

BOULE SEPTERAIN

Conditions Affecting Travels of Message Studied.

DETOUR IS ONE THEORY

Flask Sent Forth From Beaver Is Picked Up at Crescent City and Forwarded to Hydrographic Office at San Francisco.

Containing a record of the position of the steamer Beaver, a bottle which was thrown overboard August 17, 17 1/2 miles to the northward of Northwest Seal Rock, made a detour to reach the beach at Crescent City is the belief of First Officer Clyde F. Parker, now on the steamer Bear, who has recovered the bottle through Joseph E. Stanley, of Crescent City, who found it there August 20.

The bottle in the title has been made the subject of official correspondence between Mr. Parker and G. L. Blair, general manager of the "Big Three" line as it is to be known by the Hydrographic Office. The record in the bottle was as follows:

"From S. S. Beaver August 6, 1915, latitude 42° 09' north, longitude 124° 42' west. Weather clear; sky light; fog, light southerly wind; smooth sea."

The bottle was forwarded to San Francisco and in his official report on being notified of its recovery, Mr. Parker wrote:

"Herewith bottle record from S. S. Beaver, August 6, 1915, latitude 42° 09' north, longitude 124° 42' west, by north one-eighth north from Northwest Seal Rock light and 2 1/2 miles on the same course from Crescent City and the course lays over St. George's Bank, the numerous rocks in that vicinity."

"If I remember correctly we experienced a southerly current on that voyage and in his official report on being notified of its recovery, Mr. Parker wrote:

"A complete check is now to be made as to weather conditions prevalent along that part of the coast during the period the bottle is known to have been afloat, in order to ascertain just what influences were probably a factor to shape the course of the 'bottle,' the trip of which has proved interesting to mariners along the coast."

The Bear drives from the south Friday. The Rose City, now here, is being given an overhaul on the promenade deck, all of other light lifeboats and other gear carried there being scrubbed and repainted. Captain Rankin says it is only the customary 'day's work' mapped out while in port, when certain sections are gone over to keep everything shipshape.

It is hinted that because Governor Alexander, of Idaho, and other dignitaries of that state are to embark on the "popular" ship Friday, an extra touch is being given with paint. At that the "Rose" crew is known for its "esprit de corps" and always seeks to make the best showing.

CUSTOM CHANGE SIMMERING Collector Burke to Look Into Extending District While East.

Collector of Customs Burke, who is to be at Washington, D. C., October 4, to be at the end of the district, is daily expecting information bearing on the report and recommendation of an efficiency board of which he is a member. Burke took up the matter of embracing the north bank of the Columbia River in the Oregon customs district.

The board of customs, which is now in session, in addition to going over the situation while here and learning of the general sentiment along the Washington shore to be brought into the Oregon zone, is also looking for deepwater shipping in entering and clearing vessels, went into the subject of their arrival procedure and it is presumed that they gained a comprehensive idea of the question. Naturally, it is supposed there will be opposition from Puget Sound circles, but those in favor of the change here argue that it is not a question of swelling the revenues of either district but to facilitate commerce, especially in those days when such high freight rates prevail and a day's delay to a steamer means a big loss.

In the event no news is forwarded from Washington, Burke's departure, Collector Burke proposes to delve into the case while in the East to feel sure that the change in the department will appreciate the advantage to be gained through vesting the control of both sides of the river in the district most accessible.

THREE INVESTIGATIONS UP Steamboat Inspectors to Hold Investigations on Recent Accidents.

Three cases are on the docket before United States Steamboat Inspectors Edwards and Fuller this week, the first being set for today and involves a collision between the tug S. J. Thomas and the gasoline launch Cammie Flyer, which occurred near Lady Island September 10. The launch was towing a barge on which were a number of Sunday school picnic party and O. Durfin, a passenger, was drowned when the impact threw him into the water. The inspectors are to hold an investigation first and if charges are preferred will follow.

Harry Olson, operating the launch Beaver on the Portland-Linton run, is to be before the inspectors tomorrow in connection with the overturning of a canoe off the middle channel instead of 4:15 o'clock the afternoon of September 7, it being alleged that assistance was not rendered by the Beaver, which is said to have been passing at the time. The case of Captain W. E. Warren, of the Port of Portland steamer Pronto, small boat which was overturned at 6 o'clock the night of September 15 near Caples, on the Columbia, the Pronto having a barling with fuel in tow at the time, comes up Wednesday. The crew of the Pronto knew nothing of the matter until two weeks after the accident.

PARTIAL SURVEY ORDERED Engineers to Sound Along East Line of Dredged Channel Soon.

To ascertain what changes are taking place along the easterly line of the channel being dredged by the Chinook at the entrance to the Columbia River, particularly at the lower end of the channel, a partial survey of the latter September survey was made early in the month, a party of Government men will begin a partial survey the latter part of the week aboard the tug Geo. H. Mendell.

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NEW CHANNEL TO BE STARTED Two Dredges to Operate Six Months to Straighten Road.

Plans are under consideration for the dredger Multnomah and Waukaukum of the Federal fleet, to begin digging December 1 on what is to be known as the new Slaughter's channel and in six months it is hoped to have that through to a depth of 33 feet and width of 20 feet. It is intended after the 1916 freshet to increase the width to 400 feet.

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STUDENTS GO ON TURBINE With Many Travelers.

The steamship Great Northern, sailing from Flavel this afternoon is to carry almost a capacity list of travel. A court party of more than 100 persons, including many of the passing interest, and one which radiates merry spirit in every direction, is a crowd of students, directed by Mrs. Erika M. Rhodes, of Belmont College, Belmont, Wis. The students are on the way to see the exposition. They arrived yesterday morning from Yellowstone.

Among the Portland passengers going south today are W. L. Kapus, of the Portland Gas Company, and W. M. Crane, of New York City, of the Crane Company. The Great Northern brought nearly 400 passengers from the Golden Gate Sunday evening and the Northern Pacific took 451 south.

SUIT FOR LOST RAFT IS SET Damage Case at Astoria Goes to Trial October 18.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—An action of considerable interest in shipping circles was set for trial by the circuit court today when it will be heard before a jury on October 18. It is the case of the Hammond Lumber Company against the Shipowners & Merchants Turbott Company, of San Francisco, and was brought to recover \$71,249.90. The complaint recites that in 1911 the plaintiff made a contract with the defendant whereby the latter was to tow a raft of piling from the Columbia River to San Francisco for \$12500. On September 3 of that year the tug Dakota, owned by the defendant, was towed to Astoria, last night with seven cars of freight and will have considerable stowage on board when she arrives here tomorrow.

United States Steamboat Inspectors, also will be on duty at the time of the O. W. & N. water lines, are to tomorrow to inspect the steamer Lewiston and Spokane.

On the departure of the gasoline schooner Pihlakook from Oregon Coast ports tonight she will be carrying cargo and considerable freight will be left for the tug Dakota, which has been placed on a freight run temporarily until the tug Dakota is cleared away. The steamer left for Astoria last night with seven cars of freight and will have considerable stowage on board when she arrives here tomorrow.

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News From Oregon Ports. ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—After discharging freight at Astoria and Portland, the steam schooner Temples E. Dorr sailed for Grays Harbor and the steam schooner Shoehorn sailed for Aberdeen. Both are to load lumber.

The steam schooner Johan Poulsen that has been loading lumber at the Astoria

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PORTLAND CHAPTER, No. 97. O. E. S.—Stated communication.

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