

HERZOGIN S. CHARLOTTE

GERMAN CADET TRAINING-SHIP IN PORTLAND HARBOR.

Splendidly Equipped Sailing Vessel—Monthlong Overdue—Sound Tugs Search for the Gertrud.

The steamer Harvest Queen arrived up about 4:30 yesterday afternoon, with the two German ships, Alsterufer and Herzogin Sophie Charlotte, the largest tug that ever came up the river. The Alsterufer was the larger vessel of the pair, but the Herzogin Sophie Charlotte was far and away the most interesting, and although darkness was approaching, quite a crowd had assembled at the Greenwich dock to view the big four-master. The Charlotte, as has been previously stated in these columns, is the training-ship for officers for the North German Lloyd Steamship Company and out of a total of 39 men on board, there are 43 cadets who are taking their primary lessons in navigation and seamanship. They are a fine-looking set of youngsters, and their uniforms command attention. The Alsterufer is the largest of the Kaiser Wilhelm-der-Grosse and other big scorers the big German steamship company is steadily adding to the merchant marine of the world.

DAWSON OVERRUN.

Willing to Work for Board—Wages Have Been Greatly Reduced.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 5.—The steamer Amur brought the first contingent of Dawsonites to reach this city this winter. The Amur, however, was not a very successful one, and the weather having been extremely cold and travel most arduous. Before Selkirk was left behind the thermometer fell to below zero, below which it was 48 below when White Horse was reached. Prior to this cold snap, several rivers were not frozen over firmly, and in consequence transportation companies had not got their loads to work in time for the winter to take advantage of the service.

MONMOUTHSHIRE OVERDUE.

The Old Reliable Liner Was Due on Monday.

The good, fast Oriental liner Monmouthshire has spoiled a good record of many years' standing by not showing up on her regular trip from the Orient. The liner was due at this port on Monday, and at dark last night had not been sighted off the mouth of the river. She is under charter to T. M. Stevens & Co. and has a full cargo of freight. As the steamer has always been very regular in making her time across the Pacific, it is feared that an accident has happened to her machinery. The liner is due to call at Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland, and while no fears are expressed for the ultimate safety of the ship, it is not improbable that in waiting around in the big bay the liner may have broken or shaft or her propeller. If this should prove to be the case it might be several days before she is heard of.

STORM ON THE COAST.

Great Damage Done to Shipping on the Atlantic.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—Dispatches from various points on the New England coast show that the storm last night did great damage to shipping and to piers and sea walls. Except in the case of the schooner Mary A. Brown, wrecked off Portsmouth, N. H., no loss of life has been reported. An unknown schooner of about 100 tons is ashore near Scarborough, Me. The waves are washing over the schooner, and she will probably go to pieces. Nothing is known of the fate of the crew.

Looking for the Gertrud.

THE SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 5.—A special to the Seattle Post-Tribune says: "Somewhere outside Cape Flattery, the dense fog bank that has prevailed there for several days is the British ship Gertrud, leaking badly and endeavoring to reach the Sound, where the dredge assistance can be secured. The Gertrud has been looking for the Gertrud off the Cape for several days, and was forced back to replenish her coal supply last night. The search for the Gertrud will be prosecuted by the different vessels of the towing fleet until she is found and brought here to a safe harbor."

New Schooner Launched.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 5.—The schooner F. M. Slade was launched from Cousin's shipyard today. She was built for the Slade & West Company, and will be used in the lumber trade. The vessel is 29 feet over all, 26 feet beam and 14 feet depth of hold. She will have cost when completed, \$45,000. In the hurry of preparing the vessel for launching a sponsor was forgotten, and if sailors' superstitions are to be believed, the Slade has only ill luck before her.

An Opposition Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—The steamer Don Norte has sailed for her last voyage under her present charter to Egan & Co., Coast Bay, Astoria and Portland. Upon her return the steamer is to be operated on the same route by her owners, Hobbs, Wall & Co., in opposition to the two lines now in operation.

Lost Off Jersey Coast.

ST. BRIEUC, France, Dec. 5.—The English steamer Roscell was lost off the coast of Jersey. She foundered in a gale at 11 o'clock last night. According to the report which reached here, the persons out of the 40 people on board of her have been all saved.

Last With All on Board.

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Marine Notes.

The Haleswood sailed from Astoria yesterday morning. Her time from Astoria to the sea was five times as long as her time from Portland to Astoria. The Norwegian steamer Kvarven crossed out from Astoria yesterday morning. The Norwegian bark Stjorn finished loading yesterday afternoon, and will call today.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Dec. 5.—Sailed at 9 A. M.—Steamer Elmora, for Tillamook; at 10:30, Norwegian steamer Kvarven, for Hong Kong; at 11:40 A. M., steamer W. H. Harlow, for coast ports; British ship Haleswood, for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., smooth; wind east, weather hazy.

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