## SAYS S. O. S. OFTEN MISUSED BY SHIPS

MAY RESULT IN CHANGE

Report That Often Distress Call Is Sent When Help Not Needed; Efforts to Remedy

Charging that the S. O. S. international call sign for shipping in distress is nowadays being greatly misused, several prominent British shipping men are urging the imposition of new regulations with a view to checking the "evil."

The matter has been brought to a head by the recent case of the Dutch freighter Velaeno, which when west of Newfoundland sent out an S. O. S. call. After several large liners had altered their course to proceed to her assistance and one had actually reached her, she notified them that their presence was not needed.

It is argued that it costs between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to send a large ocean liner off her course, for apart from the extra meals required by all on board and additional fuel consumed tides are sometimes lost.

Too Many Calls

Sir Arthur Rostron, commodore of At present Hammer is carrying full or five feet below the ice, often frothe Cunard line, told International work in the graduate school. He ex-News Service. "Unfortunately I do pects to complete his work in June. normal activity in the spring, were not think there is any method of overcoming this and I do not think the responsible authorities would care to make any hard and fast rule.

"When a ship is in distress it is hard to say she must not send out an S. O. S. for only the man on the spot is in a position to judge the danger. Failure to act at once in emergency may mean disaster.

"I think, however, it would be better for vessels calling for assistance to state the extent of their damage, so that the commanders of other vessels could guage their plight.

"With regard to answering S. O. S. calls sent out by airmen who are forced to descend into the Atlantic, that is quite a different matter. The airmen, more often than not, are attempting to cross the ocean for their. glorification, and while I admire them they must understand that ships cannot go scouring the Atlantic in search of them if any fall.

"Means will have to be found for dealing with these calls, such as the aviators guaranteeing to pay compensation to the ship or ships answering them and going to their rescue."

Answering Two Calls

Captain Brown, of the liner Carmania, is the most agrieved person. Twice during his latest voyage across the Atlantic he was called off his course to answer S. O. S. signals from vessels which eventually were able to proceed without assist-

The British Chamber of Shipping, while agreeing that the distress call is being greatly misused, cannot agree with the idea of making new regulations.

The London Daily Mail, editorially commenting upon the matter, opines that the centuries old custom among captains of immediately proceeding to the assistance of stricken vessels will pass if the call is persistently abused. The newspaper calls upon the great maritime powers to carry out the resolutions passed at the International Shipping conference in 1926, which provide for the endorsement of the papers of any captain improperly using the distress call.

## STUDENT MINES GOLD TO PAY COLLEGE BILLS

D. S. Hammer at Northwestern Works Hard to Make His Way in School

All is not gold that glitters, but Donald S. Hammer, a graduate student at Northwestern university, knows the difference between fool's gold and the real stuff. If he didn't he wouldn't be working for an advanced degree this year.

When Hammer was graduated from Iowa State college in 1926, he wanted gold in order to carry on further study. But gold doesn't grow in Iowa. So hte andetaoin

So he and a pal hit out for the Lonesome Valley in Arizona. They took with them a pack train of burros, some beans, and plenty of prospecting equipment.

For a year they sifted the sands of the valley and dipped their pans into beds of streams, and when they returned they brought enough gold for Hammer to enroll in the school of commerce at Northwestern and for his partner to be married.

"There's plenty of gold yet in Arizona for one who will work for it, says the student-prospector you've got to stand the sand storms and the smakes and the intense heat. "Far too many S. O. S. calls are the stuff just disappeared. Then I'd months in frozen surroundings four

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## ODD FISH AND THEIR HABITS DESCRIBED

RETURNED EXPLORER

Museum Scientist Tells of Queer Species Which Inhabit Various Parts of the Globe

Tales of salt water fish which spend their winters in fresh water, and fresh water fish which go into pointments. I thought I'd struck salt water for a season, and of frogs it rich several times, but each time of the Arctic which spend many

Rawson-MacMillan Subarctic expedi- zling questions.

tor of fishes on the museum staff, cies, such as brook trout, and pickreturned to the museum with a col- erel, were caught in salt water by lection of approximately 1,500 speci- Mr. Weed, while salt water inhabimens of fishes, and other forms of tants such as cod and jellyfish were marine life, collected in Labrador and found in fresh water streams and some of them entirely new to zoo- sons these same creatures were found logists, are represented. Mr. Weed in the kind of water to which they is now studying these to make scien- are native. Two specimens of a new tific reports on them, and preparing the best of them for exhibition at the museum at a later date.

Study Labrador Fishes Prior to the work of this expedition the fishes of Labrador had been studied only in a fragmentary manner, Mr. Wood states, and there existed much doubt as to what many of them were and as to their re-

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tural History by Alfred C. Weed, obtained by the expedition are ex- mant beneath the ice, from four to

A number of fishes usually re-Weed, who is assistant cura- garded as strictly fresh water spe-Baffin Land. More than 40 species, lakes at the region. At other sea-

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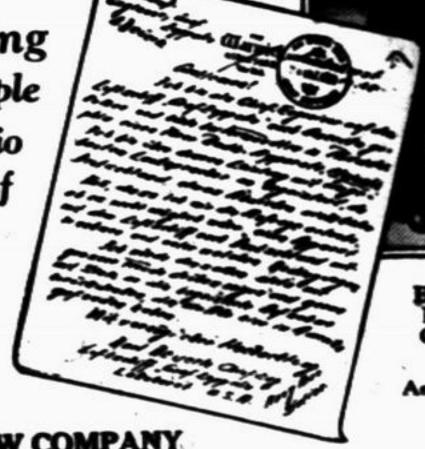
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