

WATCH-DOGS VISIT

The greyhounds of the sea, symbolic of Uncle Sam's watchfulness of his northern and westerly isolated possession, Alaska, are very much in evidence in the vicinity of the town of Kodiak.

Last Sunday, the Coast Guard Cutters "Haida" and "Cyano" appeared in North channel. Aboard the Haida was an inspection party who only remained a very short time in this vicinity on a routine survey, leaving on the Haida the following day.

The sleek-looking Cyano with Lieut. Comm. F.K. Johnson, remained in port for a few days on official business, and left for her home berth, Ketchikan, with Mr. Art McKinnon as a passenger for Juneau.

On her second trip to Kodiak within a very short time, came the racy patrol-boat Perseus, with Lieut. Comm. C.M. Anderson. She brought Inspectors Hershey and Coops of the Dept. of Commerce back from their inspection trip made on the Fern, but which vessel had met with an accident last Saturday, in the form of a broken tail-shaft. The Perseus left Thursday for Nome and the Bering Straits, with mail off the "Cordova".

All these vessels are kept in an immaculate condition at all times and their busy-like one and three-pounders rear their barrels like the head of a striking snake - giving silent warning to hostile craft to immediately heave to, when ordered to do so.

An unfathomable mystery however, shrouds the crew of the Perseus....what strange custom is being observed?...what occult ritual is being carried out?...Are they all Samsons who fear Alaskan Dollahs? In other words, we pause to wonder in astonishment, at the remarkable hirsute growths on the faces of these brave men! Their dexterity with a pair of scissors (or maybe razor) with which they shaped the symmetrical hairy growths as moustaches, but mostly stately Van Dyke beards which were reminiscent of the days of Columbus, Balboa and Lizianski...made your inquiring reporter gaze in admiration of facial adornments, so grandiosely dwarfing his meagre and pitiful attempt at upper-lip adornment. It gave them the appearance of hardy voyageurs of the sailing-ship-days of centuries gone by! Brave men and true.

They reported that there had not been any unusual activity in the vicinity of the Big Diomedo Island, at which point Soviet Russia is reported constructing a radio station and airport. Probably just more propaganda.

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