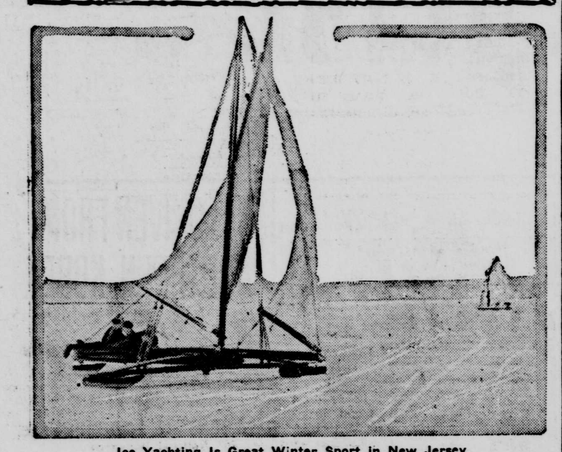
SPEEDY ICE YACHTS RACE ON SHREWSBURY



Ice Yachting Is Great Winter Sport in New Jersey.

Two of the speediest ice yachts racing on the Shrewsbury off Red Bank, N. J. With the Shrewsbury frozen over hard and fast, there is joy in the hearts of those who live the year round with the sole purpose of ice yachting when the time is right.

COACH WILLIAMS IS SIGNED

Minnesota Mentor to Receive Salary of $5,000 Per Year—To Have Strong 1920 Team.

Dr. H. L. Williams, head coach of the University of Minnesota football eleven, has signed a new contract at a salary said to be $5,000 a year. University officials authorized the statement that his salary will be $1,500 more than he received in 1919. Williams will have a strong array of veterans in his 1920 squad.

Coach H. L. Williams.

INTERESTING SPORT PARAGRAPHS

Denver has organized a six-club indoor baseball league.

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The University of California crew candidates number 250.

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The American Olympic games athletic squad may number 200.

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Peru will bid for the Olympic games to follow the Antwerp renewal.

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Rowing during 1918-19 cost the University of Pennsylvania $7,760.18.

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England will hold the open golf championship at Deal next summer.

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Philadelphia has 1,800 soccer players registered in open league matches.

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The New York Athletic club boasts of 6,265 members, its largest in history.

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England wants catch-as-catch-can wrestling added to the Olympic program.

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Penn will hold the intercollegiate wrestling championships March 26 and 27, next.

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It may be a long time before soccer football is on as strong a basis in this country as the professional game is in Great Britain.

STADIUM TRACK AT ANTWERP

It Is 410 Meters in Circumference, About 25 Feet Over Quarter-Mile to the Lap.

The Antwerp stadium track, where the Olympic games are to be held next year, is 410 meters in circumference, about twenty-five feet over a quarter-mile to the lap. In width it is twelve meters, nearly forty feet. It will be possible for twelve men to run in heats in the sprints. The straightaway in front of the tribune is 120 meters. The swimming pool is 100 meters long, nearly 110 yards.

WORE KID GLOVES ON BASES

Roy Thomas, Former Big League Outfielder, Will Not Be Retained by Pennsylvania.

Roy Thomas, who for years was one of the leading outfielders of the National league, will not be retained as coach of the University of Pennsylvania baseball squad. When with the Phillies Thomas used to wear kid gloves while running bases.

The Cardinals are seeking the services of Pitcher Brown of the Los Angeles club.

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Forty horses, with records better than 2:10, have been sold to foreign buyers this year.

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Baseball fans expect to hear of several big trades in both major leagues in the near future.

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Pittsburgh fans are elated over the selection of George Gibson as manager of the Pirates.

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University of Indiana will play Rutgers football team at New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 23, 1920.

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The 1920 Yale vs. Harvard rowing classic will take place over the New London course June 25.

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Atlanta will be the scene of the Southern intercollegiate track and field sports May 14 and 16.

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Amateur sports are booming in Sweden, while professional sports are given little encouragement.

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Billy Doyle has been added to the Detroit scouting staff. Doyle is a man of vast experience and excellent judgment.

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Lightweight Boxing Champion Benny Leonard, it is estimated, made $200,000 from his boxing engagements in 1919.

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The Asbury Park (N. J.) Fishing club will have built a $40,000 clubhouse on the ocean front of the organization.

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University of Nebraska has offered Rutgers a guaranty of $5,000 for a football game at Lincoln next Thanksgiving day.

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Harry Sallee, veteran pitcher, has given up the simple life, selling his farm at Higginsport, O., and moving to Cincinnati.

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Dr. John Lavan, shortstop for the Cardinals, has opened an office in St. Louis. He was a surgeon in the navy during the war.

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Penn has ten football games scheduled next fall, including the usual game with Cornell at Philadelphia Thanksgiving day.

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"Buster" Caton, a Pittsburgh infielder who jumped to the Franklin, Pa., independents last season, wishes to return to the Pirates.

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Johnny Evers, who is a pretty wise judge of baseball, says only one thing may stop the Cincinnati Reds next season—over-confidence.

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The Yanks have made a bid for Sam Rice of the Washington club. He was the hardest hitting right fielder in the American league last season.

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National Collegiate A. A. has started a campaign to bring about the adoption of more adequate rules for standardizing swimming records.

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Reports are being circulated that an eastern revolt from the National Trotting association is pending, due to the passing of the "unshackling rule."

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The Naval academy has raised boxing to a major sport. Dual bouts will be held with the University of Pennsylvania exponents of the manly art this year.

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A Cleveland sporting writer hints that the Cleveland club would make a deal for Lefty Claud Williams if it is true he is not to be retained by the Chicago White Sox.

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At the annual general meeting of the English Trainers' federation, held at Newmarket, it was decided that the minimum charge for training a horse should be $26 a week.

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Canadian lawmakers have repealed the war-time anti-racing legislation and as a result a general revival of harness racing throughout the dominion is expected in 1920.

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Reports say that there are more promising yearling thoroughbreds in the big racing stables of H. P. Whitney, R. T. Wilson, J. Sanford, W. R. Coe, W. S. Kilmer and others than for several years past.

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Joe Guyon, a member of the noted family of Indian athletes, who was a star with the Georgia Tech football team two seasons back, has signed with the Atlanta club of the Southern association for the coming season.

ANSON MADE VICTIM OF ODD TRICK PLAY

Gore Got Even With Old Boss for Transferring Him.

Performance, Engineered by Centerfielder and Buck Ewing, Stood Out as One of Smartest Pieces of Strategy at Time.

There have been many freak and tricky plays in baseball, but there was one engineered years ago by the late Buck Ewing and George Gore, two popular Giants of the early eighties, in which Pop Anson, the famous old leader of the Chicago White Stockings, fell a victim. The play took place on the old Polo grounds, then located at One Hundred and Tenth street and Fifth avenue. The performance stood out as one of the smartest pieces of baseball strategy at that time. Gore had been let out by Anson, and, while he did not object to playing with the Giants, he looked upon his transfer as a reflection on his playing and so was determined to get even with his old boss. He never overlooked a chance when one presented itself.

In the game in which this freaky play was made the score was even at two all. Anson led off in the sixth inning with a two-base hit along the third-base line and then proceeded to take a long lead off second. Pfeffer was the next batter, and as he was a natural left-field hitter, the outfield was drawn way over in that direction, the right fielder being almost at the center field position, while Gore in center was drawn well in almost back of the infield, the left fielder, of course, playing his field very deep.

That was the situation as Anse hopped about between second and third, anxious to get off with the crack of the bat. And right here is where the cunning Gore and the brilliant Ewing worked the cruel trick on the Chicago boss. The coachers were bellowing instructions to Anson,

"Pop" Anson.

but for some reason or other never noticed that Gore was creeping closer and closer to the infield with every move of the pitcher.

Then, all of a sudden, with the signals working in absolute harmony, Gore was seen to race directly to the second base, and Ewing, having started his throw the moment Gore raced toward the base, the big Chicago captain was trapped. Ewing's throw was a perfect one, and as the astonished Anse plunged toward the base, there was Gore waiting for him with the ball.

The whole thing happened so fast that many of the spectators missed the play, but when it dawned upon them that Anson had been thrown out at second base and that the center fielder had taken the throw, they gave Anse a great jolly. Of course, Gore was the happiest man in the ball park, for he squared accounts with his old leader.

PLANS INTERNATIONAL RACE

Chicago Yacht Club Seeks Contest With Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto.

The Chicago Yacht club plans an international race with the Royal Canadian Yacht club of Toronto. The start of the war in 1914 prevented the Chicago challenging yacht Valiant trying to win back the Yacht Racing Union trophy, won by the Patricia in Chicago in 1912.

Will Stick With Iowa.

While Quarterback William Kelly, of the University of Iowa, has been appointed to West Point, he will not accept, because he has been elected captain of the Iowa team for the 1920 season.

Home Runs in National.

Last season 206 home runs were made in the National league as follows: 53 in Philadelphia; 45 in New York; 22 in Brooklyn; 20 in Boston; 19 in St. Louis; 17 in Chicago; 15 each in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

Lelivelt Goes to Omaha.

President William A. Rourke of the Omaha Western league club, has definitely closed the deal with Minneapolis, by which he secures Jack Lelivelt, who will be installed as manager of the Omaha team for 1920.

Wrestlers Want More Money.

The wrestlers, fired by the amazing sums being offered for the Dempsey-Carpentier bout, are demanding more recognition. Earl Caddock wants $50,000 for a match with Joe Stecher for the championship.

Specializes at Back Stroke.

Harold Kruger, of Honolulu, who is swimming this season for St. Mary's college, Oakland, Cal., has decided to specialize at back stroke sprinting in preparation for the Olympic games races next year.

Wills of the Washingtons

INTERIOR of the FAIRFAX COURTHOUSE

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S will and that of Martha Washington are side by side in the century-old brick courthouse at Fairfax, the capital of Fairfax county, Virginia. They are presumably secure against thieves and fire and, so far as may be, against time itself, since they rest in hermetically-sealed steel cases sunk in concrete and velvet curtains shut out the destructive light rays from the pages of the wills exposed through glass to the public view.

What more natural, inasmuch as these wills are practically national documents and Mount Vernon is in Fairfax county?

Nevertheless, it was not always thus. Hence this story of the "Wills of the Washingtons."

George Washington's will was signed at Mount Vernon July 9, 1799, five months before his death. It is in his own handsome, fluent handwriting. It was filed for probate in 1800 in the Fairfax courthouse. It consists of 22 sheets about the size of foolscap, written on both sides.

Through all of a century he who ran so far as Fairfax courthouse might read at his leisure and with his own hands manipulate the original document and at his pleasure thumb and fumble it.

At the beginning of the Civil war the will was taken to Richmond, and there securely hidden. It was returned to Fairfax courthouse when peace had been restored. The years did not tend to its preservation. Its custodians added to its peril of complete obliteration by persistently folding it lengthwise, following the original fold of the clerk of 1800.

In time the pages cracked and divided along the lines of the creasing. Then some past and gone official undertook to repair the damage and prevent extension of it. Bits of glued paper and court plaster were put across the torn creases. As the years went by these patches themselves split, leaving the pages again to fall apart through the center.

Court authorities then decided that the broken parts should be sewn together. This rough and ready surgery was applied.

So gradually the manuscript went from bad to worse until most of its 42 pages were in deplorable condition and much of the beautifully written text was practically illegible. In 1910 Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, asked the Fairfax county authorities for permission to make photographs of the will. They replied that the will was in such forlorn condition that a satisfactory series of photographs of its forty-two pages was impossible. Mr. Putnam's personal inspection confirmed this dismal report.

Then came long and trying negotiations. The department of state offered to restore the Washington will as it had restored the Declaration of Independence, if the document were brought to the District of Columbia. The Fairfax officials, backed by the courts, decided that this was impossible; that an act of the Virginia general assembly would be necessary to enable them to consent to even a temporary removal.

Finally in 1916 Librarian Putnam and Gaillard Hunt, chief of the division of manuscripts, hit upon a definite solution of the difficulty. In charge of the repair section of the manuscript division is William Berwick, said to be the greatest living expert in the restoration of old manuscripts. The Fairfax people, supported by Lawrence Washington and other connections of the first president's family, concurred in the suggestion that the will should be restored at the courthouse by "Dr." Berwick.

With infinite patience, with expert knowledge and profound sense of the importance of the patriotic undertaking, "Dr." Berwick began his surgery. One by one the twenty-two sheets were separated and treated. The instruments employed were very thin, keen knives, camel's-hair brushes, the inevitable paste pot, a metal tank for soaking the pages, a press, and last and most important of all, the gauze or crepeline with which the mending is made secure and a new or tougher surface page obtained.

This gauze, an exquisitely fine texture of silk and linen, is extremely flimsy to look at and demands the most delicate handling, but once applied over and beneath a page of writing or printing it renders it practically untearable. Properly laid on it becomes so absorbed in the paper that it is hardly visible except under a magnifying glass. Consequently the renewed manuscript can be read as easily as if no additional substance had been used on it.

After the countless holes and tears had been filled the pages were soaked and pressed into perfect smoothness, delicate knives were employed to scrape away stains and foreign particles and finally the crepeline applied.

The library of congress staff considers that Mr. Berwick accomplished nearly the impossible and worked almost a miracle in the complete restoration he effected. The authorities of Fairfax county, as evidence of appreciation of his work, had embossed in gold letters on the black morocco cover which now encases the will, "Restored in 1910, Under Authority of This Court, by William Berwick, Restorer of Manuscripts, Library of Congress." There is no other inscription on this cover except "The Last Will and Testament of Gen'l George Washington."

Washington began his will thus:

"In the name of God, Amen! I, George Washington of Mount Vernon, a citizen of the United States and lately president of the same, do make, ordain and declare this Instrument which is written with my own hand and every page thereof sub-scribed with my name to be my last Will & Testament, revoking all others."

Just the same, he omitted his signature from the bottom of page 23, which goes to show that even the model of all the ages was human.

Martha Washington's will is dated March 4, 1802, and was admitted to probate by the county court at Fairfax June 21, 1802. It remained in the old courthouse until the Civil war. Union forces occupied Fairfax in 1862 and the will disappeared. For more than 50 years the Fairfax county authorities could find no trace of it.

Upon the death of J. Pierpont Morgan in 1913 it became known that the missing will was one of the most-prized articles of his great collection of historic documents. Fairfax county thereupon undertook to regain possession of it.

J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., declined to give up the will. He offered, however, to let Fairfax have a photographic reproduction, provided Fairfax would let him have a similar reproduction of George Washington's will.

This offer was declined. The Virginia legislature was then appealed to, with the result that an act was passed directing the attorney general of the state to bring suit to recover the original document. The bill was filed in the Supreme court.

In the meantime, in correspondence with the Virginia state authorities, Mr. Morgan first objected to the manner in which he had been approached, then offered to return the will provided it was placed at Mount Vernon instead and in a vault to be constructed by him. This and all other conditions were refused. Finally, in 1915, when the case was about to come to trial Mr. Morgan capitulated and handed over the will to the Fairfax county authorities.

Thereupon the secret of the disappearance and whereabouts of the will was cleared up. For, pasted on the fly-leaf of the handsome folder which the elder Morgan had used to protect the will, was found the following signed statement by the woman from whom he had purchased the document in 1906:

"Lieut. Col. David Thomson, commanding the Eighty-second regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, was, during the spring or autumn of 1862, stationed at Fairfax courthouse, Va. His headquarters were in the courthouse building. The safes had previous to this been broken open by the Blenkers, a command of men noted for their reckless vandalism. The papers were on the floor and had been destroyed in large quantities (and) used to kindle fires. My father, going into the office, found his men shoveling the material from the floor for this use—called them to stop, and, looking over them, found the document in question. Just preceding his death, in 1892, he gave the document to me to be done with as I thought proper.

"(Signed) MARY ESPY THOMSON,

"2655 Irving avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn."

Martha Washington's will is a long one, is written on pages of foolscap and is remarkably well preserved. Any one who doubts that Martha Washington was a good business woman should read the will.

Also, the will has a postscript, which shows that the wife of the "Father" of this country was also human.

Dwarfs in History

Dwarfs, until very recent days, have been highly regarded and much sought after. In far-away days kings have fought over dwarfs, and a court that possessed one was considered very fortunate and altogether stylish. Wealthy folk, even, competed with monarchs in the purchase of dwarfs as a sort of hall-mark of aristocracy. A race of tiny people in Equatorial Africa, the Akkas, were much prized by the early Pharaohs. The Romans tried to supply the demand by artificial dwarfing, and had separate words to distinguish the natural from the unnatural dwarf.

Theodore's Bright Idea.

Theodore was fond of olives, but his father had forbidden him to eat them. At dinner one day, during his father's absence, a large dish of olives had been placed near Theodore's plate. He looked at it longingly and said: "Mamma, let's play a joke on daddy and eat some olives."

Beautiful New Zealand

New Zealand is a land of mountains, gorges, rivers and fjords. The higher peaks of the south island are eternally snow capped and the glaciers of its southern alps rival those of Switzerland. The surrounding seas are too cold for corals. Among the mountains of the north island volcanic fires are still active and the geysers and hot springs are little less impressive than those of the Yellowstone park.

Hottest Day on Record

I read years ago about a fellow who had been down to Yucatan building a telegraph line. He said it was hot down there—quite hot. He said the way they ran their telegraph line after the poles and the insulators were up was to carry the wire up a pole, take a hitch around an insulator, point the end of the strand in the direction of the next pole, shin down and hasten—regularly hasten—to that next pole and climb it as quickly as possible. If they hurried they would get there just in time to grab the end of the wire as it arrived, having been extended to that point by expansion. The hottest day they had, he said, the works of his watch melted and ran down his leg—and felt cool because it was liquid.

Lost Life to Save Jewels.

Whether we realize it or not, we are seizing or losing opportunities every day of our lives. Queen Mary was conversing with Mrs. Robinson, who was a stewardess on board the Titanic. The queen asked why so many of the women had been lost in that terrible disaster. Mrs. Robinson replied: "Many more women would have been saved, madam, if they had thought more of their lives and less of their belongings. When the danger arrived, there were opportunities for getting into lifeboats, but in many cases the women rushed down to the cabins to save jewelry and other valuables. When they returned to the deck, it was too late.—Grit.

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Flannigan's Curiosity.

Flannigan (listening to new jazz record)—What kind iv music do ye call that, Norah?

Daughter—That's a fox trot, daddy.

Flannigan—An' how many tin cans did th' fox have tied to his tail whin he throtted?—Buffalo Express.

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