

the press for two years at a rate of anywhere between thirty and forty miles an hour. In fact, a Brooklyn paper on May 29 last reported this wonderful yacht as carrying our President through the waters of the Potomac at the rate of thirty-five miles per hour. This is but a very slow rate of speed for the Vamoose, as may be shown by clippings taken from responsible newspapers throughout the country for the past two years.

Now, what the public demands and desires to know is which is the faster yacht, the Vamoose or the Norwood. My motive in purchasing the Vamoose was to settle this vexed question once and for all.

The price paid by me for her was \$10,000, and as I had her sold for a much larger sum before I bought her I am out nothing, but I control her for five weeks to come.

To finally determine the question of comparative speed between the two boats, I invite the Herreshoffs, the builders of the Vamoose, and Mr. William R. Hearst, her former owner, to place in her engine and boiler room the most expert engineers and firemen America can produce, to put an expert pilot at her wheel, and to man her to suit themselves, all at my expense. Then I ask that the Vamoose be sent for a record first over a measured mile, secondly over a twenty-mile course, and thirdly over the American Yacht Club's course of eighty-two knots, so that Messrs. Herreshoffs and Hearst may publicly verify their statements regarding the speed of the Vamoose or be obliged to pronounce her a most stupendous failure.

The Norwood will be sent over the same courses after the Vamoose has finished, and her speed under similar conditions accurately ascertained.

If the Herreshoffs and Mr. Hearst refuse to adopt this plan, which, as already stated, will cost them absolutely nothing, then the name of the yacht which heretofore was and now is the Vamoose will be changed to the highly appropriate and suggestive one of *Led Astray*, and she will pass into her new owner's hands with a guarantee from me that she can speed over an eighty-two-knot course at the rate of 18½ miles an hour. Respectfully,

NORMAN L. MUNRO.

New-York, Sept. 15, 1893.

MR. MUNRO'S OFFER.

He Wants the Question of the Speed of the Vamoose and Norwood Settled.

Norman L. Munro sends the following open letter to *The New-York Times*:

To Expert Engineers, to the Herreshoffs, to Mr. William R. Hearst of California, and to a Doubting Public:

I believe that there are scarcely two boats under the sun to-day as well known to the general public the world over as are the Vamoose and the Norwood. With a view to satisfy public curiosity and to demonstrate to my friends and others that either one or the other of these yachts did not merit such world-wide fame, I became the owner of the Vamoose.

This celebrated yacht has been speeding through