

# RECORD FLEET STARTS ON BIG RACE TO PRESQUELLE P

## FIVE ROCHESTER YACHTS ON CRUISE OF 77 MILES IN RACE FOR FREEMAN CUP

Winners Expected to Cross Line at Daybreak  
in Long Run from Toronto Bay.

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Toronto, Ont., Aug. 1.—A giant flock of white winged birds took flight from here this afternoon for a run to Presquille Point, a distance of seventy-seven miles, in the opening event of the annual Yacht Racing Association rendezvous, the Freeman cup race. Upwards of fifty crafts belonging to member clubs hoisted sail about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for the run into the lake from where the starting line was laid for the handicap long distanced cruise.

One might have thought the imposing sight the start of an ancient argosy putting out from Phoenicia for its commerce conquest of the Mediterranean seas. There were craft ranging from tiny C class boats with canvas of but 350 square feet in area up to a giant four master with acres of suiting and capable of sailing to the four ends of the world. In between ranged the cutters, schooners, racing R's, and P's., all beautifully white under a bright afternoon sun and stiff wind from the northeast which filled their canvas to a nicety.

### Toronto Bay Deserted.

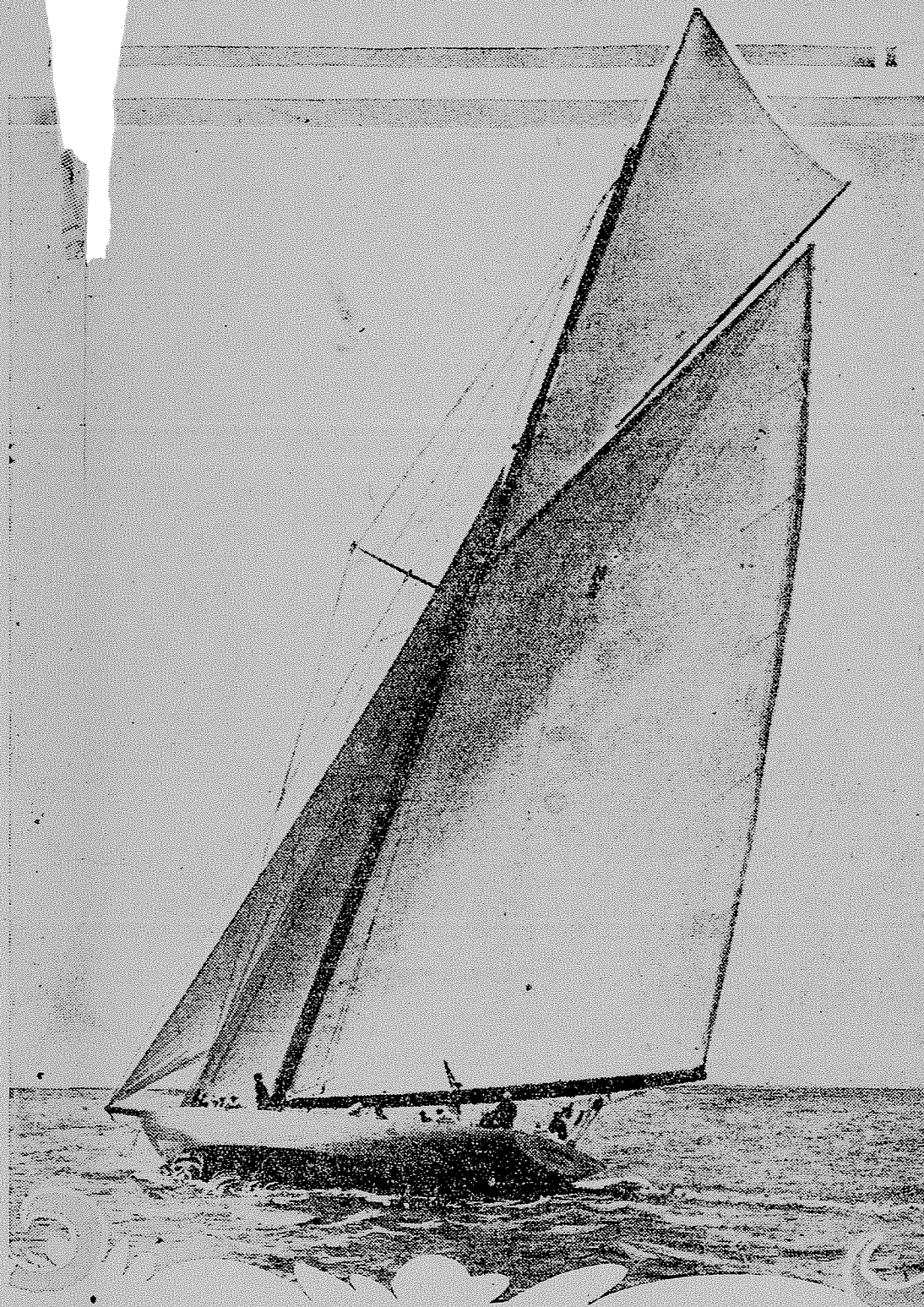
The R. C. Y. C. moorings where the ever growing fleet has been tied up during the past week is as deserted a harbor to-night as the ancient trade marts of the Italian Peninsula, Florence, Venice, once alive with swiftly slinking hulls and white canvas as Toronto Bay was before 2:30 this afternoon. It was the largest and fastest fleet ever to set sail in this annual classico.

The first gun was fired at 3 o'clock standard time and sent away the big four master Azara, and the largest of the cutters and schooners. The first gun was the five minute warning blast for the next class and so on until the C class boats of the R. C. Y. C. had been given the starting gun at 3:30.

Five Rochester boats started the long cruise down the lake in quest of the cup which the Olympian won last year but was denied for failure to carry a dinghy. The two Rochester P's., the Alloede, with Laurie Mabbett at the stick, and Dr. Lalonde's Olympian, with Frank Christy at the helm, were the Flower City's hope among the larger craft. In the fleet of eight R's, where the Rogue, W. Peck Farley, and the Mybar, John Barrows. The Tantrum, a twenty-foot sloop, with Les Block skipper, was the last of the R. Y. C. craft to take off.

With the wind blowing from the Northeast it will make the run down a broad reach, which should redound to the assistance of the smaller boats, especially the R's. Farley's Rogue has proved a good boat in reaching conditions and should give a good ac-

RESOLUTE, DEFENDER OF AMERICA'S CUP, IS SOLD



CUP DEFENDER SOLD. The graceful and speedy Resolute which successfully defended the America's Cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's attempt to lift it with his Shamrock IV in 1920, has been sold to E. Walter Clark, the Philadelphia yachtsman. The sale probably means that the New York Yacht Club, the organization under whose auspices the American boat sailed, sees no chance of an international race in the near future. The super-boat which so proudly sailed in defense of her country's yachting honors will therefore accept her transfer to a less auspicious environment with a humble dignity.