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**TOURNEY OF BIKE KINGS**

Field Day with Royal Racers at Ice Palace.

**MANY RECORDS WERE BROKEN**

Immense Success of the Opening Event at Convention Hall—Throng of Skaters and Cyclers View the Brilliant Spectacles—Special Events Last Night.

Score at 10 o'clock.

Name	Miles	Laps
Waller	147	7
Maddox	137	7
Ashinger	146	7
Lawson	144	7
Hunter	144	7
Forster	143	7
Hall	142	7
Chapple	141	7
Schock	139	6
Alberts	139	6
Marks	26	6

Eleven of the fleetest cyclists in the world, arrayed in gaudy colors and favors like knights in the old tourney, flashed up the incline of the ice palace track yesterday afternoon and opened the distinct event of recent years in the sporting and social world of Washington.

The was in progress only an hour when, as a complement to the regular track and to the credit of the international contestants, the record for indoor racing was broken, leaving the Madison Square Garden figures largely in the rear of the time tables. It was an auspicious beginning.

Nothing of late has so captivated the public imagination as the bicycle tourney. The great event of the season, the bicycle tourney, was held at Convention Hall, their enthusiastic interest and the stirring details of the assembling of the spectators.

There is nothing else in the world like the environment at the scene of the contest. The Times has fully described the material aspects of the hall, the track, and the ice floor. That, however, suggests nothing of the animation, the movement, the life, the color of the two great spectacles rolled into one, the crowds of merry skaters in the middle of the vast hall, then on the frame of this kaleidoscope picture the flying steel steeds and their artistic riders, and beyond these, to the very walls and in the galleries, hundreds of spectators, cheering the fine points of skill or force, the accident, or the capture of the lead by some favorite rider.

Gatherings of the Crowd.  
By long odds Convention Hall with its double and unique attractions, still holds the public attention and, until these riders have gone down the incline of 1896 and up the grade of 1897 for the magnificent prizes offered by the management.

Although the particular event of the day was the start, which began at 2 p. m., precisely, the cyclers and skaters of the town took no chances of getting a good point of observation as late as that hour. The crowd began to assemble as early as 1 p. m. At that time there was already a mass of people, many of them young people on the ice. This, however, served only to entertain the gathering spectators while they waited for the entrance into the arena of a world's champion.

In the fourth gallery a double orchestra, directed by F. H. Benson, played continuously, adding to the gaiety of the assembly.

The first cheer went up when George Ball, the local entry, appeared on the track in his white and blue uniform, his eyes on the crowd and pit. It was evidence from the time of the start that he had friends in that vast meeting. He, with Lawson, "the Terrific Swede," are easily the first in point of attendance, but the latter, by reason of his appearance, and favor with the attendants.

Refreshments for the Riders.  
When this by-play was going on the American and English managers took their places on the inner edge of the track, near the "pole," and set up their tables for the refreshments of the skaters. Mr. Planner, for the Englishmen, took position on the east, and Mr. Young, for the Americans, on the west, each midway of the track.

The preparations for their kitchens attracted the best attention of the lady skaters, who crowded around to see how the famous dose of coffee, chocolate, collies and other such stimulants were handed to the racers on the fly, and catch a limited express speed. This, however, did not satisfy the crowd, which was impatiently waiting for the start of the bicycle kings. They were in some respects as fastidious as a prima donna, and as impatient as the impatience on the other side of the curtain.

At 2 o'clock the race was "dressed." In the meanwhile the names of the entries with their numbers were posted on the blackboard, and when they came on the public was on speaking terms with the strangers.

Each of them got a hearty send-off as he tripped in lightly, leading his "horse." The Swede came after George Ball and made the aesthetic pair, the Swede in solid blue with white fairs, Mr. Ball in blue and white. Then came C. W. Ashinger, No. 1, in black and white; Albert Schock, American, No. 2, black and old gold; Frank Waller, the "Flying Dutchman," Q. C. Club, white with tattered skull cap; Charles Chapple, No. 4, red, black and white; Albert Hunter, No. 6, black and cherry; Harry E. Maddox, No. 7, American, orange and black; Frank Albert, No. 8, American, red, white and blue; Dudley Marks, No. 9, England, blue; George S. Ball, No. 10, American, Wash. Independent, blue and white; and John A. Lawson, Swede, No. 11, solid blue.

The Start.  
The riders were checked as they went around from the west to the east center of the track, where the start was to be made. The arrangement was by front of three, Ashinger, Waller and Maddox slightly in front. The racers stood like greyhounds in the lead, but for only a few moments. They steadied themselves for the vault into position, and at precisely 2:23 o'clock Eddie Bald, the champion middle distance racer of America, fired the signal pistol. There was mounting in hot haste, a whirl of the wheels and they were off, going south and heading for the incline at the pace that kills or wins three thousand and odd dollars.

Ashinger had the advantage of the pole. He made a magnificent start, striking the incline ahead, but closely followed with Waller and Hunter second, and the others in such a group that as they struck it quivered as the picturesque whirl swept by. After that it was a go-as-you-please.

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**RAILROAD RELIEF ASSOCIATION**

Court Says B. & O. Must Pay Interest to Be Paid.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Judge Harlan, in city court No. 2, today filed an opinion directing the receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to pay into court \$548,399.04 for the benefit of the members of the Baltimore and Ohio Relief Association.

Shortly before the road went into the hands of receivers a petition was filed by a member of the relief department charging that the assets of the relief association, which the railroad held in trust for the relief department under an agreement with the association, had been misinvested, but had been borrowed by the trustees and was in danger of loss.

The court holds that the funds were received by the railroad company under an express trust to remain distinct and separate from the property of the company. The court directs that the funds of the relief association or the securities which they represent be brought into court.

The receivers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announce that on January 1 \$365,514 interest will be paid on New York, London and Baltimore on various securities of the company.

These securities include the Baltimore and Ohio trust bonds, Pittsburgh and Connetquot first mortgage bonds, receivers' trust certificates, Winchester and Potomac Railroad, and dividend on Winchester and Strasburg Railroad.

**WOLCOTT VISITED M'KINLEY**

Talked About Bill Favoring International Bimetallism.

Active Opposition to Gov. Merriam for the Cabinet—Mrs. Saxton to Come Here.

Canton, Dec. 28.—Senator E. O. Wolcott spent two hours with Major McKinley today and departed in a very happy frame of mind.

"I came to Canton," said he, "as chairman of the committee of five appointed by the Republican Senators in caucus to draft a bill to carry into effect that plank of the St. Louis platform on the subject of international bimetallism. The bill needs the hearty approval of the President-elect. It authorizes the President to appoint delegates to an international monetary conference, when such a meeting shall be called.

"Several European countries are interested in the matter and sentiment in favor of further recognition of silver through international agreement is spreading abroad. There may be a conference within a short time after Major McKinley is inaugurated."

Senator Wolcott talked of a number of other topics and remarked that a proposed amendment to the bill, with a view of opposition to bimetallism, would probably not be looked upon in the West with favor as Secretary of the Treasury.

Politicians from Minnesota, who were here today declare that there is active opposition to the appointment of Gov. Merriam to the Cabinet and that if he were appointed, Senator Davis would oppose his confirmation.

Frank S. Wikherbee, an active factor in New York politics, spent half an hour with Major McKinley. He said the Republicans of New York had united in asking for the appointment of Mr. Bliss to the Cabinet, and declared Mr. Platt would be the next Senator from that State, in a hint of Mrs. McKinley by marriage, has been invited by Major and Mrs. McKinley to make her home in the White House with them and has accepted the invitation. She is one of Mr. McKinley's warmest personal friends.

Mr. McKinley was overcharged with visitors all day.

**DOOMED TO A SPANISH PRISON**

Julio Sangulliu, an American Citizen, Sentenced at Havana.

Havana, Dec. 28.—The tribunal before which Julio Sangulliu, the naturalized American citizen, charged with conspiracy against the Spanish government, was tried and found guilty last week, the proceedings ending on Saturday, held a public sitting at 1 p. m., today, when the sentence imposed by the court upon the prisoner was read.

The sentence of the court is that Sangulliu be imprisoned for life and not for "eight years and a day," as it is learned here.

Counsel for the defense announced that he would appeal from the judgment of the tribunal to the supreme court at Madrid upon the ground that the indictment against Sangulliu was defective in form and that the court proceedings were irregular and therefore an infringement of the law.

**GEORGE SUMNER MURDERED.**

Georgia Farmer Shot and His Daughter Assaulted—Fieri Escapes.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—A special to the Telegraph from Unadilla, Ga., says that an old man, named George Sumner, living near that place, was assassinated last night by an unknown man.

Late at night the old man was awakened by a glare of flames from his barn, which had been set upon fire. Upon leaving the house, he was fired upon.

After shooting Sumner several times, the assassin broke into the house and attempted an assault upon the only daughter of the old man.

The daughter fought desperately, and succeeded in wrenching his revolver away. The murderer then fled. A posse is in hot pursuit.

**POTTER A CANDIDATE.**

He Wants the Presidency of League of American Wheelmen.

New York, Dec. 28.—Chief Consul Isaac R. Potter, of the New York State division, League of American Wheelmen, today announced his candidacy for office of president of the league, before the coming national assembly of that organization. In a card he says: "I am convinced by recent events and by facts lately disclosed that unity of action within my own division and the harmonious working of the national body of the league can be best served by the selection of an executive board."

Committed Suicide—While Angry, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 28.—A special to the Press from Delaware, Ohio, says: Lola Stultz, aged nineteen, a fit of anger after reproach from her parents, cut her throat from ear to ear with a razor this morning, dying instantly. Her parents are wealthy.

Inve Institute Business College, 8th and N. Y. one letter \$25 a year, day or night.

**THREE MORE BANKS FAILED**

Institutions Closed in Chicago, Minneapolis and Superior.

**CAUSED BY RUNS ON THEM**

The Scandia Bank of the Flour City Has Gone Under—The Bank of Superior Did Not Open Its Doors—Dime Savings of the Windy City Involved by Another's Ruin.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.—The Scandia Bank of this city closed its doors this afternoon. It was organized some fifteen years ago by Mons Grinager, a prominent Scandinavian politician of this State, who died in 1893.

Its president is R. Sunde, who came to Minneapolis ten years ago from Willmar, Minn., where he had made quite a fortune as a money lender.

The last obtainable statement of the condition of the bank was made October 6 last. It showed loans and discounts amounting to \$189,288, and deposits aggregating \$255,317. Its business has been almost wholly with Scandinavians.

Superior, Wis., Dec. 28.—Anticipating a run today the Bank of Superior did not open for business this morning. Henry S. Butler is assigned, and has assumed charge of the bank's affairs. The failure is due to poor business and heavy withdrawals since recent failures in St. Paul, Chicago, and this city.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The well-known connection between the Atlas Bank and the Dime Savings Bank, a small but old institution, caused the circulation of the report that it would also be forced to liquidate.

Its doors were open for business as usual, but there draw out their savings, but they were presented with a blank notice to the bank that they desired to withdraw so much in ninety days from date and requested to fill out the paper.

The Protective Rule.  
This protective rule of the bank, which was put in force December 23, exceeds the highest limit of other savings banks by thirty days, and it was made applicable today to the Dime Savings Bank depositors of the smallest amounts.

This rule is not enforced in normal financial times, but it was considered necessary for the present, at least, by President Samuel G. Bailey. No deposits were being received and the bank was to have temporarily stopped receiving and paying out money.

Considerable money is due it from the Atlas Bank. The Chicago Safety Vault is also operated in connection with the bank, other banks of the city were doing business under normal conditions this morning.

The officers and directors of the Dime Savings Bank were not at the bank this morning to answer the numerous and anxious inquiries of depositors. It was stated they were out attending a meeting to decide on a course of action in view of the Atlas Bank liquidation.

The general opinion is that the Dime Bank will follow the Atlas into voluntary liquidation, within ninety days. The enforcement of the ninety-day notice rule on depositors who wanted to withdraw after the bank collapse last week, did not create any excitement at the Dime Bank, as the trouble did not affect other banks.

Advised Not to Deposit.  
Depositors accepted the statement of the bank officials that the precaution was best for all concerned and the ninety-day notice could be withdrawn on immediate payment of depositors at any time the cash resources warranted such a step.

The Atlas liquidation, however, brought such a run of depositors for their money that the decision was reached this morning to advise all persons not to deposit any more of their savings because they might not get what they had on deposit for ninety days. The list was merely sufficient to stop deposits and the bank relapsed into a state of suspended animation, pending developments.

The capital stock of the Dime Savings Bank is \$100,000. The report made to the state auditor of public accounts last July by the bank officers placed the liabilities in savings deposits at \$458,000, but the total amount owing to depositors at present, owing to steady withdrawals due to hard times, is about \$300,000. The bank did not do a general business.

It is reported that the bank held considerable stock of the Atlas as an investment. President Grannis of the Atlas was the active power in the Dime Savings and much of its money was loaned to Atlas customers. The general opinion in bank circles is that the Dime Savings will follow the Atlas in liquidation.

Atlas Bank's Resources.  
The resources of the Atlas National Bank are estimated at \$2,550,000, with obligations approximating the same amount. Owing to inability to realize the actual value of the assets on a declining market it will be necessary for the banks which are members of the Clearing House Association to advance them \$500,000 and \$200,000, pro rated according to their capital stock, in order to pay all approved claims in full at once.

This is expected to be done within a week. The amount of money needed to complete the liquidation is about \$100,000 more than was at first expected by the clearing house committee.

After Chairman Lombard of the clearing house committee, who is acting as trustee for the associated banks, had held a conference today with Cassius S. Stone, the acting manager of the bank, and had gone over some of the accounts, he expressed his confidence that the bank had not only ample assets to cover all liabilities, but that the stockholders would not suffer severely, as was at first expected.

Mr. Stone also said that stockholders would not fare badly in the division of the assets. President Grannis is reported to be seriously ill at his home, and his physicians will not allow him to do anything in connection with the liquidation of the bank.

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Restoration failed and he reached the third floor, on which the physician's office is situated, life had vanished and the stricken man died without at any time regaining consciousness, and in less than two minutes after he had been removed from the train.

No Inquest Necessary.  
Relatives were immediately communicated with and the remains were removed to Wright's undertaking establishment, on Tenth street. A short time later Coroner Hammett was notified. After viewing the body he decided that an inquest was wholly unnecessary and directed a certificate of death from natural causes to be issued.

The announcement of the sudden death of Mr. Fenwick came, of course, as a great shock to the members of his family and his host of friends and acquaintances in this city. He was born in the District of Columbia, and was a well known citizen. He had been connected with the E-street Baptist Church since about thirteen years of age and was a deacon in the congregation at the time of his death. He was a teacher in the city Sunday schools for forty-five years.

He leaves a widow and six children, namely, Mr. Robert L. Fenwick, of Dayton, Ohio; B. Carlyle, Roger M. and Edward T. Fenwick; Mrs. S. N. Whitwell and Mrs. C. H. Lane, of this city.

The family physician had warned the members of the probable occurrence of such a fatal attack as that of yesterday.

When sixteen years of age, Mr. Fenwick began the study of mechanical drawing and mechanical engineering with William P. Elliott, the architect of the Patent Office. He was connected with the Scientific American for seven years, and in the latter part of his life wrote frequently for periodicals on scientific subjects.

In 1861 he started a patent, law, and soliciting office in this city, and shortly afterward Judges Lawrence and Mason

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**PLEA FOR SWEET CHARITY.**

St. Michael Island's Flooded District Destitute.

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**"RINK" ENTIRELY BURNED**

Fire Threatened Many Houses Near It.

**TOTAL LOSS IS \$160,000**

The Blaze Originated in the Basement and Was Beyond Control When Discovered—Immense Jam of People on New York Avenue, The Insurance.

The building occupied by the Julius Lamsburn Furniture Company, on New York avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, known as the "Rink," was burned to the ground last night.

The total McKinley loss is \$160,000, partially covered by insurance. Mr. Lamsburn, when seen last night stated that the stock in his store was valued at between \$90,000 and \$100,000. It was totally consumed. The insurance on the stock is \$61,000.

The building, part of which is a new brick structure, was valued at \$50,000. It was owned by a local syndicate, among whom are Lawyer Campbell Carrington and Washington Danenow, the real estate broker. The insurance is about \$27,000, \$7,000 being on the Rink and \$20,000 on the brick structure in the rear.

The residence of Dr. Z. T. Sowers, which adjoined the Rink on the west, was damaged to the extent of \$10,000 by fire, smoke and water.

The rest of the row of houses on Thirteenth street was also badly scorched, and the loss here to and alleg property back of the furniture store is sufficient to foot up a grand total of \$160,000.

Nathaniel McKay holds \$20,000 worth of policies on the Rink building. The risks are in the following companies: London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, \$4,000; Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, San Francisco, \$4,000; California Insurance Company, Oakland, \$2,000; North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, London, \$2,500; Manchester Fire Assurance Company, Manchester, \$3,500; Agriculture Insurance Company, White Plains, N. Y., \$4,000; The Charleston Company, the North British Company and the Manchester Fire Assurance Company, policies amounting to \$8,000, will expire at 12 o'clock today. Mr. McKay had them renewed yesterday.

Property Threatened.  
The fire was one of the most threatening that has visited Washington in many years. Within thirty minutes of the time it was discovered, Mr. Lamsburn's place of business was in ruins, and it seemed as though the entire square would be consumed. Buildings on every side of the "Rink" were smoking; flying sparks had ignited a long row of sheds in the rear; houses on Thir