

THOUSANDS CHEER ALFRED VANDERBILT

Great Enthusiasm Aroused by
His Trial Coaching Trip
to Brighton.

OVATION OF SEVEN HOURS

Road from Reigate to End of Journey
Almost Blocked with Spectators
—Coach 50 Minutes Late.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, April 22.—Alfred G. Vanderbilt met with a veritable ovation to-day practically all the way from the Berkeley Hotel in London to the Metropole in Brighton while he was making his first trial trip with his four-in-hand coach over the old Brighton Road.

As I stated in my wireless message to THE NEW YORK TIMES last Saturday, Mr. Vanderbilt made a trial trip over the road with a tandem last week. On that occasion he practically succeeded in covering the distance from London to Brighton and back without being recognized. To-day, however, enthusiasm at the appearance of the American millionaire and his smart coaching turnout was the signal for almost continuous enthusiasm.

Mr. Vanderbilt's American-built coach Venture, not having been brought from the steamship docks, the English coach Meteor was substituted for to-day's trial. Mr. Vanderbilt, attired in a heavy, fawn-colored coaching coat, with pearl buttons and regulation silk hat, climbed up on the box in front of the Berkeley at 11 o'clock sharp. A brief moment later Walter Godden, the famous old-time coaching guard, who was with Jim Selby when he broke the London-Brighton record with the "Old Times" coach, sprang from the leaders' heads and the coach was off, with Mr. Vanderbilt driving.

Several thousand persons, who had heard of the projected trial, all but blocked the traffic as the coach, pulled by the famous grays at a spanking trot, bowled along Piccadilly toward Hyde Park Corner. Waiting crowds, together with cabmen, 'bus drivers, and even chauffeurs, set up great cheers as the coach rolled along, and Mr. Vanderbilt took off his hat in response to the demonstrations, which were repeated at intervals along the entire road to Brighton.

The coach took a fresh relay of horses at each of eight inns, already referred to in my dispatches, and finally reached the Metropole in Brighton at 6:08 o'clock this evening, some fifty minutes later than the scheduled time.

At Reigate, the last stop before Brighton, the coach was met by hundreds of vehicles of all description, and from there on a cheering mass of people lined both sides of the road so densely all the way to Brighton that there was barely room for the coach to pass. The passengers in the coach to-day consisted of a few of Mr. Vanderbilt's English friends.

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