

REFORMS IN THE NAVY BEGUN

NEWBERRY ENLARGES BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION

And Hereafter Criticisms of Warship Construction Won't Be Passed On by Authors of Alleged Defects—Bureau of Steam Engineering Passes Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The first real step in the direction of effecting reforms in the administration of the Navy Department has been taken by Truman H. Newberry, the new Secretary. Mr. Newberry has been at the head of the naval administration for three weeks only, but he has managed in that time, with the aid of the knowledge and experience gained by him as Assistant Secretary, to arrange for putting into practice a somewhat comprehensive scheme of department reorganization without undergoing the delays and dangers of legislation. The legislation will come later. For the present such reforms as can be adopted without the aid of Congress will be undertaken. What has been initiated by Secretary Newberry apparently is the beginning of the changes in the bureau system and department administration generally for which many officers and some outsiders have been contending.

Mr. Newberry's plan contemplates increases in the membership of the General Board and the board of construction of the navy and greater cooperation between these boards. He has amended the navy regulations so as to redistribute the work of battleship designing in such a way as to avoid the archaic and unbusinesslike methods which have prevailed in the past. One result of his reorganization plan is that criticisms of structural features of battleship design will not be referred to the same board or bureau which was responsible for the alleged defects. This change is a concession to the critics of the bureau administration of the Department, who have contended that because of this practice it was almost impossible to induce a board or bureau to admit that any defect existed.

In addition to this it is evident from what became known in an unofficial way today that the bureau of steam engineering has actually been set up as a separate and independent bureau. The office of chief of this bureau is vacant and there is good reason to believe that it will not be filled, leaving the way open to the practical accomplishment of something for which several Secretaries of the Navy have contended, the amalgamation of the bureau of steam engineering with the bureau of construction and repair under one head.

The increase in the membership of the board of construction and the personnel of the new board was announced at the Navy Department today as follows: Rear Admiral George A. Converse, retired, president; Rear Admiral Newton E. Mason, Rear Admiral William S. Cowles, retired, Chief Constructor Washington, I. Capps, Rear Admiral T. C. McLean, Capt. William W. Kimball, Capt. Sidney A. Staunton and Capt. I. S. K. Reeves.

The old board of construction was dissolved and its membership increased from five to eight. All the members of the former board, with the exception of Rear Admiral John K. Barton, retired, former Engineer in Chief of the Navy, are also members of the reorganized board. Rear Admiral Converse has been president for the last several years. Rear Admiral Mason is chief of the bureau of ordnance, Rear Admiral Cowles is chief of the bureau of equipment and Chief Constructor Capps is chief of the bureau of construction and repair. The bureau of steam engineering, which was represented on the former board, has no member on the new board.

The new members of the board on construction are Rear Admiral McLean, who is president of the board of inspection and survey, which has charge of the trials of unaccepted vessels; Capt. Reeves, who is a member of the board; Capt. Kimball, who is a member of the naval examining and retiring boards and also an expert on torpedoes, and Capt. Staunton, who is a member of the General Board. Through the new arrangement the enlarged board will not be composed of bureau chiefs alone, but will include in its membership line officers whose duties keep them in active touch with ships at sea.

In addition to increasing the board of construction Mr. Newberry also has amended the navy regulations so that the work of the board will be enlarged to a considerable degree. He changed the provision which limited the board to designing and equipping new vessels, so that hereafter the board shall perform any duties assigned to it by the Secretary of the Navy.

Greater cooperation between the two boards is provided in Mr. Newberry's plan of reorganization by assigning members to duty on both boards. In its reorganized form the board of construction has among its members not only representatives of the technical bureaus but also a member of the General Board and two members of the board of inspection and survey. The experience of the members of the board of inspection and survey in testing the various types of vessels in service is especially valuable to the members of the board of construction, who are engaged in the work of designing new vessels.

Mr. Newberry's reorganization contemplates also the development of the General Board of the navy into a larger and more experienced body, which will be thoroughly representative of every branch of the service and which appoints as far as possible without legislation a general staff similar to the General Staff of the army. This General Board when fully developed in accordance with Mr. Newberry's ideas will be an advisory body to the Secretary of the Navy in practically all matters in which he requires technical or experienced advice. It will discuss questions of personnel, questions relating to the movement and distribution of vessels and also will consider questions relating to the general military features of future vessels. Its recommendations will be sent to the Secretary of the Navy for his approval. After Congress has provided the money

GRAFT SWEEP IN PITTSBURG

SEVEN COUNCILMEN AND TWO BANKERS ARRESTED.

Detailed Charges by Civic League. Headed by Mayor Guthrie. Against Finance Committees of Conspiracy and Bribery in Their Ordinance Work.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—Seven members of the finance committee of the city council were arrested to-night for alleged conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery. The information was made late this afternoon by Tensard De Wolfe, secretary of the Civic League of Allegheny county. The men against whom charges were made are William Brand, President of the Common Council; Jacob Soffel, Jr., Thirty-second ward; Hugh Ferguson, Fortieth ward; Capt. John F. Klein, First ward; W. H. Melaney, Nineteenth ward; Joseph C. Wason, Twentieth ward, and T. Ollie Atkinson, Twenty-fifth ward. All are members of the Common Council except Atkinson, who is a member of the Select Council. Informations also were made against W. W. Ramsey, president, and A. A. Vilasak, cashier of the German National Bank, late to-night by Tensard De Wolfe charging them with conspiracy. A. J. Vilasak went on his brother's bond for \$15,000. President Ramsey was arrested at 11:30 P. M. and up to very late had not got bail.

The warrants were issued in conjunction with those against the seven members of the Finance Committee of Council. It is alleged that the bankers gave to the members of the committee \$17,500 on June 2, 1908, to make the German National Bank a city depository. The men who are primarily responsible for their arrest are Mayor George W. Guthrie and Lawyers Paterson, Sterrett and Acheson; Willis F. McCook, W. B. Rogers, City Solicitor, and A. Leo Weil, attorney for the Civic League. Wason, Soffel, Klein and Brand are members of the Common Council known as "The Big Six."

So great a stir was caused by the arrests that the boards of directors of a number of banks were called into extra sessions to-night to cover up the banks which are to be charged with bribing the finance committee for the purpose of having their banks selected as depositories. The charges against the seven men are as follows: "That they wickedly, corruptly and unlawfully gave and offered money and other rewards and bribes in order to obtain and influence the vote of a number of members of the Select and Common Councils to secure passage by the members of the Select and Common Councils certain ordinances and resolutions pending before said bodies, commonly called ordinance and resolutions, designating the depositories for the funds of the city of Pittsburgh; bridge ordinance; bond ordinance for freeing bridge; ordinance for filter beds; Heberton Street Railway ordinance; resolution to pave Fourth avenue with wood blocks, and other resolutions and ordinances pending before the Select and Common Councils."

POISON IN CHRISTMAS CANDY.

Dealers Who Sell It to Children Mum as to Who Makes It.

That poisonous Christmas candies are being sold, particularly to East Side children, was indicated yesterday at a trial in the Court of Special Sessions of Andrew Casella, owner of a candy store at Fifth avenue and 110th street. He was convicted of selling red peach stone candy that contained sulphurous acid and could tarry.

Charles O'Connor, a Health Department inspector, said he had bought some of the candies from Casella and an analysis showed they were poisonous. Herman Stiefel, Assistant Corporation Counsel, said that these candies were sold in large quantities but that so far the Department of Health had been unable to find the manufacturer. Small dealers when arrested refuse to tell where they get their supplies.

AGAIN BYRON D. CHANDLER.

New It Appears That He Has Married Grace La Rue, an Actress, in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Miss Grace La Rue, leading lady of Sam Bernard's "Nearly a Hero" company, now playing at the Garrick Theatre, has been married to Byron Daniel Chandler of New York, member of a wealthy family of Manchester, N. H. His father was president of the Amoskeag National Bank, the strongest financial institution in New Hampshire.

In 1902 he married Miss Grace Estelle Stecher, an actress, from whom he was separated. Last August he was reported as killed in an automobile wreck in France. He was sued for \$100,000 for breach of promise of marriage by Joan Sawyer, also an actress, who a few weeks ago withdrew the suit.

The announcement that Miss La Rue and Mr. Chandler are married was made today by Paul Gore, clerk of the Auditorium Annex, a close friend of the couple. Suite 1748 was assigned to Mr. Chandler and Miss La Rue and both names were written on the register. The apartments at the Annex were assigned to the couple on Saturday night. In registering the actress's name was written on the register by Mr. Chandler.

According to some friends this was the novel method of the couple in announcing their marriage. Mr. Chandler, asked to-day concerning the marriage, said: "I won't answer any questions."

NEW IDEA IN WAISTCOATS.

Bond Had His Faded With Money Which He May Not Have Come By Honestly.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 21.—Wearing a waistcoat padded with fifty and one hundred dollar bills to the amount of \$6,000 B. Bond was arrested to-day at Hamilton, Ont., charged with obtaining between \$8,000 and \$10,000 by false pretence from the First National Bank of Nashville, Tenn.

He was registered as J. J. Jones of Nashville. He will be taken back to Nashville for trial.

ANSWERED TELEPATHIC CALL.

Burgeon's Obedience to Invisibly Unspoken Summons Saved a Life, He Says.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 21.—Answering what he characterizes as a telepathic call Dr. Paul M. Mezey, head surgeon of the Cooper Hospital at Camden, cut short a visit to Jersey City, came home on a train three hours earlier than he had intended and by so doing arrived in time to save the life of William D. Delamatre of 1018 South Eighth street, his closest friend.

Mr. Delamatre was seized with an attack of appendicitis on Friday. Dr. Miller, his physician, saw that an operation was necessary, but would not perform it without Dr. Mezey. They tried in every way to locate the latter, but could not. In the meantime immediate operation became necessary. Dr. Mezey was in Jersey City.

"I was near the station about the middle of the afternoon," he said, "when I was suddenly seized with the curious feeling that I was badly wanted at home. I struggled against the notion, but some voice seemed to be saying: 'Take a train and go back to Camden. A man's life depends on your doing so. Don't hesitate—just go!'"

"While I was debating the matter in my mind I bumped into a friend who is an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He advised me to obey the curious feeling and offered to take me to Philadelphia on the next train in his private car."

Dr. Mezey accepted and instantly felt a sense of great relief. Through the courtesy of his official friend the trip was hurried as much as possible and Dr. Mezey reached Camden about 6 o'clock, barely in time to operate successfully on Delamatre.

"A few hours later it would have been too late," said Dr. Mezey. "I can't begin to account for it. Only as soon as I reached home I called up Dr. Miller whose message I found at home. He was astonished by my presence."

NEW GREAT WESTERN RECEIVER

Amos B. Stickeney Resigns and H. G. Burt Succeeds Him.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Amos B. Stickeney, accompanied by his attorney, C. A. Severance, came here in his private car today and in the Federal Court in Chambers he resigned as receiver of the Chicago Great Western Railroad. Judge Walter B. Sanborne accepted Mr. Stickeney's resignation and appointed as his successor H. G. Burt of Chicago, formerly connected with the Union Pacific Railroad.

It was explained to-night that Mr. Stickeney's resignation does not in any way change the status of the Chicago Great Western Railroad except to the extent that as its president he might be more conversant with its needs than a receiver unacquainted with its affairs. The other receiver of the Great Western road is Charles H. F. Smith.

Mr. Stickeney gave as his reasons for resigning as receiver of the road that he had other business interests that demand all his time. The receivership will not be dissolved for some time, according to a statement by Judge Sanborne to-night. Besides Mr. Stickeney's resignation, Judge Sanborne, who is operating the road, discussed with him and Mr. Severance the present needs of the Great Western and other routine matters.

The Great Western's receivers were appointed at St. Paul, but as Judge Sanborne has jurisdiction over twelve States, including Missouri, he could appoint President Stickeney's successor here, where he is holding court, more quickly than elsewhere.

EXONERATES THE OYSTER.

Dr. Darlington Unable to Find What Stickeney Found Five Thanksgiving Dinners.

Health Commissioner Darlington, who has been trying to ascertain what caused the death of two men of a party of five who dined at a New York hotel on Thanksgiving eve and the illness of the three others, said yesterday he hadn't found that the eating of oysters was responsible. Dr. Walter Bessel after inspecting the beds of Sayville, Lynnhaven Bay and Cape Cod, whence come most of the oysters used in the city, reports them free from typhoid conditions.

"Of the three survivors of the dinner party," Dr. Darlington said, "one gave me no information and the other two say they ate no oysters. They had been out of town for several weeks prior to their illness and in cities in which they visited possibly could have contracted typhoid. The two who died had eaten oysters."

Louis A. Hopkins of 616 West 116th street, who was named as one of the party and is just recovering from typhoid fever, said last night that no effort had been made by Commissioner Darlington to question him as to whether he ate oysters. He said he did eat them and sat at the same table with J. B. Rowland and A. B. Elliott, who died. He said that Herbert Lytle, the racing car driver, and Thomas Wetzel, who are also recovering from typhoid, sat at an adjoining table. Lytle is still in a hospital in Toledo.

HIS FIRST WIFE FOUND HIM

Thirty-one Years After He Left Her and a Daughter in New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—After a search for thirty-one years Clark Dexter, who lived at 625 North Camas street, was today found by his wife and daughter. They say he deserted them in New York to marry another woman. The three met in the office of Captain of Detectives Gallagher at the City Hall. Mrs. J. M. Reiman of 881 Madison avenue, New York, the daughter, who was only 4 years old when her father left home, put two holly wreaths on Capt. Gallagher's desk as she was about to leave, in token of her gratitude.

Dexter's being found by his daughter to-day brings to light the fact that he has a second wife in this city, whom he married in Pittsburgh about thirty years ago. She has a home at 1324 Arch street. Dexter didn't know his first wife and daughter at first. The aged eyes opened and he humbled himself. When he had recovered his composure after the shock of the meeting he assumed more than willing to go back to his family. He left the City Hall with his wife and daughter.

Mrs. Dexter No. 2 at her Arch street home said she did not want to see him again.

TURN OUT CASTRO MINISTRY

GOMEZ EXPECTED TO SEIZE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

Spread of Revolutionary Spirit Since Castro Went to Europe the Excuse for Change—U. S. Battleship Maine Sent to Protect American Interests.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. WILLEMSTAD, Curaçoa, Dec. 21.—Word has reached here from Venezuela that Acting President Gomez has ousted the Castro Government and set up a new Ministry of his own choosing. Among those thrown out is the Minister of Education, Dr. Baldo, who is in Germany with Castro. It is believed here from this proceeding that Gomez intends to establish himself in supreme power.

The new Ministry consists of the following: Minister of Finance, Munoz Tebar; Minister of War, Gen. Olivares; Minister of Fomento, Rafael Obras; Minister of Public Works, Roberto Vargas; Minister of Public Instruction, Dr. Maldonado; Minister of Interior, Linares Alcantara; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Gonzales Guinaud.

The appointment of a new Minister of Foreign Affairs to succeed Dr. Paula has aroused the greatest interest in diplomatic circles here. It was Dr. Paula who had charge of the negotiations which resulted in the severing of relations with Holland. The new Minister of War is an able military man and was deputed by President Castro to put down the revolution that occurred years ago.

It is said that Gomez asserts that his reason for ousting the Castro Cabinet was the rioting which occurred in Curaçoa when the Dutch cruiser seized the Venezuelan coastguard ship, Alexis, and the rapid spread of a revolutionary spirit throughout the country in which every-thing connected with the Castro government was denounced.

Frequent plots have been discovered, the most recent of which was one to assassinate Gen. Bello, the commander of the fort at Maracaibo. In this instance the plotters were arrested and executed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The battleship Maine, flagship of the third squadron of the Atlantic battleship fleet, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Conway H. Arnold, sailed from Hampton Roads to-day under sealed orders. Her probable destination is Venezuelan waters, although neither Secretary of State Root nor Secretary of the Navy Newberry will admit it.

It is known, however, that the Maine will be used to convey cablegrams of the American consular representatives from the mainland of Venezuela to the cable station at Curaçoa and also to gather information as to the real condition of political affairs in Venezuela. It is the belief of Secretary Root and other officials of the Government that a revolution against the present administration in Venezuela will develop within a few weeks.

In case of such an emergency the United States desires to have a high ranking officer of the navy on the spot to look out for American interests.

The cruiser Tacoma was sent to the Venezuela coast last spring for the purpose of carrying despatches from the American diplomatic and consular officers to the cable station in order to prevent delay in their transmission to Washington. Since then the American Minister at Curaçoa has been withdrawn and the State Department has had no means of promptly obtaining exact information.

In view of the reprisals made by Holland against the Venezuelan navy and also of the rioting in Curaçoa against President Castro's administration the necessity for maintaining prompt communication with the few American consular officers remaining in Venezuela becomes apparent.

A battleship has been despatched because all the gunboats and cruisers on this coast are now engaged in work in the West Indies, from which they cannot be detached, and further because the United States desires to be represented by a high ranking naval officer well versed in international law and experienced in handling delicate diplomatic situations.

The cruise of the Maine, it is pointed out, is in no sense a demonstration against Venezuela. She has no marines on board. The length of her service in Venezuelan waters will depend to a large extent on future developments.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 21.—The battleship Maine, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Arnold, went to sea from Hampton Roads to-day, passing Cape Henry at 11 o'clock. Her destination is unknown here. Observers of the vessel at Cape Henry report that she appeared to be stripped for action. This might indicate that the vessel had gone out for target practice. The armored cruiser Montana put to sea fifteen minutes ahead of the Maine, bound for Charleston, S. C.

NO SIMPLE LIFE FOR CASTRO.

One Day's Hospital Diet Enough—Bare Soup Up Against Alcohol.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Dec. 21.—It is reported that it has taken President Castro only one day to weaken on the diet at Dr. Israel's hospital. He has persuaded the physician to allow him to order his meals from a restaurant.

Dr. Israel unwillingly agreed on condition that Castro ate frugally, but he was unyielding as regards alcohol, insisting on rigid teetotalism.

THIRTEEN VOTES FOR C. TAFT.

Hamilton County Delegation Endorses Him for Senator.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The thirteen Republican members of the Hamilton county delegation to the State Legislature to-night endorsed Charles P. Taft for United States Senator. The resolution passed unanimously. It is said that this action was prompted by advices from Columbia, where Taft headquarters were opened to-day. Politicians argued that Taft should have the support of his home county before he could consistently seek votes in other quarters.

NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO STEEL MEN

Carnegie Company to Give Dividends and Bonuses to Workers.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—The Carnegie Steel Company to-day gave notice of special prize money for those who five years ago bought stock in the concern to be paid for at a certain stated sum out of each month's wages.

Besides giving to each holder of the stock the regular 7 per cent. dividend there will be added \$5 for each share of stock for each year it has been held, or \$35 extra.

In addition to this there will be divided among those who have paid for their stock and have lived up to all agreements the sum of those profits which would have accrued to the workmen who first bought stock and then let it lapse. A rough guess by the workmen to-night is that their New Year's gift from the Carnegie Steel Company will be about 65 per cent. on the par value of their stock.

ABSTEMIOUS KAISER PRAISED.

Methodist Ministers Rejoice That He Is on the Water Wagon.

At the Methodist preachers' meeting yesterday morning at the Methodist Book Rooms, 150 Fifth avenue, Dr. William Poita George, pastor of the Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, introduced a resolution commending the German Emperor for his published intention henceforth to abstain from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage and expressing a hope for his active future cooperation in combating the tremendous forces of evil embodied in the liquor traffic, and also assuring him of their high respect and prayers for himself and the great German people.

Dr. George was appointed chairman of the committee to place the resolution in the hands of the German Ambassador at Washington for transmission to the Emperor.

SANGER GETS A LICENSE

And Drives to Tiffany's with the Former Mrs. William Homer Graves.

Miss Florence L. Burns of the Rosleigh, at 1 West Eighty-fifth street, who obtained a final decree of divorce from her husband, William Homer Graves, in the Supreme Court last Friday, and Louis P. Sanger, son of the late Frank W. Sanger, who was manager of Madison Square Garden for many years, got a marriage license at City Hall yesterday.

Mr. Sanger's mother, who lives in the Seville apartments, at 117 West Fifty-eighth street, said last night she didn't know her son intended to marry Miss Burns, although she had heard that he was acquainted with her.

Miss Burns, who lives at the Rosleigh with a maid, left her apartments early in the evening, accompanied by Mr. Sanger. They went in a taxicab and Mr. Sanger told the driver to go to Tiffany's, which was open last night.

Mr. Sanger was in college until last year. He attended New York University, and later Columbia. He said at the City Hall that he was 23 years old, while Miss Burns gave her age as 27. Mrs. Frank W. Sanger said last night that her son had been at home until early in the evening and had told her nothing about obtaining a marriage license.

Miss Burns comes from Chicago and is said to be a sister of Michael C. Burns, the coal merchant. Mr. Burns said last night that he knew nothing about her plans.

The Sanger estate owns the Empire Theatre, which is to be sold soon to settle up the estate.

PHILIPPINES SCORE CUBA.

Big Fund to Be Raised for Tariff Concessions on Sugar and Tobacco.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, Dec. 21.—The sugar interests here, alarmed by the proposal to allow \$30,000 tons of Philippine sugar to enter the United States annually free of duty, are actively organizing a campaign to get concessions from the American Congress. They want a renewal of the reciprocity treaty and also a reduction in the duty on Cuban sugar of fifty cents per hundredweight.

The tobacco interests are also interested in the proposal that a certain quantity of Philippine tobacco shall be admitted duty free into the United States, and they will work with the sugar interests in an attempt to get tariff concessions.

MORE HUBLEPUPPY GOLF.

Mr. Taft and Col. Boney Not Hitting It Off on Sandy Links.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 21.—Mr. Taft is not on speaking terms with Col. Boney down here. He and the Colonel don't hitch at all on the "sand greens" on the Augusta golf links. Mr. Taft had always played on sod until he came here.

"How are you playing?" he was asked to-day.

"Awful," said he.

"What was your score?"

"I decline to give it." However, Mr. Taft is going to devote an afternoon or so to practicing putting on the sand, and then the old friendship between him and the Colonel may be restored.

TO GO OVER HORSESHOE FALLS.

Chippewa Man Prepares to Make the Voyage in a Rubber Boat.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 21.—Another man is planning to try the trip over the Horseshoe Falls, in a vehicle different from anything that has been tried before. It is an immense rubber ball which is now being constructed by a rubber company in the United States. The voyager is Robert Leach of Chippewa and he plans to make the perilous trip next June.

MRS. ANNIS TELLS HER STORY

WIDOW SAYS T. J. HAINS BROKE THROUGH WINDOW TO MURDER SCENE.

Saw Him Beckon the Captain Down to Boat and He Threatened to Kill Her There—She Had Met the Brother of the Killer That Day and Was Alone.

Mrs. Helene E. Annis, widow of William E. Annis, the victim in the Bay Side tragedy, took the stand yesterday afternoon in the old Town Hall at Flushing, when T. Jenkins Hains is on trial charged with an equal share in the killing of Mr. Annis. The testimony of the widow was without doubt the strongest feature of the prosecution so far, and yesterday was in sequence the most discouraging day of the trial as seen since the trial commenced a week ago.

The trial had dragged through five days, two of which had been taken up with the selection of a jury and the remaining three with the production of testimony, which, although necessary to the case, at few moments could be called sensational. Yesterday morning the witnesses again reviewed the events that regatta day at the yacht club without adding very much to the evidence already in the hands of the jury.

But with the pronouncing of the name "Helene E. Annis" by the District Attorney, followed by the loud and mechanical repetition of the same name by the court officer who stands behind the witness chair, the whole atmosphere of the court room changed.

The jurymen, who had found it a struggle to simulate interest in the exact number of feet between the southeast corner of the float and the brother of the defendant at a certain specified moment, straightened in their seats and turned toward the door through which witnesses enter the court room; the spectators, who had begun to doubt the wisdom of waiting through somewhat boring hours in the hope of a sensational incident, craned their necks in the same direction and the newspaper reporters almost outnumbering the spectators in the small court room, sought fresh pencils.

To be sure Mrs. Annis already had been called by District Attorney Dennis to clinch his corpus delicti, but she had said that didn't count. Now she was to tell what she knew and saw of the happenings of that afternoon at Bay Side when her husband was shot down before her eyes despite her own efforts to ward him.

The testimony of Mrs. Annis, which stood as she first told it, entirely unchanged by the cross-questioning of Lawyer John F. McIntyre, contained several points very damaging to the defendant. The widow swore that when she ran down the runway to the float as her husband's boat came in and Capt. Peter C. Hains began firing Thornton Hains pointed a revolver at her and told her not to move or she would "get the same." She said that as she turned a sight of the revolver she felt the weapon at her back.

She said too, what perhaps is not damaging to the defense, that before the shooting, while her husband's boat was on its way to the float and the Hains stood on the dock above talking with various club members, Thornton Hains beckoned his brother the Captain and led the way down to the float.

Lawyer McIntyre, upon whom the brunt of the defense falls, treated Mrs. Annis with great consideration and leniency, but nevertheless he tried hard to break down these points in her testimony. In none of the three points, as in none of the rest of her story, was he successful.

Mrs. Annis was called at 3 o'clock, following Fred Leavitt, superintendent of the club, on the witness stand. She came into the court room accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Birchfield, who has been with her much of the time since the day of the tragedy, and Mrs. Harvey Rockwell.

Mrs. Annis wore a close fitting black dress of a rather ornate design and a large black hat rather flat in shape and casting a strong shadow over her face. The tall woman to whom the adjective "statuesque" has been persistently applied ever since the Hains case has been a feature of the news walked to the witness chair calmly enough, and prompted by the usual questions by the District Attorney began her testimony in a cool, clear, somewhat nasal voice which could easily be heard over the court room.

She said she had gone to the Bay Side Yacht Club on the afternoon of the tragedy by the 1:22 train from Long Island City, accompanied by her two children—two boys, aged 7 and 7 years old. At the station at Bay Side she had met Mr. Rockwell and Arthur Andrews. There were others at the station, but the two names were all she could remember.

"After leaving the Bay Side station did you see a cab with passengers pass you going in the same direction?" was asked.

Mr. McIntyre's objections were overruled.

"Yes," the witness answered. "The cab was behind the stage in which I was riding. Then near Britton Bell's house I saw the cab pass us. I recognized one of the passengers as Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr. There was a man in the carriage with him whom I did not know." Near the shore road the cab fell behind the stage again and stopped behind until it reached the yacht club.

"Can you tell what direction Capt. Hains's face was turned in when the cab in which he was riding passed you?"

"I cannot. I was very much frightened when I saw him."

The other man in the carriage Mrs. Annis said she since had had pointed out to her as Thornton Hains. She said the cab was very close behind the stage and as the latter stopped at the veranda of the clubhouse the occupants of the cab got out and went into the clubhouse. The witness saw the colored waiter, Ellison, go up to the strangers and ask them what they wanted. She was excited when she heard the words, "Richard—Finley" of Thornton Hains's name.

Mrs. Annis said she then went down to the dock.

"I went down thinking I would see my

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