FEROCIOUS EEL TERROR OF SEA

Spotted Moray Attacks Men in Boats—Holds Prey in Coils of Body.

Of course there are many different kinds of animals in the sea which can tie themselves into intricate knots or squirm into amazing tangles, but there is one which is very noticeable for other reasons as well as these. This is the sea eel of which our California Spotted Moray furnishes an excellent example. This animal is very common on our rocky shores, where it hides in the crevices of the rocks and lies in wait for its prey though it does not scorn to use dead or decaying flesh when it comes readily to hand, says the Los Angeles Times.

Specimens commonly caught at low tide are three or four feet long with bodies about the size and shape of a man's wrist with the flattening from side to side and tapering at the tail. Larger specimens can be found in deeper water and some of the European near kin may reach a length of six or eight feet and a weight of more than 100 pounds.

The shape of the head and the peculiar position of the little beady eyes together with the open mouth bordered with needle-like teeth all combine to give an appearance of terrible ferocity which seems to be fully justified by the activities of the animal.

A good many years ago the octopus was thought a terrifying creature, but compared with the Moray the octopus looks decidedly tame.

In illustration of its ferocity stories are told of fishermen being driven from their boats when a large specimen got loose after being hauled up, and of deep scars being carried through life by some who had been bitten. It has been said that nothing can loose the hold of a sea eel when once it bites a man. Release can only be obtained by cutting the head to pieces so that the jaws cannot hold together. Simply cutting the head from the body does not help any.

There are sometimes a dozen individual Morays in an aquarium tank, in which case several of them are almost certain to be tangled up together and it is very difficult to count them or to see which body belongs to which head. When alone an animal may be stretched out at full length, but it is usually more or less twisted or coiled on itself. The skin is thick and tough and very slippery, so it is very easy for the kinks and coils to slip over each other when the animal tries to move away.

Some time ago the question was asked by a museum guide, C. H. Michael, how a Moray would get the flesh from a fish head which was too big to swallow. A large fish head was placed in the tank with the Morays and one struck it in much the same way as a snake strikes.

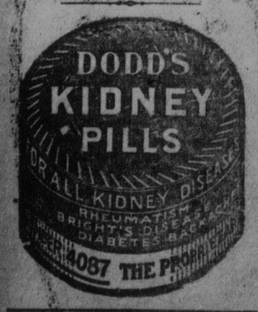
Then when it found that the flesh adhered tightly to the bone it quickly threw its body around the fish head in tight coils, and holding it by the coils jerked off bits of flesh to be swallowed. It also did some shaking of the head, which was not too large for that method, but the main method seemed to be holding by the coils while tearing off edible portions.

This was a very impressive example of adaptive action on the part of an animal which had neither hands nor feet and so had learned to use its body to hold objects which needed to be held.

Reserve Statements of Merchants' Bank

Show Reduction in Rest Fund of $7,950,000 in Month's Time.

Montreal, Jan. 25—A special despatch from the Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Star, sent here today, points out in connection with the chartered bank statement for December that the figures on the Merchants' Bank rest, or reserve, show a reduction from $9,450,000 in the November statement to $1,500,000 in December. This is in conformity with official statements recently made by the management of the Merchants Bank relative to proposals for the sale of its assets and liabilities to the Bank of Montreal.



Died

GILMOUR—Entered into rest January 24th, 1922, Lucetta A. McC. Gilmour, widow of Thomas Gilmour late of finance department, Ottawa. Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, George A. Henderson, 127 King Street east, at 2.30 Thursday afternoon. Ottawa and Fredericton papers please copy.

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Disputes Between Ship Owners And Seamen Adjusted

Joint Committee, Representing Both Interests, Come to Agreement on Wage Reductions.

London, Jan. 25—The dispute between the shipowners and seamen, the owners desiring to reduce the wages of the seamen and firemen by sixty shillings per month, and the higher ranks proportionately, was settled today by a joint committee, under the National Maritime Board, representing both interests. The agreement provides for a reduction of forty shillings for seamen, firemen and stewards on oceangoing vessels, with proportionate reductions ranging from 10 per cent. for senior officers to 25 per cent. for juniors. The reductions will be made in two installments, on March 1 and May 1, and will be conditional on there being no appreciable movement in chartering rates before the full reductions fall due.

A settlement for coasting lines, on similar terms, has also been reached; it will not be operative until March 1.

Would Throw Open Door of Australia To British Folks

Hughes Thinks World Would Then Stand Behind "Whole Australia" Policy.

London, Jan. 25—(Canadian Press Cable)—In an address delivered today, Premier W. M. Hughes, of the Australian commonwealth, according to a Reuter cable from Sydney, advocated throwing open the door of Australia to people of the British race. Then the world, he said, would stand behind a "White Australia" policy.

Premier Hughes said the Federal Government was inviting representatives of employers of labor to discuss the outlook which threatened an acute industrial crisis owing to the high cost of production.

Rubber Proves Best Cold Storage Packing

London, Jan. 24.—What is claimed to be absolutely new use for rubber as a non-conductor of heat for cold storage chambers has been discovered in the National Physical Laboratory.

The problem, which the laboratory considered was to find a form of packing that would further increase the heat resisting qualities of the ordinary vacuum chamber. Insulation, with concrete blocks, pitch pine, fibre from the eucalyptus tree, bricks made of paper, packing taken from a warship after 14 years' service, cork plaster and special earth deposits were among the materials tested.

The most successful results, however, were obtained with rubber expanded by gas into a highly cellular form. It was found that by packing the cold chamber with this material the amount of heat that got through from the outside was lower than in the case of cork or any other substance studied in the course of the investigation.

Only one and a half times the amount of heat passed through the rubber over that which would have been the case had the insulator been a perfect vacuum—a condition impossible of attainment—while the weight of the cellular rubber is only about one-half that of an equal volume of slab cork. The expanded rubber is prepared by vulcanization under gaseous pressure amounting to as much as 100 atmospheres.

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Fire Badly Damages Historical Landmark At Capital City

Building Was First to House Provincial Legislature in Fredericton — Exploding Oil Stove Cause.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 25—The store of Herbert McManiman, Queen Street, was completely gutted by fire this afternoon. The owner had placed an oil stove in the store window to remove frost from the window glass. While he was absent from the store, the stove set fire to the interior by an explosion, it is believed. When the proprietor returned the store was a mass of flames. The fire department extinguished the flames after damage had been done, not only to the McManiman store, but also, to the dwelling of H. Bailey on the floor above, and to his shoe repairing shop adjoining. The building was considerably damaged.

Miss Areta Gerow and Dr. A. J. Gerow are the owners of the building having purchased it some months ago from the Segee Estate. The building is one of Fredericton's land marks. It dates from pre-Loyalist days, and at the time of the coming of the Loyalists was known as the King's Provision Store.

In it, July 18th, 1785, the first Legislature of New Brunswick to sit in Fredericton, which had succeeded St. John as provincial capital, held its first session.

The tablet erected on the building by the Daughters of the Empire to commemorate the event, was damaged by the fire.

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Automobile Outlook In Quebec For 1922 One of Promise

Montreal Jan. 26.—In an address before the Montreal Automobile Trade Association here today, the statement was made that the car outlook in Quebec was the most promising of any province in the Dominion. In 1920, there were 43,000 motor cars in Quebec or a car to every 54 people Saskatchewan, however, had 60,000 cars, or one car to every 13 people. Ontario had 172,000 cars, or one to every 16 of the population. It was accordingly shown that there was room for great expansion in this province.

C. P. R. Executives To Follow Plan of Strict Economy

Improvements and Extensions on Western Lines Postponed Until Conditions Improve.

Winnipeg, Jan. 25.—Canadian Pacific Railway executives have postponed for several months appropriations for improvement and extension of western lines of the road, according to a statement issued today by D. C. Coleman, vice-president, in charge of western lines. This is due to present commercial conditions which have imposed a policy of caution in regard to large capital expenditure.

Works of urgent character only will be started at present, Mr. Coleman stated, the most important project being the building of a large ocean pier at Vancouver.

An extension work on branch lines which usually is planned at this time of year, is held over for later consideration, until indications of a steady revival in railway traffic may become more definitely apparent.

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Prince of Wales Heartily Greeted In Southern India

Crowds Have Flocked to All Ceremonies Held in His Honor.

London, Jan. 25—The Prince of Wales everywhere in the state of Mysore, Southern India, has received an enthusiastic welcome even from the Mohammedans, according to information reaching the India Office. Crowds have flocked to all ceremonies held in honor of the Prince, and the student community which, especially in Bangalore, had been believed to be under the influence of the revolutionary movement, was prominent in welcoming the visitor. There was no unpleasant incident of any kind. The result of the visit of the Prince is declared to have been particularly gratifying after the non-co-operation activities of last autumn, and the Khalifat activities in Bangalore, during the past two years.

"Nicky" Lenine May Transfer Activities To United States

Believes in the Ultimate Destiny of Industrial Democracy Under Favorable Conditions.

New York, Jan. 25—Nicolai Lenine, head of the Russian Soviet Government may attempt soon to transfer headquarters of his world communistic movement to the United States, Philip Norton, foreign trade expert, returned recently from Russia, predicted today at a luncheon of the American Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Norton said Lenine felt that communism had failed in Russia but that he still believed in the ultimate destiny of industrial democracy and wished to try it out under more favorable conditions. He pictured the Russian leader as an able man carrying tremendous burdens and perpetually in fear of assassination. In granting interviews, he said Lenine received his visitors with two armed guards standing watchfully behind him.

"When Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman condemn Lenine," Mr. Norton declared, "the rest of us had better examine him. We may find that he is fighting on our side of the fence."

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50c a box, 6 for $2.50, trial size 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

Weiser, Idaho, Jan. 25—Three are dead, one may die, and two are ill from botulinus poisoning as the result of eating canned greens at a birthday dinner last Sunday at the home of Charles W. Tuttle, at Cambridge near here.

OAK HALL'S 33rd ANNIVERSARY SALE ENDS SATURDAY, JAN. 28th

ST. JOHN'S GREATEST MERCANTILE EVENT ENDS SATURDAY, JAN. 28th

OAK HALL AD'S MAKE INTERESTING READING

On Saturday, the 28th, at 10 p.m., this Great Anniversary Sale comes to a close. You still have an opportunity to take advantage of these wonderful savings if you have not already done so.

Never before in our thirty-three years of selling have we been able to offer such bargains, the result of weeks of preparation, making spot cash purchases direct from the mills and manufacturers.

MEN'S FURNISHING SPECIALS

Men's Negligee Shirts, fine printed madras. Regular $2.25. Sale, $1.48
Men's Negligee Shirts, woven percales. Regular $3.00. Sale, $1.98
Mercury Mills Elastic Ribbed Wool Combinations. Regular $5.50 Sale, $4.19
Penman's Fleeced Shirts or Drawers ..... Sale, 85c.
Shaker Flannel Night Shirts. Regular $2.25 ..... Sale, $1.48
Shaker Flannel Pyjamas. Regular $2.50 ..... Sale, $1.98
Men's Wool Sweaters, Military collar. Regular $5.50 .. Sale, $4.39
Men's Genuine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. Regular 50c. Sale, 3 for $1.00
Wolsey Heather and Black Worsted Socks; unshrinkable. Regular $1.50 ..... 98c.
All Wool Black Worsted Socks, English make. Regular $1.00 Sale, 59c.
Black Cashmere Socks, all wool, English make. Regular 75c. Sale, 48c.
Men's Grey or Brown Suede Gloves. Regular $2.75. Sale, $2.19

Men's Hats and Caps All At Sale Prices.
20% Discount on All Trunks and Bags.

MEN'S CLOTHING SPECIALS

SUIT SPECIALS—100 Men's Fine Suits, spring models in young men's single and double breasted tight fitting sacks, also standard types. Fine pencil stripes, overplaids in browns, greens and greys ..... Special Sale Price, $24.95

OVERCOAT SPECIAL—Men's and Young Men's Ulsterettes and Ulsters; many half lined with silk; knee length models, tight fitting, three-quarter length Ulsterettes, half belt. English Melton Chesterfields, in fact, a coat style to suit every man. Regular $35 and $40 ..... Sale Price, $29.85

TROUSER SPECIAL—Men's All-wool Tweed Trousers, heavy grey tweed, greenish heather tweed, fancy brown tweed mixtures. Regular, $5.50 ..... Sale Price, $3.98

SALE PRICES ON
All Men's Suits, Overcoats, Mackinaws, Reefers, Bath Robes, Overalls, Shop Coats.

WOMEN'S SHOP SPECIALS

Navy Serge Skirts, various pleated styles. Regular $10.00. Sale Price, $7.95
Slip-on Flannel Dresses, with new Bramley collar. Sale Price, $11.85
Voile Blouses, frilled fronts or overblouse model. Sale Price, $1.79
Tricolette Overblouse, Balkan effect ..... Sale Price, $2.98
Underskirts of fancy figured taffatine ..... Sale Price, $1.53
Oversize Underskirts, plain or fancy flowered sateen. Sale Price, $2.41
Apron Dresses of dainty percale ..... Sale Price, $1.39
House Dresses of gingham or chambray ..... Sale Price, $3.49
Regulation Jack Tar Middies, navy collar ..... Sale Price, $2.78
Silk Gloves, grey, black, and black with white stitching. Sale Price, 98c.
Heavy Kid Gloves, white and mastic shades .... Sale Price, 98c.
New Colored Umbrellas, ring or strap handles ... Sale Price, $4.81
Ladies' Black Umbrellas, new ring handles ..... Sale Price, $2.19

BOYS' SHOP SPECIALS

BOYS' SUITS—Every boy's suit in our regular stock as well as new lines bought for this sale including the famous ARMOUR CLAD SUITS. Special Sale Prices, $10.35, $11.80, $13.45, $15.95

JUNIOR BOYS' SUITS—Sporty little Norfolk models for boys from 6 to 10 years ..... Sale Prices, $6.95, $7.85, $8.75

Boys' Separate Bloomer Pants, dark tweed ..... Sale Price, 98c.
Boys' Corduroy Bloomers, brown curduroy ... Sale Price, $1.98
Boys' Brown Tweed Bloomers ..... Sale Prices, $1.39, $1.69
Boys' Blouses ..... Sale Prices, 87c., $1.29
Boys' Jaeger Wool Storm Caps ..... Sale Prices, $1.79
Boys' Black Worsted Ribbed Hose ..... Sale Price, 98c.
Kiddies' Brushed Wool Snow Suits ..... Sale Price, $4.49
Boys' Worsted Jersey Suits ..... Sale Price, $3.49

OAK HALL THE SALE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SCOVIL BROS., LIMITED King Street

City Basketball League Resul

Trojans Defeated Y. M. C. Seniors; Outlaws Won fro Business Boys; Byng Gi Victorious.

The Trojans defeated the Y. M. I. Seniors by a score of 57 to 23; Y. M. C. I. Outlaws won from Y. M. C. A. Business Boys by score of 31 to 23; and the Byng G took their game from the Fairv Baptist Girls by a score of 17 to 7 the City Basketball series played the Y. M. C. A. gym. last night.

Although honors were even, w each team having a game to its cre previous to last night, the Trojans quite the better of the argument. half time the score was 31 to 8, although the scoring was not as c sided in the second period, the T jans won out by a considerable le

The line-ups follow:

Trojans (57)	Y.M.C.I. (23)
Forward.	
Kerr	McGo
Urquhart	Ben
Centre.	
Malcolm	Ma
Defense.	
MacGowan	Br
Garrett	Mi
Spare.	
Cross	Kenn

Referee—George Margetts.

The Intermediate game was clo played, and fast combination toget with clean, hard checking, were m in evidence. The first period en with the Outlaws leading by but basket, the scores standing 16 to in their favor. In the final half, t went ahead in their scoring, howe leading their opponents by e points when the final whistle bl

The line-ups follow:

Outlaws.	Business Boy
Forward.	
Lowe	Greg
Maxwell	Fr
Centre.	
Johnson	Yeom
Defense.	
Johnson	K
Butler	Kil
Spare.	
Campbell	Cod

Referee—B. Shaw.

The girls' game was marked heavier scoring than has been rule with games in this section the league this year, the Byng G showing a decided improvement their shooting. The Fairville g played a good game, but did not w together as well as their oppone Paul Cross refereed.

SENIOR LEAGUE STANDING

A glance at the standing of the for teams in the City Basketball gue would indicate that the Y. M. C Seniors were again to cop the lea ship of the league this season. At conclusion of next Saturday's ga each of the teams will have pla eight games. The standing of teams to date follows:—

	Won	L
Y. M. C. A. Seniors	7	
Trojans	4	
Alerts	2	
Y. M. C. I. Seniors	1	

Second Round For Jones Cu

At St. Andrew's rink last ni the rink skipped by W. B. Tenn defeated that skipped by H. G. Beath by a score of 14 to 9, in second round for the Jones' cup.

The rinks were:

Dr. Chipman	G. Dick
F. P. C. Gregory	I. B. Murray
F. M. Maunsell	G. M. Roberts
W. B. Tennant	H. G. McBeath
Skip 14	Skip .....

Tommy Tebo

Little Tommy Tebo, of St. J finished second in his heat at Pl burg, N. Y., yesterday in the yards dash for twelve year olds, failed to be mentioned in the final