

OLD RATES AGAIN

Northern Steamship Lines Restore Flour Tariff.

ALL COMPANIES AGREE TO IT

Establishment of the 85 Rate Likely to Check Exporting Business

The freight rate war that has been in progress since last June between the trans-Pacific steamship lines is practically at an end. So far as the Northern lines are concerned, it is all over, as the former rates on flour have been restored. This action was brought about at a meeting at Seattle of the freight bureau of the North Pacific Asiatic Line. Representatives of all the companies running steamers from Portland, Puget Sound and British Columbia were present.

The advance in rates follows the action taken by the San Francisco lines a few days ago, when rates there were raised from \$1 to \$3 per ton. The parties to the agreement were the Pacific Mail, Deciduous & Oriental, Toyo Kisen Kaisha, or, as it is sometimes known, the Oriental Steamship Company. What the other southern line, the China Commercial Company and Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, sailing that month. Whether the new tariff is to be permanent remains to be seen.

It was the advent of the China Commercial in the trans-Pacific trade that brought about the original trouble. In their efforts to put the newcomer out of business, the other lines, led by the Pacific Mail, cut the flour rate from \$3 per ton and later to \$1 of which cuts were met by the C. C. Company. Instead of being driven from the market, the new line prospered, as it had permission from the Mexican government to bring over on each trip up to 3000 Chinese to be landed at the port of Mazatlan. The San Francisco companies, in their desperation, reduced the steamer fare from \$50 to \$15. Now that the right of the China Commercial to pour Chinese coolies into Mexico has been renewed by President Diaz, Sept. 1, 1903, the announcement of its intention to increase its fleet from four vessels to six, which would insure that it is in the business to stay. It was probably their realization of this determination by the new company that prompted the old lines to raise their rates.

Naturally, the new rates agreed upon at the Seattle meeting are not viewed with the same feelings by the shipping companies and the exporters. The steamship lines claim to have lost heavily when the rate-cutting was in progress, and were more than pleased at the opportunity to restore the tariff. Shippers, on the other hand, enjoyed unusually good business while the war was raging, and would like to have seen the low rates continue. Flour shipments reached the maximum amount on heavy buying by the Orient when the rate on flour in China, the advance in freight will, of course, have a tendency to check this business.

Stick to Rate Agreement.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Superintendent Tattet, of the French Trans-Atlantic Steamship Line, said today it was true the French and all the other continental lines had withdrawn from the continental passenger rate agreement.

Wishkah a Frank.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 7.—(Special).—The schooner Wishkah, which foundered in the Straits of Fuca, was launched here today. It was built by the same firm that built the schooner Indrasuzha, a frank in marine architecture.

Fear for a Barkentine.

TACOMA, Oct. 7.—Anxiety is felt for the barkentine John Smith, which was about five miles behind the schooner Philippon when she passed in the straits Monday morning last.

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 7.—Arrived—Steamer Pretoria, for San Francisco, sailed at 6:45 A. M.—Steamer Yough, for Tillamook. Arrived at 10:40 A. M. and left up at 12 M.—Steamer Geo. W. Edie, from San Francisco. Arrived at 11 A. M.—Schooner Mabel Gale, from San Francisco. Arrived at 12 M.—Australian steamer Koba, from Victoria. Arrived at 2 P. M.—Schooner Victoria, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 2 P. M.—Schooner Loran, from Portland. Arrived at 5:30 P. M. and sailed at 7 P. M.—Steamer Aberdeen, for Coos Bay.

ing from Liverpool, had nine men in iron chains with him. They were kept in a room considerably crowded with goods, liquors, chocolate, etc., and Captain Hume says it is a miracle that the vessel did not catch on fire. The cargo broachers worked among the inflammable cargo with candles. Alfred Johansen, a native of Norway, was lost during the voyage, having fallen overboard from a yard arm.

CUSTOM-HOUSE TRANSACTIONS.

Light Business Done in This District Last Month.

The statement of transactions of the Custom-House in September does not compare favorably with the record of business in the same month last year, the exports amounting to but \$51,837 against \$3,752,916 in September. The receipts on the district last month were \$32,481, as compared with \$62,882 in the same month of 1902. The smaller shipping business is due to the lateness of the wheat movement. The September summary statement follows:

Vessels entered from foreign ports..... 2
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Vessels entered from domestic ports..... 20
Entries of merchandise for duty..... 39
Entries of merchandise free of duty..... 1
Entries for warehouse..... 1
Entries for export to adjacent British Columbia..... 9
Entries from warehouse for consumption..... 79

Members of the Typothetae Acknowledged.

CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The Chicago Typothetae sued for peace tonight, when President Higgins, of the international Printing Union, failed to deliver his promise to furnish sufficient press feeders to man the presses of the employing printers. A committee of two was appointed to open negotiations with the Printing Union, failed to deliver his promise to furnish sufficient press feeders to man the presses of the employing printers.

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HIS DREAM TO COME TRUE

MESSINGER KORNER WILL BUY A FARM WITH HIS \$1000.

As a reward for his faithfulness and bravery in risking his life to save the property of his employers, F. H. Korner, the Pacific Express messenger, who shot James Wilson, alias "Jim" Connor, the wounded bandit implicated in the attempt to hold up the O. R. & N. train near Corvado, has received a check for \$1000 from the express company and as the draft was accompanied by 25 letters of commendation, he will be remembered by resolutions of praise. This information was contained in a dispatch to The Oregonian from Spokane yesterday.

THE OMINOUS WHITE LINES

A medical writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung has discovered that the white lines which cross the finger nails, particularly the thumb nails, are signs of disturbances in the organism at the time they were formed. His observation is that 40 per cent of the criminals have these lines, 85 per cent of idiots are connected with the physical, moral and intellectual change.

Glory That Has Declined.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7.—Mr. Fred A. Korner, Dear Sir: Superintendent Rogers has sent me your report of the attempt to rob your car on O. R. & N. train No. 8, September 25, near Corvado, Or., at about 10 P. M., on which occasion you so fearfully and successfully defended the company's property placed in your charge, thereby not only preventing the execution of the robber's plans, but also seriously wounding one of them that he was captured.

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WILL INVADE THE MARKET

MANY OUTSIDE SAWMILLS WILL SHIP TO PORTLAND.

Completion of New O. W. & P. Car-line Endangers Monopoly of Local Lumber Trade.

Twenty-one new sawmills are expected to send their product into the Portland market when the new line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company is installed to Springfield. Lumbermen are anxiously waiting to see the outcome of the intrusion of this product into the local market.

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