

THE FRENCH FLEET

Tenth Cargo Clears Under the New Flag.

EFFECTS OF SHIPPING SUBSIDY

Captain Spencer Will Build a Big Towboat With Machinery From the Wrecked Frederick Billings-The Lake Commerce.

The Portland Grain Company cleared another cargo of wheat yesterday in the French bark La Rocheffoucauld...

Table with 2 columns: Name of vessel, Amount of cargo. Includes La Rocheffoucauld, La Fontaine, etc.

All of these vessels, with the exception of the Cassard, came out to Portland in ballast, and the French Government paid their owners a bonus of something like \$25,000 each for the round trip...

GREAT LAKES COMMERCE.

Business for 1900 Was the Greatest on Record.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The commerce of the Great Lakes in the navigation season, 1900, has exceeded that of the preceding year. The report of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics covering the business of the principal ports, combined with the reports of the American Bureau of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal for the year ending December 31, 1900, and comparing those figures with those of preceding years, fully justifies this assertion.

According to the figures furnished by the Bureau of Statistics, there were received by vessels at the principal ports on the Great Lakes, between April 1, 1900, and the close of the year, a total of 1,392,322 tons of flour; 2,824,256 bushels of wheat; 70,865,801 bushels of corn; 13,290,767 bushels of oats; 11,586,861 bushels of barley, and 1,848,832 bushels of rye. Figures relate purely to the movements between the United States ports, and do not, therefore, include the shipments to or from ports on the Canadian side of the canal...

The receipts of iron ore by water at the ports embrace in the bureau's compilation a total of 16,288,767 tons, and this may be adopted as the center of the entire movement of iron ore both by rail and water. All the principal ore-receiving and shipping ports are covered by the bureau's statistics...

Many different classes of commodities, such as provisions, dry goods and hardware are reported under the general head of unclassified freight. This movement at the principal ports during the past year reached the aggregate of 1,571,131 tons. In this traffic the City of Chicago led, with 84,221 tons. The receipts at other ports were: Buffalo, 668,831 tons; Cleveland, 25,673 tons; Detroit, 294,822 tons; Milwaukee, 235,124 tons.

THE BILLINGS' SUCCESSOR.

Captain E. W. Spencer, of this city, who has been more successful with steamboat property than any man that ever operated on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, has already started work on his latest purchase, and will soon have the famous Frederick Billings in the role of a dividend payer. His purchase of the wreck of that vessel has put him in possession of about \$25,000 worth of first-class machinery, most of it as good as new, and he will immediately place it in a hull built for the purpose of towing logs. When completed, the new craft will be the most powerful and best-equipped towboat on the river. The immense electric searchlights operated by dynamo specially constructed for the Billings will be placed on the new boat, so that she can handle rafts at night, as well as in the day. Soon after the steamer was wrecked she was stripped of all of the small equipment that could be taken from her, and as there was no charge on the upper river,

the heavy machinery has remained aboard until the present time. The boiler and engine, the big engines and boiler out of her, Captain Spencer will build a barge on the Oregon shore, opposite where the wreck lay, and will use it for moving overboard the machinery of the wreck. She has about 40 cords of wood aboard, and this is worth \$4 per cord on the bank near where she lies. The hull for the new boat will carry the machinery of the Billings' machinery, will be about 150 feet long and 30 feet beam, and the craft, while specially adapted for towing logs, will be able to tow ships up and down the river at a much faster rate than the ordinary towboats in use for that purpose. She will be ready for operation early in the Spring.

THE NEWFOUNDLAND WRECK.

STEAMER RECENTLY LOST MAY BE THE LUCERNE. ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 12.—It is now feared that the steamer wrecked near Backleu, a small island northeast of the Avalon Peninsula, on the southeast coast of Newfoundland, is the British steamer Lucerne, Captain Reid, which sailed from St. John's, N. F., coal laden. Beside their own crew of 25 men, the Lucerne had on board seven members of the crew of the British brig Emulous, which was wrecked in the morning, the attorneys for the state and defense making their closing arguments. Deputy District Attorney Manning, having made his opening argument, the day before, yesterday morning was given to the attorney for the defendant, E. Men-

THE OVERDUE FLEET.

NINETY PER CENT PAID ON FOUR PORTLAND-BOUND SHIPS. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Of the fleet of overdue vessels, the Bertha is now out 31 days from Wei-Hai-Wei for Portland; the Gilder, 29 days from Yokohama for Portland; the W. S. S. 100 days from Callao for Portland, and the Andra, 31 days from Santa Rosalia for Portland.

AMERICAN SHIP BURNED.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 12.—Advices from Manila, dated January 5, says: The American ship Sea Witch was set fire in the harbor on Thursday night, presumably by some members of the crew, 10 of whom are now under arrest. Launches from the cruiser Brooklyn and the transports Rosecrans and Meade towed the burning vessel into 21 fathoms of water on the side of the Pacific coast, where she was pumped full of water. The Sea Witch was built at Boston in 1882, and is now owned by Edward Lawton, and is of 1200 tons burden, 157 feet in length, 27 feet beam and 24 feet depth of hold. The dissatisfaction among the crew was caused by five of them being put in irons for refusing to obey.

Defective Steam Pipes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The accident on board the steamship Ventura, January 23, in which five men were killed and five injured by the bursting of a steam pipe, which was caused by defective construction on the part of the builders. There was 185 pounds of steam pressure at the time of the fracture.

Steamship Ashore.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Spartan, Prince, from New York, January 29, for Naples, Genoa, and Palermo, ashore at Ceuta opposite Gibraltar, at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. Assistance has been sent.

Thirty-Foot Channel.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—At the weekly meeting of the harbor board a letter was read from Hon. J. J. Tarte, minister of public works, saying that if he could obtain the assent of the government he intended dredging the St. Lawrence River channel 30 feet deep and 450 feet wide within the next two years.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Feb. 12.—Sailed at 7:30 A. M.—Steamer George W. Elder, for San Francisco. Arrived at 11:30 P. M.—Tug Sam Columbia, for Portland.

Gilliam County's Line.

The Columbia & Inland Railroad survey, which commenced last week, had to be discontinued owing to the inclemency of the weather. W. J. Mariner, F. W. Tobey, B. T. Snell and J. H. Downing comprise the preliminary survey committee. Mr. Downing informed the Times that they had surveyed from Arlington to Rock Creek and from Blackfoot to Rock Creek. He also stated that both routes were surveyed, but favored that from Arlington as being the easier of the two.

LUNDEEN WENT FREE

JURY BELIEVED SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL.

And This Closes a Halloween Episode That Might Have Been a Tragedy—Court Notes.

Charles Lundeen, the old man who shot a boy, Andrew Matthews, on Halloween evening, was yesterday afternoon acquitted of the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. After being out for five hours, the jury brought in a verdict in his favor. The case was closed in the morning, the attorneys for the state and defense making their closing arguments. Deputy District Attorney Manning, having made his opening argument, the day before, yesterday morning was given to the attorney for the defendant, E. Men-

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denial. He based his case upon the evidence tending to support the theory that the shooting was accidental, and that in firing the pistol his motive had been to protect his property by scaring off the young hoodlums. The letter, he argued, belonged to the "S. S." organization, and should not be encouraged in their career of reckless wrong-doing.

FILED PATHETIC COMPLAINT.

Woman Suing for Divorce Relates a Tale of Great Cruelty.

Mrs. Rosa Westerman has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, Henry Westerman, by filing a vivid complaint, alleging sorrow and sufferings undergone. The grounds urged for a divorce are as follows: "Defendant has treated plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner, and has behaved upon her personal indignities, rendering her life burdensome.

Bill to Keep Pennsylvania Roads From Killing Competition.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 12.—Senator Sprague, of Delaware County, chairman of the Senate committee on railroads, has introduced a bill into the Senate which is of great importance, considering the various consolidations and projects for consolidating railroads having lines through this state.

Probate Matters.

The will of Barbara Shens for an estate valued at \$100 was admitted in probate yesterday. Joseph Shens was appointed administrator, and Valentine Brown, J. O. Goltz and E. C. Bronaugh appraisers. Everett G. Starr was appointed administrator in the estate of Eliza J. Starr, \$75,817.

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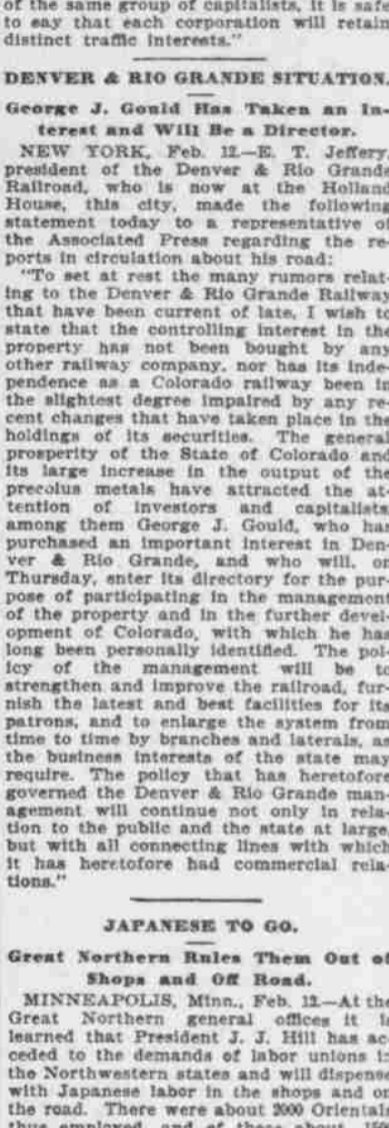
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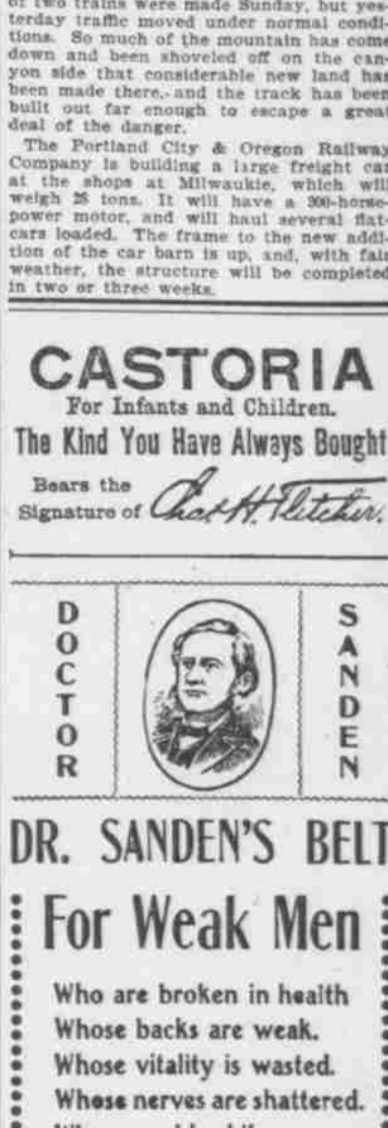
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