

SHIP MYSTERY

Mexico City's Destination Is Known to Shippers Here.

ORIENTALS ARE WATCHED

Immigration Officers Meet Boat at Astoria to Examine Passenger List Said to Be Bound for South American Ports.

There seems to be no mystery in exporting circles here as to the next destination of the British steamer Mexico City which is to be the "mystery ship" at San Francisco because of movements in the past, as it is accepted here that cargo she is to load, some of which will be furnished by H. R. Guthrie & Co. and Kerr, Gifford & Co., will be cleared for ports in Mexico and South America.

Aboard the vessel are 100 Chinese passengers who were taken on at Manzanillo and are said to be destined for South America. The steamer is being inspected by immigration officers here, says he has not received official advice as to the coming of the steamer, but, as a precaution, he has detailed men to meet the ship at Astoria today and proceed here with her, making a complete examination of her Chinese passengers en route.

The vessel is under charter to W. R. Grace & Co., but, according to news from San Francisco, she has been operated largely in the interest of the Eng Hok Fong Company carrying Chinese and other passengers to the Far East and Mexico. She is looked for in the river today, having put out of the Golden Gate Monday night.

At the office of W. R. Grace & Co. it is said that no instructions have arrived from San Francisco bearing on the Mexico City and her cargo, and it is assumed that she will be looked after by the Chinese corporation. One lot of cargo she is to work is 500 tons of wheat, and it is supposed she will take on flour and general stuff.

The Grace liner Colusa, from Portland, has arrived at Astoria, and the Vasco is on the way south from here via San Francisco. The New York liner Santa Clara has reached San Francisco from New York and will be here in the Grace service September 29. The schooner Samar, which that firm is loading with lumber for Callao, is to finish this week, and the schooner line, coming from Puget Sound, is to start loading on the river Tuesday for Chile.

TILE MILLS REQUIREMENTS

Inspectors Find Leggett Life Preserver Up to Standard.

Floated in nine feet of water for 24 hours, sustaining a weight of 400 pounds beneath 20 pounds, a life preserver from the steamer Francis H. Leggett, worn by George Poelman up to the time it was rescued, and which was used by the crew of the steamer Frank H. Buck, was found yesterday to have as much buoyancy at the end of the test as when it was started, and to all appearances it served the purpose as well as a new life preserver.

MONMOUTHSHIRE BOUND HOME

Liner Carries Foodstuffs for England as Well as Far East.

Her ultimate destination the shores of England and part of her cargo probably for the use of British fighters now held in the hands of the German liner Monmouthshire terminates her first visit to Portland at 6 o'clock this morning, when she is to get under way for Puget Sound, from whence she steams across the Pacific to Japan and south to Chinese ports and Manila on her way to the Orient.

WHEAT FOR FEED SALVING

Barges Being Loaded With Damaged Grain at Scenes of Dock Fires.

Not all wheat that fell into the river when the Oceanic and the Montgomery and Columbia docks burned is to be entirely lost, as the low stage of water is aiding in its recovery, though all wheat that salved at first before it was water-soaked no doubt will be marketable only as feed.

GERMAN VESSELS OVERHAULED

Dalbek and Kurt Being Placed in Shipshape While in River.

All time is not being lost aboard the Victoria dolphins, to remain until the European war ends, for her crew is taking advantage of the lay up to place the ship in the best of condition. The exterior of the hull above the load line has been repainted and the interior is being painted. Above deck all is being made spick and span. Some mariners say the vessel is better off here so far as overhauling goes than if she had been in German waters when the war began, as weather conditions are more favorable.

The German bark Kurt, which has been in the river since September 11,

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The drop had been expected by jobbers in view of the unsettled condition of the market in the East. It is believed to have been caused largely by the unloading of raws by speculators on account of the approach of the beet sugar season, and the consequent demand from England.

INSURANCE CIRCULARS HERE

American Government Prepared for War Risks and Vessel Policies.

Applications for war risk insurance to be shown by the United States Government must be made to Collectors of Customs and submitted by them to the bureau of war risk insurance, at Washington, the text of the application being forwarded by telegraph. In turn the rate for acceptance will be announced by telegraph. Vessels flying the flag of the United States may be insured for periods of 90 days on such policies which will only be issued at Washington.

W. G. McAdoe, Secretary of the Treasury, has issued a circular letter to be forwarded to Portland setting forth the general conditions for war risk insurance on vessels. It is supposed also on blanks for handling such being also on the way. Applicants for war risks must set forth about when a vessel carrying their cargo is to sail, the amount to be insured and other details.

Bark, Late, Unaware of War.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 23.—The French bark Notre Dame d'Arvor, 166 days from Newcastle on Tyne, with general cargo for Seattle, arrived today at the wharf. The vessel was under charter to the Japanese cruiser Idzumo scuttled her, but Captain Ordroneau thought nothing of that. Not until his arrival at Port Townsend did he learn of the outbreak of the war in Europe. One member of the crew was lost overboard and two died during the voyage.

Adriatic Coming With 1800.

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Marine Notes.

Port of Portland Commissioners will meet Monday to consider a proposal to lease the dredge, Williamson or Columbia to be operated at Astoria in connection with the construction of the new wharf. The dredge will be used to make a fill behind it. A meeting of the commission was held yesterday but the matter was not settled.

To Be Lined Preparatory to Loading

The British steamer Queen Adelaide was berthed at Clark & Wilson's wharf today. The vessel is to be lined preparatory to loading wheat. The steamer is to be loaded with wheat for the Pacific coast. The vessel is to be loaded with wheat for the Pacific coast.

WHEAT GOES TO SOUTH AMERICA

Five Hundred Tons Will Be Dispatched on Steamer Mexico City.

The country wheat markets were firm again yesterday and a considerable amount of buying was reported to have been done. The wheat market was active in the interior and the works is said to have reached large proportions.

Fresh Eastern Eggs are Being Offered Freely in the Local Market at 25¢ per Dozen

The fall lay in the East is unusually heavy this year and the cheapness of fresh eggs makes it unprofitable to bring in Eastern storage. Speculators in Oregon storage eggs are realizing on their holdings to a greater extent than in former years and this also tends to prevent the market from advancing as usual at this time of year.

News From Oregon Ports.

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 22.—(Special)—The steamer Jim Butler sailed today for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber from Knappton and Prescott. The steamer San Ramon arrived at night from San Francisco with general cargo.

GRAPE MARKET IN GOOD CONDITION

Receipts of Concord's Will Increase From Now On.

No shipments of California grapes came in yesterday. A mixed car of Cornishons and Concord's appeared in the market today. Tokays are cleaning up, and other kinds were in small supply. Local Concord's were lower at 10¢ per bushel. Receipts were lower from now on should increase rapidly.

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Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Table with columns: City, Clearings, Balance, Total. Includes Portland, Seattle, Tacoma.

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