

Aurora Borealis Seen Here; Wire Services Are Hampered

The flashing of the northern lights, the Aurora Borealis, shot over the sky last night and the illumination was visible from many parts of the city and suburbs.

Residents of Mineola, Garden City and other Long Island towns had an exceptionally fine view of the lights. The white streak extended from the north, in a southerly direction.

Reports from Northern New York and New England States said that the phenomenon was also visible there.

Radio, telegraph and telephone communication was somewhat hampered by the electrically charged atmosphere.

CAPT. PIDGEON GETS BLUE WATER MEDAL

Cruising Club of America Pays Tribute for His Lone Voyage Around the World.

The Blue Water Medal of the Cruising Club of America, awarded for noteworthy accomplishment in deep-water navigation, was presented last night to a man who had been reared on an Iowa farm, who learned navigation from a book and got his first glimpse of salt water when 18 years old. He is Harry Pidgeon, who sailed around the world in a thirty-five-foot yawl, the *Islander*, a product of his own handicraft.

Captain Pidgeon was made an honorary member of the Cruising Club at a dinner at the Yale Club. When Henry A. Wise Wood presented the medal, which has been awarded only twice before, and 160 leading yachtsmen of the East rose to cheer him, Captain Pidgeon rose to his feet and waves of red chased over his tanned face.

"I feel rather embarrassed, after traveling over the seas, to be hauled up here to give account of myself," he said. "I'll do the best I can to tell you about my trip. People always ask me two things: 'What made you do it?' and 'What did you do at night?' In answer to the first question, any boy who has read Robinson Crusoe knows the reason for that. As for the second, well, I have two bunks in my boat. I pick the softer one and fall into it."

Some one asked what food he had taken on such a long trip. With an engaging grin, he replied, "Oh, grub."

Among those who attended the dinner were Commodore Stuyvesant Wainwright, former Commodore Robert N. Bavier, C. Sherman Hoyt, Herbert L. Stone, editor of *Yachting*; George Granbery, Geoffrey Parsons, Butler Whiting, President Clifford D. Mallory of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound; W. P. Stephens, Recorder of the Yacht Racing Association; George Bunnell, M. S. Kattenborn, former Commodore C. A. Marsland of the New Rochelle Yacht Club; Commodore George Nichols, New York Yacht Club; Commodore James B. Ford, Larchmont Yacht Club; Commodore Charles Farmer, Harry S. Jackson, Gerald Ford, Vice Commodore Harry S. Maxwell, Arthur Masury, George Ratsey, Edward S. Tucker and Robert A. Mahlstedt.