

SAND HOLDS FREIGHTER

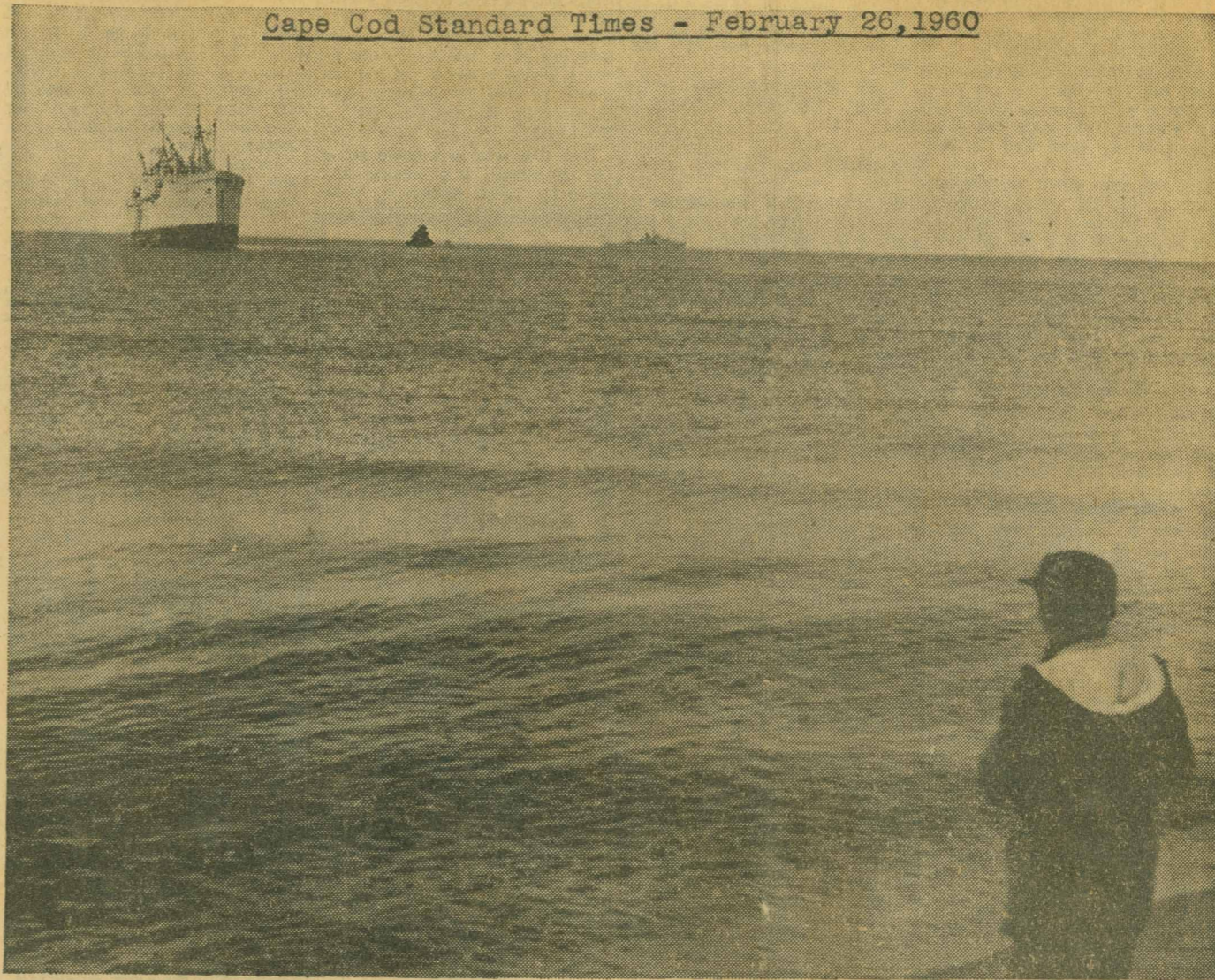
Aerial view shows sightseers inspecting the Swedish freighter Monica Smith aground a short distance from deep water at Provincetown where attempts to float her at high tide failed yesterday. The vessel went aground Saturday night on the sandy beach of Race Point. The freighter is expected to remain on the beach until a salvage ship arrives from Key West, Fla.

Not since the total eclipse of the sun back in '32 have we seen such an off-season run of traffic to the Cape. We've heard reports that roadside petrol stations are doing Summer business volume, and more than one Truro man has been heard to murmur he wished he had a quarter for every car that's rolled down the pike since the freighter Monica Smith went ashore near Race Point, in Provincetown. Chief Berrio says he has been on the highway constantly, patrolling the stream of automobiles —Artie Joseph, proprietor of the local concrete block factory, wishes he had the loose cement they'll undoubt-

edly have to jettison before they succeed in towing the Monica into deep water . . . Al Bettencourt, Pamet's genial electrician, dropped by to tell us as how he'd made the trip to the stranded freighter, arrived just in time to overhear Henry Carlson, of Wellfleet, translating Swedish to English and vice versa for the Scandinavian crew members of the ship when they were hoisting some groceries aboard. "I noticed a big coil of linguica in the grocery box," says Al. "Wonder how Henry explained what that was, in Swedish?" . . .

Swedish Freighter Starts on Her Journey

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The grounded Swedish freighter Monica Smith was on her way yesterday after a successful attempt was made to refloat her on the crest of an 11-foot tide. In the foreground is Tucker

Souza, 12, son of Chief Boatswain's Mate Arthur Souza, in charge at Race Point Coast Guard Station. He had the same idea in mind as the newspaper photographer.

(Cape Cod Standard-Times Photo)

Swedish Freighter Monica Smith Gets Clean Bill of Health, Heads to Canada

PROVINCETOWN, Feb. 26—The Swedish freighter Monica Smith, freed early yesterday from the beach north of New Beach Bathhouse, left Provincetown Harbor at 5:30 last night to complete her trip to St. John's, New Brunswick, Canada, getting a clean bill of health from inspectors. The 285-foot freighter, stranded at Provincetown since shortly before midnight Saturday and an attraction

for thousands of spectators from many parts of New England gave a farewell blast of her whistle as she left the outer harbor, giving Long Point a wide berth as she led to resume her interrupted voyage.

The freighter, whose home port is Stockholm, still had some cargo aboard, about 20 tons of Danish blue cheese. She had left 2,500

tons of cement at Fall River, and on reaching Halifax, Nova Scotia, from Sweden, had unloaded 150 small Swedish motor vehicles.

Meet Officials

After the vessel arrived in Provincetown Harbor shortly after noon under her own power, after being hauled off the beach, the skipper, Captain John Gustrind

and Chief Engineer Arne Wiede, and Captain Frank A. Shepherd, salvage master for Merritt, Chapman and Scott Salvage Company, who was instrumental in refloating the craft, came to MacMillan Wharf to meet customs officials and representatives from the vessel's agents.

Transportation between the ship