





COMMODORE SAMUEL HARRIS MÜLLER

Commodore Samuel Harris MÜLLER passed away on the 17th January 1930. He was born on the 21st July, 1849, and had thus reached the advanced age of eighty one years and a half. He was promoted Lieutenant in 1872, senior Lieutenant in 1882, Commander in 1894, and Captain in 1900.

His service in the Navy was mainly at sea and he was the first Captain of the battleship *Norge* commissioned for trials in 1904. But his principal work was in the hydrographic service in which he commenced his career as hydrographer as early as 1873.

From 1893 to 1915, he carried on the duties of chief of the Hydrographic Section of the Opmalings and, when the Sjøkartverk was created he was appointed Director thereof. The work he performed in this capacity was of primary and fundamental importance in the development of the Sjøkartverk. From 1912 to 1921 he was Chief of the Registry of Seamen at Drammen.

Commodore MÜLLER was a member of the Boundary Commission between Norway and Sweden in 1904; he took part also in the negotiations relative to the Griseba affair from 1908 to 1910, and in this connection sat as expert at the Hague Tribunal. When the International Hydrographic Bureau was established at Monaco, he became one of its Directors in 1921, which appointment clearly proves his great renown in the domain of hydrography. He resigned this post in 1923.

By Commodore MÜLLER's death the world loses one of the elite of straight forward and incorruptible spirit; this gained him the highest esteem of all those who had the honour of coming into contact with him.

For those of us who knew him, he will be remembered as the perfect comrade at all times and his memory will flourish amongst us for many years to come.

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