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The French bark La Rochefoucauld, being unable to secure a charter at Port Portland or Astoria, is being towed by the tugboat "Lionel" to Royal Roads for a week, has pulled up her anchor and sailed for Sydney Heads for orders. This dispels the idea that the French shipowners intend to accept cut rates in order to keep their ships moving, for as long as the Government bounty holds out, such a course will be necessary. No extensive fleet of ballast ships has ever left the Pacific Coast within the past 20 days, has ever before departed from this coast. From the north, the La Rochefoucauld has been in the harbor, but during November, orders to sail in ballast have been given 17 ships in San Francisco harbor. The fleet included the French bark "Lionel," the Champigney, Le Pillier, Versailles, Marie Mirabaud, Anjou and Brenn. The British fleet included the Achnaschie, Waverre, Ditton, Inverclyde, Matterhorn and the German ships Steinbeck and Seefarher.

All of them with the exception of the Steinbeck, which went direct to Newcastle, are for Sydney Heads for orders, and so far as known, but two of them are under charter. These fortunate vessels are the French bark "Lionel," the Marguerite Mirabaud, the Achnaschie, which was lying idle at San Francisco since December 1, and the Inverclyde, a number of ships in the Bay City that have been waiting there from two to three years, the pioneers in this line being the French bark "Lionel," which arrived in January and February, 1912. In proportion to the size of the fleet Portland has done better by the ships than any other port on the Pacific Coast, and the number of ships now in port, is the largest number that has been idle here at one time this season.

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