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Fortunes in Sick Whales.

Should you go to the seashore this summer, keep your eyes open for ambergris. It's worth a lot of money today—perhaps \$25 or \$30 an ounce.

Ambergris is a bluish substance found floating in the sea, and sometimes it is washed up on shore. Within the last few years a vessel owned in Provincetown, Mass., has brought in pieces of this substance valued at some \$30,000. The man who finds a medium sized chunk of this jelly, which hardens when exposed to the air, might invest the proceeds from the sale of it and retire for life. A lump the size of a wash-tub would raise the mortgage on the old homestead.

Ambergris for many years was a mystery. It was usually found washing around in the sea, and whence it came and what its composition was were long unknown. Years ago some obscure person discovered its peculiar and valuable qualities. Perfumery makers had long been troubled by the evanescent properties of perfumes, and the great need had been for a binder to produce staying qualities.

This genius took four ounces of the mysterious substance known as ambergris and dissolved it in a gallon of cologne spirits, thus producing a tincture of ambergris. The tincture is allowed to stand for a year to "ripen," after which a small quantity, a few drops, mingled with perfume, gives an odor that lingers.

But ambergris, being so extremely scarce, commands an enormous price. Perfumers use it in only the most expensive perfumes.

In recent years scientists have established the fact that ambergris is really the secretion of a whale suffering from indigestion. Whales are exceedingly fond of squid, the little cuttlefish which swarm in Atlantic waters. Sometimes the whale eats too much of this delicacy. And it always eats carelessly. The squid is provided with a horny beak, which the whale neglects to remove before eating.

The result is that too great an accumulation of these horny substances in the whale's interior causes a rebellion, which results in the accumulation of the horny substances in lumps. The lumps seek the open air, and a small fortune is set floating on the sea.

Perhaps the whale whose interior apartments Jonah inspected was dyspeptic.

Whale hunters always look through the carcass of a captured whale for this substance. But whales are rarer than they once were, and not all of them are suffering with indigestion.



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When caught. So ambergris remains scarce.

It would be a paying investment to buy a whale and make him sick on squids each day.

The first chunk, for which the Provincetown captain got \$30,000, was the size of a barrel. And pieces weighing as much as 200 pounds are said to have been found on seashores, where they had been cast up by the waves.

At present a pound of crude ambergris is worth, perhaps, \$250. Two hundred times \$250 is \$50,000! So watch your steps this summer. You might stub your toe on a fortune.

—Fishing Gazette.

From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, Yesterday. Wind N. E., light, weather dull and raining. The schr. A. J. Sterling passed in yesterday afternoon; nothing sighted to-day. Fishermen report plenty fish but no salt to be had. In several cases have not got sufficient salt to cure what fish on hand and therefore have to give up the voyage.

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Von Kuehlmann's Successor.

Admiral von Hintze may be a Pan-German, a war-mad German; he may be, as he is reputed to be, a "bad man" in diplomatic relations, but what can he do if he is appointed Foreign Secretary to succeed the unfortunate von Kuehlmann? With the greater part of the civilized globe Germany's foreign relations are now of such a nature that the interchange of communications is kept up by shot and shell, not by written notes.

The appointment of the Admiral, who is a man after von Tirpitz's own heart, will not hurt the feelings of any chancellor; it will make no difference in the policies pursued at any foreign capital.

It will be perfectly well understood everywhere that the going out of von Kuehlmann and the coming in of von Hintze have this meaning, and no other, that in obedience to Pan-German demands civil government has been abandoned in Germany, the military power being now supreme. According to report, it was at the German General Headquarters, the Emperor himself being present, that the decision to accept von Kuehlmann's resignation was taken.

The offense of the retiring Secretary in declaring or admitting that Germany could not hope for a victory by arms alone, that she must have resort to diplomacy, was, of course, unpardonable. The war party would have no more of him. Von Hintze ought to be entirely satisfactory, but the consequences of his appointment will be chiefly domestic. It is an official, final notice to the German people that they are underlings, mere goods and chattels of militarism. They must fight and pay and suffer, but they are to have nothing to say about the Imperial policies.

The appointment of Mr. Ballin would have been a very different matter. He is an industrial magnate, a conspicuous figure in the commercial world, who may be supposed to have some very definite ideas about what is going to happen to German trade and industry if the war continues, as President Wilson has said it must continue, until the Imperial Power is destroyed or made harmless.

Of his appointment to high office note would be taken in foreign capitals, for it would indicate something like a return of reason in Imperial quarters. But the men who make up the war party, the men now in control of German policies, have this in common with the Hohenzollerns, they are all fighting to save themselves.

For Germany, the enforcement of the only conditions on which peace can be made, would make an end of them and they know it. As long as they can keep an army in the field, as long as they can keep the German people in subjection, they will continue the hopeless strife.—N. Y. Times.

CABLE NEWS.

BRITISH RAIDS. LONDON, July 24. Raids were carried out by the British troops last night in the region south of Bucquoy and northwest of Albert, says to-day's War Office report. A few prisoners were taken. A German raid on the British lines northwest of Bethune on the Flanders front, was repulsed.

COMPLETELY FRUSTRATED. LONDON, July 24. John R. Clynes, the British Food Controller, speaking at the Manston House luncheon yesterday, said that Germany's ambitious hope with regard to her submarine policy has been completely frustrated. He quoted Emperor William's prediction of a year ago to his submarine commanders that they would deliver the knock out blow in the final stages of the war.

MUNITION WORKERS ON STRIKE. LONDON, July 24. A strike of munition workers began in Birmingham at 6 o'clock this evening, at the hour the day workers finished their work and when the night shift was to come on duty, according to a despatch to the Central News from Birmingham. The aggregate membership of the twelve societies affiliated with the joint committee of the Engineering Trades' Unions is about 65,000, including "about 5,000 women. Officials of the joint committee say they have no reason to doubt that all the workers will be loyal to the resolution to stop work.

GERMAN CREW SMOTHERED. WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE AISNE FRONT, July 24.—In one of four German tanks captured by Franco-American troops south of Soissons yesterday, shrapnel had set off a gasoline reservoir and the German crew had smothered. The other three tanks are in action against former owners.

AUSTRIAN PREPARATIONS SHATTERED. PARIS, July 24. Austrian preparations for an offensive in Albania have been shattered by the drive of the French and Italian troops during the past fortnight, according to the correspondent of the Parisien.

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Compared with June of last year the drop is 437,092 tons. Purely British drops are 64,627, compared with May, 67,005 compared with April, and 63,404 compared with March of this year and 271,332 compared with June of last year. The losses in the world's tonnage including marine risk, are lower for the month of June 1918, than any month since September 1916. Comparing monthly periods the losses for the three months ending with June are lower than for any quarter since the third quarter of 1916. Sailings exceed the high level of recent months. The total sailings for the quarter ending June 30 amount to 7,430,386 tons, being considerably higher than in the two preceding quarters.

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siles, he added, were exploded by gun fire from the ship.

New York, July 24.—The Justicia, reported sunk apparently somewhere off the coast of Ireland, was returning to an American port after delivering a large consignment of American troops. The Justicia had troop carrying capacity of between 7,000 and 8,000 men, her crew numbered 500. The White Star liner Justicia, says a Belfast despatch to-day, was sunk off the north coast of Ireland on Saturday morning last. She carried a crew of between 600 and 700. Eleven members of the crew are dead.

An Irish Port, July 24. (By the A.P.)—Four hundred of the crew of the torpedoed liner Justicia have been landed here. They report that the liner was sunk after a twenty-four hour fight with submarines. No passengers were lost and only ten of the crew were killed. The first torpedo struck the engine room and the ship then stopped, several other torpedoes were fired, but only two of the missiles were effective. The story of the fight between the German submarine and the Justicia, if it could be told, would make one of the finest stories in the annals of anti-submarine warfare. Nothing which has occurred in connection with the sinking of the former White Star liner gives many men any cause for misgivings over the submarine war. The defensive measures and methods showed up to excellent advantage, and indicate that the entente naval forces can always be counted on to make the enemy pay dearly for every attempt he makes.

London, July 24.—The Belfast Telegraph says that land had just been lost sight of when a terrific explosion shook the Justicia. The crew was speedily mustered on deck, but it was soon ascertained that the damage was so vital that the liner would only remain afloat for a sufficient period to enable her to be towed to port. A tug pulled alongside the liner for this purpose, when two more torpedoes were fired by a submarine which had not been sighted. These missiles missed the target, passing between the liner and the tug. Further attempts were made by the submarine to torpedo the Justicia during Friday night, but all failed and it was not until Saturday morning and after the submarine had expended numerous torpedoes that the destruction was accomplished. The final attack was made at eight o'clock on Saturday morning when two torpedoes hit the ship, one struck the engine room causing a violent explosion and the other hurled through the forehold.

The liner was in tow at the time and as she did not sink until two o'clock in the afternoon there was lots of time to transfer the crew to the rescuing ships. MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARDEN IN COTTAGE.

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