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Meursault, August 25, 2023

Mr. President,

I'm writing to present the results of my research into the conditions under which the 1904 Olympic Marathon was run in St. Louis.

As a local councillor for Meursault, the hometown of Frenchman Albert Corey (1878-1926), an athlete competing for an American club in 1904, I would like to draw your attention to a case of institutional cheating in the organization of the event.

My recent trips to the USA have enabled me to consult various press cuttings from the time, which highlight the very special conditions of the race.

After having contacted the International Olympic Committee, the latter is unable to take a position, and it is in total mediation that I am contacting you today: the corrections made concerning Anders Haugen, medalist fifty years after his participation in the 1924 Olympic Games (Chamonix, France), and Jim Thorpe, whose gold medal was returned to him with exclusivity in 2022 following his participation in the 1912 Olympic Games (Stockholm, 1912) lead me to believe that considering this request will pose no problem for you. I therefore ask you to review the ranking of the Olympic Marathon and to contact the IOC with a view to changing it.

That the truth should triumph on the eve of France hosting the next Olympic Games would be excellent news for the country that Joe Biden has described as *oldest ally* in 2022.

Let me quote Thomas Jefferson, who visited the commune of Meursault in 1787: *never fearing to follow truth.*

Faithfully yours,

Clément Genty



Due to the long postal delivery times, please contact me by e-mail

1904 Olympic Marathon race in Saint-Louis (USA)

Questioning the final result

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The International Olympic Committee considers two reports to be official for the 1904 Olympic Games in St. Louis (USA):

- *The Olympic Games - 1904*, written by Charles J. P. Lucas in 1905 and published by Woodward & Tiernan Printing Co;
- *Spalding's Official Athletic Almanac for 1905 - Special Olympic Number*, written by James Sullivan in 1905 and published by The American Publishing Company.
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These reports can be accessed free of charge on the Internet, and provide an insight into the results and conditions of each event. The marathon is present in both reports, and several photographs illustrate the narrative of the race. Relying solely on these two reports, we can read that Fred Lorz of the Mohawk Athletic Club (New York) ran several miles in an automobile, before starting to run again 5 miles before the finish (Lucas, p46). His victory was denied, and he was suspended for life by the Amateur Athletic Union for his action (Lucas, p109).

The winner was a man named Thomas Hicks, who benefited from having a car to accompany him, giving him pace. Hicks also received several drops of the powerful drug strychnine (Lucas, p53). Finally, a photograph shows Thomas Hicks receiving physical assistance from two people.



Sponging the winner (Lucas, p58b)

The caption from one of the two reports highlights the two people physically helping Hicks: H. C. McGrath and Charles J. P. Lucas. Lucas was the author of one of the two reports considered official by the IOC, and together with McGrath, they looked after Hicks from the 10-mile mark to the finish, set at 24.85 miles, i.e. for almost sixty percent of the race. This mixture of genres is particularly disturbing. The IOC uses the same illustration on a web page presenting the Olympic Marathon, and the caption is particularly truculent: these are not team-mates, but the organizing team!



American Thomas Hicks is helped by his teammates in the marathon at the 1904 St. Louis Olympic Games (IOC, 1904)

Similarly, the Italian company Panini circulated the following image for the 1976 Olympic Games - Montreal (Canada). As you can see, the image has been cropped to focus only on the three people in the foreground.



THOMAS HICKS USA (Panini, 1976)

One question remains: why is the quality so poor, and what kind of car is it?

The *Missouri Historical Society* has provided the answer to the first question: the photograph, referenced N20693, is available in high resolution on request from Lauren Sallwasser, Associate Archivist - *Photographs and Prints*.



N20693

Careful study of the shot reveals the car behind the group of three: a 1904 White Model D, designed and manufactured by the US-based White Motor Company. This is the car used by the officials, as Lucas reminds us in his report:



Following the Marathon Race – Front seat A. E. Johnson, Charles J. P. Lucas, Rear seat Hugh C. McGrath, George Hench (Lucas, p66b)

Not only did Hicks benefit from a car to keep him going, and from strychnine, but he also enjoyed the support of officials - physical support for two of them, and moral support for two others who remained in the car. This situation seems highly questionable, but the question remains: was it permissible in 1904?

The answer comes from the Boston Globe, a newspaper published in Massachusetts, home of declared winner Thomas Hicks, in its August 31, 1904 edition.

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Another newspaper also revealed that the president has said that no assistance would be authorized ("NEW ENGLANDER WINS MARATHON RACE AT THE FAIR" in The St. Louis Republic Vol. 97, 31st august 1904, p. 1.).

For these reasons, you are asked to revise the ranking, awarding victory to Albert Corey, a French citizen.

The final result would be as follows:

1. Albert Corey, FRA, 3h34'52"
2. Arthur Newton, USA, 3h47'55"
3. Andarin Carvajal, CUB, time unknown

Between the soiled waterpolo pool, the anthropological games and this Olympic Marathon event, this third edition of the modern Olympic Games shines in its mediocrity, as Baron Pierre de Coubertin recalled in his memoirs. Today, the IOC announces "the strangest race in Olympic history". In the meantime, while the Marathon of the fourth Olympiad saw the disqualification of the Italian winner following the remarks of the American team due to the assistance of the officials, let's smile to think about 1904.

TO RENT YOUR ROOMS
GLOBE WANTS PAY BEST

The Boston Daily Globe

TO HIRE MORE HELP
GLOBE WANTS PAY BEST

VOL LXVI—NO 62.

BOSTON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 31, 1904—FOURTEEN PAGES.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

DEMOCRATS MARKED BY ITS ENTHUSIASM DO YOUR DUTY!

Is your name on the POLICE ENROLLMENT LIST for 1904?

The time for listing expires at midnight on Thursday, September 1. If you are not listed, make application at once for supplementary listing at the Police Headquarters, Pemberton square, at any hour of the day or night before midnight of September 1, and then after receiving your certificate, you can register later at the office of the Election Commission.

Do Not Lose Your Vote!

This is Presidential year. Your vote should be counted for the President. For full information regarding listing and registration apply to the headquarters of the Democratic City Committee, 124 Washington street, at the Police Headquarters, Pemberton square, at any hour of the day or night before midnight of September 1, and then after receiving your certificate, you can register later at the office of the Election Commission.

Ward 1: 282 Marlborough street, East Boston.
Ward 2: Columbia building, 20 Meridian street, East Boston.
Ward 3: Jackson Club, 69 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown.
Ward 4: 132 Main street, Charlestown.
Ward 5: 2 City square, Charlestown.
Ward 6: 2A Chas. street.
Ward 7: Democratic Club, 145 Harrison avenue.
Ward 8: Hendricks Club, 2A Lowell street.
Ward 9: Quincy Club, Columbia Theatre Building, 984 Washington street.
Ward 10: Democratic Club, 119 Pleasant street.
Ward 11: Democratic Club, 40 Charles street.
Ward 12: 69 East Congress street.
Ward 13: 202 Broadway, South Boston.
Ward 14: 144 Emerson street, South Boston.
Ward 15: 101 Park street, Boston.
Ward 16: 718 Dudley street, Tammany Club.
Ward 17: 175 Hanover street, North End.
Ward 18: 118 Hookers street.
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DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE OF BOSTON,
W. T. A. Fitzgerald, President.

United Irish League's Second Convention Opens Most Auspiciously.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Not since the early land league days, when men all over the country were in the front of the fight between the newly-founded league and the British government, has there been such an outburst of enthusiasm for the United Irish League. The second convention of the league was held in New York on Tuesday night, and was the most successful yet held. The convention was held in the city of New York, and was the most successful yet held. The convention was held in the city of New York, and was the most successful yet held.

TALE OF DEATH. It Has Aroused the Cambridge Italian Colony.

Refers to Body Said to Have Been Mutilated.

Police Think It May Not Be a Mere Hoax.

A most wild story, which abounds in mysterious features, has been told in the Italian colony of Cambridge, Mass., which has aroused the interest of the police. The story is that the body of a man was found in the city of Cambridge, and was said to have been mutilated. The police are now investigating the matter, and are trying to determine if it is a mere hoax or if it is a real case of murder.

CAMBRIDGE WON MARATHON

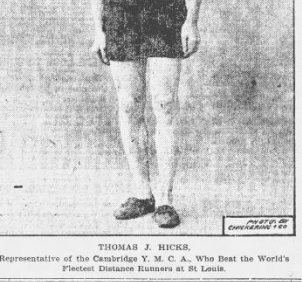
Hicks Beat 30 Good Men.

Time Slow, 3h 28m 53s.

Grit Only Brought Him Through.

Three Other Boston Men Stayed to End.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth in Order.



THOMAS J. HICKS, Representative of the Cambridge Y. M. C. A., Who Beat the World's Finest Distance Runners at St. Louis.

ARMES IN DEATH GRAPPLE

Battle Rages Fiercely All Along the Russian Front Near Liaoyang.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 30.—The Russian front near Liaoyang is the scene of a fierce battle. The Japanese forces are making a strong advance, and the Russian forces are fighting bravely to hold their ground. The battle is expected to continue for some time, and the outcome is uncertain.

TODAY'S GLOBE CONTENTS.

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THE WEATHER.

THE WEATHER. The weather is generally clear and pleasant. The temperature is in the 70s and 80s. There is a light breeze from the west. The humidity is moderate. The sky is blue with a few wispy clouds. The sun is shining brightly. The overall atmosphere is calm and pleasant.

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MEMORIAL.
 Mrs. Peck—Good gracious, Henry, how do you wear out your necks set Henry—Why, you see, my dear, you make me shake in my shoes so much.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Each with \$15 in His Inside Pocket.
 The Boston boys were good, the Boston girls were beautiful, the Boston crowd was magnificent, the Boston race was a success.—Boston Herald.

If He Lands All Right That Is.
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Before Lawmakers Were Invented.
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Let Not Your Right Hand Know.
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Is This Another Bill at Philadelphia?
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Odd Items from Everywhere.
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Theory of the Murders.
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BUSY AS EVER. TALE OF DEATH.
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MARK ACCUSED OF FIVE CRIMES

Officials Dig Over Farm for More Bodies—May Not Live for Trial.

DORCHESTER, Conn., Aug. 30.—That Gordon L. Mark, now held in the New York county jail, is the perpetrator of a series of gold-bulldozing murders, probably without precedent in the history of Connecticut, is the belief of the state officials who today began a search for more bodies on the Mark farm. Four men and an attorney, besides a woman, it is believed, were slain by Mark, who is now in custody at the state prison in New York from Boston about three years ago, and he came here soon after his arrest. When asked why he had come to Hartford to find employment, Mark said that he had been told by the boy, the fellow who had been found on the farm for about six months and who had been identified as a witness for the prosecution. When asked why he had come to Hartford to find employment, Mark said that he had been told by the boy, the fellow who had been found on the farm for about six months and who had been identified as a witness for the prosecution.

Police of Dorchester.—The police of Dorchester, Conn., are now searching for more bodies on the Mark farm. The search is being conducted by a party of five men and a woman, who are digging over the farm for more bodies. The search is being conducted by a party of five men and a woman, who are digging over the farm for more bodies. The search is being conducted by a party of five men and a woman, who are digging over the farm for more bodies.

Mark's Victim.—The victim of the crime was a young man named Mark. He was found on the farm for about six months and who had been identified as a witness for the prosecution. The victim of the crime was a young man named Mark. He was found on the farm for about six months and who had been identified as a witness for the prosecution.

Murder of the Murders.—The murder in which three men were killed and a woman was injured. The murder in which three men were killed and a woman was injured. The murder in which three men were killed and a woman was injured.

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FORMAL DINNER, WHERE NEW ENGLAND TROOPS WILL BE LOCATED DURING THE ARMY MANEUVERS NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—There will be a formal dinner, which will be served at the corps headquarters at 7 o'clock tomorrow, for the new England troops who are to be located at the maneuvers around Massachusetts which begin this week. There also will be a formal dinner, which will be served at the corps headquarters at 7 o'clock tomorrow, for the new England troops who are to be located at the maneuvers around Massachusetts which begin this week.



FIRST DIVISION.
 Headquarters at Mansfield. One troop camp nearby. Third brigade, 5th Mass vol militia. Fourth brigade, 1st, 2d and 3d Conn NG. The separate company Co. N.

SECOND DIVISION.
 Headquarters at Northampton. One battery Co. N. One battery Co. machine gun. Third brigade, 6th Mass vol militia. Fourth brigade, 9th Mass vol militia. Fourth brigade, 2d Vt Infantry.

CAMBRIDGE BOY WINS MARATHON

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 The boy, who had no previous experience in the sport, was accepted as a student runner. He was accepted as a student runner. He was accepted as a student runner.

TO CONFEDERATE DEAD.

Memorial Unveiled at Groton to Those Who Fell in the First Battle of Bull Run.
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MRS WING'S BODY FOUND.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—A woman's body was found in the city of New York. The woman's body was found in the city of New York. The woman's body was found in the city of New York.

MANEUVERS ON CHEAPSAKE PAID.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Arrangements are being made for the maneuvers on Cheapsake. The arrangements are being made for the maneuvers on Cheapsake. The arrangements are being made for the maneuvers on Cheapsake.

CHARLESTON YOUNG MAN ACCUSED OF SINKING OF LAUNCH CATERING.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 30.—A young man is accused of sinking a launch catering. The young man is accused of sinking a launch catering. The young man is accused of sinking a launch catering.

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WILLARD'S WILL.

Effort to Break It Has Been Started.
One Granddaughter Acts and Others May Join Her.
Said Aged Clerk Gave Away Money Freely.

White up to the present time as a granddaughter has shown a purpose to contest the will of Joseph A. Willard, late clerk of the superior court for the transmission of civil honors for the state, and it is expected that her action will be followed by other grandchildren. The will of Mr. Willard, who died in 1902, left his property to his wife, Mrs. Willard, and to his two daughters, Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Willard. The will of Mr. Willard, who died in 1902, left his property to his wife, Mrs. Willard, and to his two daughters, Mrs. Willard and Mrs. Willard.

Says \$10,000.
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PRETTY GIRL MISSING.

Relatives of Lillian Leopold Fear She Has Been Led Away for No Good Reason.
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ANOTHER COMFORTABLE DAY.

Senator Harris Being Reported as Unchanged.
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ROSA WILL BE MARRIED.

Pretty American Girl Detailed by Immigration Officials Goes Aboard with Her Attended Husband.
 A pretty American girl is being detailed by immigration officials. A pretty American girl is being detailed by immigration officials. A pretty American girl is being detailed by immigration officials.

DEFIED THE MAFIA.

Pittsburg Judge Fined Three Men Who Threatened to Assassinate.
 A judge in Pittsburg has fined three men who threatened to assassinate. A judge in Pittsburg has fined three men who threatened to assassinate.

M. et Mme CANAUD Serge
7 rue de TYR
39260 MOIRANS-EN-MONTAGNE

Moirans-en-Montagne, le 30 NOVEMBRE 2022

Mairie de MEURSAULT
Place de l'Hôtel de Ville
21190 MEURSAULT

à l'attention de M. GENTY Clément

Monsieur,

Par la présente, je vous informe de mon soutien que j'apporte au projet de M. Clément GENTY qui concerne mon arrière grand-père M. Albert COREY.

J'approuve donc la demande de modification du classement du marathon de 1904 qui sera adressé au CNOSF, ce qui permettra à mon arrière-grand-père d'être nommé premier français champion olympique de cette discipline.

Merci par avance Monsieur de l'intérêt et des suites que donnera à mon soutien auprès de M. GENTY.

Je vous prie de bien vouloir agréer, Monsieur, mes sincères salutations.

CANAUD Serge





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Meursault, le 31 juillet 2023

ATTESTATION

Nous soussigné, Denis THOMAS, agissant en qualité de Maire de la Commune de MEURSAULT

Attestons que Monsieur Clément GENTY a été élu conseiller municipal de la commune de Meursault le 15 mars 2020 et siège, en cette qualité, au sein de l'assemblée délibérante.

En foi de quoi, nous avons établi la présente attestation.

Le Maire
Denis THOMAS





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Lausanne, 24 février 2023

Course du marathon des Jeux Olympiques à Saint-Louis en 1904

Cher Monsieur,

Nous confirmons réception de votre courrier du 23 novembre dernier relatif à la course du marathon des Jeux Olympiques à Saint-Louis en 1904. Nous vous en remercions.

Nous sommes cependant au regret de vous informer que le CIO n'est ni compétent pour prendre ou revoir les décisions prises sur l'aire de compétition, ni habilité à procéder à la révision du classement de l'épreuve sportive demandé, sans compter que cette épreuve s'est tenue il y a près de 120 ans.

Nous vous prions de croire, cher Monsieur, en l'assurance de nos salutations distinguées.

Mariam Mahdavi

Directrice des affaires juridiques