

POWHATAN IN TOW OF WRECKING CREW Disabled Army Transport Expected to Reach Halifax Harbor This Afternoon. HEAVY SEAS ARE ABATING Officers Deny Report That Troopship's Troubles Were Due to Bolshevism.

It is probable that the disabled transport Powhatan, which has been buffeted by terrific wintry weather southeast of Halifax for the last several days, will be safe in haven to-day. The wrecking steamship Relief, chartered from the Merritt Wrecking Organization, with a veteran wrecking crew aboard, took the transport in tow yesterday morning, the wind and sea having moderated somewhat. The Canadian Government steamship Lady Laurier, which parted her towing line in stress on Saturday, got another line aboard and assisted the Relief, whose stout hawser was fit to withstand any sort of savage weather.

The latest message from the Powhatan yesterday said the Coast Guard cutter Chesapeake was acting as a rudder for her and that the Acubath, ahead of the Relief, was towing tandem with her. The former mine sweeper Kingfisher was reported having left Halifax yesterday morning with heavy hawsers to help in the towing job. The Powhatan was making nearly five knots and was 370 miles from Halifax at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. It is likely that the day makes better time when the Kingfisher hooks on to her, and she probably will be at Halifax this afternoon.

A Washington dispatch said the latest reports from the Powhatan indicated that she was in a bad way, but that it was hoped the professional wreckers of the Relief might be able to utilize her powerful pumps to keep her afloat until she could be brought to port.

Army officers here declined to smile at a Washington report that the condition of the Powhatan was due to Bolshevism aboard her. None of her passengers who arrived here on Saturday by the transport Pacific had anything but praise for the Powhatan's officers and crew.

The rumor of Bolshevistic trouble aboard the Powhatan became public through a resolution introduced in Congress yesterday by Representative Britten of Illinois saying that "it is understood that mutiny, theft, gambling and insubordination exists on the transport Kingfisher." Mr. Britten was asked to advise Congress if the "condition of the transport Powhatan was the result of Bolshevism aboard ship." The resolution also directed Secretary Baker to supply the House Military Committee with copies of reports from masters and chief officers of other transports, especially the America.

It was said that despite her crippled condition the Powhatan would be included in the list of German steamships the Shipping Board is offering for sale. She was formerly the Hamburg Pacific Hamburg-American Line. The Shipping Board expects to receive tenders for the Powhatan as well as all the other German steamships to-day.

BATTLE ICE FLOES EIGHT HOURS IN BAY Men Rescued Near Death by Police Boat Patrol.

The perils of a Polar dash gripped three men in a boat who left Port Thompson, N. J., in the late afternoon of Sunday in an effort to reach West New Brighton, Staten Island. After more than eight hours of struggle with the ice floes, they were rescued at 1 o'clock yesterday morning by the police boat patrol. A few hours more of exposure would have destroyed them.

Knute Anderson, John Foben and Louis Larsen, shipbuilders, slipped away from the Lanford Dry Dock in their thirty foot launch Dan, heading for Johnson's coal yard at West New Brighton. They drove the launch steadily ahead until they were well out into the bay, and then they turned around the Dan and made her prisoner. All three worked desperately to fend off the great, churning ice cakes, but it was not long until constant hammering strained the little launch's seams and forced the men to stand up to their knees in freezing water.

LEWIS'S ASSAILANT NEAR ARREST, BELIEF Former Pugilist Out of Danger; Woman Involved. The police expressed confidence last night that the man who shot Willie Lewis, the pugilist, in his cabaret, the Chateau Thierry, 62 East Fourteenth street, Sunday would soon be arrested. His identity is known and the police rely on the fact that Lewis has a very large number of friends in the city who will assist in bringing about his assailant's capture. It is not believed that either of the two men had the intention of inflicting more than painful injuries upon the ex-prize fighter, as both were so near that every opportunity was at hand to buy shot from him in the street. Lewis is reported to have said that the shooting was the outcome of a quarrel over a diamond ring. Others believe there is a woman connected with the affair.

Lewis was said to be resting comfortably and out of danger at the St. Vincent Hospital last night.

GASOLINE GOES UP TWO CENTS GALLON Means \$18,000,000 Cost Increase in New York. Gasoline price increases which will cost owners of private and commercial vehicles operating in New York city an additional expense of approximately \$18,000,000 for the current year have been put into effect by the leading wholesalers. The retailers have passed on this boost of 2 cents a gallon to the consumers within the last two weeks.

The increase in the price of gasoline since January 6 is described as being arbitrary ones based solely on the increased demands by motorists. The prevailing price for gasoline in New York city is 16 cents a gallon. It is 2 cents cheaper in New Jersey.

Students of the gasoline situation have estimated that the adding of each additional cent to the price which prevailed throughout the period of the war adds a burden of approximately \$9,000,000 a year to the cost of operating the motor vehicles owned in the city. For nearly three years before January 6, the wholesale price of gasoline was 2 1/2 cents. One of the largest companies then increased the price by 1 cent and on the next day smaller companies followed suit. The second raise came on January 15.

There has been no scarcity of gasoline since the end of the war, when the exportation of it dropped off to a quantity almost negligible, when considered in the light of the previous four years' exportation figures. On the other hand, many new oil fields have been opened up and developed and the nation's gasoline production has increased enormously.

COLLEGES TO HAVE MAN ON AIR BOARD Governor Will Be Asked to Enlarge Commission. Col. Jefferson de Mont Thompson, chairman of the Aviation Commission of the State of New York, announced yesterday that he will recommend to Gov. Smith the appointment of a man to the board on the commission who shall represent the colleges of the State. That announcement was made after J. T. Tripp, a Yale undergraduate and member of the Intercollegiate Aeronautical Association, had told the commission of the hopes of that association to sponsor an intercollegiate aviation meet this spring and had pointed out the readiness of college men interested in flying to join the air forces of the Naval Militia and the National Guard.

Col. Thompson asked Mr. Tripp to request the intercollegiate association to nominate a resident of New York State who is a member of the association for the position of a State aviator. The appointment of the Governor for the position of the commission.

The Intercollegiate Aeronautical Association includes Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and Williams. It was organized in 1914 and has since that time will compete for intercollegiate trophies next June during the Pan-American and Aerial Touring Congresses in Atlantic City. It was suggested that those colleges have the authority to affiliate themselves with the association.

Dr. William Whitney Christmas suggested that the commission consider the advisability of recommending the establishment of a State commission to supervise college aerial enterprises. The chairman declared he thought the suggestion excellent.

Augustus Post, secretary of the commission, who has recently returned from Europe, where he made a study of the aviation situation for the commission and the Aero Club of America, described his visit to the Aviation Salon in Paris and reviewed briefly the latest developments in long distance routes by England and France.

GRACE LA RUE SUED FOR \$100,000 DOWRY Mrs. Hamilton, Actor's Wife, Says She Alienated Husband's Affections. WILL PRODUCE LETTERS Latest Action Only One Phase of a Much Tangled Story of Marital Infelicity.

Myrtle Tannehill Hamilton, who appeared last season on the stage in William Gillette's company, yesterday sued Grace La Rue, actress, in the Supreme Court for \$100,000 damages for the alleged alienation of the affections of Hale Rice Hamilton, the plaintiff's husband. He is an actor.

The defendant in private life is Mrs. Byron D. Chanler, her husband being better known as "The Millionaire Kid." He gained this nickname after he had inherited a large fortune and had demonstrated practical methods of separating himself from his inheritance in record time.

In her complaint against Miss La Rue the plaintiff asserts that she has in her possession letters and telegrams on which she bases her claim that Miss La Rue stole away the love of Hale Hamilton. In one telegram to Hamilton from Miss La Rue, it is charged, the latter wired the actor to meet her in Detroit or she would come to New York and "create a scene." He met her, Mrs. Hamilton says.

All of the parties are more or less experienced in matrimony and in divorce court proceedings. Chanler was divorced from his first wife before he married Miss La Rue in 1919. She sued him for divorce in Amsterdam, N. Y., in 1918, but there is no record of a decree in that action. Since then she has sued him for a divorce in Boston. A decree in her favor is said to have been recommended, but has not yet been entered. Details regarding alimony have not yet been completed.

Hale Rice Hamilton had been divorced by Minnie D. Pepper, known on the stage as Jane Oaker, only a month before he married Miss Tannehill, in December, 1912. At the time he was playing here in "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" and Miss Tannehill, who was then residing at 223 Riverside Drive with her mother, was appearing in "Broadway Jones."

A few weeks ago Mrs. Hamilton applied for a divorce from her actor husband in the Supreme Court, Westchester county. The case has been tried twice before a referee. According to John La Rue, her counsel in the divorce suit, the referee has recommended a decree in her favor, finding the friendship of Hamilton and Miss La Rue warranted this conclusion. The filing of the arrangements for alimony are not yet complete.

Miss La Rue, it is said, denies that she persuaded Hamilton to leave his wife. In the divorce action he filed a verified answer denying the charges against himself and Miss La Rue.

MRS. SHONTS IN NEW SUIT AGAINST RIVAL Summons Served in Reported Action for Accounting. Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, widow of Theodore P. Shonts, yesterday started a new action against Mrs. Amanda C. Thomas. She served a summons only upon the defendant. It was said by persons acquainted with her affairs that she intends to sue Mrs. Thomas for an accounting of real and personal property received from Mr. Shonts prior to his death, but Dixon & Fies, her attorneys, refused to confirm this report.

Mrs. Shonts has sued Mrs. Thomas in the Supreme Court for the recovery of \$1,000,000 damages for alleged alienation of Mr. Shonts's affections. In Superior Court Mrs. Shonts is contesting her husband's will, charging that it was unduly influenced in its execution by Mrs. Thomas, the residuary legatee.

MENDEN ACQUITTED IN TUNNEL WRECK Civil Engineer Was Being Tried for Manslaughter. William S. Menden, the civil engineer on trial on charges of manslaughter as a result of the B. R. T. Malbone street tunnel wreck, November 1, 1918, was acquitted yesterday in the Supreme Court in Minkola. Justice Callaghan directed the jury to acquit Menden, saying: "I think that no man reasonably could have been expected prior to this accident to exercise the foresight which would have resulted in the installation of the time element signal control device in connection with the track tripper."

DECISION RESERVED IN MAYOR'S CASE "Explanation" Fails to Satisfy Scheffelin's Counsel. Supreme Court justice Platsek reserved decision yesterday upon the application of Mayor Hylan for an order vacating or modifying the order for his examination before trial. The examination order was signed in the name of William J. Scheffelin, head of the Citizens Union and of a wholesale drug house, in connection with his suit for \$100,000 damages against the Mayor for libel.

Mayor Hylan wrote a letter to Health Commissioner Copeland, in which he accused Mr. Scheffelin of creating drug fends by the sale of narcotics, while he professed a reformer through his Citizens Union activity. In asking that the order for the Mayor's examination be vacated yesterday Edmund L. Mooney, the Mayor's counsel, stated that the Mayor had not intended to say anything against Scheffelin personally, but had attacked his drug corporation for the sale of narcotics.

This aroused Clarence M. Lewis of Scheffelin's counsel. He characterized it as a "belated" explanation, declaring that the Mayor had used Scheffelin's name thirteen times in the alleged libel and had directed his animosity against him personally and not the corporation or the Citizens Union.

2,779,667 YEAR'S GAIN IN CHURCH MEMBERS Sunday School Attendance Is 3,644,132 Less. Statistics that show the growth and changes in the various religious organizations throughout the country are contained in the Church Year Book, a summary of which was made public yesterday by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the publishing agency. The book, it is said, shows astounding inequalities in the development of religious life.

It is revealed in the summary that the Sunday school is no longer attracting the younger generation. There has been a decrease of 10,577 such schools and a decrease of 3,644,132 in the number of persons under formal religious instruction. The total number of Sunday school pupils is placed at 15,291,658.

A recapitulation covering the entire country shows the Roman Catholic population to be 17,549,324, while those attending Protestant churches number 25,380,456. The total growth in church membership during last year is reported as 2,779,667. New members of the clergy numbered 5,249 and there were 5,249 church organizations listed. The total number of church buildings is given as 233,534.

COAL IN TRANSIT IS SEIZED BY RAILROAD Bituminous Shortage Temporary, Officials Say. Because of the shortage of bituminous coal the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad is seizing coal in transit to keep its locomotives supplied. The director of the railroad said that no coal consigned to public utilities had been taken.

This shortage of bituminous coal, a railroad official said yesterday, is temporary and not alarming. As soon as the weather permits he said coal could be distributed. At present, however, all the railroads north of the Potomac need all the coal they can get.

Syracuse University closed temporarily yesterday because of lack of coal. Transportation difficulties are held responsible for this trouble, the great snow drifts making hauling almost impossible.

Several authorities on the coal situation in this city said that unless a succession of blizzards froze the North River, there was fear of a coal shortage here this winter. It was explained by Arthur P. Rice, commissioner of the Coal Merchants' Association, 90 West street, that 90 per cent of the coal consumed here was introduced and that there was an abundance of steam sizes on hand. This grade of coal has to be hauled only 100 miles or so and then ferried across the river.

Both Mr. Rice and Charles S. Allen, secretary of the Wholesale Coal Trade Association of New York, said it was necessary that an ice breaking boat ply between here and Jersey to avoid the possibility of a coal famine.

JOHN WANAMAKER Broadway at Ninth, New York Formerly A. T. STEWART & CO. Store hours—9 to 5

And they asked me how I did it, and-- "I gave them the Scripture text, 'You keep your light so shining' a little in front of the next! They copied all they could follow, But they couldn't copy my mind, And I left 'em sweating and stealing A year and a half behind." —KIPLING. This Week is the Last of January

The February Sale of Furniture [which is now going on, as a matter of public convenience] sets a new record for SERVICE which will not be matched---this year In its qualities, as well as in its quantity of qualities, and its savings, it is (to put it in simple, direct English) the greatest Sale of Furniture. The Furniture scarcity only strengthened our determination to get the goods for our February Sale. It did not tempt us to compromise our furniture standard. We set out to get Wanamaker furniture, plenty of it, to sell at February Sale savings. AND WE GOT IT. More than a Million Dollars' worth in great varieties. For all rooms at genuine savings of 10 to 33 per cent. The buying thus far has justified our opening the sale when we did. It is the most substantial testimony to the values in the sale. You may choose now, and take now. Or, if you prefer, we will extend to you the courtesy of choice now, and postponing of the entry of the sale until February 2nd. Fifth and Sixth Galleries, New Building.

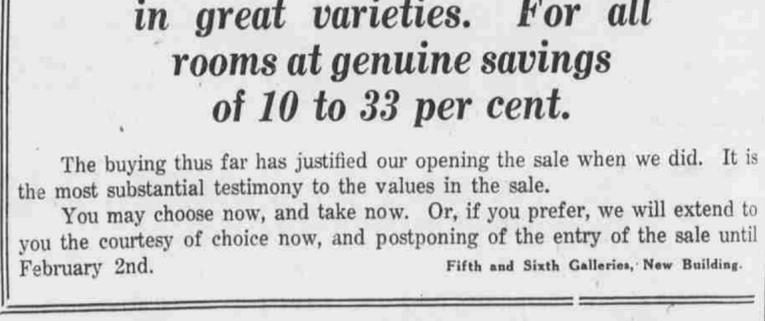
New Store Hours Cooperating with the Department of Health in its regulation of transportation during the present emergency the Wanamaker Store hours will be from 9.30 to 6

Golf Indoors WILLIE BRAID and DAVE HUNTER and WALTER STODDART are here every day from 9 to 5 to help golfers (or would-be golfers) acquire the right methods of playing the game. A few lessons given by such masters of the game will help you to many happy days on the links. 12 lessons, \$20. Book now. Third Gallery, New Building.

Miss 14 to 20 The new frocks which are arriving almost hourly in our Salon are fascinating. The styles are quite different, and so varied. We have sketched the new model ESTELLE, which is fashioned of fine navy blue serge, with blouse front and collar of white organdie, embroidered in French rose. This frock is painstakingly tailored and yet the price is but \$49.50. Also—RITA, a new frock of black crepe meteor, trimmed with rows and rows of the little two-toned ribbon tabs which are one of the most charming ideas Paris has given us this season. The price is \$105. You should see the collection to realize its beauty and scope. Prices start at \$25. Second floor, Old Building.

New Blouses of Springtime Charm Have Been Designed by the Frivolity Shop Au Quatrieme

"MAIL" CASE POSTPONED. Trial Deferred Until April 13, Despite Protests. Despite the protests of Stephen R. Baldwin, counsel for Dr. Edward A. Rumely, Federal Judge recently returned from the island. A general railway strike which is spreading rapidly to all parts of Cuba is now in progress and is preventing the transportation of raw sugar to export points for export. At many coast towns dock strikes are hampering the loading of sugar on American bound boats. The recent outbreak of pneumonia and influenza is adding to the difficulty of the situation.



If You Need LINEN Here is good news for you We have just received from Scotland our first shipment since we entered the war (at least three years ago), of CROWN satin, bleached heavy damask, napkins and 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 yard cloths. There is no finer table linen to be had in the country, at these prices. We have sold CROWN linens for fourteen years, and we shall continue to sell it as long as it is made. We are compelled to admit, however, that the supply is small and that we are not apt to get as much of it as our customers would like. The new shipment totals \$3,500 worth of damask, napkins, cloths.

294 odd table cloths, reduced \$8 cloths for.....\$5.75 \$12 cloths for.....\$8.75 \$10 cloths for.....\$7.25 \$40 cloths for.....\$30 Six other grades. Ten grades all told, sizes 2 x 2 yards to 2 1/4 x 4 yards. From our own stocks of warranted PURE linen. We have no napkins to match. So we have reduced prices to get them out. 200 dozen linen crash kitchen towels, \$4.80 doz. 17 x 35 inches; red borders; were \$6 dozen in our stocks. Linen pillow cases and sheets 100 pairs linen pillow cases, hemstitched, 2 1/4 x 36 inches, \$3.50 pair. 100 pairs linen sheets, single bed size, \$15.75 pair. First floor, Old Building.

In the Motor Shop Today Men's fur-collar overcoats, that were \$90, are \$65 Cheviots, with nutria or otter collars; sizes 36 to 42. Rugs for the car, rough texture, durable, were \$6.50, now.....\$4 Warm ulsters, fine for motoring, \$90 grade, now.....\$75

In the Sport Shop Today 100 pairs ice skates, fancy prong tips, were \$3.50 pair, now.....\$1 pair, now.....\$1 Snow shoes that were \$8 to \$12 pair, are now \$5 Skis and ski poles and mackinaws.....a third less Sheepskin-lined coats that were \$20, are now \$14.75 Burlington Arcade floor, New Building.