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Waterfront Whiffs

Doings of the Mosquito Fleet Which Is the Chief Source of Prince Rupert's Prosperity

The Admiral of the Mosquito Fleet is feeling lonely these days so many of his boys being absent from the old stamping ground around the floats. He says he feels like the father of a large grown family when all leave for fields of endeavor far away. Yes, there is a very human side to the "old man."

However, he is consoled by the fact they are not up to any mischief and his old weather beaten face lights up when he sees the youngsters beating a merry clip into port with the holds full of the harvest of the seas. The Admiral has much pleasure in stating that during the week some 370,000 pounds of fish has been brought in which has constituted sixteen carloads for Eastern shipment, and he states that the reports from his seafaring family are most consoling. During the week the prices have not been quite so good, the highest price paid being 9.6c and 6c and the lowest 7.6c and 5c. Although the price has dropped the fishing has been excellent on the deep seas and the weather clerk has been favoring the toilers with some wonderful weather. Several of the halibut boats have made speedy trips which has helped quite a lot in buying new shoes for "baby sister."

Good reports are to hand from the trawlers and many of the Mosquito fleeters have been absent from port from two to three months which proves that they are finding the business remunerative. According to the Skeena River cannery reports the sockeye run is dropping somewhat but to offset this the pinks are running well. The average catch of sockeye per boat is hovering between 70 and 100. According to reports from the Naas the sockeye catches are becoming lessened but the run of pinks is climbing. Fishermen are doing well with their catches of pinks this season as the canneries are using up a lot of this class of fish. The Skeena River pack up to last week is reported as 85,000 and the Naas 24,593.

The Admiral is sending out invitations for a fleet banquet to be held aboard the flagship on September 1, when a toast to the Hon. A. M. Manson will be drunk in something a little more palatable to the boys than milk. As the old man says "every cloud has a silver lining." Of course you'll get the point of this paragraph.

A very interesting boat came into port on Monday last from the south with lumber and coal in tow for Albert & McCaffery interests. It was the S. S. Gunner, from Vancouver, with Capt. Polkinghorne on the bridge. This boat was built at Middleboro on the Tees, and was one of the mystery ships used by the British navy during the war with so much effect against the German submarines. Her port of registry is Plymouth, England. To all outward appearances she looks just like an ordinary tramp steamer but for the purpose of hoodwinking the wily Hun she was fitted with all sorts of concealed death dealing devices. Her hatchways were of the disappearing order which let into view the latest quick firing and armour penetrating artillery and she is credited with sinking at least four German subs. The armament carried consisted of one 4.7 gun on the stern and twelve pounders placed in active positions, including a quick firing gun on each side of the bridge. Two trap doors were fitted on the

stern which permitted the sinking of depth charges. These were of great assistance in bringing the enemy subs to the surface when gun sighting was greatly facilitated. A scientific instrument was suspended over the side of the ship which connected with a dial arrangement on the bridge. This instrument was for the purpose of detecting the approach of a submarine and indicated in what direction and at what distance it was travelling. The Gunner left for Vancouver on Thursday.

Captain A. Swanson returned from a private business trip to interior points on Monday last. Cap reports that serious bush fires were raging extending in spots from Ansbury to Prince George. Every available able bodied man in the vicinity of the fires had been pressed into service.

Inspector J. W. Allen, travelling engineer for the Department of Marine and Fisheries, with headquarters in Vancouver, paid a visit to the waterfront on Thursday. Mr. Allen is making an inspection of the government patrol boats.

A scow load of motor fuel, per tug Azurite, arrived from Anyox on Monday at the Prince Rupert Boat House. The shipment consisted of 8,000 gallons. Henceforth shipments will be made every week.

Upon the arrival of the Prince John on Thursday morning quite a deal of excitement was caused among the natives around Bob Ogilvie's palace by the appearance of Charlie Long swinging a brand new axe above his head. Charlie claimed that he had been engaged as chief executioner of the Mosquito fleet and that he was not going to fall down on the job for the need of a good axe. He claimed that the axe was sharp enough to shave with but was unable to get any volunteers to try the experiment. Enquiries at the Admiralty offices failed to confirm this appointment but if it is a fact there is no doubt that Charlie will fill the bill in a very capable manner. Speculation is rife in nautical circles as to who the first victim will be.

The schooner Nornen, Capt. A. Christensen, made port during the week with 14,000 pounds of prize halibut. Cap made a real fast trip. He was at the Elk's picnic on July 23 and was out and in again with his catch by the last of the month. The fact that Cap enjoyed the spread so much at the doings is put down as the reason for the exhibition of pep.

The Gilford, Captain Bob Hobbs brought in 13,000 pounds of choice deep sea monsters of the halibut species. No untoward happenings on the trip could be gleaned from the secret service.

The Johanna, Captain John Wick, made port during the week with 11,000 lbs. of the best. Cap thinks that Canadian registry is just fine.

The waterfront now boasts a human bird, and the idea doubtless arose from the fact that the birike performer has followed the hobby of fowl keeping for quite a while. The human bird is named Steve, and at the mention of chickweed he will stand on one leg, open one eye, remove one tooth, and whistle one note just like a bullfrog. In fact it is said that his wife is preparing a nice roomy cage

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for him to recline in with a suitable perch, as the constant roosting on the furniture is getting on her nerves. There is a nice little patch of chickweed up the track not far from where Steve earns, or tries to earn, his daily bread, and to this birdy paradise Steve is apt to hike twice daily and indulge in a lunch of the feathered dainty. It is thought by his colleagues that the next performance of Steve will result in egg laying.

The good ship Narbethong has been out of port for several days on another mystery trip and their secret service are sitting up nights figuring out the occurrence. It is thought that Cap. Freeman is over at Wolfe Island looking for wolves.

The tug boat Hanaco, Captain Brannen, having completed her overhaul has left for Surf Inlet on business for the Morgan Logging Company.

Dedicated to A. O. Franks:
O where is my wandering boy,
O where is my wandering boy,
Among the logs and big bull frogs,
You'll find your wandering boy.

The tug Tepic arrived early in the week from the south with a scow load of coal for Albert & McCaffery.

The Dixie Rupert, Captain Geo. Newcombe, took a party of the Boy Scouts over to Porcher Island.

The Athl, Captain Brandy Newell, arrived in port early in the week with 17,000 pounds. Cap had nothing special to report other than that the weather was top-hole.

The following boats marketed fish during the week:
Pioneer, Bluebird, Johanna, Fisher, Inez H., Constitution, Alliance, Forward, Eastern Point, Arcade, Emblem, Flattery, Guilford, Nornen, Star, Ringleader, Yellowstone, Mah, Doreen, Athl, N. & S. Pelican, Washington, Vesta, Volunteer, Eagle, Teddy, J. Maude, Senator, Eagle, Woodrow, Bingo and Alaska.

Flossie Flirt has again written the Admiral a very interesting letter from the Wheat City over which he is all bet up and is afraid that he is going to lose his amazing stenographer. Flossie says: "Dear Mr. Admiral, I received your letter alright but couldn't read it. The guy as delivered it says that you must be suffering from the shakes. When you write tie an anchor to your wrist to steady your hand."

"Say, I'm having the time of two lives with Sandy Slush, and he is rightly named Slush. He dishes it out in lumps, but still he's cute and I'm getting used to it. When a guy wants to chew your gum he needs watching. He brought me a present the other day. It was a stand for setting an electric iron on. He said the iron cost \$5 and the stand 50c and that he'll buy the iron on my next birthday. Now that's going some. We had a great time at the park last

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KETCHIKAN, Aug. 5.—Reports of cannerymen are that the pack this year up to the present time is considerably greater than it was last season at this time. It is estimated that the Smiley cannery, the Sunny Point cannery, the Beagle Packing Company, the Pure Food cannery, and the Fidalgo Island Packing Company have put up 100,000 cases up to this time.

One cannery which on the first of August last year had 5,000 cases packed had 19,000 cases packed up to last night. All canneries report that the fish is coming in in sufficient quantities to meet their demands.

Earl Hunter, of the bureau of fisheries went south to bring back the boat Widgeon which is being fitted out for Alaska service. The Widgeon is a ninety-foot boat, of 14 feet beam and will be one of the finest in the fisheries service in Alaska. He was accompanied as far as Ketchikan by L. M. Hall, assistant agent for Alaska, who is going to Hidden Inlet in connection with bureau matters there.

Hunter reports that there is generally more salmon in south-eastern Alaska this season than for several years. Anan Creek, he says, had more salmon in this season than ever known before. Ice straits traps and canneries are getting more fish than they have been able to obtain in several years, so that the whole division is enjoying more prosperity than was anticipated.

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In Prince Rupert

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The Juvenile Bostonians, a clever troupe of youthful actresses, are showing at the Westholme Theatre and a great reception is being accorded them.

The gardens of Metlakatla and Prince Rupert are now giving their annual abundant crop of raspberries.

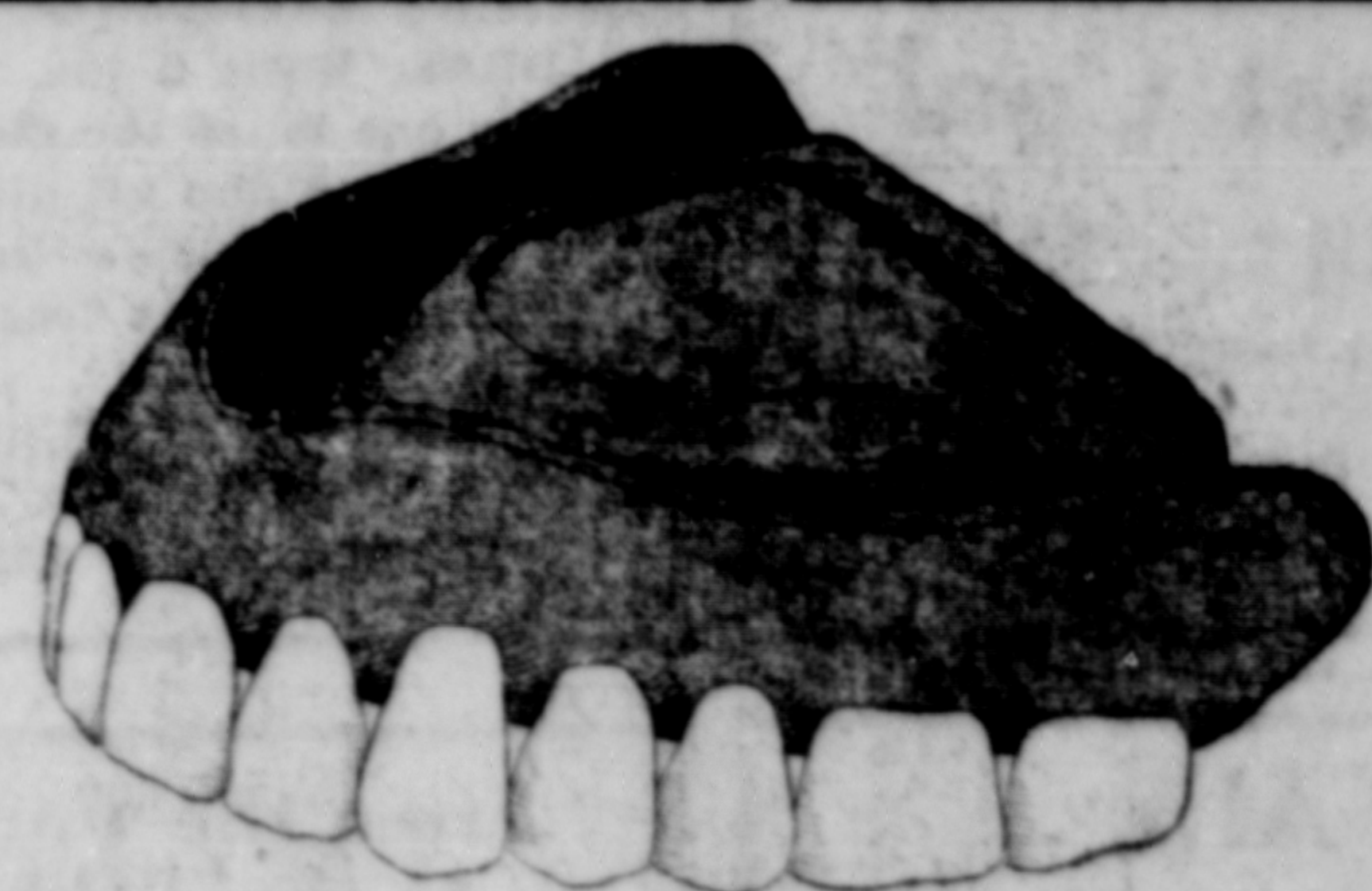
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