

SHIP SIGNED IN TIME TO KEEP MILLS OPEN

**Flour Congestion in Portland
Reported Serious.**

DOCK SPACE IS SHORT

**Desired Relief Comes in Shape of
Eastern Glade, Scheduled to
Start Loading Today.**

The congestion of local docks, mills and warehouses with export flour has become so acute that if a ship had not been obtained to move the product, the large Portland mills would have been obliged to shut down with a few hours delay. The ship, upon which to store the flour, Otto L. Kettbach of the Portland Flouring Mills company said yesterday.

The desired relief in the shape of the steamer Eastern Glade was expected to arrive in the Columbia river at daylight this morning from Puget sound, to start loading at the Portland mills immediately upon her arrival.

Another shipping board steamer, the Eastern Planet, was expected to come from Seattle last night to start loading at the mills. Both vessels will take full cargoes of flour from this city to the Atlantic coast for orders.

Export business of the United States grain corporation, according to present indications, will continue for several months after the close of the governmental corporation's active grain trading, as the actual amount of wheat and flour by the food administration will end on that date, but it was estimated that it will be several more months before vessels begin to leave the port which the grain corporation has yet to move. Though accurate figures were not available, it was understood that the grain corporation had about 300,000 tons of flour to export from Portland to the Atlantic coast or Europe.

During recent months the grain commission has been obliged to purchase considerable quantities of wheat in the market in order to maintain the price guaranteed to farmers, and a result has been about kept even with the export movement or has fallen slightly behind. With the present rising trend of the market however, little grain will be bought by the food corporation, and every cargo of flour sent out makes a large hole in the tonnage awaiting shipment. With the complete cessation of buying by the grain corporation the stocks on hand yesterday were expected to decrease rapidly as ships become available.

WHALING FLEET GOES OUT

**Steamers Leave Victoria, B. C., for
West Coast Grounds.**

VICTORIA, B. C., April 15.—The

steam whalers William Grant, Orion,

St. Lawrence, Black, Brown, Green,

and Blue cleared from Pointe Belles

today for the west coast whaling

ground, being preceded by the White,

which loaded powder for the harpoon

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will be operated by the consolidated

whaling corporation on the British

Columbia coast this season.

Storm Warnings Placed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Winds

which reached a velocity of 48 miles

at Point Reyes, Cal., today necessitated

the placing of storm warnings

from San Francisco to Cos Bay, Or.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

SATCHEL, Wash., April 15.—(Special)

—After calling Seattle home for more than three years Captain D. G. Dietrichson, the first master of the steamship Niall Neill, has sold his interest in the vessel to the White,

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Tides at Astoria Friday.

High Water. Low Water.

11:13 P. M. 7:4 feet; 2:20 A. M. 1:2 feet

11:28 P. M. 8:6 feet; 2:20 P. M. 4:4 feet

Columbia River Bar Report.

NORTH HEAD, April 15.—Condition of

the bar at 5:15 M.—Sea smooth; wind

northwest, 22 miles.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—Maximum

temperature, 54 degrees; minimum tem-

perature, 45 degrees. River reading, 8

feet above low water mark; 8.6 feet

above mean sea level.

Seattle Weather.

Baker 30 46°.20 N. Pt cloudy

Bonneville 30 46°.20 N. Pt cloudy

Boston 30 46°.00 N. SW Clear

Calgary 24 46°.00 N. SW Rainy

Chicago 40 49°.10 N. SW Rainy

Denver 40 62°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Eureka 48 54°.00 N. SW Rain

Gainesville 63 72°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Hartford 44 50°.00 N. SW Clear

Los Angeles 52 56°.00 N. SW Rain

Marsfield 42 52°.00 N. SW Rain

Montgomery 42 50°.00 N. SW Rain

Manhattan 30 50°.12 N. Pt cloudy

New Orleans 34 58°.00 N. SW Cloudy

North Head 42 46°.10 N. SW Cloudy

Ottawa 42 49°.00 N. SW Rainy

Pocatello 34 50°.20 N. SW Cloudy

Portland 43 54°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Sacramento 50 64°.88 N. SW Cloudy

San Diego 42 56°.10 N. SW Cloudy

Spokane 52 52°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Tacoma 45 52°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Victoria Island 22 58°.01 N. NE Cloudy

Watson Lake 40 58°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Winnipeg 24 42°.00 N. SW Clear

Yakima 30 52°.00 N. SW Cloudy

Atmospheric Pressure.

Portland 30.01 M. Report of pre-

dictor.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Clearing; westerly

Oregon and Washington—Clearing in the

south portion; showers in the east por-

tion.

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SWAN ISLAND PORT PLAN NOT OPPOSED

**Legislative Election of Board
Criticised.**

DECISION NOT REACHED

**Principal Argument at Public
Hearing Centers in Manner of
Choosing Port Commissioners.**

No opposition to the proposed Swan

Island Improvement of Portland has

been outlined in a report of the com-

mittee of 15 developed yesterday

morning at a meeting held for the

purpose of hearing from the public in

the council room in the city hall.

The members of the consolidated port

commission elective by the state legis-

lature was made by Fred W. Mulkey

and others.

Major Baker announced that

he will call another hearing for next

Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The mayor, in order to get some

thing tangible for the members of

the committee, introduced a resolution

accepting the report of the commit-

tee of 15 and endorsing the project

as submitted by the committee.

One of the causes under-

lying in the proposal is that

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