

SUNK IN ASTORIA HARBOR

FRENCH BARK HENRIETTE A VICTIM OF THE BIG GALE.

Dragged Anchors and Struck a Rock—Was Lumber-Laden From Portland for Europe.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—The French bark Henriette, with a cargo of redwood lumber for Europe, at the bottom of the harbor, was dragged from the wharves opposite Kopp's brewery, in Uppertown. Yesterday afternoon and the night previous, the bark had dragged her anchors, and was well outside the river channel toward the shore, and a tug went to her to take her to a safe anchorage in the lower harbor, but the tug's services were declined. At low water last evening, shortly after 8 o'clock, the bark settled on some hard object and immediately began to sink. The tide at the time was extremely low, registering 1.5 feet below zero, one of the lowest of the year.

The pumps were manned, but the water began to make headway until 2 o'clock this morning, when the bark was holed. She was holed in the bottom, and the water came in so fast that she was unable to remain afloat. The water was so high that she was unable to get aboard, and during the night the ship broke from anchorage, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of her, but it is believed she was driven by the storm into some bay among the islands, where she found an anchorage. Thus have been lost the services of a vessel of all, and the condition of affairs will not be known until they return.

Yosburg's Master Arrested.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—Captain Chris Alhus, formerly master of the tug George V. Yosburg, was arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Roberts today, on an information filed before United States Commissioner Staden, of Portland, and signed by Algot Peterson, a sailor. The information charges that, through criminal negligence and misconduct, Captain Alhus caused the death of J. W. Cole, cook on the lumber barge Wheeler, which broke adrift from the tug Yosburg, on the evening of November 27, and was afterwards wrecked on the coast. It alleges that proper diligence was not exercised by the captain in trying to rescue the barge.

Burning Liner at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—The steamship Shinano, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, arrived in the harbor today, the fire which forced her return from Seattle still burning in her hold. The fire, which is confined to the forward part of the hold, is being kept well under control. Her hold has been kept filled with steam since she was discovered, to prevent the fire from spreading to other parts of the vessel. The first intimation of the fire was given by the crew, who reported that the hatches were immediately closed down and the steam turned into the hold.

Steamer for Alaska.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—The Astoria Iron Works closed a contract, this afternoon, with J. J. Barron, of the Thlinket Packing Company, to construct a steamer to be used in connection with the company's Alaska canneries. The steamer will be equipped with compound engines, surface condensers and Scotch marine boilers. She is to have a speed of 10 knots per hour, and the contract price is \$150,000.

Gale on Newfoundland Coast.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 27.—A furious gale from the west, which has been blowing since last night and wrought much destruction among the shipping and fishing properties at Bay of Islands, where several American vessels were wrecked, and a number of fishing-boats suffered great damage, and the wharves and water front buildings were destroyed.

Galgorm Castle Not Sighted.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—The report brought in from the pilot schooner a few days ago that the British bark Galgorm Castle, from Table Bay, was outside with a pilot on board, was an error. The vessel referred to was the bark Castor, which arrived today. The Galgorm has not been sighted.

Sighted a Derelict.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—The British bark Castor, which arrived in this afternoon from Toopolia, reports sighting a derelict yesterday afternoon two miles west of the city. The derelict was a small schooner. It is thought to be some hulk that has been reported off the coast twice before.

Grounded in the Harbor.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—The British ship Riversdale, which arrived down this afternoon, grounded on the sands near the River of Grace Reef and was burnt up for some time. Captain Porter says that only the vessel's nose touched the sands, and her hull was not injured.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—Left up at 11:20 A. M.—German bark Bertha, British ship Iry, Arrived at 1 P. M.—British steamship Strategist, from San Francisco; British bark Castor, from Toopolia. Arrived down at 3:30 P. M.—British ship Riversdale. Left up at 3:30 P. M.—British ship Riversdale. Arrived down at 1 P. M.—Schooner J. Coleman. Condition of the bar at 5 P. M. rough; wind west; weather cloudy.

GUESTS OF ALL NATIONS

ONE HUNDRED ENJOY CHRISTMAS DINNER AT MEN'S RESORT.

Stalwart Laborers Sit Down to Feast and Gain an Insight into Work of Institution.

Christmas dinner, with the other incidents which cheer the river man, was served at the Men's Resort, North Third street, last evening to about 100 guests from all nations. The feast was under the direction of the Resort committee, which consists of William MacMasters, chairman, Rev. E. P. Hill, S. C. Kerr, Miller Murdoch, J. S. Futallo, C. H. Madley, Key, D. Soper, and Rev. W. W. St. Pierre, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church.

GOOD BARGAIN IN THE PURCHASE OF ALBINA WATER WORKS.

The City of Portland has unquestionably made a fair bargain in the purchase of the Albina Water Works. The price is \$200,000, of which \$150,000 is to be cash at the time of transfer, and \$50,000 is to be paid in one year and \$25,000 in two years, deferred payments bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent. Assuming that the \$200,000 investment is 5 per cent money, the fixed interest charge against the Albina plant would be \$10,000 per annum. As a matter of fact, the city will receive the purchaser only about 4 1/2 per cent, if the bonds run 30 years to maturity. But \$10,000 will do for an outside estimate. The cost of maintenance and operation will not exceed \$5000 per annum. The total expense, then, is not to exceed \$15,000 per annum. The gross earnings of the Albina Water Works have for several years averaged \$30,000. The net revenue of the plant to the city will be at least \$15,000.

Here is an authorized statement of cost of the Albina water plant:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Real estate, Tools and furniture, Pumps and pipe line, Total investment, Receipts, Expenses, Net receipts, etc.

social intercourse occupied the programme until dinner was announced.

The dinner consisted of turkey, salads and other delicacies of the season, and was under the direction of Miss Angel O'Neill, of the First Presbyterian Church; Miss Curran and Mrs. Amesbury, of the Westminster; Mrs. J. W. Cole, of the Holy and Anna, of the Third Presbyterian; Miss Barton, of the St. John's; Miss Blank and Miss McCully, of the Mizpah, and Miss Moore and Mrs. Kinsch, of the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Children at First Congregational Church Have Great Time.

The Christmas exercises at the First Congregational Church were concluded last evening with an excellent programme of interest to young and old alike. The exercises consisted of hymns, songs, recitations, and a play. The children were entertained with simple games, after which all gathered around the Christmas tree, which was decorated with lights and tinsel.

THEIR CHRISTMAS IS OVER.

The Sunday school had its concluding Christmas celebration in the church parlors. The procession of the months was presented and very prettily acted and sung. The different months were represented by symbols: January with sleigh bells, Joe Gaff; February with a valentine, Ruth Beach; March with a kite, Walter Ackerman; April with an umbrella, Gladys Gage and Doris Oliphant; May with a May-pole, Marguerite Scott; June with roses, Daisy Forsythe; July with a boat, Frances Oliphant; August with hay, Jennie, Judith Joy and Helen Scott; September with Fall flowers, Louise Sharp; October with Autumn leaves, Helen Beach; November with fruit and vegetables, Eddie Anderson; December with Santa Claus, Alfred Clarke, and a Christmas tree. The room was prettily decorated. The New Year sat on his throne, attended by two pages, and these symbols were the gifts of the month.

CHILDREN HAVE GAY TIME.

The younger children of the First Baptist Church were given an enjoyable Christmas-tree party yesterday afternoon. The kindergarten-room, in which the tree was placed and in which is the beautiful window presented to the church by the children of the congregation, was the scene of the exercises. There Mrs. J. H. Phillips and Miss A. Baird directed the amusements, and under their able charge the time passed very pleasantly with the youngsters, whose ages ranged from 2 to 6 years. Presents were, of course, distributed from the well-decorated tree, and the heart of every guest was gladdened by some gift. During the afternoon vocal numbers were rendered by Bernice Mack, Henriette Falling and Harriet Clinton.

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son, as the Princess, and Mr. Kellogg, as the Prince, acquitted themselves very creditably. As Santa Claus, Mr. Alexander fulfilled all the expectations of the younger and older spectators.

HAPPY TIMES FOR HOMELESS ONES.

Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Has Christmas Exercises.

Christmas exercises were given by the children at the Receiving Home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society last evening, and quite a number of the friends of the society were present. Forty children, inmates of the Receiving Home, took part, ranging in age from 1 1/2 to 16 years, and all with a history of abuse, neglect or abandonment. The children all looked very happy, and their behavior would be an example to many who have had better opportunities. The numbers were exceedingly well rendered, and gave great credit to those who worked hard to prepare them. John Webb, superintendent of St. David's Episcopal Sunday School, conducted the musical programme, assisted by Miss Lucie Kennedy, who presided at the organ. Mrs. W. T. Gardner, wife of the organist, and her husband, were the faithful matron of the home. Mrs. M. J. Graham, has quite recovered her health, and her charges bear evidence of

IMPORTANT DECISION

ORDINANCE TAXING TELEPHONES DECLARED ILLEGAL.

Decision of a Montana Judge—Fight of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company. (San Francisco Call.) The contention of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company that the ordinance passed two years ago by the Board of Supervisors of this city, placing a tax of 12 per cent on every telephone in use, is unconstitutional, is likely to be made good, judging by a recent decision handed down by Judge Clements, of the District Court of Helena, Mont.

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