

Rear Commodore of New York Yacht Club Accepts Directorship of Boat Which May Be America's Cup

NICHOLS IS NAMED VANTIE MANAGER
 Rear Commodore Will Direct Affairs on Board American Sloop.
"PRO" SKIPPER ENGAGED
 Name of Pilot Is Withheld—Changes Will Be Made.

It has been decided by the cup committee of the New York Yacht Club that Rear Commodore George Nichols shall be the managing director of the sloop Vantie. Early in the spring the Vantie is to take part in a series of races against the Resolute for the honor of defending the America's Cup next July against the Shamrock IV, the property of Sir Thomas Lipton.

In 1914 the yacht race for the same honor. No selection was made, as the world war forced the cancellation of the international contests. In the races held the Resolute did the better work. That does not necessarily mean that the Resolute is going to do the same trick this spring. Many keen judges of yachting believe that in the hands of Rear Commodore Nichols the Vantie has an excellent chance of turning the tables on her rival.

Rear Commodore Nichols did not seek the honor of sailing the Vantie. It was forced upon him. In 1914 he sailed as a member of the after deck council of the Resolute. At that time Alexander Smith Cockran, who owned the Vantie, was sailing his own yacht. Last fall Mr. Cockran gave the Vantie over to the cup committee of the New York Yacht Club. It was necessary to find a Corinthian capable of handling the big yacht. Rear Commodore Nichols was asked to take charge of the boat, and believing that he had an excellent chance of being the defender he accepted.

As Rear Commodore Nichols took over the yacht only recently he has not as yet completed his plans. He has engaged a professional skipper, but the name of the sailor has not as yet been made public. Several well known yachtsmen have been invited to sail with Rear Commodore Nichols as the quarterdeck crew. Mr. Sherman Hoyt, also well known in New York yachting circles, has accepted and will be on the Vantie in all her races.

Both "Club" Boats.
 The situation in the New York Yacht Club regarding a defender is decidedly interesting. Both the Resolute and the Vantie are being managed by the same syndicate of yachtsmen. No yachtsman has been chosen to be the "club boat." The Resolute will again be sailed by Boston yachtsmen. Charles Francis Adams and Robert Emmons will be the master minds on board the craft. The paid skipper will be Capt. Chris Christensen. The yacht is being fitted out at the Herreshoffs, at Bristol, R. I.

It is not generally known that Herreshoffs practically is owned by the yachtsmen who control the New York Yacht Club. Several years ago when it looked as though a famous yachtsman might go under on account of the war, several important members of the organization reorganized the plant and placed it upon a strong financial footing. Incidentally, Rear Commodore Nichols is a director of the Herreshoffs. That does not alter the fact that he hopes to be able to defend the America's Cup with the Vantie.

Although he has not as yet decided, Rear Commodore Nichols has no intention of having the Herreshoffs put the Vantie into commission. He believes that the yacht should be fitted out at some other place. At present the famous yachtsman, City Island. As the Shamrock IV, also at Jacobs, it is hardly likely that the Vantie also will be fitted out there. No arrangement has been made to move the craft. It is believed that she will be fitted out at some other yard near New York.

New York vs. Boston.
 In all probability the entire affair regarding the Vantie will be a New York yachtsmen. It should make the boat exceedingly popular in the metropolitan district, particularly as the Vantie was designed by William Gardner, New York yacht designer. The trial races between the Resolute and the Vantie this spring will take on the nature of intercity battles between the best yachting brains of New York and Boston.

Although Commodore Nichols has lived in New York for years and is associated in business with his father here, he is a Harvard man and originally learned sailing "Down East." He is well known in the racing game on both Long Island Sound and Massachusetts Bay. For many years he was closely connected with the Seawanhaka Yacht Club of Oyster Bay, at one time being the commodore of the club. He is a son-in-law of Commodore J. P. Morgan.

Rear Commodore Nichols' most important racing yacht was the 50-footer Carolina, which he purchased several years ago. Last summer he had the craft altered and given the Marconi rig. Under the new rig the yacht was raced against Commodore Morgan's Grayling off Newport. After the series it was believed that the defender of the America's Cup was going to use the Marconi rig. This has been abandoned principally because it would cut down the allowance that the Shamrock will have to give to either the Resolute or the Vantie.

For several months the committee in charge of the defense of the cup has been experimenting with the Vantie. Being on the committee Commodore Nichols knows every move. He is the authority for the statement that when the changes in the Vantie are made she will be a "clean sheet" of canvas, but that these changes will not be radical. It will be the change in the handling of the craft over that seen in 1914 that is expected to increase the speed of the boat. Alexander Smith Cockran gave to the club.

The New York Yacht Club still retains its silence on the Lipton challenge. It is stated that the club has taken only one of good sportsmanship. It is felt that it could not very well make public what it had done at a meeting until Sir Thomas Lipton had been informed of the news sent to the public before he informed the New York Yacht Club, did not alter the belief that the club had done the thing that sportsmen could do in such circumstances.

Another detail of the cup race is causing the officers of the organization no end of worry. For several months they have been trying to charter a boat suitable to take to sea the members who would like to see the race. It is practically impossible to find such a craft.

Miss Alexa Stirling in Various Phases of Activity—Champion in Golf and Other Fields



RECEIVING CHAMPIONSHIP CUP AT SHAWNEE LINKS
 DRIVING A TRACTOR, AS MEMBER OF WOMEN'S CORPS FOR NATIONAL SERVICE

It is a fact, and a remarkable one too, that Miss Stirling has played some of her best golf at these times when she was supposed to be out of practice. This only goes to prove the soundness of the foundation upon which her game is built. Such instances are by no means rare in the game of golf, but in every case of the kind it will be found that the player who after a long layoff has come back to the links and performed almost as well as ever is of the type that is born rather than made.

Champion Has Perfect Swing.
 Lack of practice soon dulls the edge of the game that is built up on more hard work than the average player. It takes long and diligent practice to get it back to its former keenness. Miss Stirling is not the first American woman golfer who has shown this natural aptitude for certain phases of the sport, but she is the first to get all the branches from the green working with smoothness and a high degree of perfection. As Maiden remarked, what she has learned cannot be readily unlearned. Because of her fine form and swing she will hold her own with the golfers fair—the best of them—even when she is giving the bulk of her time to her violin studies. And when she starts in seriously to burnish up for championship play—well, that is an entirely different story, as her record since 1915 will show.

Between the championships of those years there was a wide gulf caused by war. Golf clubs were forgotten in 1917 and 1918, and women as well as men were transferred to an ambulance. From private she progressed through the various grades until finally she blossomed forth in the uniform of a Lieutenant. Naturally all this hard work did not leave her much time for golf.

Did Good Work During the War.
 As a matter of fact Miss Stirling forgot that she was woman champion of the United States and only appeared to recall the fact that she had previously been identified with the game after the armistice had been signed and the women war workers, like the men, began to be demobilized. And yet when Miss Stirling again held her title to the links she found that only a little practice was

required to bring her to the level of her former form. Several weeks before the championship Miss Stirling caged and showing a game that staggered those who had followed her around Onwentaia in 1915. By the time she arrived at Shawnee she was playing so well that she scarcely ever was left alone in danger of defeat. It is worthy of note that while she fully followed his pupil in every match around Belmont Spring links in 1919 Stewart Maiden did not even bother to attend the last championship at Shawnee. He announced his decision in advance, and when asked the reason for his appalling coldness and apparent loss of interest in his former pupil he replied briefly and to the point: "It is long since she ceased to require me. She can teach me the game now."

OPPOSITION TO SOCCER.
 Game Interferes With Business in England.
 LONDON, Jan. 31.—Soccer football, England's national game, is interfering with business and manufacturers are organizing opposition to the playing of cup ties and league games in midweek. Fifty thousand persons witnessed a replayed English cup tie between Sheffield Wednesday and Darlington on Monday, January 19, and the loss resulting in absence of men from work is estimated at £25,000 in wages and £100,000 in trade loss.

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Curling Iron Kills Hair; New Method Improves It
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but we can name many a course where imagination has been the power in the structure of every hole, in fact, for the play of every shot. A day at the National, at Lido, the Majestic, at Bonny Pine Valley will surely prompt to the belief that as builders of both inland and seaside courses America has no need to bow to the best links abroad. This past week we have seen and chafed not a little with the man whose daring imagination made Walton Heath a master course, and we are glad to record that it is Mr. Fowler's strong belief that a course of the finest championship merit may be constructed with not over a 6,350 yardage.

Agrees With U. S. Architects.
 This means something to our own splendid architects, many of whom believe as he does but who are prevailed upon by committees to make sure that par won't be beaten through having tea which mean a 6,700 yard list or more. Ask Dr. Harban, former president of the U. S. G. A., what he thinks of this everlasting demand for a long course; ask the best architects of the country what they believe, and they will say that American demands today are not suitable for the rise of golfing grace and skill.

Miss Stirling Star in Other Fields Than Golf

Atlanta Girl, Highly Versatile, Is Success With Violin, Too—Instructor Once Wanted to Break Pupil's "Fiddle."

By KERR N. PETRIE.

"If someone would only take and break the confounded fiddle we might be able to make a gofer of the lassie yet."

Any golf professional with his heart in his work, or any daddy with his mind set on making a golf champion out of a talented but none too eager hopeful will be able to appreciate the feelings which prompted the above remark from Stewart Maiden, formerly professional of Atlanta, upon making the discovery that Miss Alexa Stirling, then a little lass in golden ringlets, but since 1916 the national woman champion of the United States, was neglecting her golf for her violin studies.

Maiden is the instructor who until a year or so ago had under his wing the finest group of fledglings that ever took flight from the same golf nest. These included Miss Stirling, Bobby Jones, Perry Adair and Tom Prescott. Stewart Maiden is a music lover as is the average golf "pro." He, however, felt that in the little Atlanta lass he had an embryonic champion of the links and that fact interested him a great deal more than if she had been a really great authority that his pupil was also headed for undying fame in the world of music.

He didn't bit object to Miss Stirling "fiddling," but he had no intention of allowing this inborn love of music to interfere with her attaining what he knew was to be her portion in the world of sport. There is a maxim of the links which runs: "If business interferes with golf give up the business." In the eyes of Maiden violin playing was no "business" for his protegee while she was being molded into a golf champion, although he did think it deserved to be put under the ban.

Maiden Makes a Promise.
 How Maiden managed to overcome the trait of character which threatened to ruin the links career of the greatest American woman golfer never has been divulged. It is believed, however, that Stewart may have succeeded in enlisting the sympathy of Miss Stirling's father, a fellow countryman from the land of oaks, and also in convincing him that if he would see to it that it was an even break between the violin and the golf club, the South soon would have a girl golfer of whom it well might be proud.

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Woodland Club Would Change Lost Ball Rule

John G. Anderson Condemns Proposed Action of Massachusetts Organization—Fowler's Visit Here Boon to Golf.

By JOHN G. ANDERSON.
 There have been two developments in the realm of golf this past week which have interested me greatly. The arrival of one of the greatest authorities on the game, both political and scientific, in the person of W. Herbert Fowler of Walton Heath and the Royal and Ancient Club, among others, marks the first. The second is that strange news from Boston that the Woodland Golf Club might this season in response to a proposal from Francis Outmet take upon itself the changing of the lost ball rule making it on a parity with that of an out of bounds or simply the loss of distance with no loss of the hole in match play.

Let us speak of this second fact first. We are told in a signed article from Boston that the Woodland Golf Club, through its golf committee, is to be asked by the former open and amateur champion to make a local rule to the effect that in match and medal play when a ball is lost there will not be given the prescribed penalty as laid down in the rules, which is the lost hole in match play and distance plus a stroke in medal play. Instead, only a loss of distance shall prevail for both match and medal rounds. We sincerely trust that nothing of the sort will be done.

Local rules are permissible, but they have always been of a nature far different from the proposed one. The U. S. G. A. recommendations or local rules, which is copied exactly from that of the R. and A. is: "When necessary local rules should be made for such obstructions as rushes, trees, hedges, fixed seats, fences, gates, railways and walls, for such difficulties as rabbit scrapes, hoof marks and other damage caused to the course by animals, for such local conditions as the existence of mud which may be held to interfere with the proper playing of the game and for the penalty to be imposed in the case of a ball which lies 'out of bounds.'"

No Right to Change Rules.
 The reading of this golfing clause fails to give any club any right to change any rule which has to do with the actual playing provisions. If such radicalism became prevalent we would have some small clubs, but no large ones, permitting them to play nine holes in the morning and another nine in the afternoon, or scurrying to the clubhouse for a rest when it rained, or permitting the entrants to play stymies or not as they chose in an open match play

and the Princeton freshman teams are being sought, and it is hoped that one of these three will send its first warriors against the Orange cubs.

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Away with the Marathon Golf Course!
 Mr. Fowler, standing six feet four, is something of a golfer, too. He played on the English team against Scotland in three successive years and scored two victories out of three. He has made six holes each in one stroke.

In the politics of the game he plays no small part. He seconded the motion a few weeks ago to give to the Royal and Ancient Club the full control of the game in the British Isles, but with the understood provision that a committee generous in numbers would be chosen from outside to deal with much of the details—a feature which will come to pass, according to Mr. Hilton in the latest issue of his golfing sheet.

We shall hear more of the stymie, much more of standardization, and we have not the slightest doubt that the impressions gained by our visitor or clubs to mar the unity which prevails in the matter of golf legislation is a step toward retrogression. What if the rules are admittedly capable of being improved? They will be in due time, not many months hence, we prophesy. Let us have no spirit of unrest in golf. There is one sport where one large, happy family can claim world dominion in the realm of outdoor activity, with a foundation based upon unity in playing rules.

DARTMOUTH CUBS TO PLAY.
 Syracuse Freshman Eleven Signs the Green for Contest.
 Special Despatch to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.
 SYRACUSE, Jan. 31.—A game with the Dartmouth freshman eleven has been arranged for the Syracuse University yearlings for next fall. The contest will be staged here on October 23, the Saturday on which the Dartmouth and the Syracuse varsity teams clash at Hanover. Games against the Yale, the Harvard

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