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Boston Arrivals.
 Sch. Conqueror, 50,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 pollock, 3000 halibut.
 Sch. Vanessa, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 hake.
 Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
 Sch. Robert and Arthur, 25,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
 Sch. Squanto, 45,000 haddock.
 Sch. Terra Nova, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake, 10,000 cask.
 Sch. George H. Lube, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
 Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2500 hake.
 Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Margaret, Dillon, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
 Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
 Sch. Aspinet, 9000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Buema, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

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Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Priscilla, 4000 cod.
 Sch. Louise R. Silva, 24,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.
 Sch. Nettie, 800 cod.
 Sch. Nokomis, 500 haddock, 3500 cod, 1500 pollock.
 Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
 Steamer Spray, 70,000 haddock.
 Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 15,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 hake.
 Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
 Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 17,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1500 hake.
 Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$3.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

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PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

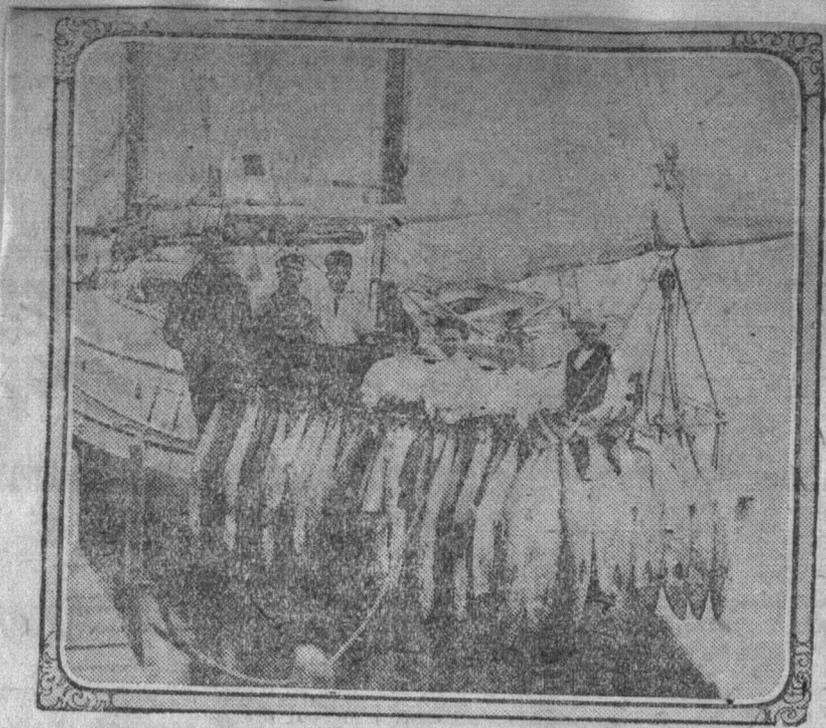
Arrived Today.

Steamer Wm. H. Moody, Boston.

Home From Bay of Islands.

Chaney Hall, who has been looking after the business interests of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., at Bay of Islands, N. F., the past herring season, arrived home Saturday night. He reports weather conditions there when he left far different than here, snow and ice being everywhere in sight and the thermometer at zero. The bay was frozen solid out as far as Frenchman's Head. On the day before he left for home, Mr. Hall had to walk seven miles to pay off some of the herring fishermen, and the next day, with a pack on his back and his feet encased in three pair of woolen socks and skin boots, he trudged 12 miles across country, through the deep snow, to the railroad station to take the train, then one day later, for Port au Basques. The country was fairly buried in snow and all the way along the railroad from Birchy Cove to Bay of Port au Basque, it was like riding in a subway, the white walls of snow being above the car windows on both sides of the train.

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MIDWINTER CATCH OF KINGFISH IN FLORIDA.

Fishing off the coast of Florida is better this winter than it has been in several seasons. This picture shows a catch made by Captain Maddox in the yacht Carlb at Miami. There are forty fish, the string weighing 1,500 pounds. Some of them were bitten in two by sharks that followed the yacht.

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**PASSAGE MAY BE
 BLOCKED
 BY ICE.**

**SCH. ALICE R. LAWSON
 MAY BE OBLIGED TO
 ABANDON TRIP.**

At present writing, but two of the Bay of Islands fleet remain to arrive, sch. Patrician of this port, which is expected in a few days with two-thirds of a load of frozen herring, and sch. Alice R. Lawson, which left here a week ago and in which Capt. Joseph Bonia is trying to secure a hurry-up load of salt herring and get out of the bay before the Gulf ice comes down.

Dispatches received here today makes it look rather doubtful about Capt. Bonia accomplishing his object, and it would also appear that the chances are in favor of his not reaching Bay of Islands, but rather that he may be obliged to give it up and turn back.

It is known that sch. Alice R. Lawson reached Port au Basques, N. F., Friday night and sailed again Saturday, but the report from there yesterday and today is that there is ice everywhere thereabouts, which probably means that the gulf may be blocked up around Cape Ray.

It will be remembered that several seasons ago, the revenue cutter Seminole, after reaching Port au Basques and finding ice in quantities there, got under way, but met a solid wall of ice at Cape Ray and could not get into the gulf and had to abandon the attempt to get to Bay of Islands.

Another dispatch this morning from Heath Point, Anticosti, from where the movements of the gulf ice can be accurately observed, says that nothing can be seen seaward but a plain of heavy ice, moving rapidly southwest, the wind being northwest and the weather very cold. This means that it is making a straight wake for the west Newfoundland coast, and word of the ice barrier off Bay of Islands will probably soon be reported.

Today's Herring Arrivals.

Sch. Ingomar, fully loaded except the cabin with frozen herring, and sch. Dora A. Lawson, with 500 barrels of frozen stock, are the Bay of Islands, N. F., herring arrivals since last report. Each also has 100 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. Hiram Lowell, a late Saturday arrival, had 500 barrels of frozen herring and 178 barrels of salt herring. Sch. Georgie Campbell, also a late one Saturday, had 300 barrels of frozen herring and 100 barrels of salt herring.

Sch. William Matheson is reported arrived at Bucksport, Me., her home port, with a cargo of salt herring, salt cod etc.

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**AGREEMENT FOR HAGUE
 REACHED.
 WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO
 THE
 UNITED STATES
 AND
 ENGLAND.**

An agreement has at last been reached between Secretary Root and the British, Canadian and Newfoundland governments through their representatives at Washington on the Newfoundland fisheries question to be submitted to The Hague court for arbitration.

The agreement was reached early yesterday morning at a conference between Ambassador Bryce, representatives of the Canadian and Newfoundland governments and Secretary Root. The result of the negotiations was immediately cabled to the home governments, with a view to formal approval of the questions to be arbitrated. Mr. Root hopes to go before the senate foreign relations committee today and explain its provisions.

The announcement was made at the White House yesterday by Secretary Root, as he was about to call on the president. The secretary, having been elected U. S. senator by the New York legislature, will resign his cabinet portfolio as soon as the treaty is signed.

In regard to the agreement reached, the approval of London and Ottawa is certain, but there is some doubt as to the attitude of Newfoundland. It is understood that Minister Kent of the latter colony assented to some concessions that Premier Bond will not like. Then there is a political crisis on the island, and if the concessions should be unpopular, to the premier's mind, he would probably lose considerable support at a critical time by assenting to them.

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**DRIFTED AGAINST OCEAN LINER.
 But Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton Escaped
 Injury Except to Main Boom.**

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, a little shore fishing schooner, got mixed up with a white Star liner lying at quarantine, in Boston harbor on Thursday. The schooner bound in, drifted against the anchored liner and got jammed under the steamer's quarter for a while, pitching and rolling, but was finally cleared with loss of main gaff and other slight damage. A diver took a peep at one of the liner's propellers as it was feared the pounding of the vessel might have damaged one of the screws.

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COLD STORAGE TO INCREASE.
BIG ADDITION TO BE MADE TO THE PRESENT PLANT OF COMPANY.
ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE BUSINESS.

Inability to accommodate more than three-quarters of the orders for space in its present structure and feeling the need of more room to fill the needs of its steadily increasing business, the Gloucester Cold Storage & Warehouse Co. has decided to erect another cold storage warehouse, on Rogers street, close to its present building. The final plans for the same were considered and approved at a meeting of the board directors last evening.

The company has purchased of Benjamin A. Smith and Fred A. and Frank C. Pearce, the property on Rogers street, just to the right of the driveway leading to its present quarters and extending over to the driveway leading to the old Langsford wharf. The building formerly used as store and office for the Langsford concern will be torn down as will be the cooper shop and other small buildings adjoining. The large building on the easterly corner of the property will remain for the present.

On the site of the buildings thus removed the company will erect a storage warehouse 75x65 feet, four stories on Rogers street and five stories in the rear, fitted with brine circulation and so constructed as to afford separate temperature for each of the many compartments and able to properly care for any assortment of goods. The building, for fire protection, will be fitted with a sprinkler system.

It will be constructed of hard pine, with cork insulation on the bottom and top. The walls will be constructed in the usual storage warehouse method, with mill shavings for packing. The work will be done by the company itself, which will hire men to do the work under the personal supervision of M. J. Palson, manager of the company, so that everything will be as desired. The new structure will be fitted with an electric elevator, a large one, capable of lifting a jigger crate of fish to any floor.

The First Four Floors Will Be Used for medium and high temperature work, while the top story will be reserved for general storage. The company expects also to issue negotiable warehouse receipts for merchants and is also considering the establishment of a bonded department.

The power will be supplied from the power plant of the present building, the brine being pumped over in underground conduits. The new building will have 175,000 cubic feet of storage space.

In connection with the work of building the new structure, the directors have decided to issue 200 shares more of capital stock, to be divided pro rata among the present stockholders.

The farther section of the present building, that is the end near the water front will be for the company's own use while the end near to the new building will be let to parties for low temperature work. A ten ton ice making plant, is now nearing completion in the present building.

The Company Has Had Phenomenal Growth.

Starting six years ago, with the Rockport Cold Storage Co., those quarters in that town were quickly outgrown and the building on the site of the present structure was built four years ago. Then came the destructive fire in July, 1907, which wiped that out, and in its place rose the building now used, with three times the capacity of the burned one.

The growth has been steady and since the opening of the present building a year ago last December, the needs of more room have been apparent. This has resulted in the determination of the directors to still farther increase its storage space and the vote to build the building described above is the result.

At the meeting of the directors last evening, Thomas J. Carroll was elected to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Nagle.

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HAGUE FISHERY AGREEMENT HELD UP.
NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA OBJECT TO FORM OF SEVERAL QUESTIONS.

Several complications, before unforeseen, have arisen in the matter of the form of the questions at issue in the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, to be submitted to The Hague, and an argument will probably not be reached for several days.

Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Root had some time ago agreed on the terms of the questions to be submitted, but at the conference Saturday night at Washington, participated in by these officials, together with Minister of Justice Kent of Newfoundland and Minister of Justice Aylesworth of Canada, several complications arose. The conference lasted several hours and at its close an announcement was made that because of the several complications, an agreement had not been reached and probably would not be reached for some time.

It is announced in Washington that this delay will probably cause Secretary Root to further delay his resignation from the office of secretary of state, as he is very anxious to have this matter settled before he takes leave of his high office.

The delay in the proceedings is not unexpected here, as was to be expected that both Newfoundland and Canada, particularly the former, would make strenuous efforts to have the matter to be presented to the Hague, in a form, as favorable as possible to their interests.

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Fish Business Hard Hit.

The Italian earthquake has hit the fish business of St. John, N. F., pretty hard. Italy and Portugal are usually large importers of salt and dried fish, the principal products of the colony, but recent disasters in those countries have crippled the purchasing power of the people.

In Sicily, thousands of quintals of fish sent in from the different outports during the early fall are still lying in the big warehouses on the water front awaiting a market that will give a fair price.

The inability of the St. Johns merchants to sell their wares has already begun to be felt in the isolated districts along the northeast and south coasts of the colony.

Many of the fishermen are reported as being in dire want, and before the winter is over, should relief not be received, it is feared that starvation will have claimed many a victim. The fishermen are entirely dependent on the merchants at the capital for existence.

Some of the Newfoundland merchants are reported to be worried about some of their vessels which have sailed, with fish cargoes, for southern Italy and have not been heard from.

While the earthquakes in Italy and floods in Portugal have indirectly contributed to the business depression in Newfoundland, the deadlock in the Newfoundland legislature is said to be partly responsible.

Fishing Sloop Ashore.

The fishing sloop Sarah A., which went ashore at Higgins' beach near Portland in the snow storm Wednesday last, will be floated as soon as her ballast is taken out and her hold freed of water. The sloop went on at nearly high tide and drove well up on the beach.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith arrived at Liverpool Thursday last and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Margie Turner, with 9000 pounds of fresh fish, was at Portland Sunday. Sch. Mary E. Sennett had 5000 pounds, sch. Marion E. Turner, 22,000 pounds, Robert and Carr, 5000 pounds, and Kate L. Turner, 7000 pounds.

To Plant More Lobsters.

George M. Bowers, United States commissioner of fisheries, declared yesterday that while the government planted 2,287,000,000 fish and lobsters last year, it was expected that even that figure would be exceeded this season.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Grand Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Conqueror, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 5000 lbs. fresh cod, 4000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Patrician, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. frozen herring.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Ground pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.; gutted, 60 cents.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3.00 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.75; mediums, \$1.37 1-2, Eastern cod, large \$1.75; medium \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck headline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston.

Sch. Onato, 45,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 38,000 haddock, 9000 cod.
Sch. Motor, 1500 haddock, 4000 cod, 2500 pollock.
Sch. Florida, 5000 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 1000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 2500 cod, 9000 pollock.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Morning Star, 42,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2500 hake, 3000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2.75; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$3.

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BENZOATE OF SODA NOT INJURIOUS.

REFEREE BOARD SO REPORTS AFTER THREE SEPARATE INVESTIGATIONS.

DR. WILEY WILL RESIGN POSITION AS CHIEF OF HEALTH BOARD.

Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, is expected to resign from the government service since the secretary of agriculture has approved the report of President Roosevelt's referee board, made public Saturday, that benzoate of soda is not detrimental to health when used as a preservative of food.

While Dr. Wiley refuses to discuss the matter for publication, he has told friends that is what he proposes to do and that he already has it in mind to enter the employ of a big weekly in New York which has been aiding him in his almost lifelong fight against adulterated foods and drugs.

The referee board's report adverse to his contentions about the injurious effects of benzoate of soda as a food preservative and against the use of saccharine comes after a most bitter campaign against the chief chemist.

Three separate investigations were made by the board which, it is stated, were in close agreement in all essential features.

The main conclusions reached by the referee board are as follows:

First, sodium benzoate in small doses (under 0.5 gram per day), mixed with the food, is without deleterious or poisonous action and is not injurious to health.

Second, sodium benzoate in large doses (up to 4 grams per day), mixed with the food, has not been found to exert any deleterious effect on the general health nor to act as a poison in the general acceptance of the term. In some directions there were slight modifications in certain physiological processes, the exact significance of which modifications is not known.

Third, the admixture of sodium benzoate with food in small or large doses has not been found to injuriously affect or impair the quality or value of such food.