

THE AMERICA'S CUP.

The First of a Series of Races Between the Vigilant and Valkyrie.

IMMENSE CROWD ON THE BAY.

Favorable Weather.—The Vigilant Afloat at Noon.—Peculiar No.

New York, Oct. 3.—The city was despatched of yachtsmen and levers of yachting who went down the bay to witness the first of a series of five races for the America's cup, between the British yacht Valkyrie, owned by Lord Davison, and Morgan's British yacht Vigilant, selected by the New York Yacht club after a series of trials with other craft, yachts to follow the cup. In spite of threatening weather and the chances against the race there were many who came from the city to witness the competition, up to 10,000. Water craft of every imaginable description 400 or 500 yards, were crowded to the utmost capacity at high prices, and the banks and shore were all filled with spectators, including the entire American yachting association. The efforts exerted to succeed and to retain speed, free sailing and rounding two. The last circumstances. A large crowd gathered to witness the start and the finish of the race, surrounded by groups of steam and sailing craft.

In addition to the disappearance of time, the wind was very light and uncertain throughout the morning, shifting in various points of the compass. As the day wore on, however, the wind filled steadily and the wind increased in strength. At noon the attention of all was directed to the sound of a gong, the preparatory signal given at 11:15 a.m., and the starting signal ten minutes later; that being the starting signal for the race, the first to start, and the last to cross the line. The course to be sailed was a figure-eight, the outer loop being 1½ miles to windward or seaward.

BIMETALLIC CONVENTION.

Proposition Considered in This Morning's Session.

To Note the National Capital Purifies West—More Strong Words—The South and the West.

Sacramento, Oct. 3.—The last day of the pro-American convention was spent in the preparation of the address of the committee which would inaugurate the state in Africa, but that the business of the state in Mexico would be energetically pursued to a completion, and any opposition to the plan of the state would be resisted to the uttermost. The convention adjourned at 11 p.m. to meet again at 10 a.m. to consider the question of crossing an imaginary line. The course was to be three miles to windward or seaward.

At the appointed time the preparations were completed and the meeting was opened with a short speech by the chairman, followed by a vote of confidence in the committee, and the adoption of the address of the convention.

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The Vigilant continued in lead by a quarter of a mile, though the position varied somewhat occasionally, as either got the best of the breeze. Both had all their sails set with a view of catching the wind.

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