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## KNICKERBOCKER IS OFF ON LONG TRIP

Bound around to the Pacific, her ultimate destination being Seattle, in Puget Sound, the auxiliary fishing schooner Knickerbocker, Capt. Robert Lathagee, left Long Wharf, Boston, just before noon yesterday.

The tug Irving Ross towed the new craft down to Long Island, where she cruised about for a time adjusting compasses, and then started off like a race horse in the southwesterly gale which was blowing.

Capt. Lathagee expects to make the run of 16,000 miles in about 100 days, if all goes well and he is able to cut off the run around the Horn by going through the Straits of Magellan. This will depend entirely upon the engines. If they are in good working order the vessel will go through the straits, otherwise she will go around the Horn. The course which the vessel will follow will take her in a southeasterly

direction across the Atlantic toward Africa, in order to take advantage of the trade winds.

The vessel finished taking on her supplies yesterday morning. Her holds were filled with oil for the power engines, fresh water, of which there was 3000 gallons, flour, provisions and other stores. Capt. Lathagee navigated the schooner Victor and Ethan around to the Pacific a year ago, and on that trip the stock of provisions ran low and the crew was compelled to subsist on bread and coffee for nearly 10 days. He is taking no chances of running short of grub this trip.

The Knickerbocker is the third vessel to leave Boston in the last 18 months to engage in Pacific halibut fisheries. She was completed at Essex last fall and fitted at this port for the New England Fish Company. Her dimensions are: Length 126 feet over all, 102 feet on water line, beam 24½ feet. She is equipped with two motors burning crude oil for fuel.

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## BOWERS RESIGNS—SMITH FOR PLACE

A Washington dispatch in the Boston Advertiser says:

"The new commissioner of the bureau of fisheries is going to be Hugh M. Smith, the present deputy commissioner. George M. Bowers will retire and his resignation has been accepted by President Wilson.

"It would not be surprising if Secretary Redfield, who wants to man his bureaus with the most efficient men possible, has had a great deal to do with the choice of Smith, who ranks very high as a fish scientist.

"The selection of Smith has become known through the candidacy of G. W. Field, chairman of the Massachusetts game and fish commission. His friends have ascertained that Secretary Redfield has determined on the naming of Smith.

A Boston dispatch from Washington on the same subject says:

"Unless President Wilson changes his mind completely, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries Hugh M. Smith will be appointed commissioner to succeed George M. Bowers, present commissioner. This means that Dr. George W. Field, chairman of the Fish and Game Commission of Massachusetts, will not be successful in his fight for this position.

"There is a bitter fight on for the

commissioner of fisheries, for it is one of the best positions in the gift of the President, or has been heretofore. The salary attached is \$6000, and the incumbent holds his position at the pleasure of the President, that is to say, his term is not limited.

"Commissioner Bowers was appointed by President McKinley at the suggestion of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia.

"Deputy Commissioner Smith is a scientist, as well as a capable executive, and his appointment, if made, will be due not only to the fact that he is equipped for the position, but also because of the system of promotions that will prevail in the Department of Commerce under Secretary Redfield.

"A number of President Wilson's friends are urging him to appoint Walker Vick of New York, who was prominent in the management of the Wilson campaign.

"Dr. Field's indorsements are as strong as those of Dr. Smith, and but for the fact that most of the scientific work of the bureau has been done by Dr. Smith, or under his direction, during the past few years, Dr. Field would have an even chance.

"The President has given no official indication of whom he intends to appoint to succeed Mr. Bowers, but a formal announcement is expected in a few days."

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### Tanned Codfish Skin.

There is now on exhibition at the Board of Trade rooms, St. John's, a sample of tanned codfish skin. It was recently received from London where it was prepared by a new process in which it is believed there is a great future. The skin is only a rough one. It will bear a high polish and prove a very useful article.

### Brought In Carrier Pigeon.

The fishing sch. Marion E. Turner, which arrived at Portland Sunday, had on board a carrier pigeon, fastened to which was a tag bearing the number 2634. The bird came aboard much exhausted when the schooner was to the southward of Cape Elizabeth.

### Got Some at Clark's Harbor.

A number of young men were lately recruited at Clark's Harbor, N. S., to take the place of strikers on board the New England Fishing Co.'s boats at Vancouver, B. C.

### Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

A total of 2,645,800 pounds of fresh groundfish was landed at T wharf, Boston, last week against 83 arrivals or 3,390,000 pounds for the corresponding week in 1912.

### Alewives at Edgartown.

The traps at Edgartown took 70

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## MCINNIS FROM THE PEAK AGAIN

### Noted Fish Catcher Brings Another Fare of Fresh Cod From Eastward.

With another one of those famous codfish fares, sch. Independence II, Capt. John McInnis, arrived here during the night from the Peak hauling for 85,000 pounds of fresh cod and 500 pounds of fresh Halibut.

Three fresh trips left over from yesterday are down from Boston to split. They are schs. Georgia with 40,000 pounds; Jeanette, 35,000 pounds; Harriett, 35,000 pounds.

But few of the gill netters were out yesterday, their landings being about 80 percent haddock and the remainder mostly cod.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Independence, II., the Peak, 85,000 lbs. fresh cod, 500 lbs fresh halibut.

Sch. Harriett, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Georgia, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern Halibut codfish, large, \$4.75; mediums, \$4.25.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white and 10c for gray.

### Last Week at Fulton Market.

The closing week of Lent was not marked by any great demand for fish in the salt water fish market, says the Fishing Gazette. There were three fish days and on Tuesday Thursday and Friday business was light, days on which the demand is usually heavy.

Codfish was somewhat scarce on Thursday and steak fish was quoted on that day at 10 to 11 cents per pound, while market cod sold at 5 to 6 cents. During the early part of the week steak cod brought 8 to 10 cents and market cod 5 cents.

There was plenty of haddock in the market during the entire week. The price up to Wednesday was 4 cents per pound.

Western white halibut was scarce and was quoted at 14 cents per pound in box lots.

Steak cod was one to two cents a pound cheaper. Haddock brought 4 to 6 cents, while a few pollock were quoted at 8 to 9 cents.

The arrivals were schs:

Clifton, 1800 codfish; Anna & Ella, 1100 codfish; Annie Godfrey, 1500 codfish; Anona, 500 codfish; Pittsburg, 1500 codfish; Anona, 500 codfish; Con-

## ST JOHN'S LONGS FOR FRESH FISH

St. John's has been simply longing for a good slice of wholesome fresh fish the last few days. Other years at this time, if fresh cod or herring were not available, a halibut steak could be procured which filled the bill admirably says the Trade Review. This year however, the halibut fishery on the west coast has been practically nil, and there are, of course, none to sell in St. John's. We haven't any doubt that there are plenty of codfish to be procured off this coast at present, if we had the proper boats and gear to seek them but we haven't, and so we must do without our fresh fish for many weeks yet.

It will indeed be a bad day for Newfoundland when the business relations between our merchants and our fishermen are destroyed. It is to them our fishermen have to go in their difficulties, and seldom have they met with a refusal. How often has it happened that the energetic and persevering young man is taken hold of by the merchant, given a schooner to clear fitted out with all the necessities for prosecuting the voyage, and, at the same time, that young man may not have \$100 in his possession, or even the value of that amount in property.

## BAD WEATHER FOR THE N. F. BANKERS

The Newfoundland western banking fleet are now ready for their spring trip, and are harbored at Burgeo, La Polle, and that vicinity. The schooners have a good supply of bait, salt, squid and frozen herring but the weather has been such the last two weeks as to prevent fishing though a few of the more venturesome skippers have been fishing and with fairly good results. Last year at this date some of the bankers had as much as 300 quintals salted down. The fishery generally on the coast is a failure. Cod, however, is plentiful, the draw-back being the unfavorable weather.

### Arctic Whaling News.

So far nothing has been heard from the Gay Head, which has been hunting sperm whales in the south Pacific, but word of her early operations is expected at any time. None of the other Arctic whaling vessels have gone out.

The old Arctic whaling fleet of San Francisco which has been gradually declining many years, seems likely in the near future to be almost entirely broken up, as two of the vessels have been engaged for other uses. The controlling interest in the steamer Belvedere has been purchased by Seattle parties, and she is now at the dock being put in shape for her trip to the Sound. It is understood that Capt. S. F. Cottle, who has had charge of this vessel's operations in the past, retains a part interest in her, and will take her to the Sound. The exact intentions of the new owners have not been given out, but the vessel will continue in the Arctic trade, and will probably be used mostly for trading among the shore stations of the far north. The Belvedere was built at Bath, Me., in 1880, and is 140 1-2 feet long, 31 feet beam and 17 feet deep, carrying a crew of 42 men.

Another old whaler, the steamer Karluk, controlled by Stabens & Friedman, has been engaged by Stefanon, the Arctic explorer, who is going on an expedition for the American Museum of Natural History. The vessel is now being fitted up under the supervision of Capt. C. T. Pedersen, a local whaling master, and is expected to go north in May with Stefanon and a party of scientists, for a three years' stay in Arctic regions.—Pacific Fisherman.

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### Salt Mackerel Imports.

Imports of salt mackerel of the 1912 catch received at Boston to date totals 29,905 barrels against 81,263 barrels of the 1911 catch for the same period a year ago.

### To Talk Fisheries Boundary Treaty.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, left Ottawa, Thursday afternoon for Washington where, on Saturday morning, he was to have an informal and unofficial interview with President Wilson, says a Canadian despatch. The subject to be discussed, in an informal manner, is the treaty relating to the conservation of fisheries in boundary waters which has been standing for some time. It is hoped that the United States senate will ratify the treaty and that the president will use his influence to expedite the passage of the resolution. This appointment was made through the good offices of Mr. Bryce.

### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Our market has ruled quite firm, owing to light supplies, and sales of medium cod have been made at \$32, while equivalent of about \$34 have been obtained for large cod. Steamers due this week are reported as bringing large supplies, but the more active demand ought to promptly absorb these arrivals at fair prices. As to pollock and haddock there is a fair demand for these descriptions at prices between \$23 and \$24.—Reported March 11, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

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# TRADE QUIET, HADDOCK LOW

## Seven Arrivals at T Wharf Have More Than Enough For the Trade.

Although there has been but seven arrivals of fresh fish at T wharf since yesterday, trade was still quiet at the dock this morning.

With but one exception, the receipts were off shore fish, mostly haddock, which sold at \$1.50 a hundred weight. The fare were schs. Alice M. Guthrie, 49,000 pounds; Mary DeCosta, 43,000 pounds; Buema, 38,000 pounds; Squanto, 74,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 64,000 pounds; steam trawler Crest, 36,000 pounds and 6000 pounds lemon sole.

The dealers paid \$1.50 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$5 for large cod, \$3.50 for market cod and \$4 to \$6 for hake.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Eva Avina, 3700 cod. Str. Crest, 32,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 6000 lemon sole. Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 30,000 haddock, 19,000 cod. Sch. Mary DeCosta, 30,000 haddock, 13,000 cod. Sch. Buema, 24,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 1500 hake. Sch. Squanto, 43,000 haddock, 31,000 cod. Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 42,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1500 pollock, 200 halibut. Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$6.

# ST. PIERRE GOOD MARKET FOR SQUID

Says N. S. Consul John K. Baxter, at St. Pierre, Miquelon: "The St. Pierre schooners fishing on the Newfoundland banks will bait for the early spring voyage in 1913 with frozen squid purchased at Provincetown, Mass. Two schooners loaded with squid arrived here early in February and a third is reported under way. The squid is transferred to a cold-storage warehouse on shore, and it is expected to sell at the opening of the fishing season in April for 4½ cents a pound. This is probably the first time that American bait has been sold at St. Pierre. On the other hand, American schooners bait here every year during the caplin season in late June and early July. When in any year there is a surplus of squid in New England, there should be a market for it here, for the local supply is usually insufficient, and the French are not permitted to purchase bait in Newfoundland."

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# WHY GO TO THE PACIFIC COAST?

## To Make Money Halibuting— Look What Sch. Yakima's Men Did Here.

One of the biggest stocks of the season in the fresh halibut fishery was realized by Capt. Robert Wharton and crew of sch. Yakima which settled up yesterday for her dandy fare which was secured in a little better than four weeks fishing.

The exact stock was \$4981 the average being \$150.05 to a man clear while the high share was \$157.53.

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### Pensacola Arrivals.

Smacks for last week arriving at Pensacola were as follows: For E. E. Saunders & Co.—Clara M. Littlefield, 9000 snappers; Lottie H. Haskins, 7175 snappers, 460 groupers; Cavalier, 14,940 snappers, 6645 groupers; Favorite, 10,265 snappers, 530 groupers; Ida S. Brooks, 13,660 snappers, 9250 groupers; Mary E. Corney, 21,925 snappers, 29,290 groupers; Flora G. Sears, 16,540 snappers, 8750 groupers; Louise F. Harper, 16,935 snappers, 6715 groupers. For Warren Fish Co.—Silas Staurns, 14,105 snappers, 3690 groupers; Clara P. Sewall, 11,635 snappers, 3510 groupers; Amy Wixon, 7000 snappers, 2000 groupers.

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# FISHING INTERESTS ALL IN THE DARK

## At Loss to Understand Import Of Latest Beam Trawl Report.

Skippers, vessel owners and the fishing interests of New England in general are at a loss to understand the Washington dispatch as printed in the Times Monday to the effect that Secretary of Commerce Redfield will shortly appoint four Maine fishermen to conduct an investigation into beam trawling methods, from the \$5000 appropriated by congress, especially in view of the well known fact that the investigation has already been under way for several months.

It is a well known fact generally, not only at Washington, but at this port and Boston, that under the provisions of the bill, the matter has

been in the hands of the Bureau of Fisheries and is being ably and intelligently conducted on this end by no less a person than A. B. Alexander, whom all recognize as peculiarly well equipped for the work. He has been engaged upon the investigation for several months.

Mr. Alexander has been making his headquarters in Boston and has already taken a trip on one of the beam trawlers, and has had agents at work all winter on the crafts, gathering data from both the vessel and steamers to present to the department, while he has been busy on the shore end of the work.

In view of these facts, it is difficult to understand the import of the dispatch that Maine fishermen are to do the work of beam trawling investigation.

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### Lockeport Fishing Notes.

As the weather last week was exceptionally favorable for fishing, the vessels were able to secure four sets. On Monday about 20,000 lbs. of fish were landed, on Wednesday about 30,000, on Thursday about 35,000 and on Friday 30,000. Schooner Kernwood arrived Saturday with 33,000 pounds and on Monday the Digby schooner, Albert J. Lutz arrived with 30,000 fresh fish. The latter catch was bought by the Cold Storage Co.

The highest share last week was made by the crew of the sch. Lulu S., Capt. Clayton Collupy, each member of the crew obtaining over forty dollars. The crew of sch. Kernwood, Capt. Al Doleman, formerly of sch. Volant of this port, shared \$34 a man.

The new schooner being built in Yarmouth for the Lockeport Cold Storage Co. is expected to be launched on Wednesday of this week. She will be used for gill-net fishing, and will be commanded by Capt. James Benham.

### Made Great Big Stock.

Sch. Quannapowitt, Capt. Daniel McDonald, made a fine stock as a result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$125 to a man. Capt. McDonald, his friends will regret to learn has been obliged to go to the hospital for treatment.

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# DECISION VERY IMPORTANT

## Customs Court Ruling on Canned Herring and Mack- erel May be Contested.

The customs court at Washington yesterday decided a herring and mackerel case, which, if accepted as a precedent for 4500 similar pending issues, will cause the federal government to surrender \$1,000,000 in duties and materially reduce the tariff on certain imported canned fish.

The court held that herring and mackerel in bouillon, in tomato sauce or soured and placed in tins were, within the meaning of the tariff law, pickled or salted herring and mackerel, the herring being dutiable at one-half cent per pound and the mackerel at one cent. The government maintained that they were fish in tins dutiable at 30 per cent. ad valorem.

Because of the revenue importance of the issue, the Treasury Department is considering appealing one of the pending cases.

# LONG OVERDUE CRAFT IS SAFE

Feeling for the safety of the smack Althea Franklin and her crew by her owners and by fishermen generally, was relieved Wednesday afternoon, when word as to the whereabouts of the smack was received, says the Pensacola News. The Althea Franklin was unheard from for 33 days until yesterday afternoon and, naturally, more or less anxiety over her safety was evident along the waterfront during the past several days.

The smack was reported from St. Andrews. Instead of being on the Campechy fishing banks as supposed, the Franklin has been fishing along the Florida coast. She is in command of one of the most experienced masters plying out of Pensacola.

# SEAL OUTLOOK IS VERY GOOD

"Prospects for the seal fishery this season are good." This wireless message has been received at St. John's, N. F., from one of the vessels participating in Newfoundland's annual quest for seals in the gulf of St. Lawrence and off the Grand Banks. Several ships have located a large herd off the banks. Seals were sighted last month on drift ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Eight steel steamers and 12 wooden vessels make up the fleet which left the port more than a week ago. Four thousand men are employed in this year's hunt. Practically all the vessels are equipped with wireless, and with land stations established, the owners are able to keep in almost constant touch with the fleet.

### Fish As Cattle Food.

The utilization of fish as a cattle food is by no means a recent innovation, says the American Fertilizer. The nitrogenous constituents of fish guano, owing to its high digestibility, produce a better feeding affect than an equivalent amount of nitrogen provided in good hay or oat meal. Ninety per cent. of the nitrogenous matter is digested and the large amounts of phosphates contained in a guano appear in a soluble form of drug. As to fish diet tainting the flesh or milk it was found that one pound per day fed to hogs produced no unfavorable effect neither in milk or butter.

In Germany fish guano is used with great success as a stock food. For fattening swine one-half to one pound is used per day. It is also used for cows and calves. Excessive rations are liable to affect the quality of the meat but in moderate quantities it contributes to the general health of the animal without any disadvantageous consequences whatever.

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# RECEIPTS WERE VERY LIGHT

## Steam Trawler and Five Shore Boats All At T Wharf Today.

But for the arrival of a steam trawler and five shore crafts, T wharf dealers would have had but few fish this morning.

The steam trawler Foam had 37,000 pounds and 7000 weight of sole, while the shore fleet had small trips generally.

Off shore haddock sold at \$2.50 and shore haddock at \$4 a hundred weight. Wholesalers paid \$5.50 for large cod, \$4 for market cod, \$4.50 for hake, \$5.50 for pollock and \$3.87 1-2 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Washaki, 5000 haddock, 990 cod. Str. Foam, 32,000 haddock, 5000 coc, 7000 lemon sole. Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 11,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 7500 pollock. Sch. Eva Avina, 1300 cod. Sch. Olivia Sears, 700 cod. Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 500 haddock, 3000 cod, 500 hake. Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50; market cod, \$4; hake, \$4.50 to \$6; pollock, \$5.50; cusk, \$3.87 1-2.

# PACIFIC COD CONDITIONS

No new codfish has arrived in San Francisco for the last month, and with a fair seasonable demand supplies are only moderate and prices steady, the Pacific Fisherman says. More fish will be arriving from the stations before long, however, and with a rather large spring fleet fitting out there are prospects of a large supply during the late summer and fall.

Alfred Greenebaum, of the Alaska Codfish Company, says: "Our schooner John D. Spreckels got away January 25, and will return in April with the first of the new codfish of 1913. The local market, in spite of the Lenten season, has been rather quiet, on account of the fair weather which has enabled the local fishermen to bring in larger catches of fresh fish than usual at this season. This naturally affects the codfish business to a large extent.

The Pacific States Trading Company expects to get its two vessels off during the next few weeks.

C. P. Overton, of the Union Fish Company, says: "Our schooner Vega sailed February 6 for Seattle, where she will be fitted out for her spring trip. There is no foundation for the report that we intend to move our offices to Seattle. We have frequently fitted out vessels and discharged cargoes at that port, and there is nothing in this action to give rise to such a report. At this time the vessels of the sea fishing fleet are beginning to outfit for the summer's work. Up to date there has been but one arrival, that of our schooner Galilee on January 11, with the winter catch from our stations. This gives us a fairly good stock to meet the ordinary requirements of our trade until we can get another cargo back from our stations by the Sequoia, which is now outfitting. Otherwise stocks in first hands all along the coast are small, and owing to early shipments to the Atlantic seaboard, and a fairly active local demand for the Lenten trade, all dealers have been kept busy. In the absence of very severe competition prices have been well maintained. Outfitting on the coast for the coming season is on a scale to produce an excess over the requirements of the coast trade, and only a continuance of the demand from the Atlantic coast can prevent congested markets, with a consequent break in prices."

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### Good Stock.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, stocked \$1860 from her recent haddocking trip, from which the crew shared \$40 to a man clear.