

HELPS DISABLED CRAFT TO PORT

Gill Netter Ethel Finds Sister Craft Mary L. Broken Down In Rough Sea and Brings Her In.

The gill netting steamer Mary L. while lifting her nets off the Ridges became disabled Wednesday during the gale and Capt. Denot and his crew would probably have feared very much worse had it not been for the presence of steamer Ethel, also one of the gill netting fleet, which rendered valuable assistance.

There was quite a sea on with plenty of wind outside Wednesday and a number of the fleet had difficulty in

locating their gear. The Mary L. became disabled when her engine refused to work and the craft was having a hard time of it, when Capt. Keefe of the Ethel came to the rescue and threw a line over to the former and took her in tow for port.

During the trip to harbor, the Ethel parted her hawser four times, but ultimately brought the craft safely to the wharf. The Mary L. had a fare of 10,000 pounds fresh fish.

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Something to Think About.

Dr. Carl Osberg Alsborg, chief of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture, according to Harper's Weekly is to point out one way toward reducing the cost of living in this country, by teaching the people to use more fish in their diet, says the Post-Intelligencer. Whether this teaching is to accomplish the result or not, it is certain that with the high prices of meat, for which there is little prospect of reduction for many years to come if ever, fish will become a much more common article of diet in the future than in the past, especially if there are steps taken to reduce the present excessive margin between the prices received by the fishermen and prices paid by the consumers, and that reduction will come. —Anacortes American.

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Fishermen On a Strike.

Between 800 and 900 fishermen belonging to the port of Ymuiden have struck for higher wages and improved conditions, with the result that 60 trawlers are unable to proceed to sea. The owners of the trawlers have combined to resist the demands of their employes, as they consider that the industry is not sufficiently prosperous to warrant an advance in wages.

Her First Fishing Trip.

Harry K. Thaw's former steam yacht Wissot is at Boston today with 50 barrels fresh herring. The vessel is in command of Capt. Dall and was recently purchased from New York parties by Frank R. Neal of T wharf, who also purchased the former yacht Gyda. Two engines are installed, which are expected to drive the Wissoe at a speed of at least 10 knots an hour.

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A BIG CATCH OF CODFISH

An even fortnight out of port, the Lunenburg banker W. H. Smith arrived in Halifax Wednesday with 150,000 lbs. of fresh codfish, which were taken on Scatterie bank. Capt. Wilfrid Nauss sold his cargo at 2 1-2 cents a pound. This is a remarkably big catch for the length of time of the cruise and the price realized makes for a good sum to be shared by the crew.

HALIBUT PRICE AT HIGH POINT

The season's prices on fresh halibut went to smash again this morning in the sale of the fare of sch. Rhodora which sold to the American Halibut Company at 18 cents a pound for white and 14 cents for gray.

Salt Fish.

There have been no developments of particular interest during the week says the Fishing Gazette in its regular weekly issue. The demand continues good, and supplies are moderate, hence there is a very firm feeling in the market. A reported advance at primary sources has not yet been reflected in this market.

TWO HERRING CARGOES HERE

Sch. Rhodora Brings Small Halibut Fare—Gill Netters Still Do Well.

Two more of the herring fleet are home this morning, schs. John R. Bradley and Senator Gardner bringing full cargoes of salt and pickled herring for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Both crafts left together, making the passage in eight days.

Sch. Rhodora, Capt. Gustaf Peterson, from a fresh halibuting voyage, has a 5000 pound fare besides some salt and fresh fish. The Rhodora landed a fare of halibut at Nova Scotia recently which was shipped to the American market.

Gill netting receipts yesterday totaled over 200,000 pounds. The boats are still striking the run of pollock, with a few cod and hake mixed in. Steamer Orion had the largest haul yesterday, lifting 28,000 pounds from two gangs of nets, while steamer George E. Fisher has been making temporary repairs.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Alice, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Randolph gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Lorena, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Medomak, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Venture, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Orion gill netting, 28,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sunflower gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Anna T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nicholas gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Julia May, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Mary F. Ruth gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Geisha, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sir. Nomad, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

- Str. Enterprise, gill netting, lbs. fresh fish.
- Str. Robert and Edwin gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Senator Gardner, Boston N. F., 1360 bbls. salt, herring, pickled herring.
- Sch. John R. Bradley, Boston N. F., 1250 bbls. salt herring, pickled herring.
- Sch. Rhodora, Cape Shore, fresh halibut, 7000 lbs. fresh halibut, lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.
- Sch. Mary F. Sears, shore.
- Sch. Adeline, shore.
- Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Maxine Elliott, Newfoundland port.
- Br. sch. Acme, Newfoundland.
- Sch. Paragon, halibuting.
- Sch. Manomet, haddocking.
- Sch. Rebecca, haddocking.
- Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.
- Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, \$5.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; pers, \$3.50.
- Salt trawl bank cod, large, medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.25.
- Dory handline cod, \$5 for large for medium; snappers, \$3.50.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, medium, \$4.50.
- Georges halibut codfish, large, medium, \$4.50.
- Flitched halibut, 10c per lb.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, snappers, \$1.50.
- Haddock, \$2.
- Hake, \$2.
- Pollock, \$2.

Fresh Fish.

- Splitting prices:
- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.
- Western cod, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2.15; snappers, 75c.
- All codfish not gilled, 10c per pound less than the above.
- Hake, \$1.40.
- Cusk, large, \$2; medium, snappers, 50c.
- Dressed pollock, 90c; round, 80c.

- Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for Newfoundland bulk salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.
- Newfoundland pickled herring, 90c per bbl.
- Fresh halibut, 18c per lb. for white and 14c for gray.
- Fresh mackerel, large, 30c each.

Porto Rico Fish Market

Under pressure of increasing receipts, our markets have become some, and although demand continues fairly active, holders are inclined to shade prices so as to induce sales. For this week's steamers arriving some 2000 tcs. dry fish for the ports.

We quote about as follows on net ex wharf basis: Large codfish, \$34 to \$35 per cask 450 lbs.; medium codfish, \$33 do.; pollock and hake, \$23 do.—Reported by S. Parsons Co.

SCARCE AT PORTLAND

Portland Cold Storage Company Thursday in receipt of a carload of Pacific halibut and Alaska something like 32,000 weight. The first consignment of salmon received here this year, and the consignment ever brought to the city. Three years ago this same time received a quantity of Alaskan salmon by rail but not until yesterday was the order ever duplicated. The company also has another order expected to receive the fish in January.

This is the second of three consignments of Pacific halibut for the city, the first having arrived a week ago for J. W. Trefethen and L. Daggett.

The shipment which arrived here were 20,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salmon.

The fish market which has been suffering from a scarcity of fish for several days, received little relief today, the only fares in being the Bessie with less than 5000 pounds and the Martha E. McLean with 3000 pounds. Some of the dealers as high as eight cents for haddock.

The bad weather of last Wednesday had pronounced effect upon the market, prices overtopping the highest figure of many weeks. For a considerable time the market has been short of fish and in the fact that within the past few days the fares in here have been what they have done nothing to relieve the situation. The scarcity of sea food was felt when the dealers were offered \$6.50 for haddock, from \$4 to \$5 for cod, and from \$3 to \$5 for hake. These prices brought not the effect, as there was little fish to be had. There were but two trips to the coast, Albert W. Willard with 12,000 pounds and the Dorcas with 5000

of bait is scarce. Not in a long time has there been such a scarcity. The schooner Eva Martin, which arrived Wednesday with about 1000 pounds, reported that the same conditions prevail all along the coast westward, and many of the lobstermen have been forced to close their business, and the prediction is that the prices on lobsters will reach figures far beyond the mark of recent years. At present it is possible to obtain only \$2 for the same amount and smaller quantities than they were paid from \$1 to \$1.25 for. The Eva Martin there was on another trip in Wednesday, the boat Bernard F., with 1500

reached Portland, Wednesday. The schooner Bernie & Bessie, which went to Deer Island thoroughfare, was off Tuesday at high water by revenue cutter Woodbury, and is expected to return to Portland under power. The report also stated that the vessel suffered little

damage from her accident. The schooner is in command of Capt. McVane.

Sch. Dorcas, which arrived Friday, brought a monster lobster which it had landed in one of its nets while fishing. The big fellow weighed between 14 and 15 pounds. This was almost as large as the lobster which was shipped to a Pittsburg, Pa., hotel a few days ago by the firm of J. W. Trefethen, which weighed 16 1/4 lbs.

The Alice, Wednesday while fishing outside caught in her nets a big salt water salmon which weighed in the vicinity of eight pounds. Few fishermen could recall the catching of a salmon hereabouts at this season of the year. Besides the salmon the Alice also caught three large shad. The catching of this variety of fish at this time in the year is quite a novelty.

GOOD MARKET AT CLOSING

T Wharf Dealers Hold Up Prices—Look for Fleet Monday.

A handful of arrivals marked the weekly close of business at T wharf, Boston today. About 80,000 pounds of fresh fish in all was landed.

Yesterday afternoon, sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, arrived with 30,000 pounds and 1000 weight of halibut. The largest fare of the forenoon was sch. Mildred Robinson with 39,000 pounds.

Prices were \$5 to \$6 per hundred pounds for haddock, \$7 for large cod, \$4 for market cod, \$4 to \$6 for hake and \$1.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Gov. Foss, 18,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 500 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Muriel, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Str. Wissoe, 50 bbls. fresh herring.

Sir. Gyga, 35,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$5 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$4; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$1.50.

Worms for Bait.

Among the curious trades carried on in Great Britain, worm-gathering is one of the most remunerative. It is not uncommon for as many as 100,000 worms to be shipped from Nottingham, the center of the industry, during the weeks preceding bank holidays, when anglers flock to the Thames. The gentle worm, however, is not so popular as a bait as it was a few years ago.

Wallace Bruce Had Big Fishing.

Sch. A. Platt Andrew was at Sidney, C. B., Wednesday for ice. She had 80,000 pounds of fresh fish on board at the time, according to a report, as the result of three days fishing on the grounds.

The Mackerel Market.

Says the Fishing Gazette:

The market is fairly active and quite firm. Supplies are moderate, even the huge catches of individual fishermen on the Nova Scotia coast during the past month failing to make up the deficit in the normal catch. Prices have not changed since last week.

A report from Norway of an advance has stiffened the market here, though no actual changes in quotations are yet announced. The price of \$40 a barrel for No. 1s is a nominal one; holders are only occasionally getting it, and we know of one sale made this week at \$35. The high prices have curtailed the demand considerably. Irish mackerel are getting a fair share of attention at quotations.

Liverpool, Nov. 15.—Shipments this week were: To Boston, 591 bbls.; to Philadelphia, 419 bbls.; to Baltimore, 100 bbls.; to Montreal, 150 bbls. Total shipments to date: 1912 Irish autumn 40,355 bbls.; 1913 do., 7185 bbls.

Liverpool, Nov. 22.—Shipments during the past week were: To Boston, 162 bbls.; to all other ports, 611 bbls. Count of shipment, 350-400 to a packed barrel.

Dogfish Plenty.

The dogfish evidently have become acclimated to the waters of the North Atlantic. There was a time when they remained south except during June, July, August and September and they really did not cause great annoyance except during July and August. Last week as far north as Canso the fishermen found it almost impossible to set their trawls because of the ravages of these sea scavengers. If they are to be an all-the-year affliction handliners and trawlers might as well go out of business.

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Yarmouth Arrivals.

During yesterday and today there have been seven arrivals of fish as follows: Albert J. Lutz, 14,000; Myrtle L., 6000; Gladys Thorburn, 3000; Ella M. Rudolf, 3000; Ruth, 3000; Angie B. Watson, 8000; Marrion E. Turner, 8000 pounds. The first four fares were sold to the Consumers Fish Company, the latter three being in American bottoms will likely be taken to Portland.

The American schooner Imperator came off the railway yesterday and has resumed her voyage interrupted by her mishap on the Half Moons.

More Vessels Sold.

Sch. Appomattox and Boyd and Leeds of this port have been sold to Cuban parties for fishing purposes and upon their arrival at their new port will fit for the southern fishery.

The gasoline screw schooner Little Addie has been sold to Tiverton, R. I., parties.

MAINE SARDINE SEASON CLOSED

Pack of the State Estimated at About 800,000 Cases.

Maine's sardine industry has had a very dull and unsatisfactory year, it being estimated that when the factories closed on December 1, the entire quantity packed in the state this season did not exceed 800,000 cases, compared with 2,000,000 cases in 1912. This condition resulted from a remarkable scarcity of the little herrings that are the American sardines of commerce. For a few days late in the summer the herrings were plentiful in and about Passamaquoddy Bay, but the fishes disappeared shortly and there have been no good catches since that time.

The canneries of Eastport and other packing centres have been operated intermittently, and the employees have earned comparatively little, so that all local business this year has cost the packers more than usual, for as high as \$35 a hoghead was paid at times for herrings. But there is some comfort in the fact that whereas last year's supply far exceeded the demand, this year's scarcity will allow the surplus to be worked off, leaving an almost bare market next spring. It is said that few packers have any considerable quantity of sardines on hand.

A few of the Eastport factories will run this winter, packing clams and and boneless herrings, but the majority will be idle until April 15.

Anything to Beat the Law.

Down East game wardens are complaining of a new way by which the "short" lobster law is being broken. According to them boats come down from Boston and lay outside the three-mile limit, purchasing thousands of short lobsters, which the fishermen would not dare to land in Maine. These "shorts" are afterwards disposed of to various parties.

Gill Netter Measured

The new gasoline screw steamer Margaret L., built at Waddell's yard Rockport, for George Woodman of Newburyport, has been registered at the custom house. Her measurements are 50.4 feet long, 12.6 feet beam, 5.6 feet depth of hold. She has a gross tonnage of 23.86 and net tonnage of 16.41. The draft is equipped with a 42 horsepower engine.

Tariff Hurts Maine Herring Industry.

Operators of the boneless herring industry at Eastport, Me., are disturbed because Canadian rivals, under the new tariff reduction of 1 1/4 cents per pound, are shipping the product into the states and underselling them. Before the tariff changed the fish came in as smoked herring and were boned at Eastport and Lubec.