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NOT CAUGHT NAPPING.

United States Rights Not Subject to Political Intrigue.

Modus Vivendi but Step to Settlement of Fishery Question.

The Boston Transcript of yesterday, speaking editorially upon the extension of the modus vivendi regarding the Newfoundland fisheries, says:

"The conclusion of a formal argreement between the United States and Great Britain for a modus vivendi governing the Newfoundland fishery situation until all the questions at issue shall have been passed upon by The Hague Tribunal is really but the public confirmation of a course the two governments decided upon some time ago. Great Britain has no desire to be used as an imperial catspaw by Sir Robert Bond to pull the reciprocity chestnuts out of the fire, and the United States, confident of the justice of its cause and appreciative of the difficulties of the relations of the British Government with its oldest colony, is perfectly willing to let an international court of arbitration interpret the treaty of 1818, on which our case rests.

"The Hague Tribunal may without departing in any way from its character make its decision epochal on the relations of a parent country to its colonies and dependencies in controversies arising over friction between any one of them and another nation. The United States has contended that the legislation of a colony could no more override a treaty than the enactment of a state of the union could nullify the supreme law of the land as expressed in an agreement with a foreign nation formally ratified.

"The power of the Newfoundland legislature to nullify by evasion is the crux of the whole discussion. If it can by passing an act so hamper the operation of the treaty as to render the rights guaranteed by the act of 1818 all but impossible, then Newfoundland becomes paramount. Great Britain last fall gave a partial acquiesence in our views by issuing an imperial rescript suspending the operation of these colonial laws, and forbidding "service" in any suit instituted under them questioning the rights of Americans under the treaty.

"This might at first glance seem a sufficient concession, but the United States does not desire that its rights should be left liable to become the object of a game of politics engineered in co-operation of the Imperial and Colonial ministries. An Imperial ministry posssesed by the "Federation" idea might by temporizing with local legislation open the controversy, in default of a final authoritive decision either to tickle Colonial sensibilities or aid in a bargain with the United States.

"Fortunately for us, as proof of the sentiment of Newfoundland being not wholly antagonistic to our claims, a large element of the islanders openly feel that Sir Robert Bond's policy is injurious to their interests by cutting off business that helped them as much as it aided our fishermen in their perilous calling. They regard their premier as attempting to force the establishment by indirect protection of a home industry in lieu of that now carried on which promises them employment and profits without calling for the investment of their capital, of which they have little to spare."

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SCH. DICTATOR FREE.

Released Yesterday on Payment of a Small Fine.

Captain Did Not Know Port Mouton Was Port of Entry.

The Canadian customs department yesterday ordered the release on the payment of a small fine of sch. Dictator of this port. The schooner was seized on Thursday for a violation of the customs regulations. Capt. Wylde had no knowledge that Port Mouton was a port of entry.

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ENGLISH OPINION.

Editorial Commendation on the Renewal of the Modus Vivendi.

A despatch from London says that the Morning Post in an editorial yesterday, strongly attacks the government for consenting to a modus vivendi with the United States, regarding the Newfoundland fisheries, and reproaches Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, for "yielding to American pressure."

Continuing, the editorial says that while the modus vivendi is concluded for the third time, arbitration is still pending and will continue to be pending until the Americans have quite matured their plans for securing a favorable verdict on an issue not of fact, but of reasonableness. Englishmen may well reflect whether relief from the burden of armaments or from the worrying problem of imperial partnership may not be bought at too costly a sacrifice of moral ideals.

The Times in an editorial commenting on the fact that the modus vivendi was concluded with New England's consent and approval says:

"Happily a renewal of the unfortunate conflict between the Imperial Government and the colony has been avoided, even in appearance. The present Government has not always shown tact in dealing with the affairs of the self-governing colonies, but in this instance, it appears to have acted with dignity and in a conciliatory spirit and has now happily reaped the reward of its patience."

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REPORTS OF MACKEREL.

Fish Seen Schooling Recently Off North Sydney, C. B.

ALSO NEAR TO FIRE ISLAND.

Schools Reported Yesterday Between Monhegan and Half Way Rock.

According to recent reports, most of which were received this morning, and all from good authority, mackerel are showing again and in spots many miles apart from each other.

A despatch to the Master Mariners Association this forenoon from the Portland Cold Storage Co., reports that mackerel were schooling yesterday between Halfway Rock and Monhegan off the Maine coast.

John Nagle & Co. telephoned to this city this morning from Boston that mackerel were schooling eight miles off Fire Island.

A telegram received this morning by Mr. Orlando Merchant, is from J. W. Ingraham at North Sydney, C. B., and says: "Codfishermen arrived report mackerel schooling outside and some fish are being taken in nets.

The Dominion Fish Bureau reports mackerel fair at Grindstone, Magdalene Islands.

A private dispatch received by a well-known vessel owner in this city this morning from Portland, [illegible] conveyed the cheerful intelligence that a large body of medium sized mackerel had struck in all along the shore. The small boats had made some good hauls which were landed at Portland, but none of the vessels had put in an appearance. The telegram also said that there were plenty of mackerel off White Island, which is near Boothbay.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 15,334 barrels against 24,033 barrels at this time last year.

Imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 11,610 barrels against 4241 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 45,357 barrels, against 46,837 barrels at this time last year.

Imports of fresh mackerel to date are 6339 barrels, against 478 barrels at this time last year.

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MORE DEAD HERRING.

Shore at Salem Again Covered with Decaying Fish.

Just as the Salem board of health had the nuisance of the dead herring along the shores of that city well abated, another crop of the fish has come ashore, and the edges of the water are deep in the tiny fishes which will forthwith begin to decay and become troublesome.

Officials at the gas house report that never within the memory of the oldest employee there has been such a mess as they found on the shores there yesterday morning. Nearly all are herring and spurling, running as high as six inches long.

What killed them is a mystery. While the whale was in the harbor, chasing small fish, and the Italian herring dippers from Boston were operating in these waters, the slaughter of the first was laid to them. Now there appears to be nothing.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Ella G. King, Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Juniata, via Boston, 28,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. James and Esther, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Pinta, shore, 60 bbls. salt bluebacks.

Sch. Avalon, seining.

Sch. Grayling, seining.

Sch. Constellation, seining.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, seining.

Steamer No Name, shore, 80 bbls. fresh bluebacks.

Sch. Esperanto, seining.

Todays Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Salt bank cod, large $3.75, mediums, $3.10

Salt Rips, cod, large, $4.25, mediums, $3.25: snapper $2.

Salt Georges cod, large $4.25, mediums, $3.25.

Salt bank dory handline cod, $3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and $3.25 for mediums.

Grand Bank fresh cod, $2.00 per cwt. for arge, $1.60 tor mediums.

Bank halibut 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, $1.50; salt haddock, $1.50.

Fresh mackerel, 36 cts. each for large and 22 1-2 cents for mediums.

Salt mackerel, $8.75 to $21 per bbl., according to quality.

Eastern salt shack trip cod, $3.80 per cwt. for large and $3.15 for markets.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, $2.30; mediums, $1.75; Eastern cod, large, $2; medium, $1.60; cusk, $1.65; haddock, $1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

Boston.

Sch. Lochinvar, 19 swordfish.

Steamer Water Witch, 40 bbls. bluebacks.

Sch. Paragon, 5000 salt cod, 20,000 hake 20,000 cusk, 27,000 halibut.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 12 swordfish.

Swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.

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Caught Big Fish In a Small Boat

A swordfish weighing about 400 pounds was caught by Speed brothers of Peaks island, off Cape Elizabeth, Me., Friday afternoon. The two men were in an ordinary round-bottom motot dory which was fitted up with a motor and they were ten miles off shore, when they spied the big fish. It was harpooned in the back and gave them quite a big fight before it was killed. It was about 14 foot long from the tip of the tail to the end of the sword and will net the fortunate fishermen enough to make it a very good afternoon's work.

After the fish had been killed the men managed to get it into the boat although it nearly filled the small craft. It was brought to the city and sold.

Aug. 17.

FISH AND GAME LAWS.

Many Changes Made Relative to Pursuit of Game.

Open Season on Patridges, Woodcock and Quail Shortened.

Many leading sportsmen received recently, posters from the Massachusetts Fish and Game Protective Association containing a condensed summary of the fish and game laws as they left the hands of the legislature.

The purpose of the fish and game protective association is to have the sheets hung in conspicuous places to inform as many people as possible of the fish and game laws, and thus assist in their observance.

Practicaly no change shows in the protective laws on fish from those of last season. But there are several changes in the laws relative to the pursuit of game, and they are important.

Perhaps the one that will create the biggest stir is the shortening of the open season on partridges, woodcock and quail, to the month of October. Killing those game birds will be illegal after the last day of October. For the last two years shooting of quail has been permitted for one month only, the month of November. That law meant little, as the stock of quail in the state has been almost nothing since the severe winters of a few years ago. But the open season on the bird which all bird hunters seek, the ruffed grouse, more commonly called the partridge, has been two months for the last few years, previous to which it was for three months. With this year the open season will be the month of October, when the foliage is on the trees and partridge hunting and shooting difficult.

Another bit of legislation which will have a widespread effect is the new license laws. For the first time in the history of the state a resident hunter's license law will go into effect during the coming winter season. Beginning January 1, all resident hunters must secure a license, the charge of which is $1. The bird hunters will escape payment of the license fee, as the bird season will be over on November, and the resident hunter's license law does not go into effect until January.

Non-residents of the state must secure licenses from the commissioners of fisheries and game, and the old law is in force that unnaturalized foreign born people must secure a license.

The open season on other kinds of game which are found in the vicinity of Cape Ann remain the same, except with the gray squirrel. Hitherto the gray squirrel has been classed with the hare and rabbit, and could be hunted and shot between October 1 and March 1. The last legislature came to the rescue of the gray squirrel, and henceforth it will be illegal to kill one at any time, unless, as in the case with deer, the animal is doing damage, in which event it may be killed at any time. But even in that the squirrel is well protected, as only damage to buildings permits killing the animal.

Another restriction placed on hunters for the coming season is in the further protection of mongolian pheasants. For the last two years it has been lawful to kill male mongolian pheasants during the month of November. That permission was taken away, and the law now protects the pheasant all through the year.

Deer will continue to enjoy protection for two years more. The law protecting deer expired this year, but it was removed for two years more, and it is not lawful to kill a deer at any time except that a person may kill one doing damage to his crops or trees.

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SCH. SALADIN AT PORTLAND

Arrived There This Morning with 5000 Fresh Mackerel.

Reports Small Schools Off Monhegan Friday and Saturday.

Without doubt mackerel have struck in on the Maine coast, although the extent of the schools is not exactly known at present.

Word was received here yesterday from Portland that two small fares of mackerel had arrived there Saturday afternoon. Both the crafts were boats and they reported a good body of fish off Monhegan. This morning sch. Saladin, Capt. Benjamin A. Spurling, arrived at Portland with a fare of 5000 fresh mackerel, taken off Monhegan Friday afternoon and Saturday.

Steamer Pet also arrived at Portland this morning with 19 barrels of fresh mackerel.

The fares landed at Portland today were one-third large and two-thirds mediums, and seem to be a different run of fish than any seen this season.

Capt. Spurling of sch Saladin, reports seeing about 20 or more schools of mackerel in the vicinity of Monhegan. He caught seven schools for the fare of 5000 fish and says that sch. Elmer E. Gray also took two schools at the same time. Sch. Lucania came there Sunday and these were all the seiners he saw.

A letter to one of our leading concerns from Mr. Charles A. Dyer of Portland, written Saturday, speaks of the arrival of two boats, one with 1200 fresh mackerel and another with 1000 fresh mackerel. He also said that the fish mostly went from 1 1-4 to two pounds each, with a sprinkling of a few that would make bloaters. The men of these boats reported fish as far as they could see, and they were also reported off Monhegan and Boothbay harbor. The fish caught are just the right kind and size to hang on late on the Maine coast and Bay of Fundy.

Mr. Dyer, in the letter, also speaks of talking a few days ago with the captains of the swordfisherman Fanny Hayden, who reported a lot of schools on the northeast part of Georges and working in a northeasterly direction.

Passengers on the Yarmouth steamer at Boston yesterday report passing three seiners with their boats out between Yarmouth and the Lurcher on Saturday.

The officers of the revenue cutter Gresham reported mackerel schooling 10 miles to the eastward of Thacher's island on Friday.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon is at Boston today with 11 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Carrie E., one of the netters, arrived at this port this morning from over Plymouth way with 400 fresh mackerel. The fish were mixed.

Mackerel have put in an appearance in Annisquam river and several were caught yesterday, one man getting 22 at the landing at Hucklebrry hill. The fish are small.

The Dominion Fisheries Bureau reports mackerel scarce at Alberton and fair at Grindstone, Magdalen Islands.

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AGENCY CLOSED.

Consular Service Dispenses with Office at Shelburne.

Port Is Much Frequented by American Fishing Vessels.

It will be a considerable surprise to vessel owners, skippers and fishermen to learn that the American consular agency at Shelburne, N. S., has been closed.

This is a port much frequented by Gloucester vessels, as many, without doubt touching there as at any Nova Scotia port, and owners and skippers are at loss to know the reason for the closing of the agency there, especially where it has been one so much used and very convenient.

The news of the closing of the Shelburne agency was received by Collector Jordan in a letter on Saturday, from A. J. Fleming, American Consular Agent at Yarmouth, N. S., in which the latter said:

"The American Consular Agency at Shelburne, N. S., was closed by order of the department of state on July 20. Business formerly transacted at that agency should now go to the American consular agency at Barrintgon Passage, N. S."

It is very probable that the fishing interest will endeavor to ascertain why the Shelburne agency was closed and possibly to make some representations as to its value and necessity as far forth as Gloucester is concerned.

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Sch. Pauline, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Carrie E., netting, 400 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore, 115 bbls. fresh shad.

Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 225 bbls. fresh shad.

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Boston.

Sch. Mattakeesett, 7000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 11 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Florida, 57 swordfish.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2 swordfish, 2000 pol lock.

Sch. Quartette, 10 swordfish.

Sch. Eva Avina, 1000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Quonnapowit, 25,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 16,000 hake.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Althena, 16,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 22,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 17,000 hake.

Sch. Georgianna, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 30,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 31,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 22,000 hake.

Steamer Spray, 80,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Viking, 44 swordfish.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett, 52 swordfish.

Sch. Stranger, 44 swordfish.

Sch. Mettacomet, 16 swordfish.

Sch. Esther Gray, 21 swordfish.

Steamer Bessie Dugan.

Haddock, $3 to $3.60 per cwt.; large cod, $4 to $4.50; market cod, $2 to $3; hake, 80 cts. to $2; pollock, $2.50 to $2.80; swordfish, 10 cts. per lb.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mildred Robinson sailed from Canso, N. S., Thursday.

Capt. James Vanamberg will now fit sch. Norma for a deck handline trip to the eastward.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf will command sch. Miranda on a deck handlining trip to the eastward.

Schs. Orinoco and Thomas S. Gorton were at Canso, N. S., Friday.

Schs. Gossip, Mystery and Grace Darling were at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday, for bait. Sch. Dictator cleared from there the same day.

Schs. Agnes and Georgie Campbell were at Shelburne, N. S., Friday.