

JAPANESE TARIFF CUT MAY BE MET

Puget Sound Lines Said to Have Made Offer to Reduce Rates.

LOCAL SHIPPERS WAITING

Portland & Astoria Company Stands Firm but Will Hold Meeting to Consider Trans-Pacific Acute Shipping Situation.

Complex features are developing in the Oriental rate war precipitated publicly Friday by the Japanese steamship lines lowering the trans-Pacific tariff all the way from one-half to one-third. A report circulated yesterday had it that Puget Sound Lines, other than the subsidized Japanese fleets, had voluntarily offered Portland shippers rates in conformity with those applying on carriers flying the Nippon flag.

But the Portland & Astoria Steamship Company is apparently standing fast. General Agent Johnson, said yesterday that no concerted move had been made by the American and Canadian lines to meet the cut that had been applied. It is believed that the company would be held soon to determine what measures would be adopted to bring the insurgent Japanese into line. The liner Ryujia has assured that full cargo at full rates but the Henrik Ibsen will not be in port until April and by that time the rate cutting may have ended.

Reduction Is Foreshadowed. One local shipper says that fully a month ago he knew tariffs were being shaded, because he had on when the Japan delivery, his figure being based on ruling quotations for the cereal here with the ocean rate added, and he was informed by cable that his tender was too high.

It is said that stocks of wheat on Puget Sound that are preferred for the Japanese market, have rapidly disappeared. It is estimated that several thousand tons of that kind, and with more that could be drawn hurriedly from the country, is estimated roughly that about 10,000 tons could be moved.

Lower Local Rates in Prospect. But even in the face of rates yesterday quoted by northern lines. It is said that the rail local from Portland would cut profits so that it was not thought advisable to move the cereal, particularly as there are prospects for lower rates here with the Portland & Astoria and Waterhouse fleets operating.

Martine men regard the rate cutting as something that could be regarded as a disaster for the Japanese, the transcontinental rail lines interested in steamers—the Canadian Pacific, Great Northern and Harman systems—would refuse to move transcontinental freight via the rail route. Without the Eastern consignments the Japanese would suffer in a short time, even though they get full cargoes of Coast shipments so long as the wheat and flour demand continues.

H. HACKFELD IS CHARTERED

Another Lumber Cargo Going to United Kingdom.

Following chartering of the German ship Wilhelmine here to lumber for the United Kingdom, and the taking of the British ship Holt Hill to load on Puget Sound, tonnage close at hand was regarded as being in demand. But another carrier has been found by the American Trading Company, the German bark H. Hackfeld, which will load lumber here for London on a rate of 60 shillings. The Hackfeld sailed from Hamburg November 21 for Honolulu.

MANCHURIA SHIPMENTS END

Japanese Are Buying Heavily Here Because of Plague.

Plague conditions in Manchuria, which brought about a cessation of wheat shipments, thereby compelling Japan to look elsewhere for immense stocks are given as the reason for the unusual heavy buying of cereals in the Pacific Northwest. It was declared yesterday in exporting circles that the plague epidemic was principally responsible for the situation, and not a war scare or the famine in China.

RIVER ESTIMATES REQUIRED

Money May Be Available to Start 30-Foot Channel.

Though in the Congressional appropriations \$200,000 was not set aside for two 30-foot section dredges to be used under the direction of Major Melndoe, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, in completing the proposed 30-foot channel to the sea, because it was estimated that a year would be required to build the dredges, it appears that the rivers and harbors bill carries \$250,000 for the maintenance of the Willamette and Columbia River roads, or \$10,000 in excess of the sum asked. There are prospects that a grant will be made this season on dredges, reworkings and other permanent works required on the stream that the 30-foot channel may be maintained.

CACTUS SHAPED

Devoid of Thorns It May Be Used in Eastern Oregon.

LUTHER BURBANK AT WORK

Special Representative of O.-W. R. & N. Co. Expects to See "Wizard" Perfect Plant So It Will Grow for Cattle Here.

Table with columns: Name, From, Date. STEAMER INTELLIGENCE. Due to Arrive.

Prickly pear thorned cactus, devoid of the thorns and retaining the fine flavor and wholesomeness of the desert plant, may be a perfect plant without the aid of Eastern Oregon for stock-raising purposes, if the efforts of Luther Burbank, the well-known California plant breeder, succeed. He is now in the traffic department of the O.-W. R. & N. Co., prove successful.

However, Mr. Burbank is fully convinced that he can develop a plant that will grow with ease in Oregon soil.

Mr. Burbank started his experiments with the prickly pear cactus several years ago with a view of removing the objectionable thorn. By previous tests he had learned that the most effective method was to cut out the thorn buds and to graft on a plant that had particularly valuable qualities for sustaining and fattening livestock.

Lurline Breaks Main Shaft

Through the breaking of its main shaft the steamer Lurline has been tied up and may not operate on the Astoria route for two weeks.

Shipbuilders Make Turnables

Diversions was afforded the crew at Supple's ship yards by cutting huge turnables for the Standard Bark & Lumber Company, which has an order from the O.-W. R. & N. Co. for 100 feet. They are to be installed on the Washington division.

Port Pilots Get Vacation

ASTORIA, Or., March 6.—(Special)—On account of deepwater shipping season being practically at an end, the bar pilots are being given their annual "vacations." Pilot Anderson was laid off last night, and it is understood that the pilot of the London will be laid off until Fall, the same as was done last year.

Marine Notes

Herbert N. Cassady, ex-engineer of the gasoline schooner Della, went as master of the craft when it sailed yesterday for Nestsucco.

The steamer Tahoma, undergoing repairs at the Portland Shipbuilding Company's yards, was inspected yesterday by the Coast Guard.

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Count Surveyor to Clear Land.

HUMPHREY, March 6.—(Special)—Homer Thacker, deputy County Surveyor, was returned to Humus from the present year in surveying tracts for sale to him for injuries he received on the rifle range 13 months ago, which rendered him a cripple for life, and the sum received was allowed by the lawmakers.

BOND COMPANY TO PAY

LIABILITY ON COURTHOUSE CONTRACT ADMITTED.

Judge Cleaton Forces Issue With Maryland Concern by Refusing to Accept Further Bonds.

In a letter to County Judge Cleaton yesterday the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, through its attorney, Harrison Platt, acknowledges its liability for the failure of the Washington Interior Finishing Company to complete a contract into which it entered for the interior finishing of the west wing of the new Courthouse.

OWNERS THROG OFFICE

Sheriff Stevens' office at the Courthouse was crowded yesterday by property-owners, intent upon paying their taxes and availing themselves of the 3 per cent discount which obtains until March 15.

EDDIESEN DELIVERS DRY WORD.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the cold itself that you need fear, but the serious diseases that it often leads to.

ORCHARD PROFITS SHOWN

Shaped like a ripe, red apple—the kind that grows abundantly almost anywhere in Oregon and Washington—is a neat little booklet entitled "From Orchard to Market."

TRAVELING AUDITORS HERE

A corps of traveling auditors is at work in the local offices of the Northern Pacific Offices.

RASH'S BAD BABY CAME NEAR DING

Head Broke Out, Spread to Arms, Legs and Entire Body, Itched So He Would Scratch Until Blood Ran, One Box of Cuticura Ointment and Nearly One Cake of Cuticura Soap Cured Him. Has Had No Return.

"When my boy was about three months old his head broke out with a pimple which was very itchy and ran a watery fluid. We tried everything we could but he got worse all the time. It itched so he would scratch himself until he bled. He was almost a skeleton and I shall never forget that he came near dying. The rash would not stop until he had had one box of Cuticura Ointment and nearly one cake of Cuticura Soap to cure him. I think our boy would have died but for the Cuticura Remedies and I shall always remain a firm friend of them. He was cured more than twenty years ago, and there has been no return of the trouble. I shall be glad to have you publish the true statement of his cure." (Signed) Mrs. M. C. Mallard, Jasper, Ontario, May 27, 1910.

Cuticura Remedies afford the most economical treatment for skin diseases. It is used for eczema, dandruff, itching, and all other skin ailments. It is safe for infants, children and adults. A cake of Cuticura Soap (3c) and a box of Cuticura Ointment (5c) are often sufficient. Sold throughout the world. Send to Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., sole props., Boston, for free book on the treatment of skin eruptions.

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