

## Ashbury Fishermen Sight Four Sharks

ASBURY PARK, N. J., July 11.—

Tiger sharks will hold but little terror for bathers in the waters hereabouts within a few days. Yesterday the final work was being rushed on the net protectors about all Ashbury Park beaches, and in Ocean Grove the contractors who received the job of erecting steel nets began work. Efforts to land some of the sharks known to be in the inshore waters were continued with zeal.

At Fourth avenue, where the grounds had been inclosed by the steel nets, a record breaking crowd of bathers enjoyed the surf. At these benches the steel nets are riveted to extra strong sets of poles sunk in the square about the grounds. At the Fourth avenue beach, where the work was rushed at emergency speed, the nets were fastened to the bathing poles.

Some of the city dwellers who visited Ashbury Park yesterday showed a disposition to scoff at the shark scare, but realization of the serious aspect of the situation was brought home through the rigid enforcement, by guards and patrolmen, of the ordinance requiring bathers to keep within protected surf areas. Fishermen who took the morning trip yesterday eight miles out to sea aboard the Tuna, the local fishing boat, brought back the news that four huge sharks had been sighted, one of them about a mile off shore.

The fishermen caught not a single fish—in fact, they didn't get a bite. Opinion was divided as to whether this was a cause or an effect with regard to the presence of sharks. If the fish are missing from these waters because of the sharks, some argued, that condition would account for the sharks' voracity and exceptional fearlessness in approaching beaches. Others said the presence of sharks in great numbers close to shore showed simply that there were but few fish this year, and that therefore the sharks were mad with hunger.

The sharks sighted from the Tuna showed no hesitancy about approaching the boat. One, about six miles out, cut through the water within eight feet of the rail, so that the fishermen were able to make out the shadowy outline of its form. One dorsal fin showed above water, and was about the size of a large palm fan.