

ALONG THE OCEAN'S FRINGE

Captains Courageous Who Face Deep Sea Perils Near the Shore.

FIERCE FIGHTS ONSTORM-TOSSED WATERS

New Yorkers Who Go Out in Boats Every Day as Regularly as Other Men Go Out in Cars—The Fishing Fleet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—A paragraph in a municipal report the other day referring to the citizens of New York who fish for market within its boundaries probably was the first intimation that the majority of the population had that such an uncity-like occupation was being followed in the metropolis.

Yet there are so many professional fishermen and baymen in New York that their vocation is an important consideration in several wards and political divisions, and in a few districts they are in absolute control. They are urban Captains Courageous. A large proportion of their number rarely fishes outside of the city limits. In the sight of the skyscrapers and the thousands of steam-heated offices, they pass through sea adventures daily. Their battles with wind and wave are as hard and often as deadly as the fights of their brother fishermen on the Georges and Grand Banks.

When the gale whips over bay and river and sound, and the ferries and tugs drive along, sheeted with snow and ice, the fishermen of New York ply their skill and courage to look after their fish and oyster boats with a care and skill that is not to be despised.

The market is calling for clams and mussels. A blizzard may force these city workers to buy their fish in houses and boat cabins temporarily. But it must be a blizzard. Mere wintry weather that makes other city folk shiver and huddle themselves up does not affect the "captains" any more than a spring zephyr would.

Oystering is the leading branch of New York's fishing industry. The oystering villages form part of the city and are in the directory like any other section. Every day through the winter, with the exception only of days when the bays are hopelessly frozen over, the oystermen are out as soon as the tide has well begun to ebb.

Scattered along the Kill von Kull, Staten Island Sound and Arthur Kills are half a dozen primitive little settlements in the borough of Richmond, where almost the entire population goes, as regularly as to a town for oysters, as the dwellers in other parts of New York go out to town for money.

On the shores of Jamaica bay are thriving towns made up almost entirely of fishermen, oystermen and clammers, all citizens of New York.

Fleets of dredgers can be seen in the upper bay any day from the skyscrapers and from the ferry boats. Up and down they move in squadron formation, each under mainmast sails, dragging the iron dredgers.

Well inside of the extreme seaward limit of the city, men live every day in anchored sloops and schooners, through thick and thin of weather, fishing for codfish, ling, hake and whiting with hand line and trawl. Most of them run to the wharves to sell and carry their catch in to be shipped to the market by express. But it happens often that a wintry storm overwhelms them and drives them far out to sea or forces them to lie at anchor, swept by icy water for hours, and sometimes days, before they may dare show a rag and head at last.

Nets Everywhere. The market fishermen's nets are set in the very middle of the busiest harbor traffic. They stretch from the rocks of Governor's island into channels that bear the heavy tonnage in the world. Their stakes and hedges stand for miles in the western part of the upper harbor, like fences marking the boundaries of watery farms.

Almost under Grant's tomb are other fishermen. From that point north they set nets in the water for striped bass. Fishing huts, with their boats and gear, picturesquely draped with fish nets like the cozy corners of boats, are planted along shore as far as one may go northward along the Hudson group.

In the whirling tides of Hell Gate is another New York fishing ground where men work for market. On little rocks and reefs, barely visible above the wrinkled water, stand unpainted shanties with great reeds and racks full of tangled netting and lines. Stuck away in the coves and along the pretty Dutch shores of the borough of Queens are groups of houses whose owners go out in boats as regularly as their neighbors in the city.

Wild money markets almost all that are sought by these workers. In the rivers and sound, swift and treacherous tides and ceaseless navigation by big vessels make trouble every minute of the day for the men in small boats. If they anchor along the channel to tone and dredge for oysters and clams they are in peril as constant as are the dory fishermen who lie in the steamer tracks on the Grand Banks.

In the lower bay danger more manifold surrounds them. From the harbor in there are so many bars and shoals that a gale there is poor sea room for sailing vessels. And those shoals of New York harbor are notorious among the seamen of all the world for their wickedness. In one direction the shaggy rocks, Honor sands, with waters spouting white over them even when men ashore look on the sea and admire its calmness. In other directions the east and west banks lie in wait, each sending up a reef like the upturned end of a scow.

When a sudden February gale comes roaring down on the boats the chances are all against being able to remain at anchor and ride it out. If the wind is not

NEBRASKA RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS—WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN—WHAT THEY ARE—WHAT THEY SHOULD BE.

What Assessment for 1902. What Assessment for 1903. What Assessment for 1904.

Table with columns: County, Miles, Assessment for 1902, Assessment for 1903, Assessment for 1904. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding mile and assessment data.

The figures above presented are carefully compiled from reports of the state auditor, the bulletins issued by authority of the railroads and the reports to their stockholders published within the past year. These documents afford conclusive proof that the aggregate true value of railroads in Nebraska based on net earnings after deducting operating expenses, betterments and taxes paid, exceeds \$212,600,000.

An inspection of the table herewith presented shows just how much each county has lost by gradual reduction of the railroad assessment within the past ten years, the aggregate apportionment of railroad assessments to each county for the year 1902 and what the aggregate assessment should be if the railroads were assessed at one-sixth of their value based on net earnings. The appraisal of railroads that have not reported net earnings, which constitute less than one-sixth of the entire railroad mileage in the state, is based upon the value of their tangible property.

favorable for a run toward the shelter of Coney Island Point or the Narrows, there is nothing for it but to set as much sail as a man may dare and work out to Sandy Hook and thence in sea.

So, whenever a sudden winter storm blocks traffic in New York and makes it a weary struggle for a hundred thousand New Yorkers to get home at night, other citizens are having a still harder time of it. They would hail as luxury the possibility of walking home in winter weather. Toward the end of February, when the ice breaks up, the occupants are in danger as imminent as that which threatens any toiler of the sea anywhere.

There comes a night when pedestrians in city streets hear the water beginning to drip from roofs and eaves, and see the gutters beginning to run, while the wind, suddenly turning, begins to blow softly from the south. "Spring is coming," they say.

And while crowded New York is expanding under the softening weather, lonely New York, only a few miles away, is loud with the pealing of cracking ice floes. Great fields of white begin to move and leave. Black streaks about zig-zag across the sea where two huge pieces split apart.

With each hour the groans and rattle-like reports and cannonlike boomings grow. Then, suddenly, the ebb tide begins to move and the soft south wind blows against it. Ice drives in from the open sea before the wind and meets bending, cracking, shattering floes driven by the tide. Where

WHERE WHITE SLAVES EXIST

Shocking Conditions of Labor Revealed in Several Ohio Cities.

COST OF LIVING HIGHER THAN WAGES

Women Work in Foundries and in Mines at Night for a Mere Pittance, According to Statistics.

A convention of miners recently held at Columbus, O., challenged the accuracy of the state's official statistics of wages paid to miners, maintaining that they were furnished by the operators, who made the best possible showing in their own behalf. The state commissioner of labor does not deny the source of the statistics and pronounces the challenge of the miners "a disgraceful surprise." A dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer from a dispatch capital says the qualified admission of the labor commissioner of ex parte information virtually discredits the entire work of the department. Even as the official statistics stand, supplemented with independent investigation, they reveal a shocking condition of affairs, particularly with reference to female labor in mines and factories.

Director of Charities Cooley of Cleveland, upon examining the official figures and making an investigation on his own account, recently asserted that the conditions were absolutely appalling, not to say criminal. Yet there are reasons for believing that the very best possible showing was made by the employers, and that in reality the conditions are worse than the figures show. Two years ago the labor commissioner appointed three women deputes to investigate the factory conditions in the state so far as their sex was concerned.

Three cities, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, were chosen as the field for their work, and they went about it systematically. Their work was checked and hampered, admission being refused to factories and employes being instructed to furnish no information. So galling was this policy of obstruction that Attorney General Sheets was called to the assistance of the department. He notified the state auditor of the criminal proceedings in the name of the state against a number of firms in Cincinnati that the interference ceased and the deputes were permitted to pursue their investigations unmolested.

Laws Violated.

Their reports show that they found many abuses existing, most of them being violations of the law. They found that the employers in the arrangements of dressing rooms, etc. In many instances there was a total nonobservance of the law requiring safety appliances in case of fire. But the major portion of their work related to the lives of women and the cost of their living. Their finding was startling and new. The average wage paid to women in Ohio, they say, is \$1.83 a week, and that the average income of each operative from other sources amounts to but 5 cents a week, or \$1.88 in all.

EACH SOLDIER BLAMES OTHER

Fort Sheridan Soldiers Charged with Stealing Arms Plead Companion Alone is Guilty.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The court-martial of Sergeants Leonard and Swentzell at Fort Sheridan today was marked by the attempt of each to throw the blame for their alleged misdeeds on the other. Swentzell swore that Leonard had stolen the guns and that he merely disposed of them. Leonard swore that he had not been in the deal and that he knew nothing of the theft.

SENATE ALSO OPPOSES PACT

Washington Legislature Passes Pro-Test Against Alaskan Boundary Treaty.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 6.—Right opposition was raised in the senate today to the passage of the joint memorial adopted by the house yesterday against the ratification of the treaty with Great Britain concerning the Alaskan boundary.

SHOOTS DESERTING WIFE

Colorado Miner Kills Unfaithful Woman, Afterwards Committing Suicide.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Feb. 6.—Valentine Casagrande, a miner, today blew out his brains with a revolver after twice shooting his wife, who had deserted him.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Anna Chadowich of Seventeenth and Duane streets was arrested yesterday afternoon on an insanity warrant.

Frank Celta asks divorce from Mary, alleging infidelity and naming Frank Merritt as the father of the child.

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Promptness in a matter of this kind is of the greatest value, and our experience confirms the Equitable's claim that its policies are "sight drafts at maturity."

Yours truly, HALL & McCULLOCH, Attorneys.

MUST SETTLE RACE WAR

Root Says Attempt to Make Black Citizens Has Failed.

COUNTRY NEEDS TO TRY NEW SYSTEM

America Owes Duty to Negroes So Long Held in Slavery, but Difficulty is to Find Best Means to Raise Them.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The forty-third anniversary of the Union League club was celebrated at the club house tonight by a reception tendered to the survivors of those who joined the club in 1863.

The first year the club was organized 342 members joined. Of that number thirty-two are still members of the club.

There were about 250 other members of the club present. A letter of regret was received from President Roosevelt.

Seeks Solution of Negro Problem. Elihu Root, secretary of the navy, was chairman, who congratulated the veterans of the club for having woven the thread into the fabric of the great life of the country.

There are many problems coming up today upon which the safety of this government depends. There are today situations of possible peril to our country that call for devoted patriotism.

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Omaha People

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Evidence from home is better than a thousand miles away. Hundreds of people are daily using Paracamp in our city with marvelous results.

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