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ADDITIONAL AIDS TO NAVIGATION ON CHATHAM SHOALS

American Lighthouse Board Decides, After Inquiry, to Place Five More Guides Through Pollock Rip Slue—Some Changes Dec. 21.

Boston, Dec. 14—Additional safeguards will be immediately placed on Chatham Shoals as aids to navigation as a result of a hearing at the chamber of commerce today by a special government commission appointed to investigate improvements in navigation facilities in Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds and around Cape Cod. The commission that heard today's testimony was headed by Rear Admiral Adolf Marx, chairman of the lighthouse board of the government and at the conclusion of the evidence submitted by a number of masters of coastwise steamers, Admiral Marx announced five additional guides through Pollock Rip Slue. This narrow and tortuous channel is about fifteen miles long and covers the elbow end of Cape Cod. It is already marked by four lightships and a number of lighted buoys, and Admiral Marx stated that the changes would be as follows: First—That at Pollock Rip Shoal, No. 2 buoy is to be changed to a flashing red light.

COUNCIL TAKES FIRST STEP TOWARD REFORM AT CITY HALL

Peters Relires, Consolidation of Offices of All Directors is Decided On

Scheme to Re-Appoint Old Officers is Abandoned By Its Promoters—Committee Appointed with Recorder to Get New Plan in Shape by December 28—How the Aldermen Voted—Baxter was for Total Abolition of Directors But Kelley's Motion Carried.

"THAT in the opinion of members of this council the city demands better administration, and in the interest of good government it is expedient to once consolidate the offices of the several present directors and that one city engineer be appointed who shall have charge over all the services of the city now under the several directors and the city engineer."

Tuesday, Dec. 15. By passing the foregoing resolution by an almost unanimous vote, the council yesterday recognized that the time had come for a reorganization of the civic administration. In the course of a speech which lasted an hour and a half, Ald. McGoldrick read a letter from Hurr Peters, the director of the board of works, withdrawing his name as an applicant for reappointment. Ald. McGoldrick made a reply to the criticisms recently made against his department. Ald. Baxter also spoke at length in explanation of the position he had taken up. Both sides voted for the resolution. An amendment to include the consideration of a system of civic government was defeated. A motion to appoint a committee to carry out the terms of the resolution and report back on Dec. 28 was carried unanimously. Mr. Peters remains in the employ of the city as consulting engineer, a position he occupied before being appointed director. The bills and bye laws committee were instructed to prepare legislation fixing an additional tax on insurance companies with head offices in St. John at \$100 in lieu of a tax on their capital stock. The mayor presided and the full council was present with the common clerk.

CASTRO ACCORDED GREAT WELCOME BY GERMAN PEOPLE

Wired His Homage to Kaiser on Reaching Frontier, and Every Deference is Extended to Him at Different Towns—Venezuela Protests Against Dutch Blockade.

Berlin, Dec. 14—President Castro, of Venezuela, and the members of his party arrived here this evening. The train reached the Zoological Garden station on the edge of the city, somewhat later than expected but it was awaited by a dense crowd of people, who had gathered out of curiosity. No precautions had been taken to prevent the public from crowding the platform and, as the train steamed into the depot, the president was greeted with shouts of "long live Castro!" There was a general lifting of hats and much cheering. The Venezuelan charge d'affaires at Berlin, Senor Veloz-Gotico, Senor Nachod, the consul at Berlin and other prominent Venezuelans had the greatest difficulty in making their way to the entrance of the car where Castro was standing waiting to descend. The president, although having the appearance of a sick, was full of energy. He wore a grey soft hat and black overcoat. As soon as the train came to a standstill, he stepped quietly out and cordially embraced Senor Veloz and Nachod. The consul read a short address of welcome and the president apparently was about to reply when another train dashed in at the opposite platform with such a deafening noise that his effort to speak was in vain. Further cheering broke out as the president's wife and the fifteen other members of his party descended the saloon steps. They then left the station and found, drawn up outside several motor cars which were elaborately decorated with Venezuelan flags. In these they drove to the hotel Esplanade, about fifteen minutes distance, followed by a number of private motor cars and cabs containing newspaper men and others. The corridor of the hotel was crowded when they arrived and a band struck up the Venezuelan hymn as President Castro, with his wife on his arm, entered. The president declined to be interviewed, saying that he was fatigued and hungry. Members of Castro's suite started to the president had sent a despatch to Emperor William from Herberthal, on the German frontier, stating that he had come to Germany for medical treatment and expressing profound homage to his majesty. According to the same authority when he learned the news of the capture of a Venezuelan vessel by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland he was not greatly affected, merely remarking that there was no such vessel in the Venezuelan service. While at Cologne the president and his party visited the cathedral and other places of interest, and enjoyed an automobile trip along the shore of the Rhine. He displayed the greatest interest in the industrial region of Westphalia, which he traversed by train continually asking questions. He expressed pleasure at the arrangements made by the railroad officials at Cologne, where the station platform was shut off so as to prevent a crush and the imperial waiting rooms were placed at his disposal. Venezuela Protests. Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 11—Via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 14—Foreign Minister Paul today sent a note to the members of the diplomatic corps here protesting vigorously against the "repeated violation of the territorial rights of Venezuela" by the three Dutch warships that have been cruising in Venezuelan waters since Dec. 2. No blockade had been declared, he set forth, and the continual interference with the coastwise shipping is having a detrimental effect upon the commerce of neutral powers. In conclusion the foreign minister says: "Venezuela protests with energy against these aggressions upon the territorial sovereignty of the Republic and she holds Holland responsible for all the consequences."

TORONTO 'VARSITY STUDENTS HAVE FREE FIGHT

"Meds" and "Science" Battle Furiously Till President Falconer is Brought to the Scene—Many Heads and Windows Want Repairs.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 14—Those ancient enemies the "Meds" and "Science" at Varsity had a royal time this afternoon, students to the number of about 600 being mixed up in it. The senior medical men lined in front of the medical building to get their pictures taken. From the school of science, opposite, the boys saw what was going on and all might have passed off well had there not been soft snow on the ground. The Meds stood for the snowfall as well as possible till their picture was taken. They then rushed the school men back into the science building. Some science men stuck a hose through the lower window and drenched some of the scappers, and there were many black eyes from thrown snowballs and from encounters with fists. Some of the fighting was fun and some was earnest. Hats were smashed and clothing was torn and "red inked." Medical students, who had been in the dissecting room, came down in their aprons and threw around bits of material they had been dissecting. The varsity policeman was helpless, and the battle might have raged till dusk had not President Falconer, who is still unwell from a cold, been brought to the scene. At the sight of him the students stopped fighting and began to realize that another investigation and punishment were likely to come their way. Sixty-nine windows in "school" and twenty-three in the medical building were smashed in the fray.

HUGHES NOW AFTER WALL STREET SHARKS

Appoints a Committee to Investigate Methods of Operations on Exchanges.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14—Governor Hughes tonight announced the appointment of a committee of nine consisting of bankers, business men and economists, to inquire into the facts surrounding the business of exchanges in New York and to suggest "what changes, if any, are advisable in the law of the state bearing upon speculation" in securities and commodities, or relating to the protection of investors; or with regard to the instrumentalities and organizations used in dealing in securities and commodities which are subject to speculation. The committee named include: Horace White, author and editor; Chas. A. Schieren, merchant, formerly mayor of Brooklyn; David Leventritt, former justice of the supreme court; Clark Williams, state superintendent of banks; John B. Clark, professor of political economy in Columbia University; Willard V. King, banker, president of Columbia Trust Company; Samuel H. Ordway, lawyer, New York; Edward D. Page, of New York, and Chas. Sprague Smith, director of People's Institute, all of New York city.

SIX MEN INJURED, FOUR SERIOUSLY, IN HULL EXPLOSION

Ottawa, Dec. 14—As the result of an explosion in one of the Portland cement company quarries outside Hull yesterday afternoon, four men lie in the hospital, one of them in a serious condition, and two others are slightly injured. The injured are: Thos. McKinstry, Wrightville, aged 32, fractured leg. A. Belanger, Hull, aged forty-seven, skull seriously fractured. Z. Bigras, Gatineau Point, aged nineteen, fractured shoulder and arm. Louis Guvremont, Ottawa, fractured leg, in the hospital. Wm. McEwen and J. Tremblay, of Hull, are less seriously injured. Thos. McKinstry was connecting fuses for a blast at the bottom of the quarry and the blast occurred prematurely.

BOLD ROBBERY AT AMERICAN 'SOO'

Three Unknown Men Knock Deputy Postmaster Senseless and Escape With \$2,500. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 14—Three unknown men entered the post office last night while Deputy Postmaster Frank Higgins was making out a payroll, knocked him senseless with a sand bag and then escaped with \$2,500. They are supposed to have gone to Canada. Higgins recovered consciousness early today and crawled out of the building and gave the alarm.

EIGHT NIGHT RIDERS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14—With both the prosecution and the defense announcing themselves ready for trial, the latter, however, under protest, the trial on a charge of murder of eight men held as alleged leaders of the night rider band of the Reel Foot Lake region, which slew Captain Quentin Rankin, was begun today. It promises to be a vigorously contested case and on its outcome will depend the action to be taken against other indicted alleged night riders. The defense asked that the indictments returned at the October term of court, charging an offense of a less serious nature, be first disposed of and that the sheriff, instead of the judge, be permitted to select a panel. On both contentions, Judge Jones decided against Rie A. Pierce, who appeared for the defendants. Then the defense announced readiness for trial, but under protest, because of the ruling of the court. Judge Jones announced that he would summon 300 men to appear at the opening of court Wednesday when the work of selecting the trial jury will be begun.

LONGBOAT AND BORANNO ON EDGE FOR TONIGHT'S RACE

New York, Dec. 14—Dorando Pietri, the Marathon runner, and Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, today ended their training for the race in Madison Square Garden tomorrow night with short runs. Both men are in excellent condition. The race will be for twenty-five miles, 385 yards, the London-Olympic Marathon distance, and will be run over the same course which Dorando won at London. Hayes a short time ago. Floyd McFarland, the bicyclist, who won the recent six-day race, will give the starting signal promptly at 9 o'clock. A large delegation of Canadians will come to witness the contest.

SIX JURORS SECURED IN HAIN'S CASE

Judge Hopes by Night Sessions to Finish This Week—Prisoner Confident of Acquittal. Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14—When court adjourned tonight, after two long sessions consumed in wearisome examination of the witness, six jurors were selected. The juror to try Thornton J. Hains, a short-story writer, on charges of being an accessory in the killing of William E. Annis, an editor, who was shot on the beach at the Bayview Yacht Club last summer, by Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., of the United States Army. Difficulty in obtaining a jury because of opinion formed by the court was apparent in the examination of talesmen and tonight Justice Crane directed that a new panel of 100 talesmen be drawn and that a night session be held. The court hopes to have the trial end by the last of the week. Interrogations of talesmen by Hains' counsel indicate that the defense will be based principally on the contention that Thornton Hains, fearing that his brother's life was in jeopardy from the crowd at the club house because Annis was shot, drew his revolver and held back the defendant, Hains, who was one of defense and not of offense, according to his counsel. John P. McIntyre, of counsel for Hains, announced tonight that Hains would take the witness stand in his own defense. He will probably testify to the events at Fort Hamilton which led up to the separation of Captain Hains and his wife and to the tragedy at the Bayview Yacht Club. Mr. McIntyre will offer in evidence the alleged confession made by Mrs. Claudia Hains to her husband. All of counsel for the defense were subpoenaed by District Attorney Darrin tonight as witnesses in the case. Mr. Shay, of Hains' counsel, said Mr. Darrin desired to obtain the possession of certain letters written by Thornton J. Hains to Captain Hains last spring asking him to return from the Philippines. Thornton J. Hains took a lively interest in the examination of talesmen today and frequently chatted and smiled with his counsel over some of the answers of possible jurors. Whenever the state's attorney asked a talesman if he knew the defendant, Hains would smile and point to himself to indicate that he was the defendant and not one of the numerous lawyers grouped about him. Prof. Macoun read a paper in confidence that he would at Christmas dinner at home. After the adjournment of court he was manacled to a deputy sheriff and taken in an automobile to the Long Island City Jail. General Peter C. Hains and Mrs. Hains, father and mother of the defendant, returned to New York after the afternoon session of court.

BRITAIN TO ECLIPSE UNCLE SAM'S 'ARMADA'

Has Ordered Three Separate Squadrons to Cruise in Waters of American Continent. London, Dec. 14—With a view to showing the British flag on both sides of the American continent, the admiralty has ordered the cruisers Cambrian and Plover dispatched from the Australian and China squadrons respectively for a visit to the southern ports of the Pacific coast of South America. This will make three separate squadrons cruising in the waters of the American continent. The largest British force hitherto in these waters was composed of the squadron under Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, and the ships Shearwater and Algerine visiting at Acapulco, Mexico, and other ports along the southeast coast.

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Engine of the Ballast Train Upset and Driver and Fireman Are Now in Hospital. Montreal, N. B., Dec. 14—(Special)—By the overturning of an engine two men working on the Grand Trunk Pacific construction a short distance west of Moncton, were badly injured this afternoon. The engine of a ballast train left the rails and upset. Driver Brooks and Fireman McManon, who were in the cab at the time, were the victims. The driver had two ribs fractured and shoulder badly injured, while the fireman was severely scalded about the face, arms and back. Both men were removed to the hospital, but will recover.

BOSTON TO VOTE ON LICENSE

Boston, Dec. 14—With elections tomorrow in Boston, Newburyport and North Adams, all but one of the thirty-three Massachusetts cities will have settled their municipal affairs for the ensuing year, Cambridge alone postponing action under its new city charter until March. In Newburyport and North Adams contests for mayors and members of the city government, the license question and the acceptance of the playground act will make the contest interesting, especially as there are three candidates for mayor in the former city and four in the latter. Newburyport has been a close city on the license question but has voted so in the past two years, while at North Adams liquor-selling has been favored for some time. Less interest is taken in the election in the city than for many years, principally through the absence of a contest for mayor, the present incumbent, George A. Hibbard, Republican, holding over for another year, and also by an agreement of all parties on two candidates for school committee. Party lines, however, obtain in the contest for street commissioner, thirteen places on the board of aldermen and membership in the common council. There are forty-two candidates for the upper branch of the government and the vote is permitted to mark seven of them. On the license question Boston has always been recorded in favor of liquor-selling by heavy minorities.

KING EDWARD'S HEALTH IMPROVED

London, Dec. 14—King Edward arrived today in London, greatly improved in health. He held an investiture at Buckingham Palace during which he walked briskly about the rooms and conversed freely with those present. Upon the advice of his physicians, the king has given up his visit to Lord Burton in Derbyshire, because of the inclement weather, and will return to Brighton tomorrow.

NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS IN SESSION

(Special to The Telegraph.) Middleton, N. S., Dec. 14—The 45th annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association opened today. About 100 were present, including Prof. Macoun, Prof. Smith and Prof. Shaw. Secretary S. C. Parker gave a report of the year's work. Owing to the favorable season despite the early frosts a creditable display of fruit was made at the Halifax exhibition, but that at the Kentville exhibition was the best exhibit of fruit ever seen in eastern Canada. At the Royal Horticultural exhibition London, Nova Scotia took first honors. Prof. Macoun read a paper in crossing and breeding for better varieties of fruit at the experimental farms.

850,000 Lawrence Fire.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 14—For four hours tonight the whole city department fought a stubborn fire which started in the basement of the Adams block at 286 and 288 Essex street, and working its way upward, between the walls and by a central air shaft, eventually destroyed the entire interior, leaving only a shell of walls standing. No other buildings were burned. The total loss is \$200,000, fairly covered by insurance.

Rev. J. J. Rice Dead.

Toronto, Dec. 14—(Special)—Rev. J. J. Rice died in the hospital today from injuries received in a street car accident last Tuesday.

YORK LOAN LAND SALES.

Toronto, Dec. 14—(Special)—The sales of York Loan land this month amounted to \$20,000, and the good prices realized improve the outlook for the shareholders.

STMR. TURRET BELL PULLED OFF ROCKS

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 14—(Special)—The steamer Turret Bell has been pulled off the rocks at Cable Head and is now in seven feet of water at low tide. She has been pumped full of water and cannot move during the winter. One of Captain Reid's men will live on board all winter. The steamer was moved about 700 feet and the bow is now pointing northeast instead of southwest as when she went on.

STMR. MINTO TOWS SCHOONER JAMMED IN ICE TO SAFETY

Summerside, Dec. 14—(Special)—The Point Du Chene route is still closed. The Minto left Charlottetown for Pictou this morning with mails and passengers, but after going a short distance was obliged to return on account of the storm. Off Governor's Island she sighted the Schar Jettison with coal from Sydney for Charlottetown, jammed in the ice and took her in tow, reaching here at 1 o'clock.

INCREASED I. O. F. RATES BEFORE BUFFALO COURT

Charges of Mismanagement Among Other Things Alleged Against the Order. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 14—Arguments on a motion of the Independent Order of Foresters to vacate an injunction restraining the order from enforcing its increased assessment rates were brought before Justice Marcus in special term of the supreme court today. The main question argued was one of contract. The plaintiffs, who secured the injunction, contended that when they entered the order as members they agreed to pay a certain rate of assessment in return for certain benefits. The order maintains that the right to increase the rates was understood when the members joined. The affidavits on which the injunction was granted allege that the new rate schedule adopted by supreme officers of the order at Toronto last June was not legal and that the funds of the order had been mismanaged. Arguments will be continued tomorrow.

ALBERTA WANTS MORE RAILWAYS

Provincial Ministers at Ottawa for Federal Aid, and Intimate That Lines Will Have to Be Built to Develop Resources. (Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The province of Alberta is credited with ambitious plans in the matter of railway extension and despatches have stated that failing federal assistance the province has determined upon a vigorous policy of railway building upon its own initiative and backed by its own credit. It is a matter of record that exploration and scientific investigation have year by year added to the known extent of Alberta's agricultural and timber resources until today its promises in this respect are among the most alluring of the last great west. Hon. Chas. Wilson Cross, attorney general of the province is at present in Ottawa, and will be joined in a day or two by Premier Rutherford who, it is understood, will also impress upon the government the necessity of aiding in the settlement of the Edmonton and Peace River district by assisting in the construction of railways. It is a foregone conclusion that their representations will have much influence with the prime minister.

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