

# Waterfront Whiffs

### Assistant Fire Chief Battles With Hair Seal—Salmon Now In Mid-season—Another Mine Found

The chronicle of Assistant Fire Chief Earl Becker and his hand-to-flipper battle with a 160-pound hair seal may serve as an inspiration to young men interested in the conservation of salmon from those wily predators and also as an illustration of how anyone with a gun, a strong pair of arms and a row-boat may earn a casual \$5.

ed into cold hard cash at the convenience of the Department of Fisheries.

The story is a sort of marine companion-piece to the classic bear-by-the-tail yarn. It began while Earl was rowing in Cloyah Bay this week and shot a hair seal with a 30-30 rifle from a distance of 50 yards. He shot it through the head and rowed out to collect the nose which is worth \$5. However, it wasn't quite that simple.

He approached the seal and grabbed the creature by its rear flippers, intending to heave it into the boat. The seal, surprisingly energetic, thought otherwise. Then began a classic tug-of-war in which Earl pitted his strength against the seal, meanwhile dodging its sharp teeth with which the seal used to bite chunks out of the gun-whale since it couldn't quite get at the determined fireman.

nose or it was going to get mine," Earl recalled. "I would give a heave and drag it part way into the boat. The seal would give a lurch and get back into the water. Then it would turn and bite a chunk out of the boat."

As man and seal battled it to a finish, the boat drifted to shore, and Earl clambered to the rocks hoping to get his opponent on land. The seal kept pulling him back into the boat until he finally managed to get hold of an oar and beat it about the head. That settled things.

"My idea was put a rope about its tail and drag it into the boat but it began to fight before I got the rope attached," Earl said. "It's probably just as well I didn't put the rope on it, or it would have been able to use its hind flippers as well. As it was, I had it at a handclap. It was a lively 20 minutes."

### UNITED NATIONS MOVING TODAY

#### May Take Action in Balkan and Indonesian Crises

LAKE SUCCESS, 6.—The United Nations moved yesterday to act on charges that the situation in Indonesia and the Balkans threaten world peace. There will be a meeting under emergency conditions when consideration will be given the proposal that hostilities cease.

The session is to be followed up by a council meeting to take up charges that Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania have committed acts of aggression and that a move has been instituted by Greece with United States backing to counter Russia's veto. The American proposal is to place United Nations trouble-shooters along the Balkan borders.

### ANOTHER MINE IS REPORTED

Another floating mine has been found on the West Coast of Banks Island, this being reported by Capt. A. Enockson of the fisheries patrol boat Sonia E. The location given by Capt. Enockson is approximately 3 1/2 miles southeast of Kinzwash, Shrub Harbor. The mine has been temporarily tied to shore with a log jam in front of it. On receiving Capt. Enockson's report today, marine and naval officials commenced preparations to proceed to the scene with a view to demolition.

Mrs. F. S. Clendenning, the former Miss Lorna Tite of Prince Rupert, and Mrs. A. M. Clendenning of Vancouver are visitors following a tour through the interior country. They are making the trip by car.

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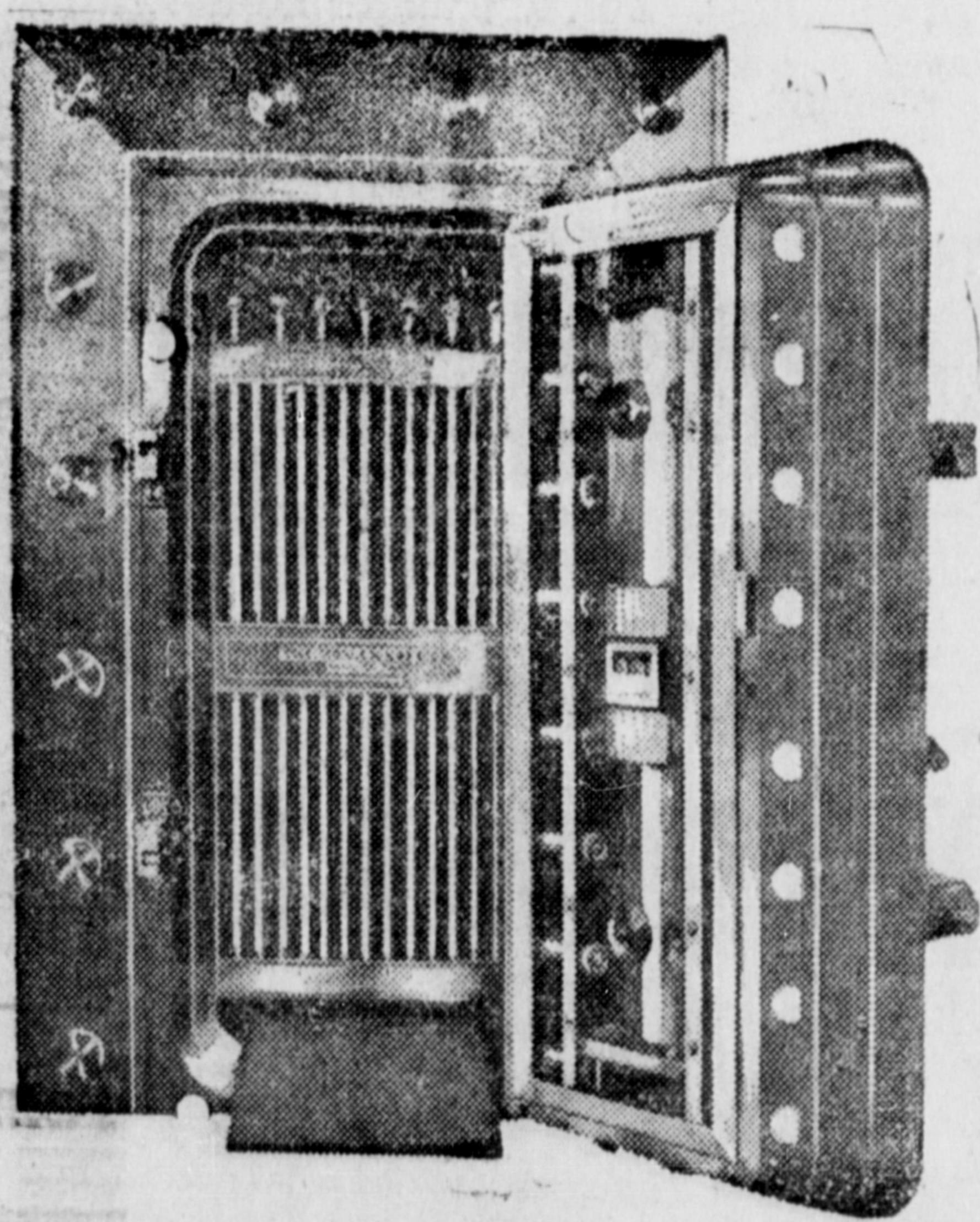


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Salmon fishing on the coast is now in mid-season and, while the pinks are showing better than previously, there is still no large run in sight. Sockeye fishing has been fair in most localities. Seiners on the Naas reported between 500 and 1,000 fish per day this week while in the Bella Bella and Bella Coola areas in the south, some 70 or 80 seiners have been averaging 1,000 pinks and chums daily. At Whale Channel on Tuesday, seine boats averaged 45 sockeye, 600 pinks and 200 chums. Gillnetters on the Skeena have been averaging 25 sockeye and 35 to 40 pinks daily while on the Naas, the daily average has been between 20 and 25 sockeye and 25 pinks. There are 125 gillnetters on the Naas. Rivers Inlet is showing the best gillnetting on the coast. Eleven hundred boats there have been averaging between 90 and 100 fish each day.

A port visitor of outstanding interest to Prince Rupert next week will be the United States submarine Blenny due on Friday and remaining until Sunday in the course of a naval reserve training cruise. Her exact time of arrival was not contained in the information received at H.M. C.S. Chatham nor where she will come from although it is presumed to be Seattle. The Blenny's visit will be the first to be made by a submarine to this port, although Prince Rupert has often played host to major warships of the British, American and Canadian navies. Under command of Commander E. P. Madley, U.S.N., the Blenny is 312 feet long, and carries a complement of six officers and 54 men. Her war record is not known here. The Blenny will be the third American warship to stop at Prince Rupert this summer during navy reserve cruises. Earlier in the summer, the destroyers John W. Thomason and John W. Bole made separate visits. The

Pacific Coast salmon pack up to the week ending July 30 was 219,888 cases, according to the latest bulletin issued by the acting chief supervisor of fisheries, Vancouver. Sockeye still dominates the pack, 172,901 cases being produced. While 37,857 cases were produced in District One, all of the fish were caught in districts Two and Three. Naas and Skeena River pack for the season is 47,811 cases, with the whole district Two sockeye pack being 148,592 cases. Coho pack for the whole coast is 22,759 cases of which 8,112 came from the Naas and Skeena.

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