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SUGAR FREIGHT RATES ARE INCREASED FOR NEW CROP.

Raised From 40 Cents to 50 Cents per Hundred as a Minimum Rate; 60 Cents if Crop is Moved in 6 Months.

Sugar freight rates have been advanced 25% or to 50.60 per hundred pounds for the new crop, according to recent announcements made to sugar companies by both the Porto Rico Line and the Bull-Insular Line.

In addition to increasing the rate from \$0.40 to \$0.50 per hundred pounds, the companies have announced an additional increase in rates for the shipment of sugar within a specified period.

Under the new rates, \$0.50 per hundred pounds freight will be charged on all sugar that is moved on a 10 month basis. If the centrals wish to ship their sugar more rapidly than at the rate of 10% of their estimated total crop, per month, there will be an additional service charge.

As worked out by the companies, the freight rate will be on the basis of \$0.50 per hundred pounds for sugar to be moved within 10 months, \$0.55 per hundred pounds if the sugar is to be moved in eight months and \$0.60 per hundred pounds if the crop is to be moved within six months. The steamship companies have already contracted for a movement of a large volume of sugar. As a general thing the producers object to paying a service charge for shipments guaranteed to be made within a given period.—*Porto Rico Progress*.

A HUGE CARGO OF WHALES.

After months of battling with the

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30 THIS EVENING 8.30

"The Bull's Eye."

EPISODE 15

EPISODE 16

Come and see the last two shows, the story is getting more and more thrilling as the last episodes are nearing.

WHAT ABOUT CORA AND CODY???

Show will be concluded with a

Comic.

ADMISSION.

ADULTS — Reserved Seats 40 cents, General Entrance 20 cents.
CHILDREN — Reserved Seats 20 cents, General Entrance 10 cents.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

"The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin."

8-Reels.

leviathans of the deep, Seattle's fleet of whaling schooners have reached port with the record of 419 mammoth whales to their credit for the season, which was one of the most successful in the history of the industry here, says a despatch.

The arrival of the daring little whalers with their valuable cargo precedes the arrival of the United States steamship Nanshan, carrying a cargo of sealskins from the Pribilof Islands valued at \$2,000,000. Advices have been received by the Bureau of Fisheries that the Nanshan is en route with 25,000 sealskins, which, measured in present-day fur values, makes her cargo as rich as the old days of Alaskan gold bullion shipment.

The whalers have been scouring the wind-whipped stretches of the Arctic Sea since last May and have reaped a harvest of ocean mammals whose products are valued at more than \$1,000,000.

The Kodiak, a vessel of ninety tons, had a thrilling encounter with an ocean hercules, a monstrous blue mammal measuring eighty-seven feet in length, and was harpooned by Capt. E. M. Pederson

off the Aleutians at a distance of 15 feet. The furious monster in the throes of a death struggle churned the waves to a foam and endangered the ship by sweeps of its mighty tail. It was finally subdued and killed.—*Ibid*.

ONE FLY IN PANAMA—MAYBE.

"The Panama Zone is the cleanest place I have ever seen," said Judge Hamilton this week following his return from the Isthmus. "I believe I saw one fly in one of the markets in Ancon," said the Judge, "but I am not sure. There are no mosquitoes and the cities are wonderfully clean and sanitary. By treaty agreement the United States has charge of the sanitation throughout the republic."

During the six days that Judge Hamilton was in Panama, he said that he had a wonderfully opportunity to study the sanitary conditions because one of the supervisors of sanitation for the republic of Panama was a former friend of the Judge in Alabama.—*Ibid*.