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WHAT IS LEFT NOW FOR BOSTON SWIMMERS TO DO?

SAM RICHARDS,
Showing the Mask Devised by Him to Protect His Eyes from the Salt Water in His Great Swim Yesterday.

By LAWRENCE J. SWEENEY.

After Boston Light and return—what? Certainly no swim in American waters looms up at present sufficiently "big" or hazardous enough to balk our own Sam Richards, the matchless South Boston swimmer, should he elect to go after additional honors in his adopted country.

Ever since he reached Boston Light for the first time in 1911, Richards had nursed the idea that it was possible to not only swim to the Light again but make a return swim as well. In 1912 he made his second successful swim, and this year, only a few weeks ago, he did it again, and, turning, swam further back than anyone had ever done before, reaching the Spindle near Bug Light when he decided to give up the attempt.

And then yesterday, with scarcely any prearranged plans, other than his own confidence and perfect physical condition, he accomplished the seemingly impossible by touching at Charlestown Bridge, where 13 hours and nine minutes before he had dived on his outward journey.

What Is There Left?

So the question naturally presents itself, what is there left to do in the long-distance swimming line in Boston Harbor? Perhaps some daring swimmer might essay a swim from Boston to the Graves Lighthouse, or more remote still, a swim from Boston to Monit's Light, off Scituate Harbor, but in the first instance, the Graves would not be considered sufficiently difficult to warrant the waste of time and energy, and in the case of Minot's Light, it is a serious question if the tidal conditions in the bay would permit of the possibility of success.

Only a man of Richard's wonderful stamina and splendidly sustained speed, could even hope to reach Minot's, and then it would be necessary to start the swim at the Boston end several hours before the ebbing of the tide to gain a position to enable even him to buck across the incoming tide long enough to land at Minot's. It would be a swim of some 16 miles, and it would be almost a miracle if a swimmer could saw across the incoming tide, even if he could get a few miles beyond Boston Light and avoid being washed ashore at Nantasket Beach or Scituate before he reached the light off that harbor.

Some time Sam Richards may undertake thi swim, but not until that or some other swim almost as impossible is promoted, long-distance swimming in Boston is practically at a standstill. To be sure, any one who succeeds in reaching Boston Light, even after yesterday, will have performed a most creditable swim, but the glory is gone, for Richards' double journey yesterday has taken the edge off all swims to or from the Light, even as Rose Pitonoff snatched all the glory of conquering the Light swim four years ago.

Richards Will Rest.

Now that he has garnered all the local swimming laurels, being the holder of the record of 5h 15m from Charlestown Bridge to the Light, as well as the return swim, Richards will rest for the remainder of the year.

He has no definite plans for the future, but if some aspirant does not succeed in swimming from Sandy Hook to the New York Battery or vice versa, the L-st Swimmers' Club's sturdy representative may undertake to set a new record for New York Harbor next year, and if he does, Charley Durborow's record of reaching a point within half a mile of Sandy Hook will be in danger of being wiped off the slate. Durborow's great swim across the Delaware Bay, in which he covered 44 miles in 14h 22m, may also spur Richards to attempt that swim, but now that he is at the hight of his aquatic glory, it is more likely that he will go after the record for the English Channel, and possibly next year he may make the attempt.

It is not generally known, but Richards entertained visions of swimming the English Channel several years ago, even before he swam to Boston Light, and he went so far as to go to England for that purpose. He was unable to find backing for the attempt, unless he agreed to relinquish his American citizenship and remain in England three years, however. Even though he was born in England he spurned the offer and returned without even testing the waters of the channel.

But now he is in a position to make his second pilgrimage, and his admirers among the members of the L-st Swimmers' Clubs, to which he has brought more glory than even the most sanguine ever hoped, will back him to their last dollar, and there are other proud Bostonians and lovers of swimmers who would gladly contribute to any expense that might be incurred by the world's greatest amateur swimmer should he state his desire to make the attempt.

AD ZOTTE, PROMISING YOUNG BOXER, IS DEAD

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug 18—Ad Zotte, the featherweight boxer of Stockton, Calif, died here today of peritonitis, following three operations. He was

AD ZOTTE,
Boxer Who Died in Salt Lake City Today, Following Three Surgical Operations.

taken to the hospital seven weeks ago, two days after a bout to a draw with Jimmy Walsh of Boston. Zotte was 18 years old and had been boxing two years, having gained some prominence in featherweight circles here and along the coast.

New England League Standing.

	Won	Lost	Pts won
Portland	55	37	.598
Lowell	58	40	.593
Worcester	54	38	.587
Lawrence	51	41	.554
Lynn	43	49	.467
New Bedford	41	54	.432
Brockton	38	54	.413
Fall River	33	60	.355

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