

Mystery Monster Keeps Lobster Fishermen Ashore

LOUISBURG, N. S. (CP)—An underwater mystery monster which fishermen here were calling the Forchu Rammer is still on the loose after bringing death and terror to the fishing fleet of eastern Cape Breton.

Unidentified, but described by some as 25 feet long with a six-foot dorsal fin, the killer fish is believed by some fishermen to be a punch-drunk shark bent on destruction. Others believe it to be a giant swordfish.

First appearing off the coast last week, the ocean raider charged several fishing craft, including some which were closely bunched. Its mightiest attack came 100 yards off Forchu Thursday when it gouged a two-foot hole in the hull of a lobster smack and captured it.

One occupant, John Burns, 40, drowned, and another, John MacLeod, 21, was rescued by a nearby boat, almost exhausted by his frantic efforts to make shore. Burns' body was recovered, indicating the killer fish is not a man-eater and is, as some fishermen claim, merely bent on an angry orgy of destruction.

R. C. M. P. and local fishermen organized a hunt for the fish Friday but failed to spot it. A plane was used earlier in the day but had to return to base because of bad weather. The fisheries department is expected to send a patrol craft to the area.

Thursday's attack on Burns boat was the first in which the monster claimed a life, but he had made previous efforts.

Earlier Attacks

Last week Newman Dubinsky was testing a new motor cruiser 12 miles off shore at Main-a-Dieu when the undersea raider started a charge. Dubinsky, who said the fish "just missed" raced to shore. He was accompanied by his four children and five fishermen.

About the same time, fishing craft from the village of Little Lorraine, eight miles east of here, scattered for safety when a giant fish attacked.

Earlier this week two Glace Bay

New Mining Town Becomes Official

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Duplessis announced Friday that a mining town built in the wilderness of the Gaspé peninsula interior will begin legal existence July 15.

Murdochville, called after James Y. Murdoch, president of Noranda Mines Limited, was created by a bill introduced during the last session.

The town, site of Gaspé Copper Mines Limited, a company owned by Noranda, will house miners working on the project which eventually will lead to construction of a \$10,000,000 copper refinery.

Fishermen hauling lobster traps near Main-a-Dieu raced for shore when they spotted the Rammer in the distance.

Charles Rafuse, skipper of the craft which rescued MacLeod, said the hole in the boat was two feet square.

He said the protruding fin of the killer was six feet high.

Occupants of the Dubinsky craft said the fish was almost as long as the boat, about 28 feet.

Lobster Fleet Stays Home

All but two of the 20-boat Forchu lobster fleet stayed in port Friday. Even the biggest boats were tied up.

On Forchu wharf a coroner's jury of fishermen returned an "accidental drowning" verdict but they didn't really believe Burns' death was an accident.

The broken tip of what they think is a shark's tooth was tendered as evidence.

Said Rafuse, 41 years a fisherman:

"I have seen hundreds of sharks, but not like this one. A gangster fish has been off this coast for three years. It's an overgrown fish of some sort, but I don't think it's a shark."

In normal times the New Brunswick sardine-canning industry uses about 4,000 tons of tin-plate for cans.

Former B. C. Cruise Ship In New Role

NAPLES (CP)—A one-time British Columbia cruise ship which in wartime steamed the seas as a Canadian armed merchant cruiser, began a new career Thursday under a new name and a new flag.

The former SS Prince Robert, now named the Lucania by her new Italian owners, sailed for the West Indies, Miami and South America with 700 passengers on her maiden voyage since her re-conversion.

Captured Nazi Ship

As the wartime Canadian auxiliary cruiser Prince Robert she once captured a Nazi merchant ship.

The 11,000-ton vessel now flies the Italian flag for the Italian shipping firm of Fratelli Grimaldi which bought her from the Canadian government after the war.

She was built in 1930 at Birkenhead, England for Canadian National Steamships and served on the B. C. coastal run with her sister ships, Prince Henry and Prince David.

In June, 1939 just before the outbreak of war, she carried the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth from Victoria to Vancouver on the first stage of their homeward journey of the Royal tour of that year.

Taken Over By Navy

When war came she was taken over by the Royal Canadian Navy and converted into an auxiliary merchant cruiser. As such she captured the Nazi merchant ship Weser in 1940 when the German came out of the sanctuary of a Mexican port. She also was the first Allied vessel to enter Hong Kong after the Japanese withdrawal there.

She was converted for a second time in 1945 in preparation for the Normandy invasion.

In 1948 Canadian War Assets Corporation offered her for sale and the Italian firm bought her.

An outbreak of smallpox in 1870 cost the lives of about 3,000 Indians in Western Canada.



Three rings jammed with prancing, dancing, rearing Liberty horses and ponies, all presented at one and the same time, will be among the inspired thrills awaiting circus fans when the huge King Bros. and Cristiani Combined Circus, comes to Charlottetown, Monday, July 20th, for afternoon and night performances at Exhibition Park under the auspices of the Kinsmen Club, and the center ring will contain what is said to be the most outstanding equine display in all Spangland.

The lovers of horseflesh from the Kentucky blue grass district to the Western plains have heaped avails of praise upon Rooks for his success in training the most spirited breed of horses known. Especially for the sensational climax when all rear on their hind legs simultaneously in a thrilling salute to the audience in the stands.

Horse displays play a most important part in this year's King Bros. and Cristiani Circus, but they are equaled by that of a deluge of other unrivalled stars and displays. Foremost of these, the world renowned Cristiani Family of bareback riding marvels with Lucio Cristiani the greatest riding comedian in the world; the Hermanos Rodrys, European aerial sensation; Barbara Fairchild, daring rider of high-jumping horses; Hugo Zschindl, the Human Cannonball; the Piccadilly Troupe, an all-girl acrobatic display from England—their first tour of this country; James Millett, the suicidal aerial star; Jerry Pressley, tight-wire headliner, and a host of other spectacular thrillers.

Another 1953 feature will be a real, old-time circus street parade which will be presented downtown at 11:30 show day morning, with bands, calliopes, cages of wild animals, a whole herd of elephants—15 in number, and all the other circus parade features of years gone by.

Performances will be given at 2 and 8 p.m.

Adlai Stevenson Looks Down Soviet Gun Muzzle

BERLIN, (AP)—Adlai E. Stevenson looked down the muzzle of a Russian tommygun in the hands of an East Berlin people's army soldier Saturday. The soldier meant business. "You move and I shoot," he said in English.

The incident occurred as Stevenson, 1952 U.S. democratic presidential candidate, and his party were touring East Berlin. He and his party were held up for 20 minutes and the films they had taken behind the Iron Curtain were confiscated.

Telling about the gun episode afterward, Stevenson said with a smile: "You know, curiously, I didn't move."

He and his party of seven were clambering around the ruins of the bunker of Wilhelmstrasse where Hitler is believed to have committed suicide. Several of the group started snapping pictures of Stevenson.

Suddenly about 10 police and soldiers appeared. One car pulled in behind Stevenson's car, another in front of it. They ordered the Americans to stop taking pictures.

The group included Cecil B. Lyon, Berlin director for the U. S. high commission; U. S. Maj. Edwin Lupkin of Athens, Ga.; Ernest Ives of Chicago; Stevenson's brother-in-law, and Stevenson's assistants William Blair and William Attwood and Mrs. Attwood.

When the Americans started to get back into their cars an East German soldier wearing a khaki uniform of Russian style and carrying a Russian tommygun, stepped forward.

"You move and I shoot," he said gruffly.

When the police refused to let them leave, Lyon demanded to see the Russian ambassador. After about 20 minutes some officials, not the ambassador, showed up. The officials confiscated the films and ordered them to proceed on their tour.

Two University Heads Honored

ABERDEEN, Scotland. (Reuters)—Aberdeen University Friday conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on two Canadian university presidents, the Rev. Dr. Patrick J. Nicholson and Dr. Sidney E. Smith.

Dr. Nicholson is president of St. Francis Xavier's University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Smith is president of the University of Toronto.

Quaker Oats Co. Strike Settled

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP)—Contingent settlement of the 12-week-old strike of some 435 employees at the Quaker Oats Co. of Canada plant here was announced Sunday by William Triggs, president of Local 293 of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO-CCL).

Triggs said the employees voted 251-46 to accept a company compromise offer as a similar offer plus union security is negotiated by some 130 employees at the Quaker plant in Saskatoon.

The compromise offer accepted established the basic wage rate at \$139 1-2 an hour effective Jan. 1 and provided for a modified swing shift in the flour mill. A company offer of a 40-hour week was also accepted.

KELLY'S CROSS C. W. L.

Monthly meeting of St. Joseph's sub-division was held Sunday, June 7. Newly-elected president Mrs. Emmett MacQuaid occupied the chair.

It was decided to hold monthly meetings during the summer on Sunday evening, rather than in the afternoon, as this time proved more convenient for members. The meeting was then brought to a close by reciting the League prayer.

Temperance Conference At St. Stephen, N. B.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B. (CP)—Drivers who drink must be kept off the highways, it was emphasized here Thursday at closing sessions of a temperance conference.

Winding up a two-day convention, members of the national division of the Sons of Temperance of North America were told there is a rising tide of public opinion over the number of accidents caused by befuddled motorists.

Liquor legislation in American

states and Canadian provinces was discussed at a final business session, during which a protest was voiced against any introduction of liquor advertising on Canadian television stations.

It was decided to hold the 1954 convention at Digby, N. S.

Rev. Edward Morris, Halifax, conducted a memorial service for members who died during the last year. One of these was H. H. Stuart of Newcastle, N.B., newspaper man who held office in the organization's New Brunswick division for 40 years.

A banquet in the vestry of Kirk-McColl United Church Wednesday evening was addressed by Rev. A. L. MacMillan of the Scotch Presbyterian church in Boston. His topic was "Total Abstinence." Flowers were presented to Mrs. A. R. Beador of Hartford, Conn., only woman who has been most worthy patriarch of the order and who has been a member of the national division 50 years.

H. E. Nickerson of Halifax, most worthy patriarch, presided over the convention, the 105th.

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