

RESTORED HULL BUILT IN 61 DAYS

World Record for 8800-Ton Vessel Now Held by Portland. Seattle Time Cut 3 Days.

LAUNCHING IS SUCCESSFUL

Loyalty and Patriotism of Every Man Working in Columbia River Plant Responsible, Says General Manager McKinlay.

PORTLAND HOLDS WORLD'S RECORD FOR SPEEDY CONSTRUCTION OF 8800-TON STEEL HULL. Vessel—United States steamer Westgrove. Owner—United States Shipping Board. Builder—Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation.

Launched in 61 days' time a sign displayed on the stem of the steel freighter Westgrove when she slid into the water at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

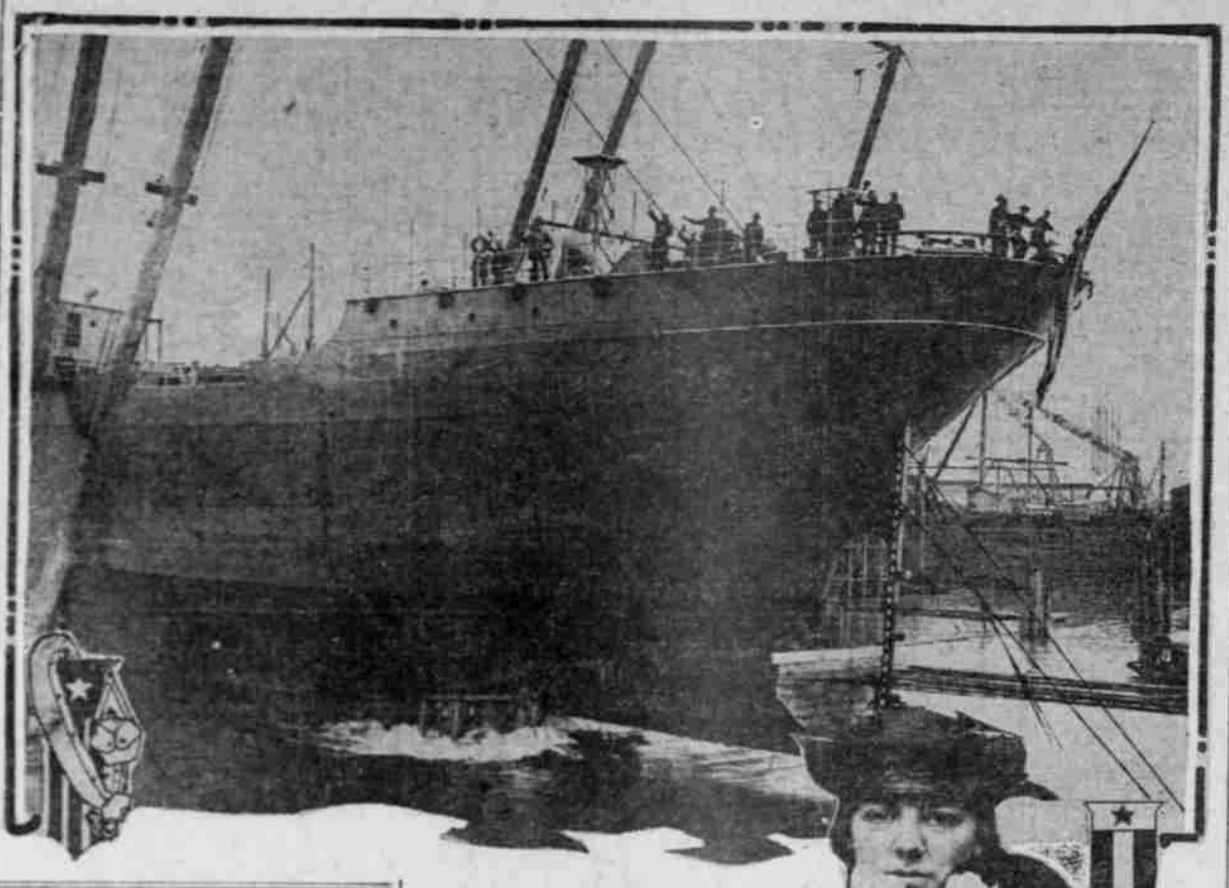
It is a world's record in steel ship construction. The best previous time was 64 days, held by the Skinner & Eddy force, at Seattle.

Another Record Sought. The Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, builder of the Westgrove, has set out to capture the prize for a complete ship in 61 days.

Portland and Oregon have led in drive of the past. They have led in mobilization and Army draft features.

As with previous launchings there, the "triggers" were pulled on schedule, 4:15 o'clock witnessing the first move of the big, gray hull and the initial momentum was barely apparent when Miss Fuller broke the ribbon-entwined bottle of champagne against the bow, uttering the words:

COLUMBIA RIVER SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION COMPLETES HULL OF STEEL FREIGHTER OF 8800 TONS IN RECORD TIME.



They stood in the rain, minus the protecting umbrellas. Among them were notified General and Mrs. Charles F. Beebe, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schindler, Mrs. Charles Smith, mother of Alfred P. Smith, president of the corporation, Mrs. George J. P. Smith and ex-Senator Joseph Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Victor Johnson, Major James Potts, William Wells Gilbert, Mrs. Clarence Hubanks, Mrs. Ralph Hurlburt, Miss Harriet Kern, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Howies and daughter, Marion Howies.

Among complimentary messages received was one from Skinner & Eddy, who must, for the present, bow to the Portland plant, but it is said a deft has been issued and more record-breaking is anticipated.

Fastening the 2800 plates on the hull together, 400 rivets were used and was employed, two thirds being on duty and the most at any time in the gang.

Westgrove Fifth Hull Launched. Now labor is being carried on nights as well as days in hurrying the machinery and fittings, speedy work being done particularly on furnace fronts.

Harbormaster Made Port Captain to Hurry War Plans. Harbormaster Speler, who was last week appointed port captain in connection with work of the operating division of the United States Shipping Board, was yesterday granted a leave of absence from the city service for the period of the war.

15 ARE EMERGENCY FLEET MEN. Linn County Board Finishes Classification of Registrants. ALBANY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—Forty-five draft registrants in Linn County were classified as Emergency Fleet Men, as they are engaged in shipbuilding.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes. ASTORIA, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—A bill of sale filed in the Customs House to the steamer No. 11, Elmore, to the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, and the vessel is to be taken to Seattle on Wednesday.

GRAND RULES ARE RECEIVED HERE

Opening Dates for Settlement Are Between April 29 and May 25.

TRACTS ARRANGED BY UNIT

In Case of More Than One Applicant for Land, Decision Will Be Made by Drawing Lots—Fees of Entrymen \$5 and \$10.

Regulations governing filings on 269,000 acres of land, embraced in the Oregon and California land grant, which will be thrown open to settlement between April 29 and May 25, have been received by Harry E. Laughlin, chief of the field division of the general land office.

The exact description of the lands will not be known until the selections have been made by the Secretary of the Interior. This is merely a formal matter and will be announced from Washington within a few days.

Notice to Mariners. Information has been received from the master of steamer that March 24, at 3:30 P. M., he sighted, one-half mile north-west of Oxford Reef and one-half mile south-west of Point San Luis, a small, dark, rocky islet.

Notice to Mariners. The following affects aids to navigation in the 13th light-house district: On March 27, 1918, the light vessel No. 92, reported as having been replaced on station March 27.

THE WEATHER. PORTLAND, March 27.—Maximum temperature, 54 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees; wind, light breeze; rain, 0.4 inch. Total rainfall since September 1, 1917, 25.39 inches; normal for this date, 26.12 inches.

Bill Brook Launched. Stately and serene, as though exercising her prerogative as to when she would take a dip, the hull of the 4900-ton wooden steamer Bell Brook went down the ways at the Peninsula Shipbuilding Company's plant at 2:59 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

TICKETS NOW SELLING HEILIG Broadway at Taylor, Main 1 and A 1122 Boston English Opera Co.

"BOHEMIAN GIRL" Tomorrow Night—"MARTHA." Sat. Night—"IL TROVATORE." Excellent Cast, Chorus, Orchestra.

BAKER ALCAZAR TONIGHT, All Week—Mat. Sat. "THE SILENT WITNESS." A Sensational Hit.

Supreme PHONES HOME ASSUMES SUPERIOR VALUE. GEORGE DANEREL, assisted by Myrtle Vail, Edward Hume and splendid cast in the musical comedy, "The Little Girl."

NOTE! NO SHOW WED. NIGHT. PANTAGES MAT. DAILY 2:30. THE LOWANDES, America's Sensational Topsy-Turvy Extravaganza.

LYRIC MUSICAL STOCK. All this week—a rare record-breaker of comediana, girl, and music. "EASY MONEY."

IPPEDROME Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Vaudeville "A Night in Old Egypt" 7—Superior Acts—7

Baby Marie Osborne in "THE LITTLE PRINCE" 10c—Weekday Mats.—10c

Last Number PORTLAND LYCEUM COURSE Zoellner String Quartet of Brussels, Belgium.

Auditorium Saturday Night, March 30th. 55c—85c. Sent Sale Sherman, Clay & Co. Friday and Saturday.

DANCING Extra Special—Grand Ball at DEHONEY'S Beautiful Academy, 230 and Washington, Saturday Eve., March 30. Best music, refreshments, and entertainment.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. One line... For line... Same ad two consecutive times... Same ad three consecutive times...

WOODEN 4000-TONNER DIPS AT PENINSULA PLANT. "Freezing" of Grease on Ways Delayed. Launching—Miss Elizabeth Kerr, Christmas New Steamer.

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AUCTION SALES TODAY. At the Baker Auction House, Yamhill and West Park streets. Furniture, etc., at 10 A. M.

MEETING NOTICES. R. P. O. ELKS No. 142—Regular meeting this (Thursday) evening, 8:15 o'clock. Regular meeting this (Thursday) evening, 8:15 o'clock.

THE ANNUAL CEREMONY OF EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHTS (closing of the Chapter), will be held at our cathedral this (Thursday) evening, 8:15 o'clock.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 18, R. A. M.—Called in convocation this (Thursday) evening, 8:15 o'clock. Regular meeting this (Thursday) evening, 8:15 o'clock.

THE MACCABEES—PORTLAND TENT, No. 1, will give a social and regatta evening in their hall, 409 Alder street, every member invited to be present and bring a friend. Good eats, good smokes and a good time.

FUNERAL NOTICES. WEBER—Mrs. Olive M. Weber, aged 71 years, March 26, Bellevue, Wash. D. C. Buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Immaculate Heart, Seattle, Wash., D. C., on March 27, at 1:30 P. M.

JOHNSON—In this city, March 26, Anna M. Johnson, 405 East Twelfth street North, at 10 A. M. Buried in the cemetery of the Church of the Immaculate Heart, Seattle, Wash., D. C., on March 27, at 1:30 P. M.

ANDERSON—In this city, March 27, Anna Ruth Anderson, age 39 years, beloved wife of I. W. G. Goldie D. Ernest R. and Wada Pearl Anderson, all of this city. Services will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 2 P. M. at the residential parlors of Miller & Tracey, Interment Multnomah Park Cemetery, Friends invited.

FLORIN—The funeral services of Carl Walter Florin, of 815 E. 9th st., N. W., will be conducted tomorrow (Friday), March 29, at 10 A. M. at the residence of the family, 1111 Kerwood st., N. W. Interment Rose City Cemetery, Friends invited.

EMERY—At Oregon City, Or., March 27, Quentin J. Emery, aged 6 months, 4 days, infant son of Mrs. M. J. Emery. The funeral services will be held today (Thursday), March 28, at 10 A. M. at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery at 5th, Portland, Ore. Interment at Multnomah Cemetery.

CLAY—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Clay, of 28 E. 2nd st., will be held today (Thursday), March 28, at 10 A. M. at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery at 5th, Portland, Ore. Interment at Multnomah Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

LE CLAIRE—At Oswego, Or., March 26, infant son of Mrs. M. J. LeClaire. The remains were forwarded to the residence of Mrs. J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery at 5th, Portland, Ore. on March 27, by J. P. Finley & Son, Oswego, Wash., where services will be held and interment.

WATTS—The funeral services of the late Miss Etta Watts, of 28 E. 2nd st., will be held today (Thursday), March 28, at 10 A. M. at the residence of Mrs. J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery at 5th, Portland, Ore. Interment at Multnomah Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

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