

SAFETY AT SEA
SAILORS' SLOGANThroughout Terrific
Storms This Year, Ra-
dio Aided Shipping

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (AP).—yet been completely compiled, the on record for storms at sea, has proven, paradoxically, that safety at sea is the new slogan of sailors. Radio this year has fought one of its greatest sea battles to save lives. Standing against it on the failure side of the ledger are listed under the heading words, "fatally lost" in Lloyd's register, 124 vessels for the first three months of 1926, against a loss of 105 for the same period the previous year. While this year's losses have not been sputtered its cry for assistance, show more than 400 craft lost in the Florida hurricane and 100 schooners wrecked in Havana harbor in the Cuban blow.

Radio Great Help
Standing to the credit of radio is the assertion of shipping men here that the losses at sea this year would have reached startling figures had not wireless on ships. To those who sail the seas its medal for the bravest deed in the wireless has given a comforting thought of safety that mariners and travelers of other days have not known.

Within 10 months there have been two hurricanes that swept the South Atlantic seaboard and the weather bureau has sent out 35 storm warnings to ships at sea. Those who insure shipping say this year's losses have not been abnormally large and that insurance rates, based on a falling off of claims since the use of radio became general, have been reduced. Many ships which otherwise would have been a total loss, have been saved by wireless and towed to port.

Wireless has changed the storage of the sea which are now tales of thrilling rescue rather than of total disaster and lonely death. The Royal Humane society gave it medal for the bravest deed in 1925 to a sailor.

New Hero Born
With the wireless a new hero was born—the radio operator. Half forgotten by the passengers so long as all goes well, his is a courage not of action but of endurance. In the Bermuda storm of last October, the Valerian, a British naval ship, turned turtle. By the time the cruiser Capetown had fought her way to the scene, only 19 survivors of the crew of 103 could be found clinging to the life rafts. In a bald statement they told a story which is almost a commonplace of the sea, yet which carries implication of a glorious fortitude. "The wireless operator, they said, 'went down in his cabin, still sending out the S. O. S.'"

From all over the world come stories of storm and shipwreck, and heroic rescue in answer to the S. O. S. A little freighter last January encountered a storm in mid-Atlantic that was too much for her. With her equipment washed overboard by the waves, she began to founder in the sea. But her S. O. S. had gone out, and was picked up by a great ocean liner, which hurried to her assistance.

The Antioch sank, but her men were safe aboard the President Roosevelt, thanks to the spirit of courage and brotherhood among sailors, and the marvel of the wireless.

During the exigencies of the general strike in England last spring more than a thousand vessels were permitted to sail with out wireless operators. It was made the subject of a question in the house of commons. Yet there are a few ships which must rely on themselves alone, as of old.

An Example
One of these was the Manchester Producer, a freighter, which to lessen the suffering of her cargo of cattle, attempted to change her course in a January storm. Her steering gear broke, and half of the terrified cargo, following wildly, had to be driven overboard to keep the ship from capsizing. Unable to summon help, the Manchester Producer drifted for weeks until the food gave out, and the remainder of the cattle had to be hoisted one by one from the deck and dropped into the sea to save them a more agonizing death from starvation. More than a month passed, and the Manchester Producer was more than a thousand miles off her course when she was found by a Dutch tug and towed to the Azores.

WOMAN FILM PRODUCER
LONDON (AP)—Britain's first woman film producer, Miss Dina Shorey, believes women have as much chance as men in film producing, and perhaps more.

"Women have greater originality than men," asserted the new producer, "they have usually a greater sense of artistic values, and are better qualified to judge the human interest power of a picture than men."

"British films will succeed when half of the present directing forces is eliminated," Miss Shorey ventured. She contends that most of the British producers have no enthusiasm for the goods they have to sell.

Petrified trees in the petrified forest, Navajo county, Arizona, are yielding vari-colored cufflinks at the hands of expert stone-workers.

WHEN ROMANCE IS "DIFFERENT"



Boston's most notable newly-weds, Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols and his bride, are pictured here. Mrs. Nichols was Miss Carrie Williams, twin sister of the mayor's first wife, who died last before Nichols took office. The bridegroom's son, Clark Nichols, 4, was best man at the wedding.

Progress Made in Year Against
Blight of White Pine Forests

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 15.—Much progress was made during the year in the development of an economical method for the resistance of the blister rust, which would wipe out the white pine of the Inland Empire and the sugar pine forests of California. It developed at a meeting of men identified with the U. S. department of agriculture, held in the blister rust department, sixth floor Realty building.

According to reports made to S. N. Wyckoff, pathologist in charge of the four northwest states and California, the cost of eradicating the rust has been reduced from \$3.35 an acre in 1925 to \$1.26 in 1926.

Blister rust threatens 19,000,000,000 feet of standing merchantable white pine in the Inland Empire and 38,000,000,000 feet of standing merchantable sugar timber in California. The value of the entire stand is estimated at \$225,000,000. This does not take into account the value of future stands. The tiny spore, which penetrates to the heart of the tree, has not entered northern Idaho, but it is thriving and multiplying in an area of 30 to 35 miles in the region of Nelson, B. C. The authorities have the active cooperation of the Canadian authorities in the resistance.

Discuss Every Phase
At the conference every phase of the rust, difficulties of resistance, progress and new methods of attack were reported. The 20 pathologists engaged the year around and their 150 assistants, employed in summer, have worked out methods for eradication of the wild currant and wild gooseberries, a mid-season harbor and source of food for the rust. It was announced.

Can Eradicate Bushes
"Two methods have been found for the eradication of the currant and gooseberry bushes," said Wyckoff. "These are by pulling

suit from the shipment of currants and gooseberries under certain circumstances within the United States. The new federal quarantine aimed at regulation rather than embargo.

Black Currants Worst
L. M. Gooding and G. A. Root, assistant pathologist, had found in their investigations that the cultivated black currants were the most active and dangerous in the spread of the white pine rust. Trees were capable of receiving infection developed 100 miles distant, a distance exceeding all other classes.

The common cold, like the weather, is discussed a great deal but nothing is ever done about it.

Salt Water Fish Rearing Test on
Scientific Basis Now Under Way

ASTORIA, Dec. 15.—An experiment which will be watched closely by fish culturists all over the world was initiated at Seaside when 20,000 young silverside salmon were placed in the large tank at the Seaside natatorium to be reared in salt water for a period of five months in order to check their growth in salt water as compared with that in fresh water.

The test is being conducted on a careful scientific basis in order that it may yield all possible information in a form which can be

turned to good effect in the artificial propagation of salmon.

The young silversides are already one year old, having been spawned about this time last year. They were reared in the small ponds at Klaskanine hatchery until early fall, when they were transferred into the big 14-acre rearing pond designed to bring the silverside salmon to an age of 18 months before being released.

Before the young fish were liberated in the natatorium tank they were weighed and a record kept.

300 Carloads of
Lettuce Shipped

LEWISTON ORCHARDS, Wash., Dec. 15.—Including full carload partial carload shipments, truck shipments and local trade, the total of the fall crop lettuce output up to December 4 was about 300 carloads, including four carloads shipped last week by the Lewiston-Clarkston federation. The other packing houses are not packing or shipping at present and will probably not make any more shipments, but individual growers are cutting for local trade or shipment by truck to the peddlers.

There is considerable lettuce of

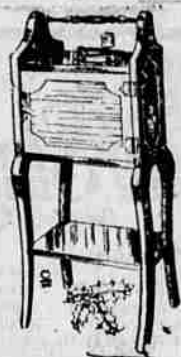
good quality for immediate use, but it is reported there is doubt as to its shipping qualities and growers hesitate to take the chance of shipping it and having a loss. Market conditions have shown some improvement. Considerable weeding has already been done for the spring crops of both lettuce and spinach.

BERLIN (AP).—The number of women doctors in Germany has increased from 135 to 1627 between the years 1913 and 1926. Of the present total, 230 are assistants to visiting hospital physicians. The majority of the women doctors are general practitioners; 116 specialize in children's diseases and are obstetricians and gynecologists.

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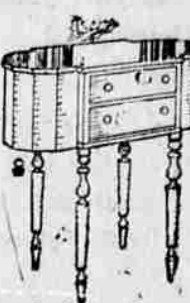
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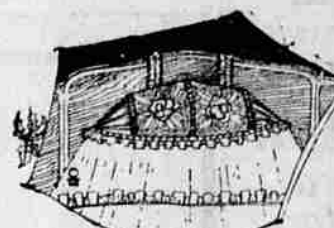
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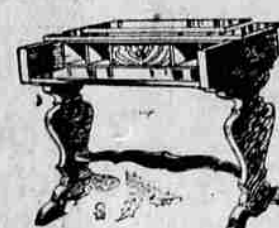


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