SHIPS BATTER WAY THROUGH ICE PACK Coolings against the Nishmaha in the amount of \$12,000, NAVIGATION SCOPE EXTENDS

Coast Guard Gutter Leads Two Others Up River.

CHANNEL FAIRLY CLEAR

Rose City and Curacao Get In After Following Path Cut by Algonquin in Ice.

Led by the coast guard cutter Algonquin, the passenger steamers Ross City and Curacao, which left up from Astoria Tuesday moraing, smashed their way through the los blockade of the Columbia river yesteriay and reached their docks in Portland short-ly after noon. The Algonquin is rest-ting from her efforts at the North Bank dock and will so down the river Bank dock and will go down the river

again today. Three oll tankers and a steel freighter started down the river from Portland yesterday, but were not ex-pented to reach Astoria before to-night. They are the tankers Oteum. J. A. Chanslor and Washtenaw and the steamer Centaurus of the Green

the control of the first who maneu-vered the two passenger ships through the ice, the trips up the river would have been impossible without the Algonquin in the lead to break the ice Although little ice remains in the Willamette except near its mouth, they say, the Columbia was mouth, they say, the Columbia was frozen over as solidly as ever, with a sheet of smooth ice from 4 to 6 inches in thickness covering the entire surface of the river from Goble to the mouth of the Willamette.

The orly open water, they said, is the cut made by the Algonquin and the ships which followed her up yes-

the cut made by the Algonquin and the ships which followed her up yesterday, and this break in the ice is little broader than the width of a ship. The Algonaula cut a narrow furrow through the ice, throwing it to each side. This breach was widened by the Rose City as she pushed through, and the Curacao, following behind the part of the control of the control of the control of the cut and the Curacao, following behind the control of the control of the control of the cut and the cut Rose City, had only floating ice to

Paint on Ice Marks Path.

Captain Fred Tibbetts, master of the Curacao, remarked facetiously on the completion of the voyage that although all the aids to navigation have been extinguished, the channel can be followed easily by the red paint rubbed off the sides of the ships that have passed through the ice-bergs.

river pilots as the savior of navigation in the river. Though unfamiliar with the stream and unaccompanied by a pilot, Captain Stromberg, going only by his charts and soundings, broke a channel through the ice in the place where the channel helongs. This feat alone is heralded by the pilots are a notable achievement.

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In addition to his services as a trail-breaker, Captain Stromberg also within the past few days has rescued the steamer Nishmaha when she was belpless at sea because of a machinery breakdown, and cut out of the ice the steamers Manham and Brookwood, and the oil tanker Will-iam F Herrin which were frozen fast in the ice and could not have escaped without his assistance.

Link Trouble Now Expected. gating the river, unless another freeze occurs. Enough vessels are passing up and down, they believe, to keep the channel clear of ice.

With the barometer steadily rising

last night, however, weather prophets of the waterfront last night were predicting a second cold spell, though their fears found no confirmation in the forecast of the weather bureau. Portland harbor yesterday was practically clear of ice in the west channel around Boss island and as far town as municipal dock No. 1. East of the island, however, and below the Fifteenth-street terminal the ice was still floating in a fairly solid formation. The obstruction was of no consequence to steel vessels, but was declared still unsafe for wooden

UNSINKABLE SHIP DESIGNED

John Duthie Makes Many Claims for New Type Vessel.

That he has designed a ship along 20 per cent more economical of op-eration and about 500 per cent safer because it is unsinkable, is the claim of John Duthie of 648 Belmont street,

a retired snipbuilder.

Mr. Duthie claims for a steel vessel of his design that 200 feet of plates can be torn from either or both sides without causing the vessel to sink or lose her trim, and that 300 feet of bottom can be torn out without allowing the vessel to settle more than five feet in the water. He is now endsavoring to secure a patent on his design.

JAPANESE RATES DECREASE

Added Shipping Facilities Send Cargo Charges Bown.

The Manham, which came here to load because no cargo was available on Puget stone of Seattle's prize silps. It is reported by representatives of her building company, that she left her home port for Portland just five days after she was launched.

The steam schooner Tiverton, now at Astoria, is scheduled to come up the river to Westport today. She will be tae only wooden vessel operating in the river. The obstructing lee is all above Westport.

The steamer Diable shifted yearerday from the Pacific Coast Coal company a dock, where she took dunnage lumber, to the Portland Flouring mills to start loading. can be torn from either or both sides without causing the vessel to sink or lose her trim, and that 200 feet

TOKIO, Nov. 36.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Cargo rates for North American ports have fallen owing to increased shipping facilities. Shipbuilders or charterers of the new steamers built for the United States shipping board are said to be having difficulty in obtaining sufficient cargo. The tendency of shippers is to defer shipments in anticipation of further declines in rates.

The run to India continues active, due to increased exports of matches. due to increased exports of matches coment and other cargoes.

Collision Inquiry On Today.

A hearing to determine the re-sponsibility for the collision of the steel steamer Nishmaha with the cannery ship Reuce at the Standard Oil dock at Astoria November 29 will

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> THEN A MERRY XMAS

National Board to Embrace Pacific Coast Interests.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 17 .- (Speial.)-Due to the efforts of W. T. Ised, representing the Northwestern Towboat Owners' association, the national board of steam navigation has agreed to extend its scope to the Paolfic coast, making all coast steamship interests, towing interests, lighterage interests and other maritime nterests eligible to membership. Thi

paves the way to bringing all these interests into one compact organization, the chief purpose of which is to obtain national legislation.

Mr. Isted arrived home Saturday.
With other delegates from the Northwestern Towboat Owners' association, he went to Washington, D. C., to discuss the organization of a national association of towboat interests. More than 100 representatives of towing interests attended.

Lumbermen yesterday gave a demonstration of the possibilities of concentrated effort in finding jobs for the

Cutter Breaks Way.

According to Captains MacGenn of the Rose City and Tibbetts of the Curacao and the pilots who maneuvered the two passenger ships through the lee, the trips up the river through the lee that the Company to carry lumber from the Company of Commerce; E. D. Kingsley of the Western Oregon Lumber company, chairman of the lumbermen's committee.

ST. HELENS, Dec. 17.—Passed down at 11:40 A. M., steamer J. A. Chanslor, for Gavious via Astoria; passed down at moon, steamer Washtenaw, for Port San Luis via Astoria.

and asking their presence at the meeting here Friday to take action. The lumbermen were asked to come prepared to say just the number of men that could be furnished work in each mill and logging camp.

CRISTOBAL, Dec. 17.—Saited—Steamers Belibrook, from Portland for United King-dom; J. R. Gurdon, from Portland for Sa-bine, Texas.

can be followed easily by the red paint rubbed off the sides of the ships that have passed through the icebergs.

Captain Stromberg commander of the Algonquin, in the absence of Captain Wiley, is halled by the Columbia river pilots as the savior of navigation.

Loading of the steamer Manham with flour for New York for orders was started yesterday morning at the Crown mills. The Manham, which came here to load

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FOUNDRY HAS NEW ORDER

Committee Outlines Plan for Providing Employment.

PLACES FOUND FOR 246

than 100 representatives of towing interests attended.

Instead of forming their own association, the delegates decided to affiliate with the National Board of Steam Navigation, Mr. Isted taking the leading part in this movement.

Lumbering Navigated gave a demonstration of the possibilities of concentrated effort in finding jobs for ex-service men. The local committee for the industry named at the conference held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, pursuant to the call of Mayor Baker, met at \$130 of the possibilities of concentration of the possibilities of concentrated effort in finding jobs for ex-service men. The local committee for the industry named at the conference held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, pursuant to the call of Mayor Baker, met at \$130 of the possibilities of concentrated effort in finding jobs for ex-service men. The local committee for the industry named at the conference held at the Chamber of Commerce held at the conference held at the Chamber of Commerce held at the Chamber Chartered Vessels Coming.

The British motorship Challambra, which has been chartered by Dant & Russell to carry lumber to Alexandria, Egypt, will leave Seattle in a day or two for Portland to load, it was announced yesterday by the charterers.

charterers.

The committee, composed of H. B.

Yan Duzer, president of the Chamber Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—Arrived at 12:30

P. M., Steamer Rose City, from San Francisco. Salled at S. A. M., Steamers Oleum, for San Francisco; J. A. Chansior for Gaviota; Washtenaw, for Port San Luis; at noon, steamer Centaurus, for South America via San Francisco.

Possels.

panies and secured pledges of immediate openings for 246 men. This concrete result of direct personal action on the constitution of the chamber at a called meeting yesterday afternoon, steamer Centaurus, for South America via San Francisco.

Telegram.

Through Secretary Allen of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, west Coast Lumbermen's association, telegrams were sent yesterday to all members in the Pacific northwest telling of the unemployment situation and asking their presence at the action. each mill and logging camp.

It was the conclusion of the committee that the situation is acute and that necessity for quick results makes t imperative that places for unem-loyed be found by personal work of cen in each industry, who will give

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The sedentary habits to which most girls and women were addicted before the war, with tight corsets, waistbands, and lack of exercise in the out-door air, brought about ntestinal sluggishness. If a girl's appearance is pallid and eyes dull, movements languid, perhaps to imples on a sallow skin, dark circles under eyes and fetid breath—she should be advised to keep her system clean. Don't allow ood to ferment in the intestines, hus giving the body a chance to

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