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DUMPING INQUIRY OPENS IN CITY HALL

There were some lively passages at arms between the recorder and Ald. McArthur on one side and Gordon S. Mayes on the other last evening, at the investigation into the charges that mud and other material had been dumped within the harbor limits. Mr. Mayes claimed he was not permitted to ask questions and expressed himself as amazed at the ruling of the chair. The recorder reminded him that he was liable to be put out by a constable for disrespect, which drew a heated rejoinder, and a threat to import Dr. Pugsley into the proceedings. Matters quieted down after a time and the meeting adjourned with peace and harmony prevailing, to meet tomorrow evening.

Mr. Quinn, and Pilot Bart Rogers gave evidence tending to show that mud was dumped improperly. The harbor master disclaimed any knowledge of such acts. There will be many more witnesses at the next hearing, and subpoena will be issued if any fail to attend. Ald. McArthur occupied the chair, and Ald. Lewis, Van Wert, Bullock and Sproul were present with the recorder, common clerk and city hall stenographer.

Get Money Evidence at Once. Bostonian W. Quinn sworn, and examined by the chairman, said he knew of two or three occasions when mud from Sand Point was dumped between the Beacon light and Shag rocks. He did not remember dates, but it was this year. Mud was left lying on the beach for more than a week. He could not say if it had affected the east channel. He had seen mud dumped into the harbor from steamers. He knew it was done, because the steamers were not hauled away, given away or taken to sea.

The spot on the Beacon bar where the mud was piled was the place where the steamers from Sand Point slip passed at high water. Two years ago it was safe to come up outside the breakwater in a small boat; it was not safe now. He had taken measurements. There was a difference in the east channel last winter, a schooner drawing sixteen feet was aground there. The city dredge on foggy days also dumped close to the breakwater. He knew the difference between the steamer owned by the city and Mr. Mayes, Captain Blizard, of the Lansdowne, had told him he found only sixteen feet of water in the channel 200 yards E.S.E. of the gas buoy where there ought to be twenty feet. The harbor master said that would be almost on the foul ground.

The witness said he was not sure of the exact place. Ald. Lewis remarked he would bet there was at least twenty-three feet of water in the channel. To Ald. Bullock the witness said he had no written instructions as to where the city steamer was to dump. He understood it was outside Shag rocks. He knew nothing as to the contract between Mr. Mayes and the government.

The chairman—Any statement as to the steamers? Witness—No. "Nothing else to offer." In reply to Ald. Bullock the witness said he had no written instructions as to where the city steamer was to dump. He understood it was outside Shag rocks. He knew nothing as to the contract between Mr. Mayes and the government.

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A PERFECTLY PLAIN PROPOSITION The Story of a Girl and a Gold Mine

BY MAPAVENE KENNEDY.

(Conclusion.) "It's only because it's Ed's project," she cried, wrathfully. "If it was any one else you would be hot after your self. It's a perfectly plain proposition, and you know it. You tell me not to see Burg. You say he won't invest in anything more, not even a sure 100 per cent. paying venture. Well, this is a thousand times more. He can realize a profit for years and years, on an investment of only \$20,000. Do you think Burg will turn that down? I don't. And it's good to see him. You don't have to introduce me. As his secretary, it may be your place to keep people from bothering him, but you shan't stop me. Enderly caught her in his arms as she moved, impulsively, by him. "I'll introduce you, Lorene," he said, gently. "But I don't want to. You're the most precious thing in the world to me and—his voice was significant—"I know Burg."

She threw herself in her room and waited with tense nerves and rigid muscles for Deller to appear. She closed her eyes, and her heart throbbed wildly, her head ached to bursting, her soul abashed, rebellion against the silence and the slowly moving hands of the clock. Five minutes—ten. Only five minutes—it must be hours. What if they would not sign at the last moment? What—what—what? Oh, why did not Ed come?—He slept. Not a hour—what? Two hours! Had she really contained herself two hours! His step? No—yes! She threw herself in her room and waited with tense nerves and rigid muscles for Deller to appear. She closed her eyes, and her heart throbbed wildly, her head ached to bursting, her soul abashed, rebellion against the silence and the slowly moving hands of the clock. Five minutes—ten. Only five minutes—it must be hours. What if they would not sign at the last moment? What—what—what? Oh, why did not Ed come?—He slept. Not a hour—what? Two hours! Had she really contained herself two hours! His step? No—yes!

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