

ST. PAUL MORNING CALL: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1894.

The World's Champions.

Louis and Peter Cyr, the champion heavy weight lifters of the world, will make their first appearance in this city at Market hall Friday and Saturday night. Mr. Louis Cyr is 31 years of age today and weighs 301 pounds. He holds the championship belt, which he carries with him. The French people of St. Paul will no doubt turn out in large numbers to see him. Peter Cyr is a young man 19 years of age and weighs 165 pounds. On the 6th of last August at Montreal, Canada, he won the middle weight championship belt valued at \$200. He stands ready to meet all comers at his weight for \$500 a side. Richard K. Fox will back Louis Cyr against the world for \$5,000. A pair of scales will be placed on the stage so that every weight lifted will be carefully weighed before a committee. These men have appeared before the crowned heads of Europe. The specialty company which supports the Cyr Brothers are all first class artists.

The Strong Men.

Market hall has witnessed some great scenes in its time and many "strong" men have assembled there, but the performances of Louis and Peter Cyr there last night capped the climax. Louis Cyr is unquestionably the strongest man in lifting that lives in the world today. Richard K. Fox makes an open challenge that he can stand before any living man in his special work, and has \$500 with the New York Herald to back it up. Cyr was 31 years old last Thursday, weighs 301 pounds, measures 21 inches around the biceps, 59 1/2 around the chest, wears a 22 1/2 collar and is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall. He was born in St. John, P. Q., and is French. His brother, Peter, weighs 165 pounds and is also a great athlete, though he looks like a boy beside Louis. In 1892 the latter was taken to England by Mr. Fox to meet Sandow, who refused to make a test with him. Louis received a magnificent belt as champion, and when he returned was given a fine medal by the Montreal clubs.

Louis Cyr last night did some wonderful lifting. He put a barrel of water weighing 265 pounds on his shoulder with one hand; he shouldered a 400-pound dumb bell; he took one weighing 156 pounds in one hand and another of 103 pounds in the other and handled them as a child would a toy. He held two horses weighing 2,350 pounds belonging to Miles McDonald, and they could not pull away from him. For two and a half minutes they tried it and then gave up. He put fifteen men on a platform, the total weight being 2,851 pounds, and lifted them without a harness by a straight back lift. Peter lifted 1,650 pounds in harness. He put up a 200 pound weight with his left hand easily. His record in this feat is 273 1/2 pounds. All weights were weighed by people from the audience and the scales tested. It was all straight. Ernest Johns, one of the audience, tried some of the weights and tried to lift a 185 weight. It dropped and broke the floor. His own weight was also 185 pounds. Peter Cyr then took the weight and put it up. The latter also lifted 454 pounds with one finger, besides doing other creditable feats.

Otto Ronaldo, who travels with them, claims the Greek-Roman wrestling championship. He has thrown Muldoon. He is to wrestle tonight with Hermann Schmidt, who challenged him last night and will give him \$25 if he does not throw him in fifteen minutes. A South St. Paul gentleman bets Louis Cyr \$50 that he has a pair of horses that he can't hold, and the contest will be made tonight. The team must weigh 2,600 pounds or under. With the Cyr's are Sato, the juggler; John Murphy, the slack wire balancer, and Mons. De Bee, a wonder on the trapeze. It altogether makes a fine aggregation. The Cyr's appear again at market hall tonight.

THE SAINT PAUL DAILY GLOBE: WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10, 1894.

CHAMPION STRONG MEN.

The Cyr's Will Exhibit at Market Hall This Week. Louis and Peter Cyr, the world's champion heavy weight lifters, will give an exhibition at Market hall Friday and Saturday night. They have a standing challenge open to the world for \$1,000 and upwards to meet all comers. Louis Cyr is backed by Richard K. Fox, of New York, for \$5,000 against the world, Eugene Sandow preferred. Louis Cyr will raise twenty men on his back, sitting on a platform, at one time, weighing upwards of 3,000 pounds, and will give any man in St. Paul \$50 if he fails to hold any team of horses brought forward weighing 2,000 pounds, one at each arm. He will perform many difficult feats. Peter Cyr, nineteen years old, will raise 325 pounds with one finger, 255 pounds above the head with two hands, and raise over 2,000 pounds with the use of harness. These men are supported by a strong specialty company. Otto Ronaldo, the champion Greek-Roman wrestler, will meet all comers Saturday night, and will forfeit \$25 if he fails to throw his man within fifteen minutes.

The Minneapolis Times

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4, 1894.

Richard K. Fox Backs Cyr.

The following is a copy of a letter received by H. O. Messler, manager of Louis Cyr: New York City, Sept. 25, 1894.—H. O. Messler, Manager for Cyr Bros., Minneapolis, Minn.—Dear Sir: Replying to yours of Sept. 25 inst. will say that the challenge is still open to any man in the world, and I am ready to back Mr. Louis Cyr against Eugene Sandow for \$5,000 a side. The \$500 with the New York "Herald" is evidence of my sincerity. This refers to Louis Cyr only. Yours very truly, Richard K. Fox, Proprietor "Police Gazette."

THE SWAN SONG

THE SAINT PAUL DAILY GLOBE: SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13, 1894.

MODERN SAMSONS.

The Cyr Brothers Carried Out Their Programmes.

Ever since the days of Goliath and Samson feats of physical prowess have ever challenged the admiration of mankind. In modern times Eugene Sandow has shown his marvelous strength and gained deserved plaudits. At Market hall last night, to a fair-sized audience, the Cyr brothers, Louis and Peter, the champion heavyweight lifters of the world, demonstrated that they possessed something, at least, of the strength attributed to Hercules.

After each had made preliminary lifts of dumb bells ranging from 100 pounds to 400 pounds, and performed other remarkable feats of strength, Peter Cyr, the younger brother, donned his harness and raised a platform on which stood ten men. Then Louis Cyr placed upon the platform fifteen men weighing a total of 2,858, and stepping under the platform he raised it on his back without harness. Charles Glow promised to produce a team of horses from South St. Paul that could outpull Louis Cyr. The latter accepted the challenge, with the proviso that the team should not weigh over 2,600 pounds. A catch-as-catch-can wrestle between Otto Ronaldo, a member of the company, and Herman Smith, a middle-weight professional wrestler, for \$25 a side, will add variety to the entertainment of this evening.

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THE MODERN SAMSON.

Cyr Desirous of Meeting the Big Ones.

REFEREE'S REMARKS ON PUGILISM.

The Boston "Globe" publishes a sketch of Louis Cyr, the "Police Gazette" champion strong man, in which it says:

"A great deal has been heard of Louis Cyr, the Canadian strong man, who recently made such a sensation in the Police Gazette office by his inimitable feats of strength. On Dec. 29, at Fulton, N. Y., Cyr gave an exhibition of his powers, and lifted 2,000 pounds by pushing with his back on a platform set on trestles.

"Cyr is the last man in the world who would be taken for a strong man. He is about 2 feet 6 inches in height, and so corpulent that he looks very much like a pig. He was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, was sent to Montreal to fulfill an engagement with Mrs. Thibault, then running a saloon in that city. Cyr then went to St. Casimir, a village adjoining Montreal, and became a policeman. Later, he opposed a woman, and, incidentally, jangled with 200-pound bells; lifts of 2,000 pounds, and such like trifles.

"In about 1884 he put up a 250-pound dumbbell with a steady push from the shoulder, and raised 2,000 pounds by means of a platform on trestles, getting under it as to push it up with his back. Cyr was then afraid of bursting a blood vessel, and kept quiet for a time, only now to burst on the public with the wonderful work certified to him in New York.

"At the time he lived in Montreal he weighed about 400 pounds, had arms that were naturally as hard as mahogany, but he labored with his breathing so that it was feared he would become afflicted with apoplexy. This he seemingly has battled with, and is said to be in magnificent health."

The Boston "Globe" notice is very flattering to the strongest man in the world, but it omits several of the modern Samson's most wonderful feats, which were accomplished in 1882 and 1883.

Cyr lifted 440 pounds with one finger at St. Henri, Canada, on Nov. 2, 1882. He eclipsed the above performance in this office by lifting two dumbbells and a man weighing 150 pounds with one finger, the aggregate weight being 440 pounds. This is the best performance on record. At Bethelville, Ont., on Oct. 1, 1884, Cyr lifted with his arms and legs 2,500 pounds of pig iron placed on a platform. This feat has been both at this office and at Fulton, N. Y.

Cyr's most remarkable feat was pulling up a 265-pound dumbbell with one hand from the ground to the shoulder, then pushing it up slowly from shoulder to arm's length with one hand. Cyr's feat of putting up a 265-pound dumbbell is the greatest performance on record. It was not accomplished as were the other many dumbbell lifting performances credited to other strong men, the public and the judges taking it for granted that the dumbbell weighed 265 because the figures were painted on the dumbbell, or because the athlete said the dumbbell was of the weight claimed. Cyr's feat was performed in the presence of competent officials, who certified the facts.

Cyr is, without doubt, the strongest man living, and Richard K. Fox, the "Police Gazette" champion, or any man living, can surpass the feats of this wonder. Cyr, 450 and a trophy, Sandow and Hercules have given a great sensation in London, England, in a competition, but the feat they accomplished could be compared to the five wonderful feats Cyr performed in this office.

If Sandow and Hercules are looked upon as wonderfully strong men, then the "Police Gazette" champion is a phenomenon. He does not know his own strength, for at every attempt to beat previous performances he succeeds. He is only 23 years of age, weighs over 300 pounds, while his measurements are something wonderful. If ever he enters a competition against the Ajaxes, Herculeses, Sandows, and others of like ilk, little hope exists that he will be attached to their great muscular powers compared with those of Cyr, the genuine modern Samson.

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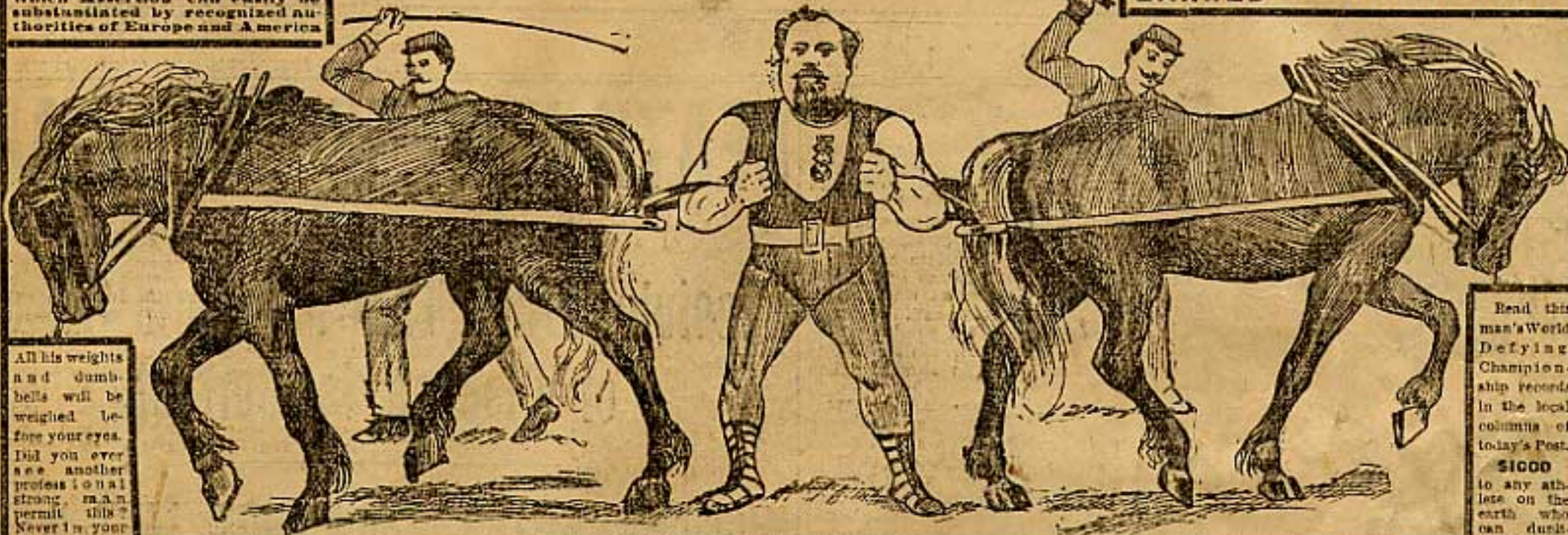
Louis Cyr, the "Police Gazette" champion strong man, is now exhibiting in New Bedford, Mass. The Evening Journal of that place refers to him as follows: "There have been strong men almost without number whose feats of strength have been remarkable, but it has remained for Louis Cyr to capture the international trophy offered a year ago by Richard K. Fox, the well known New York publisher, and to astonish everybody who has witnessed his surprising exhibitions."



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HIS LECTURE APPRECIATED.

Prof. Hutchins of Austin & Stone's Museum
Receives a Gold Medal.

Prof. W. S. Hutchins, the wide-awake and popular lecturer of Austin & Stone's Museum, was presented with a gold medal yesterday afternoon from Mr. Louis Cyr of the Cyr brothers, the strong men.

Mr. Cyr told a Herald reporter that in all his travels, which covered the world, he had never heard a man who could describe his performances in such a manner as did Prof. Hutchins.

Manager J. L. Champagne of the Cyr brothers presented the medal.

Prof. Hutchins was completely overcome, and it was several minutes before he could find words to express himself, which is an unusual thing for him. He wished to thank Mr. Cyr, for whom he had formed an attachment, for the kind feeling that he had for him, and said that the donor was not only large in heart and body, but was large all the way through. "Though I am not with him in body when he goes out," said the professor, "I will be in spirit, and my blessing will be with him. I hope he will have happiness in this world as long as he lives."

The medal is of handsome design, of solid gold, and was made by the Rely Medal Company. Hanging from the top bar is an eagle, and on the base is the inscription: "Presented to Prof. W. S. Hutchins by Louis Cyr, champion strong man of the world, for best lecture ever given upon him." This inscription is encircled by a wreath, beautifully chased. It is a very beautiful piece of work.

BOSTON SUNDAY POST, MAY 19, 1895.



LOUIS CYR, WORLD'S CHAMPION STRONG MAN AT AUSTIN & STON

AUSTIN & STONE'S.

The phenomenal Louis Cyr will be in Boston this week and in the lecture hall at Austin & Stone's Museum will show his wonderful strength. Not only will he appear in a muscle-exerting performance, but he challenges all comers. In naming the men of strength he would be pleased to meet, he mentions Sandow (who is preferred), Cyclops, Sampson, Jefferson, Kennedy, Montgomery, Irving, Sebastian Miller, Stickney, Romulus, Attila, Wahland, Johnson, Rialto and many others.

Louis Cyr was born in St. John's in the province of Quebec, in 1853. He attributes his great strength almost entirely to the magnificent physique of his mother, who stood 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighed 257 pounds. When Fox heard of him he took him over the water, visiting England, Scotland, Ireland and Germany. Cyr challenged every strong man on this tour and those who contested with him were vanquished. Upon his return to Montreal the city presented him with a gold medal of \$500 value.

Cyr is 5 feet 10 1-2 inches tall; weight, 235; chest, 59 1-2 inches; expansion of chest, 7 inches; waist, 47 inches; biceps, 21 1-2 inches; forearm, 19 1-2 inches; thigh, 23 inches; calf, 29 inches—wonderful physical development.

At the Scollay square museum he will show several styles of heavy lifting, but his greatest feat will be his big back lift, in which he has beaten the world by lifting 4000 pounds of pig iron. He will lift men in this act, and as many as seventeen at one time.

In his entertainment Cyr will be assisted by his 19-year old brother, Peter, who holds the middleweight championship record.

In the lecture hall there will also be seen Kreiger, the Russian conjurer; Dexter, the man of mystery, and Edwards, the royal illusionist. The stage entertainments will introduce Emerson and Emmons, Mitchell and Loralne, Irving Jones, Morton and Eckhoff, Damon and Sheridan, the Faulkner sisters, Julie Emmons, John Patton, Mason and Rowley, the Royale trio, Virgie Arnoldi, Volma and Zebra, Fred Courtney and Morton and Goodrich.

