were not then on the track, made their complaint and declared their intention of withdrawing. Their partners, then riding, left the track and all ten riders immediately summoned the officials and demanded that the lost distance be restored to them. Walthour, as spokesman for the dissatisfied riders, argued that Stol had not properly relieved Vanderstuyft and that the race was conducted unfairly. After trying in vain to placate the angry riders, the officials gave up the tangle and sent for P. P. Palmer, promoter of the race. When he joined in the discussion and had heard both sides of the dispute, he told Walthour and the others that they had no right to leave the track as they had done, either by the National Cycling Association rules or the special contracts which they made with the management. He concluded: "You can go back upon the track or not." "Take your choice."

Early in the forenoon the five dissatisfied riders had not returned to the track. Root and Dorlon passed the thousand mile mark just before 7 o'clock this morning. At 8 a. m., the standing of the 12 teams remaining in the race was as follows: Root-Dorlon; Vanderstuyft - Stol, 1025 miles 7 laps; Gougilt-Breton; Dussol-Mazan; Palmer-Agraz; Samuelson-Williams; Keegan-Togan and Turville-Melting 1025 miles 6 laps; Krebs-Pogler; Caldwell-Hooper; Sulkins; Rockowitz and Downing-Liberg 1025 miles 5 laps. Record 56th hour 1,112 miles 7 laps made in 1899 by Miller and Waller.

The riders who quit the race remained about the garden and some of them appeared sorry that they had decided so suddenly to stop riding. They asked a further conference with Powers. The request met with a refusal and during the forenoon Powers issued a statement in which he claimed that the Vanderstuyft-Stol and Root-Dorlon teams won their lap fairly and that the withdrawal of the five teams was not justified.

A CHURCH BURNED.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 7.—(Special)—About 12 o'clock last night, the Methodist church at Richmond, was completely destroyed by fire.

IS NEARING THE END.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—It is officially announced that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur, as a result of the Japanese bombardment and that the battleship Retvizin has been seriously damaged.

The Poltava was an armored turret ship of 10,960 tons displacement and 11,255 indicated horse power. She was built in St. Petersburg in 1894. Her positive construction was nearly \$6,000,000. Her armament consisted of four 12 inch twelve 5.5 inch, and 34 smaller calibre breechloading rifle guns of the Russian Krupp patent. She had a crew of 700 men. She had a speed of 16.2 knots.

The Retvizin is a battleship of 12,700 tons displacement and 16,000 indicated horse power. She was built in Philadelphia, in 1902. Her armament consisted of four 12 inch, twelve 6 inch, twelve 3 inch, twenty 3 pounder, and six 1 pounder guns of Russian Krupp pattern. Her speed was 18 knots an hour.

Heavy Firing at Mukden.

Pekin, Dec. 7.—Mukden reports a tremendous noise of cannonade around Poutloff Hill and the railway which began Dec. 6, in the morning and reached its height from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. It was unlike anything of the kind heard before except at Port Arthur. The effect is due to the constantly increasing number of siege guns of large calibre, all of which seemed to be in use at the time. Rumors of a Japanese attack, set for various dates have been current during the past two weeks, and it was the impression that the bombardment of Dec. 6, was in anticipation of a Japanese offensive movement.

Today the first sleet and snow fell.

Captured Another Hill.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—Noon.—The Japanese troops occupied Akasaka Hill, fronting on Port Arthur, yesterday.

BAPTISED AT CORPSE'S SIDE.

Baby Murton received Its Name While Father Lay Dead—Funeral Followed.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7.—(Special)—A young man named Murton of the suburb of Norwood, died in St. Boniface Hospital of typhoid fever. Just previous to his decease he expressed a wish to see his newly born child baptized, the man, however, died suddenly. Mrs. Murton arose from her sick bed, yesterday, and taking her child to the undertaking parlors had it baptized by Rev. T. J. Shannon, the incumbent of St. Phillips, in the presence of the corpse. The funeral of the father then took place.

AN OLD TIME ATHLETE.

New York, Dec. 6.—Wm. Blaikie, aged 71, lawyer, author and athlete, was stricken with apoplexy in his sleep at his home here today and died before a physician could be summoned. He had been apparently in the best of health. Mr. Blaikie is the author of several books on physical culture. He had the long-distance outdoor walking record for ten years and was founder of the intercollegiate games of America in 1873.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Royal—P. S. Hamon, Chas. F. Sowden, Jas. R. Greg, J. Chiquette, Montreal; A. J. Gregory, John Palmer, Fredericton; Wm. D. Mackay, Montreal; Mrs. Henry F. Todd, St. Stephen; Franklyn Worduff, New York; Mrs. F. P. MacNichol, St. Stephen; F. W. Bowes, wife and child, Halifax; W. Jackson, Glasgow. At the Victoria—P. W. MacNaughton, Joggins; J. A. Hayden, Woodstock; James Barnes, M. P. P. Buctouche. At the Dufferin—Alfred S. Walker, Toronto; Thos. H. Andrews, Somerville, Mass.; H. Dewar, St. George.

CHINA IS THREATENED WITH ANOTHER RISING.

New York, Dec. 7.—A Herald correspondent cables from Tien Tsin China, under date of Dec. 5th "I have just completed a journey of a thousand miles through the south of Chi Li and the north of Honan and Shan Tung provinces. These sections of North China, I find are in a state of excited anti-dynastic unrest, which will probably culminate in an uprising against the Manchus. This uprising will not be confined to the section of China mentioned but will include a majority of the eighteen provinces. This movement is not that of ignorant Boxer fanaticism. It is widespread, well organized and well armed. Prominent and wealthy men are members of all the northern societies, controlled by a strong central authority with headquarters in South China. They are in close touch with the Kolachui, head of the present rebellion in Kwangsi. The Kolachui was organized by soldiers, after the Tai Ping rebellion, as a patriotic society. It now leads the anti-dynastic movement and includes among its members many soldiers from south of the Yang Tse. Among the anti-dynastic grievanc-

Japs Sink Russian Cruiser Poltava and Disable Battleship Retvizin in Port Arthur Harbor—Situation is Critical—Heavy Cannonading at Mukden.

Dec. 6. The Russian armored cruiser Suerh and two eminences north of Sanliacham at 3 p. m.

Japs Capture More Forts

Tokio, Dec. 7.—The headquarters of the Japanese army in front of Port Arthur has reported, confirming the disabling of the battleships Poltava and Retvizin, and that the cruiser Bayan is aground. The report goes on to say as follows: "Owing to the plunging fire from 203 metre hill the enemy has withdrawn to Alaska Hill. On Dec. 6 our forces occupied an entire fort at 1 p. m. Subsequently, our forces, after dislodging the en-

emy, occupied an eminence north of Suerh and two eminences north of Sanliacham at 3 p. m.

"On Dec. 6 at 4 p. m., in response to the appearance of the enemy's flag of truce, an armistice was granted for the removal of the dead."

Jap's Deadly Aim.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—Noon.—The commander of the Japanese naval guns in front of Port Arthur, telegraphing on Dec. 6, says, "An observation taken from 203 Metre hill shows that the battleship Poltava is sunk and that the battleship Retvizin is

isted heavily to port. Observations taken Dec. 6, covered the results of the bombardment of Dec. 5. Are now taking observation from a height near Shuishi Ying.

"Since Dec. 2, we have daily bombarded the enemy's fleet lying south of Pai Yu mountain. From that point the only masts and funnel tops of the battleships Poltava, Retvizin and the cruiser Palko, could be seen, so that it is impossible to count the number of our shells taking effect."

"On other ships, explosions resulting from our shells could be seen but owing to their positions behind

THEY NEED A LESSON.

Turkish Officials Still Interfere with Sales of Bibles.

Constantinople, Dec. 7.—The orders which the Porte declares were sent to the Turkish officials in the provinces, not to interfere with the sales of Bibles have proved ineffective at Trebizond where the authorities promptly interfered in street selling, recommended the seizure of Bibles and fined the collectors. The Porte is preparing identical notes to the American legation and British embassy pointing out the irregularities of collection.

WINTER PORT NOTES

Steamship Montcalm sailed this morning for Avonmouth via Liverpool.

Manifests for three cars load, two cars meats, 11 cars barley and one car lumber of American goods were received at the Customs House today.

Donaldson line steamship Indrani is due to arrive for Glasgow.

The steamer Parisian is the next Royal Mail steamer to arrive. She is due at this port next Sunday.

Furness steamship St. John City moved over to C. P. R. berth west end this morning from the corporation pier to receive her western freight for London.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

Messrs Smith, Tyler & Co., write to the Halifax Chronicle. In your issue of the 3rd inst, we notice you give a report of the Liverpool Timber Trade from which it might be inferred that it was in a very bad way, and we would like to point out that the values ruling there today are the best since the summer and are firm for early shipment and also that they range from 10 to 12s 6d per std., higher than they touched last summer. The stock in the district on the 1st inst, was about 3,000 studs less than a month previous to the 1st inst, and also refers to the auction sales as if they were something unusual, but they take place both in good times and bad times. If the winter shipments are not large and the production is reduced as anticipated we do not think there is any reason for alarm. The holders on the side will find that they will be wise not to sacrifice their stocks.

POPE RECEIVED THE DUKE.

Rome, Dec. 7.—The audience which the Duke of Connaught had with the Pope today was most cordial. With Lieut. General Lord Grenville, the Duke left the Quirinal escorted by the royal bicyclists and drove to the British embassy where he was met by Monsignor Stonor, canon of St. John Lateran. Monsignor Stonor then left for the Vatican and the Duke and Lord Grenfell followed him sixteen minutes later inside the Vatican everything was prepared with great ceremony. A procession of papal officials accompanied by a large guard, escorted the Duke to the door of the Pope's apartment. The Pontiff said he was exceedingly gratified at the Duke's visit, adding that it was a pity his stay in Rome was so short. The Pope expressed great esteem and veneration for King Edward, "who is not only King of England, but of the whole world, as the Sun never sets in his dominions."

Continuing the Pontiff said he knew Great Britain thoroughly enjoyed liberty and well understood its meaning. The missionaries coming to Rome from all parts of the British empire spoke of the great degree of liberty enjoyed in the colonies. The audience lasted ten minutes. Another new Temple of Honor will be organized tonight in the Orange hall. The grand officers who will be present are—Dr. W. F. Roberts, S. E. Logan, W. C. Simpson, Frank A. Estey, F. McFarlane, C. Edwards, Wm. Lewis, and Geo. Blewett. The degree term will also be present. Dr. W. F. Roberts will conduct the organization. A large number of names are now on the charter, and it will remain open for a few days. Mrs. J. W. Whitehead, and Mrs. Wm. Captain, of Moncton, are in the city.

STABBING CASE IN POLICE COURT.

John Martin Charged With Wounding Ella Colpitts.

The case of John Martin charged with stabbing Ella Colpitts, came up at the police court this morning. Six witnesses were examined and the case will be resumed on Monday next at 11 o'clock. J. B. M. Baxter is acting for the defendant.

KRUGER'S RETURN TO PRETORIA.

Capetown, Dec. 7.—The body of the late President Kruger, which arrived at Capetown from Holland Nov. 29, on the steamer Bavaria, and which had been lying in state in the Huguenot Memorial Building here, was placed on a train this morning and started for Pretoria after an impressive funeral service. A big procession followed the hearse to the railroad station.

KILLED BY A ROBBER.

Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 7.—Messenger Ewan Roberts of the Wells Fargo Company, who was shot by a train robber while en route to Los Angeles on the Santa Fe railroad near the Needles Monday morning is dead.

DOCTOR DISCOVERS NEW REMEDY FOR PNEUMONIA.

New York, Dec. 7.—A Paris despatch to the Herald says that sensational communication was made to the Academie de Medicine, on December 6, by Dr. Albert Robin, who reported the discovery of the fact that certain metals such as gold and silver very finely subdivided and employed in infinitesimal doses, exercises a considerable effect on the vital phenomena. Reduction of the metals to the desired state is obtained by their electrical dissolution in water. The metal so treated acquires the property of developing a force similar to that of a ferment. This peculiarity of the phenomenon has led Dr. Robin to use the term "metallic ferments" in reporting his discovery. His metallic ferments when employed in cases of pneumonia in hypodermic injections produced a defervescence of the malady in six cases out of ten before the seventh day. Thirteen cures were obtained in 14 cases thus treated. The employment of these metallic ferments does not constitute the complete treatment of pneumonia for complications and the predominance of certain symptoms necessitate accessory therapeutics but great progress would appear to be made by their use in the treatment of this frequent and serious malady.

FREDERICTON ALDERMAN ROASTS THE POLICEMEN.

Fredericton, Dec. 7.—(Special)—The local government met here this morning, Messrs Tweedie, LaBillois, Farris, and Sweeney were in attendance. Only matters of a routine nature were taken up. The board of education is meeting this afternoon. It is not likely that any matters of great importance will be dealt with by the government, at the present session. Walker Orange Lodge, last evening elected W. K. White worshipful master, H. G. Veness, deputy master, Wm. Rossborough, chaplain, R. W. Gregory, recording secretary, Wm. Blair, financial secretary, H. F. McLeod, lecturer, and John Oldham, treasurer. A party of intercolonial officers composed of J. E. Price, T. C. Burpee and Evan Price made a trip over the Fredericton branch yesterday to this city and returned to Moncton this morning. The butchers of this city presented a petition to the city council last evening asking for a more rigid enforcement of the by law regulating the Fredericton market. At present country people are allowed to sell meat, pork, poultry, etc., from house to house in violation of the by law and butchers claim their business suffers greatly in consequence. Ald. Farrell, in discussing the petition, said for the members of the police force in lively fashion and claimed they were responsible for the present state of affairs. He expressed the opinion that the time was drawing near when the control of policemen should be taken from the police magistrate and vested in the city council. The Alderman's remarks created quite a sensation.

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