

MYSTERY OF THE OCEAN

STRANGE EXPERIENCE REPORTED BY THE DORIC.

SOUND LIKE A WHISTLE HEARD. LIGHTS AND WRECKAGE SEEN, BUT NO SIGN OF A VESSEL.

The steamer Empress of Japan, which arrived a Victoria Tuesday night, brought news of a strange occurrence in mid-ocean, which was reported at Yokohama by the Doric. The Japan Herald says of the incident:

GRAY'S HARBOR JETTY.

An Average of 48 Feet a Day Added in the Past Year.

During the fiscal year just ended, traffic construction on the Gray's Harbor Jetty progressed at the rate of about 48 feet per day. Captain Harry Taylor, the engineer in charge, reports as follows to the Chief of Engineers:

LOSS BY THE HOBOKEN FIRE.

The loss to the North German Lloyd by the Hoboken fire, as estimated by the officials of the company at \$2,500,000, which is nearly covered by the insurance reserves. Should it prove, however, that the figures and losses of the three damaged vessels are unduly high, the loss will be reduced to \$1,500,000.

NEW ORIENTAL LIGNER.

The Shinano Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has arrived at Yokohama. She will be put on the line between Victoria and the Orient by the Empress of Japan, which was begun at Glasgow on May 1 last, and took a year to build, being completed in May of this year.

FRONT SOUND NAVAL STATION.

A committee of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce has made a report with recommendations regarding the Front Sound naval station at Bremerton:

FRANCHISES ON STRIKE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Paris says: The French Northern Squadron has arrived off Havre. Two of its cruisers will furnish the engine-room and stoking staff for the Lorraine to enable her to leave on Saturday.

NO CHANCE FOR AN APPEAL.

SEATTLE, Aug. 10.—The officials here and at Diamond Head, Port Townsend, have decided that all vessels passing in from Nome and going direct to Seattle must go back to Port Townsend without the formality of an appeal. This was done in effect last night when the steamer Aberdeen, from Nome, was ordered back without a chance to appeal, for inspection at Seattle.

SECOND MATE DROWNED.

Henry St. de Veuille, second officer of the British ship "San Mackenzie," was struck by a heavy sea while the vessel was bound for Yokohama. May 3 wrecked and drowned. A life boat was used but no further effort could be made to save him.

BILLINGS WILL BE FLOATED.

The steamer Billings is still fast on a

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INVITING REPRISAL.

Southern States Tempting Congress to Reduce Their Representation.

The voters of North Carolina have ratified the amendment to the state constitution limiting the right of suffrage to the negroes in the state took but little interest in the election, and even those who did vote did so in favor of the amendment, which was openly declared to be intended to abridge and largely destroy their right to vote.

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PRESIDENT MELLEN'S ANSWER TO PORTLAND.

The Northern Pacific Will Not Discriminate Between Any of Its Terminals—A Good Word for Astoria.

In reference to the change in tariffs between the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N., which has been the occasion for so much newspaper comment, I have only to say: That it is a matter with which the public is not concerned, being purely a controversy between railroads regarding the proportions they shall receive from each other upon joint business.

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