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SMIRKE WINS.

A record crowd of 30,000 watches ten thoroughbreds from six nations get away smoothly at Laurel Park, Maryland. This race, the Washington International, is worth £25,000 to the winner. Two British entries, Wilwyn and Harwin, are already flagging. "Sunglow" and "Iceberg" the Second, American horses are up in front, but Britain's Charlie Smirke has yet to make his run on the French horse Warden the Second.

Into the last bend, and now Smirke swings Warden the Second to the outside to give him his head. A perfect bit of timing. He's gaining steadily. "Iceberg the Second" and "Silnet" can't maintain the pace. Warden the Second takes the lead - and he's pulling away with every stride.

A French horse, superbly ridden by a great English jockey wins the £25,000 American classic, by six lengths.