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CAPTAIN TRIED FOR ATTEMPT TO RAM U.S. SHIPS

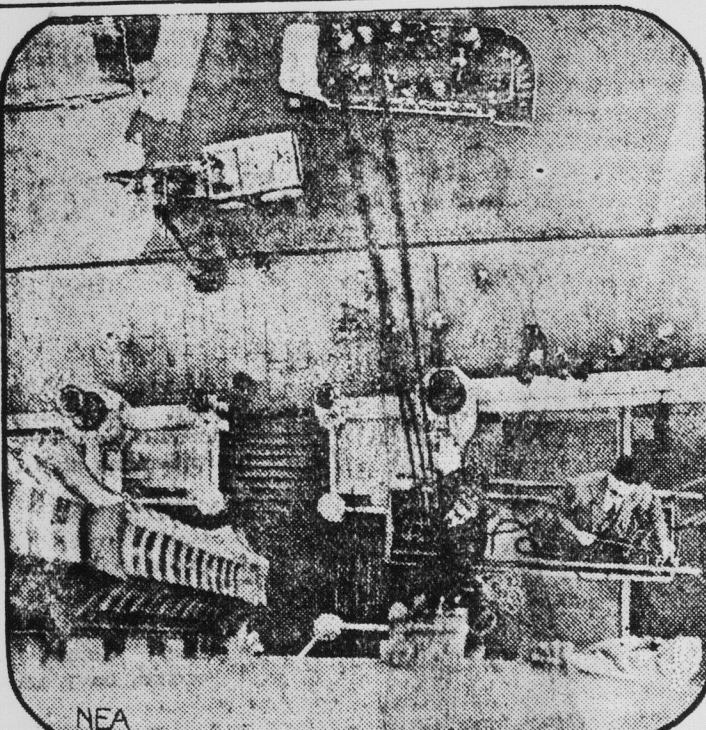
Hearing of Oxner at Bridge-
water, N. S., Results
in Committal

BRIDGEWATER, N. S., Oct. 6.—The story of a 75-foot Nova Scotia windjammer with a gasoline "kicker" to help her along, pitting its strength against three armored vessels of the United States navy, far out in the bounding main, was told in the magistrate's court here today and on the strength of it Captain Norman Oxner of the schooner Gaspe Fisherman was ordered tried by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia for attempting to send to the bottom two units of the American fleet.

No damage was suffered by the fleet, but the schooner with her cargo of alcohol got away. The seriousness of the complaint which passed through the usual diplomatic channels and resulted in the Canadian government taking action against the schooner's skipper, was evidenced by the presence in port of the United States destroyer M. G. McCall, which featured in the alleged attempt against two patrol boats and which brought a party of witnesses here for the trial.

SCHOONER TRAILED
The story is that the McCall was trailing the Nova Scotia schooner at a point about 75 miles off the United States coast and 380 miles from the nearest Canadian land. The coast-guard boats CG-147 and CG-211 flanked the schooner, one on the port and one on the starboard. Members of the United States vessels were in court today that as they proceeded in this formation the schooner suddenly swerved and ran straight for one of the patrol boats which was forced to make quickly astern to avoid being rammed. Outwitted in that direction the evidence declared that the schooner quickly zigzagged and made for the other escorting patrol boat which, however, succeeded in out-maneuvring the schooner. This operation, it was testified, was repeated four times within 15 minutes and in the confusion which en-

LOOKING DOWN FROM "BIG BEN"



This is the view—or part of it—that you'd get if you sat on one of the hands of the famous "Big Ben" clock on the tower of the British House of Parliament, London, and looked straight down. "Big Ben" is being repaired, and the photographer went up in advance to get a picture of the hoist bringing up the workmen.

ADDS TO FUND FOR SOLDIER MEMORIAL

Duke of Rothesay Chapter,
I. O. D. E., Also Votes Sum
For Protestant Orphanage

Captain Oxner, who hails from Riverview, N. S., declared in his defence that he had simply tried to prevent the encroaching patrol boats fouling his log line and that he had no designs upon the cutters. He admitted that he carried a cargo of alcohol but maintained that he had never landed any of it on American territory nor disposed of it in American waters.

According to the evidence of the witnesses Captain Oxner had cried to the cutters, "Don't foul my log or I'll get you yet." And the answer that came back from the Americans was, the evidence stated, "Go to—your log."

Mr. Power for the defence asked Lieut. McCluskey, of the McCall, if he thought a little wooden schooner could do any harm to the armed ships of the dry fleet and the officer declared that only quick manoeuvres of the patrol boats prevented them being sent to the bottom.

Oxner was held in \$3,000 bail, which was furnished, and the trial will commence next Tuesday.

THERE will never be an ideal movie show until they get up one where the villain gives the hero a good, sound thrashing and marries the girl.

OPPOSITION TO COL. J. L. RALSTON IN N. S. LIKELY

Hatfield Due Into Senate
Friday; New Ministry for
N. S. Man Talked

OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—Conservative political observers expressed the opinion tonight that there probably will be no opposition from their party for the election of any Liberals on the coming by-elections on November 9, made necessary by the formation of the King cabinet.

There are rumors, though, of possible opposition by local Conservatives to Col. J. L. Ralston, in Nova Scotia, in the event of his appointment to the portfolio of minister of national defence.

NEW PORTFOLIO

MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—A special Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Gazette says:

"At the next cabinet meeting to be held, probably on Friday, appointment of Paul Hatfield, (Yarmouth-Sheburne) to the Senate will be made and before the Prime Minister leaves the capital that night he will have announced the appointment of Colonel J. L. Ralston, of Halifax, as minister of national defence. He will take Mr. Hatfield's seat."

"Already there is talk from those interested in Nova Scotia that at a later date Colonel Hatfield will be transferred from National Defence to the new portfolio to be created, that of Fisheries, which is regarded as more properly belonging to Nova Scotia, and that Hon. John Sinclair, of Prince Edward Island, who has been promised first tenure of the Fisheries portfolio, will be given something else."

ALIBI DEFENCE IN SHEMOQUE HEARING

Parents Say McNutt Was Home
When Blair Murray Was
Shot

PORT ELGIN, Oct. 6.—The trial of Cecil McNutt, of Melrose, charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Blair Murray, 64-year-old farmer of Little Shemoque, by shooting on Sept. 28, was resumed before Magistrate C. B. Copp, at Port Elgin, today. After the hearing of several witnesses the case was adjourned until Tuesday, Oct. 14. The accused was released on \$1,500 bail.

Certificates Granted To N. B. Officers

In recent military orders published by Col. Condit, W. B. Anderson, C. M. G., D. S. O., in charge of M. D. No. 7, notice is given of the following certificates having been granted:

P-Lieut. J. E. Peters, 6th Med. Battery C. A. (How.)—Nature—Art, Grade—Lieut.
Lieut. E. D. Walsh, 6th Med. Battery C. A. (How.)—Nature—Art, Grade—Captain.

The undermentioned candidates were successful in passing the examinations at Central Camp School of Instruction—Signals, at Camp Borden, Ont., 1926, and have been awarded certificates as follows:

Lieut. Woods, H. D., C. M. G., Bn. Instructor; T-2nd Lt. A. Creed, K. B. C., O. T. C., Grade "A"; A-Sgt. Benson, B. A. W., N. S. Regt., Asst. Instr.; A-Sgt. Fowler, J. A., York Regt., Asst. Instructor.

Visits In Hopewell After Long Absence

HOPEWELL HILL, Oct. 6.—John N. O'Regan of Amesbury, Mass., is visiting his old home here, after an absence of 34 years. He is accompanied by members of his family and is making the round-trip by automobile. He is a son of the late D. F. O'Regan of this place.

Mrs. James Berryman of Lynn, Mass., spent the past week with her brother, Alfred E. Woodworth, and Mrs. Woodworth.

STORM INTERFERS WITH ATTENDANCE

Some Drawings to Be Held at
Orphanage Fair
Tonight

The very stormy weather last night greatly reduced attendance at the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage fair and only about 400 or 500 patrons were on hand, but all of the games and attractions were conducted as usual.

To make up for the small attendance of the last two nights there must be bumper houses tonight and on Friday, the closing night.

There will be some of the small drawings carried out tonight and the majority of the other drawings will be made on Friday night. Last evening the Carleton Cornet band provided excellent music, and the door prize was a bag of flour, which was won by ticket 1078, but was unclaimed.

Tonight St. Mary's hand will play and the door prize will be a ton of coal.

Some more live stock was added to the fair's special wares yesterday when there were received a pen of white Leghorns—two hens and a cockerel—and a pair of breeding ducks, which had all been sent by Miss J. F. Hayes, of South Bay. The dogs now being offered and their latest bids are as follows: Prize collie dog, \$16; Newfoundland dog, nine months old, \$7 and cocker spaniel, about nine months old, \$4. Some of the dogs are expected to go this evening. One drawing took place last night when ticket No. 664, owned by W. Cunningham, 317 City Line, West Saint John, was announced as having won the blue and white quilt.

Among the prize winners at the small games last night were the following: The pins, first, B. Fuller, and second, C. Bennett.

AT 50 TABLES

In spite of the rain last night there were patrons for 50 tables at the card party of the Ladies' Society of St. John the Baptist church. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The lucky prize winners were as follows: Ladies, first, Mrs. John Kilmarin; second, Miss Dorcas O'Pray; third, Mrs. D. Dunphy; gentlemen's first, R. Gallant; second, Arthur Walsh, and third, John Hickey.

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