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AMERICAN BOATS ARE SEIZED TAKEN WHEN ANCHORED CANADIAN HARBOR

Five Fishing Boats Held for Violation of Treaty with U.S. and will be Tried in Rupert

Malaspina Makes Haul at Goose Island and Men Are Now at Liberty, but Boats Detained by Federal Authorities

On Saturday the Prince Rupert waterfront was somewhat surprised to see five American fishing boats coming into the harbor under their own power, but obviously in charge of the Dominion government steamer Malaspina. They were under arrest, but soon after arrival one of the boats, the Puritan, of Seattle, was allowed to go. While all officialdom here is tongue tied, it is gathered from various sources that six American fishing boats were at Goose Island, something like 170 miles south of here. It is claimed that they were there for repairs, either making repairs, about to make repairs, or having completed the making of repairs. When the Malaspina arrived two of the boats were ordered to proceed to Prince Rupert, one was allowed to go free, and the other three came along with the Malaspina a little later.

The men claim that they are allowed under the treaty to call in for wood, water, repairs, or shelter. They were not fishing at the time and it is understood the authorities do not claim they were fishing.

Up to noon today the men had not been notified what section of the treaty they were charged with breaking. They had been in consultation with the American consul and were awaiting a statement of the charges against them.

The following despatch in connection with the case was received from Ottawa this morning:

"According to advices received here, five United States fishing craft were seized in British Columbia waters and taken into custody at Prince Rupert on charges of violating the international fishing regulations, according to W. A. Found, deputy minister of fisheries.

"The crews will probably be tried in Prince Rupert. Mr. Found explained that, under the treaty, United States fishing boats may enter Canadian ports only for wood, water, shelter, or repairs. It had long been suspected that some of them had set up bases for operations on Canadian soil, contrary to the treaty, and it was only after repeated warning that action was taken. The treaty is calculated to protect the Canadian fishermen."

Local offices of the fisheries department would make no statement this morning as to the affair. International complications, it is said, are involved, and it is expected that an official statement will be made in due course.

This morning, the captain of C. G. S. Malaspina, which made the seizures, and James Boyd, acting inspector of fisheries, were in conference. The men involved are free while awaiting their trial and the four boats are tied up alongside the Malaspina at the ocean dock. Men of the boats are staying at the St. Elmo Hotel.

The boats detained are the We, Tecora and Jeanette, of Seattle, and the May, of Ketchikan. The Puritan was let go on arrival in port.

The men are O. Hanson, B. H. Jensen, O. Christie, F. Fuarila, P. Kundren and J. Alfredson, all of Seattle, and two from Ketchikan.

VANCOUVER, May 13. — The trollers were taken when the boats were at anchor in a Canadian harbor when weather conditions were favorable and when there was no necessity for shelter, it was stated here today by Major J. A. Motherwell, chief supervisor of fisheries. Major Motherwell said the captured boats would be dealt with in the usual way by the admiralty court. They were seized under section X. of the Customs and Fisheries Protection Act, which prohibits foreign vessels from entering Canadian waters for any purpose not permitted by treaty or convention or by any law of Great Britain or of Canada for the time being in force.

LABOR GOES TO DEFEAT QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE, May 13.—The general election for the Queensland legislature on Saturday resulted in a crushing defeat for the Labor government. Before the election the Laborites had 43 seats and the Nationalists 20. Saturday the Nationalists won 44 seats, Labor 26 and independent 2.

The prime factor in the election was the Nationalists scheme to cure unemployment in the state.

M'MORDIE IS NEW MANAGER

Is Appointed to Take Charge of Capitol Theatre in Succession to Easson

A. A. Easson, manager of the Capitol Theatre here since its opening, has been advised that he will be relieved of his duties a week from today. His successor will be Mayor S. P. M'Mordie, who formerly conducted the Westholme Theatre.

Mr. Easson becomes manager of the McCaffery & Gibbons realty and insurance business.

HARRY CHAMBERS DEAD

WHITEHORSE, May 13. — Harry Chambers, better known as "Shorty" Chambers, and a well-known old figure of the Yukon Territory, having been engaged for years in trading at Champagne Landing, died last night.

BIRTH NOTICE

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bremner of Pacific, B.C., at Edmonton, Alta., May 11, 1929. 112

MANSON HEADS CONCILIATION WAGES BOARD

OTTAWA, May 13.—A. M. Manson of Vancouver has been appointed chairman of a conciliation and investigation board established by Minister of Labor Ileenan to deal with the wage dispute between various shipbuilding firms at Vancouver and their employees. Other members of the board are Ernest Cribb and Henry Burgess, both of Vancouver.

CHURCHES AND HOUSES BURN

Third Disastrous Fire in Two Years at Pugwash, N.S.

PUGWASH, N.S., May 13. — The third disastrous fire within two years destroyed 35 structures early Sunday, including 15 residences, the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, a hotel and tanning factory, besides smaller buildings. The loss is estimated at \$125,000.

J. B. ABBOTT DIES

MONTREAL, May 13.—John Betham Abbott, eldest son of Sir John Abbott, former premier of Canada, died here on Saturday, aged 78.

J. C. Brady Urges Daily Mail Service Edmonton Prince Rupert and is Promised Consideration

Hansard report of the house of commons proceedings just to hand shows that J. C. Brady, member for Skeena, made an excellent speech when pleading for a better mail service for this district, and at the close drew from Hon. P. J. Veniot, postmaster-general, the following remark: "The only answer I can give the hon. gentleman now is that this is the first time the case has been placed before me so clearly and I will certainly go into it in a serious way."

In the address Mr. Brady gave figures to show that a baggage car service three days a week alternating with the present full mail service would cost between Edmonton and Prince Rupert \$6109 for 20 weeks. While the postmaster-general was not prepared to accept those figures, he promised to investigate. He stated that the rates charged were set by the railway commission as follows:

"Three-foot unit space, four cents per mile; seven-foot unit space, 6.5 cents per mile; fifteen-foot unit space, 13 cents per mile; 30-foot unit space, 20 cents per mile.

Mr. Brady recounted the fact that various requests had been made to the postmaster-general's

department but without result. He now had before him a plea from the Associated Boards of Central British Columbia asking for a daily mail service and that better mail service be given in the rural districts. He read the following:

"Whereas, owing to the inadequacy of the present mail service between Prince Rupert and Edmonton, great inconvenience is caused to merchants, farmers and those engaged in mining and other industries;

And, whereas, this inadequate mail service is the cause of serious loss of business and time to

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Appointed Members of New Brunswick Farm Loan Board



Hon. J. D. McLean, Commissioner of the Canadian Farm Loan Board at Ottawa, has announced that George E. Fisher, Chatham, N.B. (left); T. A. McAvity, Saint John (centre), and Felix Michaud, Buctouche, N.B., have been appointed members of the Farm Loan Board for New Brunswick, with T. A. McAvity as chief executive officer of the board. The board commenced operations May 1.

RICH VEIN IS FOUND TOPLEY SHEILA GROUP

Three Feet of Ore on Property Between Topley Richfield and Topley Silver

TOPLEY, May 13.—Alex. Middleton of Middleton and Hoops just arrived in town with news of a new vein discovery on the Sheila group. The vein is a very promising one, showing three feet in width between walls.

This now promising looking property lies between the Topley Silver and the Topley Richfield mine, covering the south slope of Black mountain, with the Finlay creek canyon running along the south border.

A 400-foot tunnel would give 300 feet of cover by drifting in on the vein. It would also cross-cut other veins which have been exposed by shafts. These veins outcrop across two claims, both in this group.

By the appearance of the ore in this vein, this property will be a great asset to the mining in this district.

ENGINEERS ARE BLAMED FOR A STEAMER WRECK

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13. — The three engineers on the steamer Kadiak were blamed for nearly wrecking the ship off Point Reyes on April 24, in a decision announced on Sunday by the federal steamboat inspectors. The men involved were deprived of their licenses for 90 days. The inspectors found the three engineers unable to start the pumps, after the vessel started leaking. The Kadiak was en route here from the Aleutian Islands.

American Fishermen Give Their Side of the Story in Connection With Seizure

"We have not been told what we are charged with. All we know is that we have done nothing wrong," declared a group of the Seattle fishermen, whose boats were seized last week and who are now here awaiting the outcome of their case in the Canadian courts, when seen last night.

"We were not illegally fishing, in fact, we had no fish when our boats were seized by the Canadian government steamer Malaspina and had not caught any in Canadian waters. We had not used Canadian ports illegally."

The men went on to say that if the fishing was better in Canadian waters than outside they would have been fishing under the Canadian flag, because fish prices were just as good this side of the line as on the other.

"We fish on the banks many miles from shore," the men stated. "That is why we have big boats. It would be cheaper to operate small boats, but they would not stand the weather. A few Canadian trollers have big boats and they fish out with us and we never hear any complaint from them. It is the little chaps that never make anything who complain. The stories you hear of American fishermen operating in Canadian waters are all bunk. Most of our fishing is done miles away from land, often we can only see the mountains in the distance. That is where the fish are and that is where we go. There are no fish worth going after in Canadian waters, so we stay outside."

The men feel their position rather badly. They said last evening that yesterday was the longest Sunday they had had for a long time. They spent their time tramping around and were very tired. They are under no restraint whatever, but their boats are held moored to the Malaspina. Now and then the men go to the dock and interview the skipper of the boat to find out if any word has arrived from Ottawa as to what action is to be taken.

AUSTRALIA IS AFTER CHANGE U. S. TARIFF

WASHINGTON, May 13. — Australia through the British embassy has submitted to the state department a memorandum dealing with a proposed readjustment of the United States tariff schedules.

The government of the commonwealth fears, the memorandum says, that the increased pressure will tend to divert Australian trade from the United States to British countries and to foreign countries with which the commonwealth has favorable trade relations.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Nishio and family desire to convey their sincere thanks to their many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy received in their bereavement.

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A panic took place recently at a public meeting in Aberdeen. Someone stood up and announced a collection.