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SALMON PACK IS BIGGEST IN YEARS

Enforcement of Closed Season
Has Resulted in Heavy
Run of Fish.

BLUEBACKS PLENTY NOW

Not Since 1904 Have Cannerymen Done
So Well, Absence of Nets Early
in Season Giving Fish
Entrance to River.

Enforcement of the laws enacted by the Oregon and Washington Legislatures in February, regulating salmon fishing in the Columbia River and its tributaries, has had the effect of supplying those streams with more salmon this year than have entered the Columbia River since 1904. The season following the repeal by the Oregon Legislature of the same legislation which was re-enacted last winter. By June 1 packers on the Columbia River will have canned more salmon since the season opened May 1 than they have during any other one year since 1904. The output of the canneries to date is more than double that at the same time last year, when the season opened April 15, or 15 days earlier.

Packers generally are commending the two Legislatures for the wisdom displayed in appointing conference committees by which uniform legislation was indorsed. Experienced men, representing the various fishing interests on the river, were consulted, and the committees, having heard all sides to the controversy, framed joint legislation which is subject to enforcement jointly by the two states having jurisdiction of the river.

This was done in disregard of two conflicting laws enacted in this state under the initiative last June. These measures were proposed by rival fishing interests, and each was designed to put the other out of business. The conference committee, representing the two Legislatures, did not take into account the provisions of either of these popular laws, except so far as they made for the protection of the industry. The result was that a law was framed which is expected to do much to protect and preserve the industry, regardless of differences between the rival fishing interests of the upper and the lower river.

Big Run of Bluebacks.
For the first time in years, the river is bountifully stocked with bluebacks, a species of the salmon family, which had practically disappeared. The scarcity of this fish became noticeable following 1902, when the Legislature extended the season from August 10 to August 25 and abolished the Sunday closed law. There is a bigger run of these salmon this year than there had been since 1904.

Fishermen attribute the abundance of this fish to the fact that fishing at the mouth of the river during the months of March and April has been prohibited, beginning this season. The result has been that during those two months the bluebacks have had an opportunity to enter the river and stock the entire stream. The supply of this fish in all parts of the river is being further increased and replenished through the protection offered by a closed Sunday.

For the last five years it is charged

by packers that it has been practically impossible for salmon to enter the Columbia River during the months of March and April. They refer to the fact that prior to this year nets have been employed by fishermen, extending almost without interruption across the mouth of the river, making it a practical impossibility for these fish to come up the Columbia at all. The consequence was that the great majority of these fish, encountering such obstructions at the mouth of the river, went up the coast and invaded Alaskan waters in their search for spawning grounds.

Means Financial Gain.

It is a matter of large financial importance to the fishing industry of the Pacific Northwest that salmon are again enabled to reach the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, following a suppression of fishing at the mouth of the river in the early spring. For instance, salmon packed on the Columbia River sells in the market for about \$7 a case, as against \$4.25 for the same pack in Alaska. The difference in the market value of the two packs is due principally to the fact that as a marketable fish, salmon that must travel up the Pacific Coast to Alaskan waters are inferior in quality to those that succeed in getting into the Columbia.

They depreciate in value for packing in the same ratio that the time required for them to go from the Columbia River to the Alaskan Coast brings the fish that much nearer the spawning period. These salmon are caught in the Columbia during the months of May and June, while it is not until July and August that they can reach the northern waters and be taken.

Now that the bluebacks again have become plentiful in the Columbia, the Fish Commissioners of the two states are expected to afford them every possible facility for reaching spawning grounds. The abundance of salmon in the river this season has established to the satisfaction of fishermen generally the fact that when an opportunity is given these fish to enter the river, they remain and ascend the

stream and its tributaries in quest of spawning grounds.

Those interested in the fish industry and its preservation in the Pacific Northwest, trust that the beneficial results already manifested from an enforcement of the legislation jointly enacted last winter by the two State Legislatures will insure the retention of this legislation in its present form. If the usual attempt is made at the next session of the Legislature to repeal or modify these uniform fish laws, the movement will meet with determined opposition from those who have at heart the real interest of the fish industry and its preservation.

STOLEN PAINTING FOUND

Clever Trap Set by Italian Police Secures Thief and Picture.

ROME, May 22.—(Special.)—The famous painting by Giambellino, a Madonna and Child, which was stolen from the Church of the Madonna dell'Orto, in Venice, during Fashion Week, has just been recovered.

Some days after the robbery Emilio Africo, a custodian of the Hospital Humbert I., informed the usher of the Permanent Exposition of Modern Art that he possessed a valuable painting, which he wished to sell, and asked him to recommend him to some rich foreigner. The usher, recollecting the lost masterpiece, immediately informed the police, who laid a trap for the custodian.

They installed in the Hotel Danelli a well-known antiquarian, whose fluent English helped along the desired impression that he was a wealthy Englishman on the lookout for a masterpiece. The first visit was to the Hospital Humbert I., accompanied by plain-clothes men from headquarters.

There he was shown the painting, which he bought for \$15,000 and took with him. It was identified as the original, and the custodian and two accomplices were arrested.

WILL GIVE MELODRAMA

ST. ANDREW'S DRAMATIC CLUB
IN "HONOR OF A COWBOY."

Production to Be at Alumni Hall
Tomorrow Night for Benefit of
Brothers' College.

"The Honor of a Cowboy," a beautiful Western drama in four acts, replete with spectacular incidents of real, wild, Western life, will be presented Monday night at Alumni Hall, Grand avenue and Clackamas street, by the St. Andrew's Dramatic Club. The production will be donated by the club to help furnish the chapel in the Christian Brothers' College.

This production was given before a crowded house in Vernon on May 11 and by request of its patrons will be repeated in a larger hall, where the real merits of the play will be seen to advantage. The splendid scenery of the stage in Alumni Hall and the electric light effects will add much to the proper presentation of the play.

Over 20 characters are in the cast. The costumes are quite elaborate. Mr. Genskow and Miss O'Neill are the leading characters and are well supported by a strong cast of dramatic actors. Between acts E. J. Quillman, formerly of the New York Theatrical Troupe, and Miss Eva Wells will render several selections. The Venetian Orchestra will enliven the evening by the rendition of numbers.

The advance sale of tickets is already large and an Alumni Hall will seat over 1000, a big attendance is anticipated. Following in the cast: Harry Morley, Sydney Genskow; Mary Buckley, Miss Nell O'Neill; Bill Jenkins, William McCullough; Jack Stanton, S. Genskow; Judge Buckley, Joe Elms; Jim Selby, Matt Howard; Missouri Smith, William T. Fitzgerald.

Dear Face, Clarence De Grandpre; Melson, Pete, Austin Naylor; Sam Travlers, Jack Henry; Sam Smithers, John Frison; C. Nalson Mallard, William Moner; barkeeper, Ernest Field; Wild Bill, Jack Henry; Lucy Arbuckle, Miss Rose Capperth; Mrs. Susan Trvelyn, Miss Gussie Pember; Jennie Smith, Miss Stella Howard.

HUGE VESSELS GO FORTH

Atlantic Steamship Syndicate Increases Tonnage.

LONDON, May 22.—(Special.)—Somewhere or other there must be a good deal of confidence in the future of Atlantic traffic. We have only just got over one of the worst years in its history and yet two new big Atlantic liners have just made their first voyages. The White Star liner Laurentic is of about 15,000 tons, while the Minnewaska, the new Atlantic transport steamer, is of 14,500 tons. The Atlantic transport boat carries only first-class passengers, and for these, to the number of about 250, she has ideal accommodation. The Laurentic is built to take 200 first-class, 400 second, and about 1000 third-class to Canada. The two ships between them will thus carry a total of over 3000 people.

Then it has to be remembered that only a few days ago the Lapland, a 17,000-ton steamer built for the Red Star line, which is also included in the combine, made her first voyage from Antwerp to New York via Dover. This vessel can herself carry something like 3000 passengers. These three substantial additions to the Atlantic fleet are thus made by a single interest at a time when existing tonnage might possibly be considered as ample. But steam shipping, particularly on the Atlantic, can never afford to stand still.

Certainly no one can assert that Bruce Ismay, of the White Star line, is unprogressive, for within the last fortnight or so the companies under his control have placed in the Antwerp-New York trade the biggest steamer than has ever gone up the Scheldt, in the London-New York service the largest steamer to

go up the Thames, and in the trade between the Mersey and Canada the biggest vessel heretofore employed. This is a new sort of record which may well occasion pride.

It is an open question as to the precise form of engines which will be adopted in two more monster ships due in 1912. Indeed, there is every reason why it should be so since the White Star line would naturally wish to be guided by the experience which is furnished by the Laurentic. Hasty people who have already decided that the Olympic and the Titanic, the new vessels, will be equipped upon the combination principle may prove right, or they may prove wrong.

At present the point is entirely undetermined.

NEW MONOPLANE RECORD

Herbert Latham Stays in Air Over
27 Minutes in France.

RUOY, France, May 22.—Herbert Latham, the French aviator, made a record flight in a monoplane here today. He stayed in the air 27 minutes and 2 seconds at a height varying from 25 to 30 feet.

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