

### HONG KONG DIRECT

## Strathgyle Clears With a Mammoth Cargo.

### NEAR FIFTY THOUSAND BARRELS

Excelsior Arrives From Copper River

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 5.—By order of the Quartermaster-General, the charters of the Army transports Port Stephens and Arab were canceled today. This action indicates that in the future shipments from Seattle to Manila will be made by large ocean carriers owned by the Government.

It has only been three or four years since Portland established a big cargo record by sending out over 40,000 barrels in a single steamer. The size of the cargo going from this port continued to increase until at the close of the last year and the last steamer we had on our credit 20 cargoes which had averaged nearly 45,000 barrels each, and out of the lot nearly a dozen could be selected which would average very close to 45,000 barrels. The new year is starting out with 30,000-barrel cargoes, and within the past two weeks two steamships have cleared from Portland with a total of 100,770 barrels of flour for the Orient. The second vessel of this pair of big carriers, the British steamer Strathgyle, sailed for Hong Kong direct with 83,311 barrels of flour, 100 bales of hay, 200 sacks of bran and 100 sacks of oats.

The Portland Flouring Mills Company, of this city, acquired the full cargo of the Strathgyle, 15,000 barrels of it being placed aboard the steamer at its mill in Tacoma, and the remainder at the Albina mills in this county. The British steamer freight for the Japanese ports, and will go direct to Hong Kong. Another wheat cargo was cleared yesterday at the same time as the Strathgyle, the Provencal, which was loaded by G. W. McNear, cleared for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders with 39,171 bushels of wheat, valued at \$64,328. She went out into the stream yesterday, and will leave today for Europe or tomorrow. The Strathgyle will leave down this morning.

### BY THE SEAS ROUTE.

## Doddwell & Co. Will Dispatch a Steamer From London for Victoria.

Having the experiment of shipping Pacific Coast freight to Europe by way of the Suez well in hand, the Doddwell & Co. steamers from Puget Sound by that route, Doddwell & Co. will now try the business from the other end of the line. They have placed the British steamer Glenroy on berth at Tacoma for England and Puget Sound ports by way of the Suez and Oriental ports. The Victoria Colonist, in discussing the matter, says:

"Herbert, the greater part of the freight received by the merchants of this city from the United Kingdom has come by sailing vessels—there are now five on the way and two more expected. The Glenroy, a member of the American Pacific Commission which negotiated the Paris treaty, is quoted in a Washington article as saying of the more weighty issues involved in the Cuban situation:

"First and foremost, a place that stupendous debt to the end of the Spanish war, which Spain had to pay, is a burden upon the revenues of Cuba. Just before Spanish sovereignty was destroyed in the island by this country's armed intervention, that debt, as I recollect, was \$200,000,000, and \$200,000,000, as generally stated by the newspapers. I recall distinctly the efforts that were made while we were at war to pay that debt, but we were unable to do so. We had neither the desire nor the power to do it. I do not hesitate to say that we owe it to Cuba to get into the constitution by some means a clause plainly, positively and unequivocally repudiating the debt. If this is not done Cuba will start with a burden upon her future, and she will never pay the stupendous sum that was assessed against her revenues, though I feel certain that Spain and France, whose interests are involved in the debt, will pay the debt for her. But the debt is a heavy figure, will demand full payment just as soon as Cuba has declared independent sovereignty.

"We freed Cuba, and therefore are responsible for the debt. But France or Spain, one or both, whose citizens own that enormous bonded debt upon Cuba, should send warships into the harbor of Havana, the capital of free Cuba, to make her pay. Cuba, to enforce payment of these bonds. Would not Cuba send up to us a pitiful war for help, and would we not have to go to her rescue? I am certain that the United States in no sense an impossibility, as long as there is nothing in the constitution—the organic law of Cuba—recognizing the right of Cuba to be a republic, and that the United States are organized to administer justice between man and man, and whose mind is so constituted that, out of the conflicts of litigation, it can make a right judgment, has the first qualifications of a good judge. I doubt very much whether the multitude of law books and the wilderness of judicial decisions we now have are of much, if any, advantage to our courts, and my reason for this impression is, that 75 and 100 years ago, when Marshall and Kent were judges, the law books were comparatively scarce, the decisions of our courts in those days at least were as good as they are at the present time, founded, as the decisions now are, more upon precedents than upon principles.

On the 24th of September, 1783, just as the sheen of summer was passing into the green and russet of autumn, a man child was born in the little town of Lexington, Virginia. His name was John Marshall. Virginia was then a new country, sparsely settled with white people and with streams and forests had never been disturbed by the land of civilization. Nature in her primordial freshness and beauty was the primary department in the education of Marshall. Like Washington and Lincoln, he was a scholar without the benefit of schools. Parental instruction and his own resources were his sole dependents in his early boyhood. To acquire learning under such circumstances is to learn to be industrious, courageous and self-reliant. Men who are educated in this way are apt to make their mark in the world. A man with native vigor of intellect is the key to success and it makes little difference in the end to a Lincoln whether he goes through college or reads his books in a log cabin by the light of a blazing pine knot. One of the surprising things about Marshall was his literary and pro-

### IN MARSHALL'S PRAISE

## Speech of Judge Williams at Salem.

### Eloquent Eulogy on the Character of the Great Jurist and Statesman—Nation's Debt to Him.

SALEM, Feb. 5.—Following is the full text of Judge George H. Williams' speech delivered last night at the John Marshall memorial service here. He was introduced by Hon. George H. Williams' address.

Daniel Webster in one of his great speeches, said: "By ascending to an association with our ancestors, by contemplating their example and studying their character; by partaking their sentiments and imitating their virtues; by accompanying them in their toils, by sympathizing in their sufferings and rejoicing in their successes and triumphs, we might be said to belong to their age." Today we commemorate the appointment 100 years ago of John Marshall as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and ascend with hearts full of pride and gratitude to an association with the men and events of that day. Washington, Madison, Hamilton, Jefferson, and many others not less worthy were working out the problem of self-government, but in this constellation of patriots and statesmen none none with a clearer, steeper and stronger intellect than Marshall. Whatever may have been the shortcomings of Virginia in modern times, when she was a colony, she was old enough and good enough to produce men whose deeds are imperishable. Her Government, a history of our country. Washington deservedly and by universal consent holds the first place in the hearts of his countrymen, but if there were any doubt as to the value of his services, then next to Washington among Virginians John Marshall "leads all the rest."

It is not to disparage the great abilities of men like Madison, Jefferson or others, but to say that Marshall had greater opportunity than his competitors to render valuable services to his country. He was a young man when the Revolution was in its infancy, and he was a young man when the Revolution was in its infancy, and he was a young man when the Revolution was in its infancy. He was a young man when the Revolution was in its infancy, and he was a young man when the Revolution was in its infancy.

### CUBA'S LOAD OF DEBT.

## Frye Says Some Means Should Be Found to Repudiate It.

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### SEPTEMBER'S FAST FLEET.

Portland Vessels Sailing That Month Beat Those From Other Ports.

The British ship Riverside arrived out at Falmouth last Saturday after a passage of 17 days from this port. She was the last vessel to sail in September, getting away on the 26th, and her arrival here on the 13th is a record. The other ships sailing in that month which have reported out were the Semantha, the last of the three big ships of the Jupiter, in 15 days. The best time made by any of the San Francisco September ships was 120 days, and of the other three which have reported out from this port all were more than 140 days on the way. Two of the Tacoma September fleet have arrived out in 127 and 128 days. All of the August fleet of seven vessels have reported out in passages of from 105 to 140 days. Puget Sound had three August ships, and but one of them has arrived. The Italian ship Elias, which left here in October for Seattle, arrived out on January 6, after a passage of 90 days.

### FOUND PLENTY OF WATER.

Pilot Johnson, Who Took Out the Eva, Has Valuable Testimonials.

Captain Eric Johnson, one of the oldest bar pilots on the Columbia River, was in the city yesterday. Captain Johnson has been in the service at the mouth of the river either as tugboat or pilot for over 30 years, and has never had a serious accident with a vessel in his charge. By a coincidence, it happened to be his "turn" to take out each of the three big tugboats, the Ching Wo, the Andrew and the Eva, which have left here within the past 30 days. They drew 25 feet 6 inches, 34 feet 9 inches and 22 feet 9 inches respectively, and Captain Johnson said a statement from each of the captains that they found plenty of water in crossing out. One of these statements, signed by the captain of the Eva, is of special value at the present time. It will foretell the usual Puget Sound lie about the vessel being damaged while crossing the Columbia bar.

### FACIOSA A Bottomless Harbor.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—During the night which prevailed Sunday, the British bark Dunstaffnage dragged her moorings and came near fouling several vessels moored in the stream. That she did no great damage was remarkable, as she was drifting around the bay for several hours, and at times was near rubbing up against several vessels. As she drifted towards Old Town, she bumped against the British ship Andromeda, denting a plate of iron. She also touched the German ship Asterdam, but fortunately did no damage. She was eventually picked up by the harbor tug and taken across the bay to a safe anchorage.

### Schooner in Danger.

CAPE HENRY, Va., Feb. 5.—The schooner John F. Rix, of Boston, which anchored inside the cape yesterday, was dragged her anchor during the northwesterly gale that sprung up during the night, and now lies dangerously near shore, three miles inside the cape. Tugs from Norfolk and lifelines from Cape Henry

residual statements, in view of his limited opportunities for an early education. His parents were his only teachers until he was 14 years of age. When he had learned to read, Shakespeare, Milton and the books of the Bible were sent to which he had access. To study books like these, away from the allurements of social life and where untrained Nature gave him the stars and the moon in the great open spaces of a future career. Between the age of 14 and 18 years he was favored with instruction by private tutors, and was subsequently acquired in this way, he determined to enter upon the practice of the law. He commenced to read Blackstone, but the promontory conviction of the approach of the Revolution drew him away from his books to a field of excitement, turmoil and danger.

Henry's singing words, "Give me liberty or give me death!" spread like wildfire through the settlements of Virginia, and military companies were formed to emphasize this sentiment. Marshall was one of the first to join in this movement. He was appointed Lieutenant of one of these companies, and thereupon for five years devoted all the energies of his mind and body to the military service of his country. He was afterwards appointed General by the Legislature of Virginia, and thereafter until he became Chief Justice, was known as General Marshall. He was distinguished as a soldier, statesman and jurist, but distinction as to all these justly belongs to Marshall. Not less than a soldier, a statesman, a shrewd and successful competitor in the bloody battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, and was highly distinguished by Washington for his skill and gallantry. But his true greatness his sterling and soldierly qualities were displayed at Valley Forge. Washington, after his defeat at Germantown, withdrew his army to this place for winter quarters. Here officers and men alike were exposed to the rigors and hardships of an unusually severe winter. The weather was extremely cold and the snowed to such a depth that the men were half naked; few had more than a single blanket, and they were without anything to eat. Washington, referring to Valley Forge, truly said that "no history now extant can furnish a more accurate and graphic picture of the hardships of an army suffering such uncommon hardships. He and his men were exposed to the rigors and hardships of an unusually severe winter. The weather was extremely cold and the snowed to such a depth that the men were half naked; few had more than a single blanket, and they were without anything to eat. Washington, referring to Valley Forge, truly said that "no history now extant can furnish a more accurate and graphic picture of the hardships of an army suffering such uncommon hardships. 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