

MANOEUVREING UNDER DIFFICULTIES



Scaling even the loftiest peaks in the course of their training becomes second nature to Italian artilleryists, a detachment of whom are shown in the above picture high up on a mountain in Northern Italy, with mortars ready for action. The picture is one of a series taken by order of Il Duce for illustrating correct mountain technique.

Waterfront Whiffs

Merrill Sollows Lets Contract for New Halibut Boat; Disaster of Brunvoll and Imperial Confirmed; Boats Back From Vancouver Island

Capt. Merrill Sollows, well known Prince Rupert skipper and owner of the halibut boat Ringleader, has awarded the contract to the N. M. McLean yard at Seal Cove for the construction of a new halibut vessel which is to be completed by the opening of next season on February 15. The boat will be 48 feet long with a substantial beam of 13 feet. Capt. Sollows is negotiating with Capt. Nels Petersen for the purchase of the 30 h.p. Atlas-Imperial engine, at present in the halibut boat Tern, for installation in the new vessel. Capt. Peterson is planning the purchase of a 36 h.p. Gardner deisel engine for the Tern. It is likely that Capt. Sollows will endeavor to sell the Ringleader which he has operated for a number of years and which is one of the better known local boats.

Finding of wreckage this week on the beach in the vicinity of Yakutat confirmed fears which have been felt since the fishing season closed on November 15 that the two well known Ketchikan halibut boats Brunvoll and Imperial had met with disaster and that all the thirteen men aboard the two vessels had gone down to a watery grave. There were seven men aboard the Brunvoll which was owned and skippered by Capt. Charles Blomquist and six men on the Imperial whose owner and master was Capt. James Rolman. One of the members of the crew of the Brunvoll was Fred Lindquist of Prince Rupert who up to this year was part owner and member of the crew with his brother, Capt. Chas Lindquist, of the Prince Rupert boat Ingrid H. Lindquist is survived by a widow and two small children resident in Prince Rupert. Members of the crew of both the Brunvoll and Imperial were all well known in Prince Rupert and the disaster, which is now almost certain, caused a shock at this port. It came as the culmination of a season which had been fairly free of misadventure as far as the halibut fleet was concerned.

Capt. George Fritz returned to Prince Rupert on Wednesday of this week with his halibut boat Margaret No. 1 after having spent the summer at Esperanza Inlet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island packing pilchards for one of the Imperial Trading Co.'s reduction plants. Capt. James Byrne of Prince Rupert has decided to remain on the West Coast with his halibut boat Yule. He also spent the summer packing pilchards and the change is reported to have been beneficial to his health. His wife and family are soon going south to take up residence at Alberni. Capt. Lars Voge, who was also engaged in this work with his halibut boat Zapora, has decided to remain for the winter in the south. He will probably return to Prince Rupert in the spring to engage in at least a few halibut trips. The Tip Top, Capt. William Campbell, is another vessel that has returned to Prince Rupert after having been engaged in pilchard packing. She was operated out of the newly established reduction plant on the West Coast of her owners, Bradbury & Yelf.

Overhaul Work
Though it will be after New Year before overhaul work on the halibut fleet at Prince Rupert becomes general in anticipation of the opening of another season, such work is nevertheless being carried out at the present time by some of the more forehanded owners who believe in taking advantage of the dull season to get good service.

The Ingrid H., Capt. Charlie Lindquist, is having an extensive engine overhaul at the Star Welding plant and in Cow Bay similar work is being carried out on the P. Dorreen, Capt. Leon Sandvar.

At the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co. extensive renovation on deck is being carried out on the halibut boat Rose Spit.

The White Lily, Capt. Wick, has been on the Ward Ways for hull work.

Dr. W. T. Kergin made a trip this week to Petersburg, Alaska,

with a skipper and engineer to bring back to Prince Rupert the American registered halibut boat which he owns. The vessel, which was engaged for part of the time this summer in salmon trolling in the north, has now been tied up in the local dry dock for the winter.

Don Finn Returning
D. B. Finn, director of the Prince Rupert Fisheries Experimental Station of the Biological Board of Canada, will return to Prince Rupert tomorrow, after a two months' absence during which he has visited various centres of marine research in Eastern Canada and the United States. Returning west, he spent a week or so in Vancouver where he attended a meeting of the Pacific Coast executive of the Biological Board.

K. Tumara, Cow Bay boat builder, has about completed the construction of a 38-foot by 10-foot 6-inch combination halibut boat and troller as a stock model. The vessel is being advertised for sale elsewhere in these columns.

Y. Suehiro has laid the keel for the 48-foot halibut boat, the contract for which he was recently awarded by Capt. Jud Thurber. Capt. Thurber plans to install in the new vessel, which is to be completed by the opening of next season, the 20 h.p. Atlas engine at present in the Muirneag which vessel will be offered for sale.

The Big Bay Lumber Co.'s sawmill at Seal Cove has now about used up some thirteen million feet of logs which were stored at Digby Island about the time the local mill opened last spring. Further log deliveries for the plant will soon be required. Louis Locker is among those engaged in logging down the coast for the local plant.

A Canadian National work train and crew has been engaged this week in gravel ballasting of the tracks to the rear of the fish houses on the government wharf.

George Smith, well known old timer of the city, assumed his new duties as wharfinger at the government wharf this week in succession to Harry Daggett. Mr. Smith was given a hearty by those citizens along the waterfront who will henceforth be his associates.

Salvor in Port
Galt freighter Salvor, Capt. W. W. Rush, arrived in port from the south on Tuesday and after discharging a cargo which consisted chiefly of coal for the dry dock, sailed Thursday on her return south. The vessel is expected back about December 15 with another cargo of coal and plaster for Albert & McCaffery.

The local waterfront will soon be losing one of its best known and most popular citizens in the person of Bob Davie who will leave early next month for Vancouver to take charge of one of Miss Aivazoff's business undertakings in the south. Except during wartime when he was overseas, Bob has been identified with the lumber trade here since the early days of the old Westholme Lumber Co. and for many years has been an official with Albert & McCaffery. His many friends while regretting his departure, will wish him a combination of health and prosperity in his new field in the south.

Though weather was fine, the Prince Rupert Yacht & Rowing Club did not send forth many

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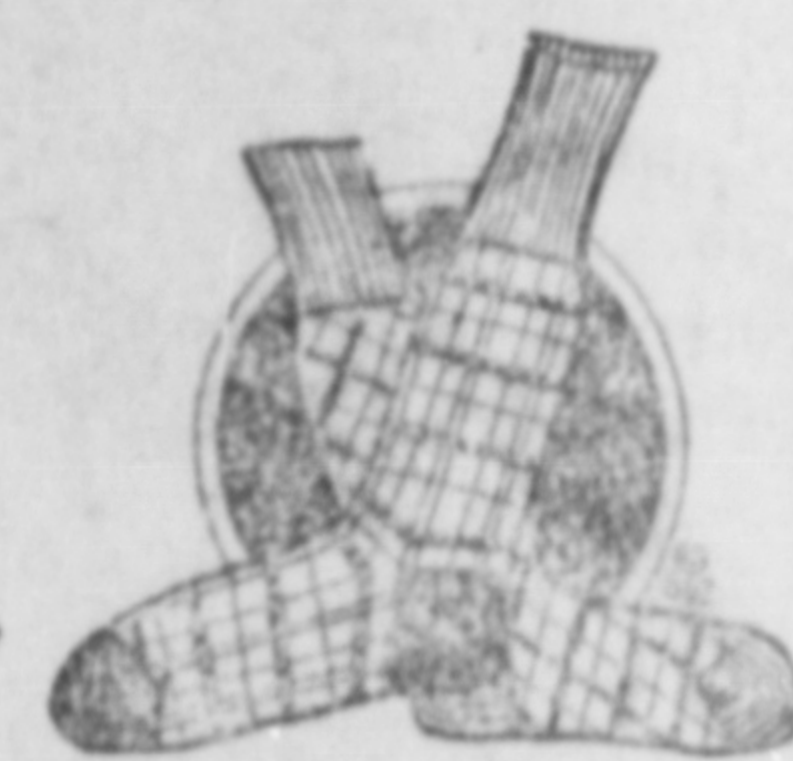
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hunters at the end of the week. Jack Lindsay and party on the Irene L. visited Big Bay and brought back about twenty-five mallards. Dave Stuart and party on the Tseekwa brought back a couple from Delusion Bay.

Doc Clapperton has been suffering with a severe cold toward the end of this week and was confined to his bed on Thursday. Friends will wish him speedy restoration of normal health.

The dry dock has just about completed the construction of a new 44-foot tug and work boat

for John Currie & Son. The vessel, which will take place of the Ruby May in the Currie service, is just about ready for the installation of a 50 h.p. Frisco Standard gas engine with which she will be equipped. The Ruby May, it is understood, will be offered for sale when the new boat is completed.

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LOCAL ELEVATOR IS NEARLY FULL AGAIN

Sixty carloads of grain were loaded from the cars into the local elevator yesterday and 285 cars were this morning reported to be west of Jasper coming here.

The elevator is now three quarters full and will soon be filled again unless some boats come to load in the next few days. No vessels for this morning were reported up to this morning.