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DRAGGER'S CREW FORCED TO FLEE BURNING CRAFT

Forced to launch two dories stuck together in a "nest", seven members of the crew of the Boston dragger Blanche Ring narrowly escaped death when their craft caught fire and blew up off Boston lightship.

Harry Jordan, one of the crew, suffered three broken ribs and was taken to the Chelsea Marine hospital, Chelsea, on arrival at the fish pier in Boston, of the steam trawler Boston College, with the victims, yesterday.

The crew of the Ring consisted of Capt. David Goff of Dorchester, Jordan Walter Walpole of Grant street, Somerville; Henry Parsons of Rockland, Me., Arthur Murphy, Ralph Rocheteau and Cook Bryan Nickerson of Nova Scotia.

Fire Starts.

According to Capt. Grant the dragger was ploughing out to sea in the rain last night when about a mile north of the lightship a fire started in the dynamo room. The flames spread with such rapidity that Capt. Goff ordered the men to take the dories. There were only two dories aboard, nested, and the crew were unable to

split them apart.

The fire raced through the craft so swiftly that at length the nested dories were launched as they were and Capt. Goff and the men boarded the upper one. To add to their troubles there was only one oar in the dory, with a choppy sea, heavy rain and haze. Walpole seized the oar and putting it over the port side of the dory struggled frenzidly to get away from the blazing Ring. They had proceeded about 50 yards when with a roar two gasoline tanks exploded, showering burning fragments into the air, and turning the dragger into a roaring mass of flame.

Luckily Salvage Cars.

Then the bottom dory gave way and sank, and the seven men, crouching in the other boat, saw two oars floating on the surface. After some maneuvering on the part of Walpole, who was now sculling, they salvaged the oars and rowed to the lightship.

Sometime later the Boston College, inbound, in command of Capt. Tony Magnusson, appeared and on being hailed took aboard the victims.

WEEK CLOSED WITH FEW FISH

ONE OFF-SHORE DRAGGER AND TRAWLER ARE ONLY ARRIVALS TODAY.

The week closed quietly today, there having been only two vessels arriving with fresh fish. The off-shore dragger Leonora C., brought 22,000 pounds of fresh haddock for the General Seafoods and the shore trawler A. Piatt Andrew took out a small fare of fresh fish at the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company. Only a few of the gill netters found their gear yesterday, and the landings were light.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Leonora C., dragging, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Pilgrim, via Boston.
Sch. J. M. Marshall, via Boston.
Boat Naomi Bruce III., 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Evelina M. Goulart, dragging.
Sch. Laura Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Grand Marshal, haddocking.
Sch. Natalie S., shore.
Sch. J. M. Marshall, shore.
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, shore.
Sch. Edith C. Rose, haddocking.
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging.
Sch. Henrietta, shore.
Sch. Ruth Lucille, dragging.
Sch. Raymonde, dragging.
Sch. Elizabeth and Ruth, dragging.
Boat Leretha, dragging.
Boat Lincoln, dragging.

On the Railways.

Sch. Hesperus is on Burnham's railways.

SMALL FLEET AT BOSTON TODAY

FIVE VESSELS HAVE ONLY 141,000 POUNDS FRESH FISH—MARKET STRONG.

The fleet at the Boston fish pier this morning numbered only five and the receipts amounted to but 106,000 pounds of groundfish and 35,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market was much stronger. Haddock sold for \$6.75; large cod, \$10; markets, \$5 to \$6.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Olivia Brown, 33,000 haddock, 1500 mixed fish.
Sch. Mildred Silva, 20,000 haddock, 2000 mixed fish.
Boat Santina D., 1800 haddock, 700 cod, 2200 mixed fish.
Boat Sebastiano and Figli, 400 cod, 3500 mixed fish.
Str. Swell, 50,000 haddock, 26,000 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$6.75 per cwt.; scrod, \$4; large cod, \$10; market cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$4; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50; cusk, \$4; gray sole, 8 to 10 cents per pound; lemon sole, 8 cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents, dabs, 5 cents; catfish, 4 cents.

Quiet at New York.

There were no arrivals at Fulton Market, New York, this morning. Groundfish was very scarce. The fare of the Clinton yesterday sold for seven cents for haddock, five cents for cod, 10 cents for flounders and three cents for dabs.

LOCAL GIRL CHRISTENED NEW TRAWLER

The motor trawler Dartmouth was launched from the Fore River plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Ltd., Quincy, on Thursday afternoon. Miss Agnes Evelyn Carlson daughter of Capt. Ivar Carlson of this city, acted as sponsor.

Miss Carlson composed and read the following as she broke the bottle over the bow of the vessel:

"May the strength of honest workmanship displayed in the beauty of this boat carry her safely on her course. Thus, I christen thee, 'Dartmouth.'"

Miss Carlson was presented with a bouquet of American beauty roses and a gift in remembrance of the occasion.

N. F. Cod News.

With an estimated few thousand quintals of codfish to come in from dealers the season may be said to be practically over and all fish warehoused. Merchants are gathering up the ends of their year's business and endeavoring to estimate the approximate catch from all sources. Without reliable statistical information correct figures seem impossible and at the best it is only a guess. The same would apply to stocks warehoused throughout the country and a rough estimate can only be made. As far as the markets are concerned there is little change to report save that Greece, Spain and Portugal have shown some weakness for our cure, but the Italian market still continues active. Brazil has shown a weaker tendency and the reported shipment of 10,000 half drums Norwegian fish via Liverpool to Brazil may have some influence on a still weaker tendency. It would seem as if the world supply of salt fish is more than people can eat and as long as this over-production continues any improvement in price is not likely to happen. We have been hearing that the world has too much coffee, too much sugar, too much wheat, and it looks for the present that it has too much dried fish, except for the special shore cure for which this country is famous. It should be therefore important to improve our cures for special markets so that any possible over supply of the cheaper European fish cannot hurt our output in any years.—Maritime Merchant.

FAIR RECEIPTS THIS MORNING

SCH. THOMAS S. GORTON HOME FROM NEWFOUNDLAND WITH SALT HERRING.

There was a fair amount of fresh fish here during the forenoon today, both from the off-shore and shore fleets. Two of the off-shore druggers reported at the General Seafoods, one with 65,000 pounds of haddock and the other with 21,000 pounds. Shore boats, druggers and trawlers, landed total receipts of 17,500 pounds of fish. Gill netters also had good fishing yesterday, landing mostly pollock which were shipped outside. The Gorton-Pew vessel, Thomas S. Gorton arrived Saturday night from Newfoundland with a mixed fare of salt fish and salt herring.

- Gloucester arrivals and Receipts.**
The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. salt herring, 100,000 lbs. salt fish.
Sch. Amelia M. Pereira, dragging, 21,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Herbert Parker, dragging, 65,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Cape Ann, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Hope Leslie, dragging, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. St. John, dragging, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Victoria, trawling, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Dorothy M., dragging, 2300 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Sam and Priscilla, dragging, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Little Joe, dragging, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Maria Concetta, trawling, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Antonina, dragging, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mystic, via Boston.
Sch. Onvia Brown, via Boston.
Sch. Mildred Silva, via Boston.

- Saturday's Gill Net Receipts.**
Boat Alicia, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.
Boat Mary J. Landry, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Mary A., 10,000 mixed fish.
Boat Inca, 27,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Enterprise, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Edna Fae, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Alicia, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Elizabeth and James, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Nashawena, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Liboria C., 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Boat Ramona, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

- Sch. Doris D. Amero, dragging.
Sch. Leonora C., dragging.
On the Railways.
Sch. Mystic and boat Mary J. Landry are on Rock Neck railways.
Sch. Grace and Evelyn is on Burnham's railways.

HADDOCK \$8.50 AT BOSTON PIER

TWENTY-ONE IN TODAY'S FLEET WITH ABOUT 700,000 POUNDS.

The market opened strong at the Boston fish pier this morning and prices were all higher. There were 21 arrivals with 524,000 pounds of groundfish and 175,000 pounds of mixed fish. Haddock sold at \$7.50 to \$8.50; large cod \$14 and markets, \$7.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Lexington, 35,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 25,000 mixed fish.
Str. Surf, 22,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Str. Breaker, 24,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.
Str. Fabia, 62,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish.
Str. Albatross, 36,000 haddock, 1400 cod, 17,600 mixed fish.
Str. Boston, 24,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 29,000 mixed fish.
Sch. John Mantia, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.
Sch. Vagabond, 20,000 haddock, 500 cod, 5300 mixed fish.
Sch. Julia, 20,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Juneal, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4800 mixed fish.
Sch. Olive M. Williams, 20,000 haddock, 400 cod, 5300 mixed fish.
Sch. Mary, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Sch. Old Glory, 15,000 haddock, 800 cod, 4300 mixed fish.
Sch. Rainbow, 27,000 haddock, 100 cod, 1100 mixed fish.
Sch. Vandal, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1600 mixed fish.
Sch. Charles S. Ashley, 35,000 haddock, 600 cod, 5000 mixed fish.
Sch. Donald, 65,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 mixed fish.
Sch. John R. Ericsson, 6000 haddock, 300 cod, 400 mixed fish.
Sch. Marjorie Parker, 5500 haddock, 800 cod, 3000 hake, 1200 cusk.
Boat Olympia, 1400 cod, 6700 mixed fish.
Str. Notre Dame (new).
Haddock, \$7.50 to \$8.50 per cwt.; scrod, \$5; large cod \$14; market cod, \$7; hake, \$6.50 to \$7; pollock, \$5; cusk, \$5; gray scie, 11 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow backs, 6 cents; dabs, 6 cents; catfish, 4 cents.

GROUND FISH IN LIGHT SUPPLY ---PRICES HIGH

Groundfish were in light supply at the Boston fish pier last week and sold at good prices. Many of the vessels are remaining in port over Christmas. There were 122 arrivals for the week ending December 19 with 4,523,200 pounds of fresh fish. In the same week of 1928, there were 145 arrivals and receipts of 5,023,800 pounds.

From January 1 to date there have been 5694 arrivals and receipts of 249,315,262 pounds of fresh fish as compared with 5606 arrivals and receipts of 226,813,570 pounds in the same period of 1928.

Haddock sold ex-vessel last week to wholesale dealers from \$5 to \$6.50 as compared with \$2.50 to \$4 in the corresponding week last year.

DOZEN AT HUB THIS MORNING

RECEIPTS TOTAL ABOUT 400,000 POUNDS—MARKET TAKES ANOTHER JUMP.

The fleet at the Boston fish pier this morning numbered an even dozen, five of them being steamers. Total receipts were 300,000 pounds of groundfish; 92,600 pounds of mixed fish; 2000 pounds of sole and 100 pounds of fresh mackerel. The mackerel were taken in the trawl by str. Shawmut which was fishing on Georges.

The market made another sharp advance today. Haddock was up to \$9; large cod, \$14 and markets, \$7 to \$8.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

- The arrivals and fares in detail:
Str. Flow, 20,000 haddock, 25,000 mixed fish.
Str. Billow, 25,000 haddock, 20,000 mixed fish.
Str. Gemma, 51,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 13,000 mixed fish.
Str. Shawmut, 28,000 haddock, 38,000 cod, 100 mackerel, 6400 mixed fish.
Str. Whitecap, 25,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 20,000 mixed fish.
Sch. Colleen, 9000 haddock, 1200 cod, 4800 mixed fish.
Boat Mao IV., 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 3400 mixed fish.
Sch. Henrietta, 3000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Adventure, 8500 haddock, 4500 cod, 4500 hake, 13,000 cusk.
Sch. Shamrock, 10,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 19,000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Isabel, 2000 sole.
Sch. Philip P. Manta (fare not reported).

Haddock, \$9 per cwt.; scrod, \$5; large cod, \$14; market cod, \$7 to \$8; hake, \$7 to \$8; pollock, \$8.50; cusk, \$8; gray sole, 11 1-2 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 8 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents; dabs, 8 cents; tongues and cheeks, 13 cents; catfish, 4.10 cents.

FARED WELL ON MAIDEN TRIP

Good luck attended the first trip to the fishing grounds of the new auxiliary schooner Donald, which arrived at the Fish Pier from Georges with 77,000 the Fish Pier, Boston, from Georges with 77,000 pounds of fish. The vessel arrived when fish was scarce and stocked about \$5000. The Donald, owned and commanded by Capt. Bradford Amero, was eight days out.

CARRIER PIGEON FLEW ABOARD TRAWLER AT SEA

A carrier pigeon, with an aluminum band on the leg bearing the inscription "AU-29, B. R. 27" is being held on board the fishing steamer Boston, Capt. William Murray, now at the fish pier, awaiting a claimant. The bird, exhausted after a long flight, fellopped on the steamer's deck a week ago Sunday, at a point 75 miles southeast by east from Cape Cod, and has been cared for since. If someone does not come forward within a day or two to claim the bird it will be released.