

BILLINGS RETIRES UHLAN

Famous Racing Whirlwind to Spend Rest of Life in Peace.

LONG LIST OF BIG HONORS

Black Gelding Astonished the World and Holds Record for Fastest Mile a Cart Has Ever Gone.

Here are the records held by Uhlán, the black gelding owned by C. K. G. Billings, who has announced the retirement of his horse from the turf...

BY FRANK G. MENCKE.

NEW YORK, July 25.—Uhlán, the racing whirlwind, never again will be seen in a race, and never again will appear on race track in exhibition miles...

Uhlán, like Alexander, has no more world's to conquer," declared Billings, "and so I shall put him in retirement..."

Uhlán, the perfect horse, today holds practically every trotting record. He has smashed so many track records with his wonderful bursts of speed that it would take an adding machine to compute them all...

Uhlán holds the world's record for straight trotting, without the aid of a runner or a windshield, with a mark of 1:58, made in Lexington, Ky., in 1912...

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WELSH TO REST FOR WHILE

New Lightweight Champion to Take Long Rest and Travel.

WILL SIDESTEP CONTRACT

Agreement with Ritchie to Fight in the Fall Likely to Be Violated—Battle to Be Shown at "Movies."

NEW YORK, July 25.—Freddie Welsh, the latest thing in champions, has virtually retired from the ring for a year. While the new lightweight champion has made no announcement to this effect in as many words, the Welshman has intimated as much...

After falling in the attempt when she was 17 years old, Nora Leahy, now 30 and splendidly developed, has just swam the treacherous rapids of Hell Gate. Older aquatic experts are predicting she will become a great marine phenomenon if she continues to improve as she has lately.

She has a superb figure, just the right build for a swimmer, which means not too much avoirdupois with at the same time plenty layers of tissues over the bones to keep the body warm during the frightful drain on the vitality of hours in frigid water.

On her Hell Gate swim, a two-hour journey through a cauldron-like channel, often dangerous to boats, which lies northeast of Manhattan Island, she manifested great nerve in addition to her swimming vitality.

She was lowered into the water off East Eighty-fourth street, Manhattan, at 1:45 P. M. Captain Albert Brown and Miss Adelaide Trapp were in the boat which followed her. At times the tide swirls were strong enough to drive back the boat, which once was a full hundred yards away from Miss Leahy. Ten minutes later the boat got near her again.

She held out wonderfully, battling the waves and was in good condition when hauled out of the water at 4:15 P. M. She said she was not frightened when the boat got away from her, having perfect confidence in her ability to conquer the rapids which had been too much for her three years before.

Before her feat only two persons, Miss Trapp and Captain Brown, had swam Hell Gate. They are older and more experienced swimmers, and they were warm in their praise of the new mermaid.

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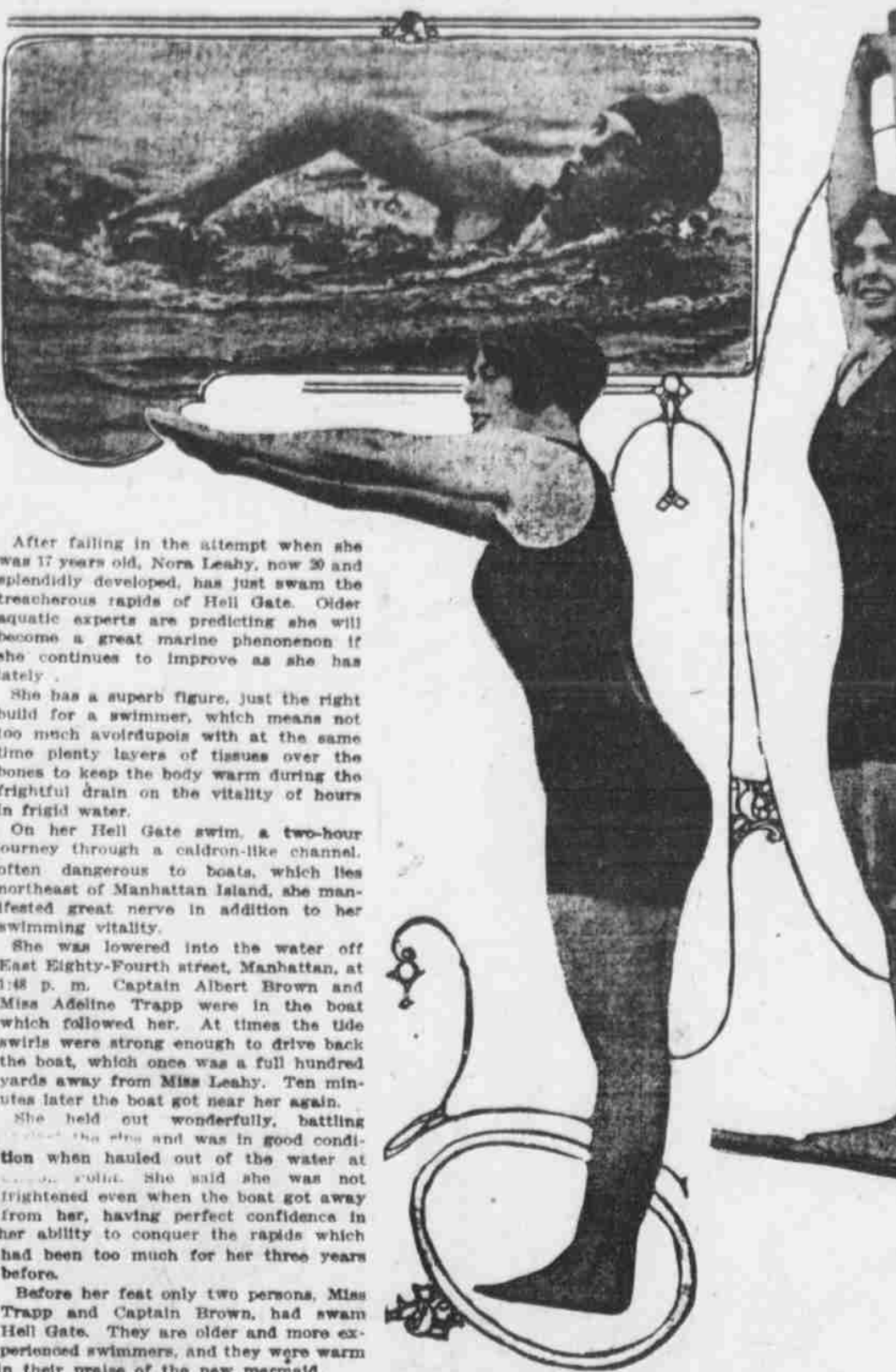
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Nora Leahy, a Remarkable Girl Swimmer



Chess

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