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Scaring Fish.

A curious effect of the war in the far east is the migration of sharks to the European waters. The submarine explosions are supposed to have frightened the creatures or perhaps disgusted them.

At any rate they have passed through the Suez canal and been making havoc among the fishes of the Adriatic. Even the invasion of the Black sea has been feared.

If this be so, the petition of the residents of the Cape to the government to regulate target practice in the navy in the waters around Buzzards bay and adjoining waters in summer is not unreasonable.—Boston Globe.

Marthas Vineyard fishermen say that the naval target practice off the island "scares the fish." The summer residents at Cottage City say the loss of income is more than made up to the islanders by what the fleet spends ashore. The remaining question is--who gets the money?—Boston Globe.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Brown's Bank, 65,- lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Oregon, Georges, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 10,000 lbs. cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Georges, 8000 lbs. cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Pythian, shore.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, $4.90 per cwt. for large, $4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, $4 25 for large, $3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, $4.00 for large, $3.50 for medium; hake, $1.25; pollock, $1.25; haddock, $1.75; large cusk, $2,50.

Fresh fish, large cod, $2.15; medium cod, $1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La Have bank, $2.15, medium $1.75; cusk, $1.50; Eastern haddock, $1; Western haddock, $1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, $5.50 per cwt. for large and $5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, $1.00.

Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston

Sch. Mina Swim, 24,000 haddock, 2000 cod

Sch. Nokomis, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 1000 haddock, 3500 cod, 200 hake, 300 pollock.

Sch. Emerald, 7000 cod.

Sch. Alcina, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Fanny B. Prescott, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Mooween, 25,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 1500 hake.

Haddock, $1.25 to $1.50; large cod, $3.75; market cod, $2.50.

FISHERMEN'S EXPERIENCE.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Eleven fishing schooners, covered with ice from masthead to waterline, arrived yesterday afternoon from the Georges fishing banks. Captain Daley of the schooner Muriel said that the wind blew 60 miles an hour Tuesday and it was impossible for anyone to remain on deck for more than a few minutes at a time. Captain Mero of the Flirt said that it seemed almost a miracle that the schooners escaped serious accidents. The fleet brought in 500,000 pounds of mixed fish.

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HAY-BOND TREATY.

Was Considered in Secret Session of Senate.

MUCH OPPOSITION DEVELOPED.

Some Amendments Adopted and Treaty Not Yet Ratified.

The Hay-Bond treaty with Newfoundland was the subject of an extended executive session of the senate yesterday. This treaty had been amended in the foreign relations committee to meet objections raised by New England senators, and the amendments were submitted to Premier Bond of Newfoundland, who was really the original negotiator of the treaty on the part of Great Britain.

During the session of the senate yesterday, some amendments were adopted, but the treaty itself was not ratified and remains pending, it is understood, on some formalities by the senate yet to be taken.

The commitee amendments adopted are the result of correspondence between Senator Lodge and Premier Bond. On the floor Senators Lodge and Hale led in support of ratification of the treaty. The opposition was general, and in the extended debate, covering nearly three hours, it was difficult to predict what would be the outcome. While many more amendments, however, remain to be acted on, it is understood that the treaty may be ratified at the present session.

Some New England senators believe, however, that if further amendments in the interest of the United States are adopted, the treaty will not be approved by Premier Bond.

Yesterday's debate developed that the treaty had been very materially amended in committee. Article one of the treaty as originally negotiated provided that fishing vessels entering the waters of Newfoundland shall have the privilege of purchasing bait at all times, and the privilege of touching and trading in supplies in Newfoundland on the same terms us are levied on Newfoundland fishing vessels.

Article two provided for the admission of certain articles from Newfoundland into the United States free of duty, and in the original treaty provided for codfish, coal oil, whale oil, unmanufactured whalebone, salmon, herring, salmon, trout and salmon trout, lobsters, cod roes, tongues and sounds, ores of metals and slates from the quarry. In committee, cod oil was stricken out, and there was inserted whale meat, glue stock and by-products of the whaling industry, coal and coal oil.

It was expressly stated however, that cod oil and codfish and herring, smoked, dried, salted, pickled, frozen or otherwise, are not included in the provisions of the article. The senate amended this article by striking out ores of metals and coal and coal oil, the products of Newfoundland mines, and slates from the quarry untrimmed.

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FROM BAY OF ISLANDS.

Correspondent Says Herring Vessels Should Not Stay So Late.

Messrs. Editors:—It is to be hoped that it will not be considered either as ridiculous or impertinent on the part of one who has spent many years in this far northern region to ask you to be good enough to publish the following remarks and observations in reference to a matter of paramount importance to people here and owners of vessels at the port of Gloucester:

The herring fishery in this part of "ye ancient colony" being the only industrial resource of the people, it is needless to say that it gladdens the heart of many when American vessels begin to arrive to secure cargoes of herring, as it is then the almighty dollar is put in circulation and gobbled up with avidity.

At the same time it is to be deplored that owners of such vessels at your port and elsewhere cannot seem to realize the risk and danger to life and property in sending vessels down here during the month of January, when they are likely to be frozen in for a period of three or four months.

With some 10 or 12 vesssls frozen in here for the past two seasons, one would think that this would be sufficient warning and an eyeopener to deter anybody sending vessels down here after December 13.

But in judging from the present aspect of matters it now appears we are going to have a repetition of the old story of vessels being frozen up here and in the Gulf. To continue the herring fishery after December 31, on this part of the coast is a most hazardous and dangerous business to vessel owners and fishermen alike, as it invariably happens that the latter lose all their nets in the ice. The writer of this communication contends that vessel owners and fishermen would display good, sound, common, practical sense by winding up the voyage on December 25 of each year, instead of protracting it until the last of January, when a lot of property is lost and what is of more consequence, lives that cannot be replaced.

COMMON SENSE.

Bay of Islands, N. F., Jan. 27, 1905.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Agnes, Grand Bank, 7000 lbs. cod, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. hake.

Sch. Julietta, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. George H. Lubee, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Ralph Russell, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, shore.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Mary Cabral, shore.

Sch. John M. Keen, shore.

Sch. Ida M. Silba, shore.

Sch. Belbina F. Domingoes.

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Fresh fish, large cod, $2.15; medium cod, $1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, $2.15, medium $1.75; cusk, $1.50; Eastern haddock, $1; Western haddock, $1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snap per codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, $5.50 per cwt. for large and $5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, $1.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

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Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 1200 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake, 500 pollock, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, 18,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 17,500 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 14,500 cod.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 800 pollock.

Sch. Theresa and Alice, 3000 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 6000 haddock.

Haddock $1.50 to $2.25, large cod $3 to $4; market $2 to $2.50, hake $2 50, pollock $3.

NO FISH HATCHERIES.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The house committee on merchant marine and fisheries voted to postpone action at this session on the omnibus fish hatchery bill. This measure provided for the establishment of about 20 fish hatcheries, at a cost of $500,000.

Good Stock.

Sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, stocked $1,700 on her recent haddock trip, despite the low price of haddock.

Fitting for Halibuting.

Capt. Ernest Engstrom is fitting sch. Thalia for halibuting.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Agnes sold to the American Halibut Company, that of sch. Helen G. Wells to Gardner & Parsons, and that of sch. Carrie C. to the New England Fish Company, each at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents per pound for gray.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Fish Market.

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Fresh fish, large cod, $2.15; medium cod, $1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, $2.15, medium $1.75; cusk, $1.50; Eastern haddock, $1; Western haddock, $1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 95 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, $5.50 per cwt. for large and $5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, $1.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Boston

Sch. Arcadia, 50,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Squanto, 6000 cod, 5000 hake, 20,000 halibut.

Haddock, $1.50 to $2; large cod, $4; market cod, $2.50; hake, $2.50 to $3.50.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Dogfish Legislation Will Be Helped by Securing Statistics.

Congressman Gardner "Roasted" at Tantalus Club Dinner.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—I hear considerable favorable talk here of the bill favorably reported in the Massachusetts legislature last week of Representative McIntire of Gloucester, providing for an appropriation of $2,000 with a view of determining the extent of the damage to the food fish by the dog fish, acknowledged to be one of the greatest pests with which the New England fishermen have to contend. The two New England members of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, to which the bill has been referred, are Congressman Greene of Massachusetts, and Congressman Littlefield of Maine. I understand that both are inclined to favor the dogfish legislation, and believe that Mr. McIntire is going about it in the right way in asking the state of Massachusetts, which is the most vitally interested in the bill, to furnish to Congress statistics and proof of the great damage the dog fish is doing. I had an interview recently with Dr. Smith, assistant commissioner of fisheries, and he is also of the opinion that the only way that Congress can be induced to appropriate any money is to prove to them just how great a menace to the fisheries the dog fish pest is.

I had the pleasure of attending the annual dinner of the Tantalus Club on Saturday evening as the guest of Captain Gardner. This club is one of the leading fun-making organizations of this country and its dinners are always leading events of the winter seasons in Washington. Next to the Gridiron Club, composed of the Washington newspaper correspondents, the Tantalus Club dinners take precedence over all other functions of this nature which make the winter season at the capital such a round of gaiety.

The club is composed of the new republican members of the 57th Congress, together with the new republican members of the 58th Congress. Congressman Powers of Brookline is the president, and as a presiding officer last night, he was at his best.

One of the hits of the evening was the nominating speech of Congressman "Nick" Longworth of Cincinnati, who "at the request of the President" placed in nomination Congressman Gardner for the office of postmaster general, the president earlier in the evening having sent a "special messenger" to the Club, asking that they select his new cabinet. In mentioning Mr. Gardner's qualifications for the office of postmaster general, Mr. Longworth said that there was no question of Mr. Gardner's experience in selecting postmasters and he was also familiar with the President's idea on the subject, as the correspondence on the Haverhill post office would indicate.

The speech made a great hit with the members, who cheered the Essex county representative again and again, as the club voted unanimously that Mr. Gardner must accept the office.

Among the other speeches was one by Mr. Gardner nominating Congressman Gaines of West Virginia for the position of secretary of agriculture. He characterized Mr. Gaines as a man who farmed like a legislator and legislated like a farmer. He said that Mr. Gaines was an excellent judge of "rye," but that he did not know "beans."

W. W. LUFKIN.

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PARTICULARS OF RELEASE.

Of Sch. Agnes V. Gleason by Canadian Authorities.

Owner Was Not Responsible for Sale of Dories.

The Halifax Chronicle of Thursday has the following account of the releasing of the seized schooner Agnes V. Gleason of this port:

"Yesterday John A. Mackasey, who had been acting as agent here of the Gloucester schooner Agnes V. Gleason seized at Lower Argyle, Yarmouth county, received word from Ottawa that the vessel and her dories had been released. The Gleason was in here about two weeks and after her departure it was learned that six of her dories had been sold and no duty paid on them. Capt. Heffler, of the customs steamer Lady Clive, seized the dories for an infraction of the customs laws.

"Mr. Mackasey was informed of the sale just after the vessel left and he made application to the custom authorities for the release of the boats. He was referred to Ottawa and made application there, urging that the owner of the Gleason is a comparatively poor man, that this trip of the vessel had already cost him $1,000, while she had only taken 25,000 lbs of mixed fish which were spoiling; also that the sale of the dories was by parties on board and altogether contrary to the owner's or agents wish.

"Mr. Mackasey further showed that just as soon as he ascertained that the vessels dories had been sold he immediately reported the matter to the collector of customs here.

"A little later on the vessel arrived at Lower Argyle and was immediately seized for infraction of the laws here, and application for her release was also made on similar grounds. The captain who was on the vessel when she was here had left and Capt. Whitty has been sent from Gloucester to take charge of and sail her to Gloucester. Mr. Mackasey will send the dories from here to Boston by steamer."

McINTIRE'S DOGFISH BILL.

Warmly Indorsed by the Master Mariners' Association.

Bill Is Now Before Ways and Means Committee.

The members of the Master Mariners Association have taken considerable interest in the bill of Representative McIntire to secure an appropriation from the state to be used in collecting statistics and conducting experiments to show the depredations of the dog fish pest.

They believe that something should be done in the matter and that the way proposed by Representative McIntire in his bill is the proper way to proceed, and therefore at a regular meeting of the association it was voted to indorse the bill, and the indorsement has been sent to the state house.

The bill is now before the ways and means committee and Mr. McIntire has high hopes of securing its passage.