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TOTH SWIMS TO LIGHT AND BACK

Mistake as to Tides Almost His Undoing.

Forces Stay in Water That Wins Endurance Record.

Return Trip of 10 Hours a Strength-Sapping Fight.



CHARLES TOTH.
Who Broke the American Endurance Record in His Swim to Boston Light and Return.

By LAWRENCE J. SWERNEY.

Charles Toth of the I-st Swimmers' Club of South Boston is the holder of the American endurance swimming record, as a result of his swimming from Charlestown Bridge to Boston Light and return yesterday. His time was 23 hrs. Charles B. Durkocow of Philadelphia held the former record of 26 hrs.

Diving from the pier at Charlestown Bridge at 11½ yesterday morning, Toth was intent on bettering the record of 26 hrs., created by Sam Richards, also of South Boston, on Aug. 7, 1911. He wanted to prove, too, that he possessed swimming ability sufficient to warrant recognition by Henry F. Sullivan of Lowell of his challenge to swim for the long-distance amateur championship of America.

Toth failed in his chief ambition, to give Richards of his laurels, but quite by accident, if ill-fortune which results in success may be determined such, the gritty German won greater fame because of his remarkable display of stamina.

Having along the mirror-like surface of the early morning ebb tide, with a gentle northwest wind assisting his progress, Toth swam the most direct course possible from Charlestown Bridge to the famous lighthouse outside Boston Harbor.

Straight down the main ship channel, his course carried him directly to Long Island Head, from whence he made his way over to Nix' Mate, and thence through the Narrows to the Light.

Notwithstanding that he wasted considerable time in being over-cautious, his time to Boston Light—in 23 hrs.—was

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