

Ships in Pawn

About The Queerest Dock In The World.

In this desolate dock, completely surrounded by high, gloomy warehouses and cut off from the outer line of docks, you rarely see a ship. Now and again, perhaps, a poor little vessel will creep shamefacedly in, because she cannot pay her way. Until a very short time ago the very sight of the "Pawshop," as this queer dock is called, was sufficient to send many a skipper with foreboding. The Pawshop was a virtually a den for law-breaking ships, and a workshop, literally, where ships that failed to pay their dock and other dues were held as pledges.

It isn't easy to imagine a ship being seized up. Nevertheless, countless vessels have been "arrested" in the dock, and now and again one is "taken" today, by the simple process of an officer going aboard and nail- ing a warrant of arrest to the ship's mast.

While that ominous scrap of paper flutters in the breeze, the captain is no longer in supreme command of his vessel.

Here in the Pawshop, securely cut from outlet to the sea, hundreds of sailing vessels have found an un- desirable abiding place, to be held there until the fines imposed by the authorities were paid. Or they were "seized" for money owing for dock dues by other dues by the owners. These vessels were kept prisoners for a certain period and then, if the dues weren't paid, they were sold by auction.

Dock dues are very high in some ports. In fact, it would be simply impossible for any ship to remain very long in any port. Consequently, an un- expected delay in sailing—caused by repairs, failure to obtain cargo, and so on—may hit a small ship very hard. Indeed, she may eventually be seized with a bill for dock dues which she cannot pay.

The heavy hand of the law has come upon the "shoulder" of many a merchant serving the ship. Through troubles by no means uncommon, he may find himself unable to meet the cost.

It is a curious fact that, in law, the captain rather than the owner is personally liable for any debts incurred for his vessel. If the ob- ject isn't met, the most vital in- strument on board—yes, the sail, and anything—may be seized and sold to meet the cost.

Moreover, our maritime law lays down that anyone who in any way works for a ship—one of the crew or a merchant serving the ship—may be seized and his property taken from the company, can act against the vessel her-

Even armed with authority, a captain can seize only such goods as are on board, and only sufficient to meet the required amount. He cannot seize anything, or be vindictive in any way.

Once having obtained his warrant of arrest from a magistrate or sheriff, to put it into execution has only to come aboard and take the document to the captain or mate.

It need not give up the warrant. It is enough to call it to the ship's mast. Let, like a policeman, he must be in charge of his prisoner. The ship has to stay aboard until the dues are paid.

A desperate skipper might be tempted to get steam up and run away. The penalty for this is £100. Further, if he takes the ship to sea, he may have to pay an extra £10 per day for the brings back the officer to the port from which he has escaped.

A foreign vessel collides with a ship at sea, and then dodges without waiting to discover what she has wrought. It will be for that ship to come near our shores, for within three miles of our coast she may be arrested, and detained until she has paid for the damage she has done.

In some cases a skipper may be arrested as well as his vessel. If, for in- stance, it is found that he has "fak- ed" cargo, or deliberately loaded his ship beyond the Plimsoll line, he will be taken into custody.

Canada to Have Further British Preference Soon

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN KING'S SPEECH IS RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION.

OTTAWA.—The announcement in King's speech in London that the preferential proposals submitted by the Baldwin Government at the last Imperial Conference will be placed before the British Parliament, is received here with satisfaction. Canada had learned through the preference committee on canned salmon and canned

lobster, raw apples, honey and dried fruit, imported from the Dominions. The putting into effect of this ad- vantage is conditional on the act of the Canadian Parliament, so that the subject of Em- pire trade generally will not come up in the House in this way. It is bound, however, to come up, especially in view of the reported intention of Aus- tralia and New Zealand to insist that

SHOPPING GUIDE

BAIRD'S YEAR-END SALE

Featuring Special Values, available right up to the final shopping hours of 1924.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

GLOVE VALUES

MISSES' GLOVES—Warm English Wool Gloves, with great long gauntlet wrists, heavily ribbed, assorted shades and stripings. Our Special . . . **65c.**

WEE TOTS' GLOVES—Cute little all Wool Gloves with gauntlet wrist, warm-est glove you can buy. Special . . . **60c.**

MISSES' GLOVES—Gloves with gauntlet wrist. These come in light shades, with striped gauntlet, warm gloves. Special . . . **75c.**

SAXONY FLANNEL—Finest quality Baby Flannel, just to hand. We selected this line for its good value. Reg. **97c.** Special . . . **75c.**

BABIES' SLEIGH RUGS—All Wool Rugs, 24 x 36 inch size. Self fringed; a nice cosy wrap for outdoors; shades of Fawn, Brown and Rose. To **\$1.45** Clear . . . **\$1.18**

SILK HANGINGS—Lustrous Silk Hangings in nice warm tones, almost any required shade to match room surroundings; former prices disregarded. **\$1.18** Closing Out Sale Price . . . **\$1.18**

This being our final Sale for 1924, we would be indeed recreant to our feelings, if we did not take advantage of the occasion to express our sincere gratitude for the kindly co-operation of the Shopping Public during the passing year.

PLEASE, THEN, ACCEPT OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE.

We appreciate to the fullest the good-will extended towards this Store, at all times, and as we glance backwards, peer as it were through the vista of the past years, there looms up largely many, many happy recollections of the warm associations formed, the numerous new friendships enkindled, and it is indeed a matter of no small pride with us to be able to say we still retain those friendships and associations and will continue to retain them by every effort of ours in the furtherance of a good Store with a good stock and a good Service to serve you and serve you well.

WE THANK YOU!

HOSIERY VALUES

LADIES' HOSE—Fine close knit Hosiery with embroidered ankle, in Light and Dark Heathers. Special . . . **49c.**

BLACK HOSIERY—Ladies' Plain Black English Cashmere Hosiery, seamless finish, quality through and through. Year-End Special . . . **95c.**

WOOL GAITERS—Little one's Pull-Over Knitted Wool Gaiters, in Crimson, Navy and White, assorted sizes. Regular up to 75c. pair. Closing Out . . . **49c.** Special . . . **49c.**

WINTER STOCKINGS—Great ribbed Wool Over Stockings, in shades of Navy, Cardinal and White. No need to hint the usefulness of these winter time. Sizes up to 9 inch. The Smaller sizes . . . **65c.** The Larger sizes . . . **89c.**

WOMEN'S HOSE—Close plain Cashmere Hosiery, with embroidered leg and garter tops, all heather shades, very pretty Hosiery. Special . . . **\$1.65** Special . . . **\$1.18**

LADIES' RUBBERS—Ladies' "B. F. Goodrich" low cut rubbers, assorted heels, extraordinary rubber value. . . **77c.** Special . . . **77c.**

Stylish Scarves on Sale

LADIES' SCARVES—Excellent Silk and Wool Scarves with fringed ends, pretty shade blendings run through this assortment. Up to \$3.50 regularly. Spe- cial . . . **\$2.59**

INFANTS' WOOL SETS—Knitted Wool Sets—Coat, Cap and Booties, in White, trimmed Pink and Sky, roll collar with ribbon bow; very dainty. Reg. \$3.00. **\$2.59** Special . . . **\$2.59**

LADIES' UNDERWEAR—Cream Jersey Shirts and Undergarments, long sleeved and high necked vests, ankle length pants, open; silk bindings and leather stitching. \$2.50 values. Special . . . **\$1.69**

HAND BAGS—Ladies' Beaded Hand Bags, a nice assortment of them; they're fashionable. Reg. \$2.50. **\$1.98** Special . . . **\$1.98**

COAT SWEATERS—Ladies' Knitted Wool Coat Sweaters, cross-over Jacquette style in Navy and Fawn; long sleeved, pearl buttons. Clearing . . . **\$6.15**

Warm wool BLANKETS

English Wool Blankets, 64 x 82 size, full seven pounds weight; these are just to hand. Year-End Special, the pair . . . **\$8.29**

COTTON BLANKETS—50 x 72 size; these make a nice comfortable under sheet; striped borders. Special, the pair . . . **\$2.60**

WADDLED QUILTS—Mostly Pink with reverse side showing pretty art cover- ings; nice weight Quilts for the cold nights. Special . . . **\$5.35**

Special Lines from the Men's Dept.

STIFF FELTS—The always respectable Black Stiff Felt Hat holds the place of honour to-day. See our latest London style. Special, straight . . . **\$5.00**

SOFT FELTS—The newest in nobby Soft Felts; shades of light and medium Grey, as well as dark Brown and Fawn; silk lined. Special . . . **\$5.50**

WHITE GLOVES—Superior quality White Wool Gloves; nice to wear "calling" on New Year's Day; they're dressy and quite fashionable. Special . . . **\$1.35**

SOCKS—If you have forgotten them, choose a pair or two of these warm Wool Socks; assorted shades. **\$1.18** Clearing . . . **\$1.18**

WALKING STICKS—We have some excellent Sticks, with plain silver knob tops and others with curved ends. Ranging from **2.50, 3.00, 3.30, 4.50, 6.00**

MEN'S NECKWEAR—Some very rich Silk Neckwear, set apart for clearance this Year-End Sale. Spe- cial . . . **\$1.10**

James Baird LIMITED

Fancy Blouses

Clearing a line of Ladies' Fancy Flannelette Blouses, with convertible collar and long sleeves; assorted sizes. **\$1.85** Special . . . **\$1.85**

"MARY GARDEN" PERFUMES—Known everywhere for its rare excellence, neatly bottled and boxed. Reg. **\$1.89** Special . . . **\$1.89**

FEEDERS—White and White and Pink. Finest Terry Cloth Feeders. **32c.** fringed, wanted things. Special **32c.**

HANDKERCHIEFS—Ladies' Fine Lawn Kerchiefs, embroidered and hemstitched; values to 30c. each. Clearing **20c.**

MOIRE UNDERSHIRTS—In Black and shades of Grey, Brown, Navy, Sage and Purple, shot effects, wide and narrow pleated rounce, elastic waist. **\$2.98** Up to \$3.50. Clearing . . . **\$2.98**

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Soap to Cleanse, Cream to Moisturize, Lotion to Refresh.

Footwear

MEN'S SLIPPERS—A Snap! Men's warm high grade heavy felt top House Slippers, with soft padded soles. **\$1.18** Year-End Sale Price . . . **\$1.18**

LADIES' SKATING BOOTS—Choice of Black and Dark Tan, reinforced sides and instep strap. Distinctly a fur Skating Boot. Special . . . **\$5.38**

MEN'S ROMEO'S—Strong Black Leather Romeo's, for house wear, and ideal for wearing in gaiters. **\$2.68** Closing Out Sale . . . **\$2.68**

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Your choice of the Three Flower odor presented in a Talcum Powder fine of Quality and Delicately Packaged.

General Sentenced

GERMAN'S WAR LOOT FROM FRENCH CHATEAU.

LILLE, Dec. 18.—The German General Wilhelm von Nathusius was at a French court-martial here to-day sentenced to a year's imprisonment for thefts during the war.

The general was arrested on November 1st at Forbach, in Alsace, whether he had gone with his wife to visit the grave of her father. To-day's trial was the result of proceedings carried through in the general's absence, when he was condemned to five years' imprisonment. After the verdict was announced the Judge-Advocate went to the ante-room where the general was waiting and read the sentence in the presence of the guard, who stood to attention with bayonets fixed.

The general ran a trembling hand through his scanty iron-grey hair and stammered in broken French: "It is impossible. I am an innocent man." Then he collapsed and had to be helped to a chair. Half an hour later he was taken in a motor-car under escort of gendarmes to Lille military prison.

The articles which he was alleged to have stolen from a chateau near Roubaix included a perambulator, fur coats, muffs, Turkey carpets, old china, antique furniture, fittings, a collection of old silk and a lion's skin rug.

Witnesses spoke of German army lorries having been used to convey cases of private loot at the moment of the final German retreat. "I never took anything," said von Nathusius. "I did not take an astrachan coat for my wife as I knew she would have despised me if I had given her a stolen coat."

The court was told of soldiers tearing down shelves of bookcases to make boxes to take away stolen goods. One witness related that on the day von Nathusius left Roubaix he had seen one of his orderlies packing up plates and bottles of liqueur and brandy.

Fads and Fashions

The smart hat remains small, and close-fitting.

In millinery, one notes an off-the-face movement.

Shades of cranberry, rust and henna are good.

One cloth foot uses facings and trimming of felt.

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FOR RHEUMATISM.

MINARD'S LINIMENT, THE ATHLETIC'S REMEDY.

Will U.S. Enter World Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By Can Press)—A drive to force the United States into the World Court will not only be made in the Senate this winter but, according to Senator Swanson, of Virginia, democratic leader on the Foreign Relations Committee and close friend of the late Woodrow Wilson, it is likely to succeed.

Senator Swanson, who will seek to bring the question up in the Senate at the earliest practicable time when he can muster all his forces, takes the view that with the democratic party Committee to the World Court and the republican party to it by President Coolidge and by its platform, a resolution to join the court can be passed once a vote can be obtained. He recognizes that delaying tactics, such as long speechmaking, may block a vote this session but such tactics would probably not be successful if there was pressure for a vote early in the session.

The influence of Senator Borah, the new chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and most of the irreconcilable opponents of the League of Nations is against joining the Court unless such reservations are attached to the resolution as will remove the court from practically all relation to the League of Nations. Senate opponents of the League are watching with keen interest the developments in respect to the attitude of Great Britain against any interference in the Egyptian controversy. They say that the inefficiency of the League is once more demonstrated and that the United States can more than ever consider herself fortunate that she is not tied up in the League.

Senator Borah's position is that the United States should not join the World Court unless it is freed from relation with the League of Nations. Moreover, he wants the Court governed by a new code of international law, to be agreed on among the powers. He holds, too, that if the World Court question is forced before the Senate this winter it will mean a long controversy and will wind up not only in not acting on the court but also in blocking domestic legislation. It might also prevent passage of the annual appropriation bills and this would cause an extra session. Senator Borah wants an extra session but he would prefer to have one brought about without blocking the appropriation bills.

Once Senator Swanson brings the question up, he will be backed by a long list of organizations in this country favorable to the World Court. The pro-Wilson Democrats in the Senate will urge passage of the World Court resolution. A debate that is likely to run for a number of weeks is almost certain.



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