LOWER STEEL RATE

Savings to Aggregate \$17,-000 on 8800-Ton Vessel.

CO-OPERATION WINS FIGHT

News of Reduction From \$1.25 to \$1 a 100 Pounds Received From Several Sources.

reduction in transcontinental freight rates on shipbuilding steel plates from \$1.25 to \$1 per 100 pounds. which has been reported from several sources to have been decided upon by the United States railroad administration, is unanimously halled by the steel shipbuilders of this district as the greatest boon to shipbuilding on the Pacific coast that has ever

A saving of 25 cents on every 100 pounds of steel that goes into a vessel will aggregate a saving of \$17,000 m. the construction of the average \$800-ton steel vessel, manufactured n great numbers by the Northwest Steel & Columbia River shipbuilding companies, it is estimated by C. L. Whitney, traffic manager of the Coumbia River Shipbuilding corpora-ion. A correspondingly greater saving will be effected in the contruction of the larger vessels of the ype being built by the G. M. Standi-er Construction corporation.

The reduction is the outcome of a fight waged by all the builders of steel ships on this coast, who com-bined to form the Pacific Coast Shipbuilders' Traffic association. This association, supported by contribu-tions from all the steel yards, including the three at Portland, sent a delegation to Washington to urge a reduction in the freight rate.

The reduction granted by the rail-road administration is not all that was asked, but it is accepted by the shipbuilders as a great benefit nevertheless. The demand of the shipbuildwas for a rate of 90 cents per 0 pounds. News of the action of the railroad

dministration in granting the reducin has been received privately from several sources and an official an-nouncement is expected from Wash-ington in a few days. A personal telegram confirming the report was re-ceived yesterday by George Thomas, traffic manager for the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation, from a member of the traffic association's ielegation in Washington. A similar essage is reported to have been re-lived by the San Francisco chamber commerce from Max Thelen, director of public service of the railroad dministration. Senator Phelan of California, was

also quoted recently in a Washing-ton dispatch to The Oregonian, to the effect that the reduction had been apoved and would be announced soon

\$500,000 DAMAGES ASKED

DELAY IN INSTALLING MOTOR-SHIP ENGINES ALLEGED.

Alaska-Pacific Navigation Company Files Suit Against Philadel-

on a trip from this port to Cardiff with a cargo of ties, has arrived at Antwerp. The Blue Eagle sailed from Cardiff to Brest, and thence to Antwerp. She is a wooden steamer, built by the George F. Rodgers company at Astoria.

Tides at Astoria Friday. .8.4 feet | 3:24 A. M. . . 3.8 feet 6.5 feet | 4:36 P. M. . . 1.0 feet

100% PEP!

If Constipated, Bilious or Headachy, take "Cascarets."

sick, billous, headachy, constipated. Remove the liver and bowel poison which is keeping your head dizzy, your tongue coated, your breath bad and stomach sour. Why not spend a few cents for a box of Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest laxatives—

terest until the final scene, and that is in the nature of a surprise. The story starts with an attempted murder and the escape of the criminal, with the attempt to catch him and bring him to justice.

Lorin Raker, a pocket-size gentle-





-Seene from the Emile Chautard production, "The Mystery of the Yellow Room," which will open tomorrow at the Star theater. 2—Seene from

Zane Grey's "Desert Gold," which will open tomorrow at the Sunset

lens with considerable effectiveness. Others in the cast who deserve spe-

It is a mystery photoplay of absorbing interest that the Star is offering in "The Mystery of the Yellow Room," which will open tomorrow. Gaston Leroux's story has been given the benefit of Emil Chautard's skillful direction, and the players, several of them strangers to at least one reviewer, contribute without exception quite noteworthy character-

It is rather odd to see the word "characterization" used in describing the acting of a detective story on the screen; it appears to be the almost screen; it appears to be the almost invariable rule of film players to let such stories tell themselves. But there is none of the "let's get this over as quickly as possible" attitude discernible in the cast of "The Mystery of the Yellow Room." The story, too is considerably above the scentoo, is considerably above the ecen-ario of the average mystery photo-

To give a detailed description of the plot would be betraying the pur-pose of Mr. Chautard, for he has suc-ceeded in holding the spectator's in-terest until the final scene, and that

sonality that is caught by the camera

Three Stowaways From Honolulu Will Be Turned Over to Immigration Officers.

The United States army transport Marica, delayed many hours by heavy fog in the Columbia, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from Honolulu and berthed at the North Bank dock. The entire personnel of the Marica, including 79. and berthed at the North Bank dock.
The entire personnel of the Marica,
including 79 officers and men, consists of men who saw active service
during the war, as members of either

Fog in Columbia.

VETERANS COMPRISE CREW

port spent Wednesday hight at anchor off Columbia City, below St. Helens.

At noon yesterday the fog lifted somewhat and the Marica started feeling her way up the river arriving at the North Bank dock at 4:35 o'clock. The North Bank dock where the Marica is berthed, is loaded down with flour, which will be started aboard as soon as the dunnage, waiting in a barge, is stowed. The flour to be taken out by the transport will be the largest single cargo of this commodity ever loaded here.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE PLAN

W. R. Grace and Company Sailings

to Start in Spring.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Inauguration of a fortnightly passenger service of American flag steamers between New York and the west coast of South America was announced here today by W. R. Grace & Co., to become effective this spring. The steamers Santa Teresa and Santa Eliza, recently respectively. The Norwegian schooner Vancouver, afters with a cargo of piles loaded at Teresa and Santa Eliza, recently respectively. The Norwegian schooner Vancouver and Everett. From the South American port take will go to Norwegy. The Vancouver take will go to Norwegy. The Vancouver but will go around Cape Horn.

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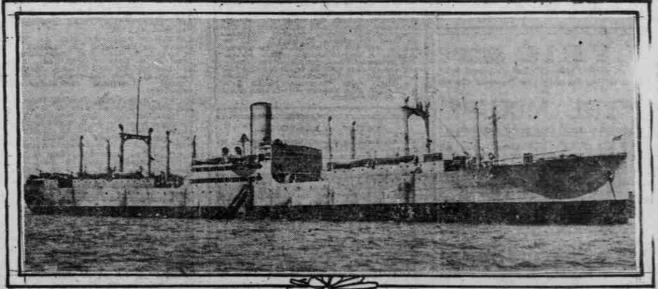
COOS BAY, Or. Jan. 15.—(Special)—The Johanna Smith arrived at San Francisco at 7:45 this morning.

ABERDEEN, Wash. Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The steamer Willamette arrived this morning at 10 o'clock from San Francisco and is loading at the West mill. The steamers Dalsy Gadaby and Lassen arrived at 10 o'clock from San Francisco and are loading at the Donovan mill. The dredge Michie, completing its season's bar deepening programme, is expected to clear today for Portland, where it will undergo repairs before returning to Coos Bay. The big craft is new in the lower harbor walling orders from the United States engineer at Seatle.

The tug Pilot, Polson Logging company's craft, is having a new boller installed this week. Transport Delayed by Heavy

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 15,-(Special.)-The ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 13,—(Special.)—The barge Isaac Reed, which arrived last night from San Francisco in tow of the tug Relief, dropped anchor in the lower harbor. She will remain there until the Relief, which salled at noon for San Francisco, returns with the barkentine Robert U. Hind. The Isaac Reed will then be towed to British Columbia to load coal. The steam schooner Claremont is due The steam schooner Claremont is du from San Pedro with general freight fo Portland.

UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT MARICA, WHICH ARRIVED IN PORTLAND HARBOR YESTERDAY FROM HONOLULU.



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Tacoma Metalworkers' Convention to Address Congress.

COOLIE IMPORTATION HIT

Move Is Begun to Organize Migratory Workers-San Francisco Strikers to Get Funds.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 15 .- Protest to congress against "the wholesale campaign of indiscriminate arrests and deportations for presumed vio-

ysserday afternoon from Honolius to load floor at and berthed at the North Bank dock. The entire personned of the Marciae of t since in the strike now in progress in San Francisco bay district unskilled non-union employes have gone back to the shippards while the skilled labor, according to the avance SALE IS POSTPONED union's spokesmen, are remaining

> Metal trades workers on the Paific coast are called upon to contrib ute to a strike benefit for San Fran cisco shippard strikers, by the terms of a resolution passed by the annual convention of the Pacific coast district metal trades council here today. San Franciscan Makes Appeal

The vote to give financial assistance to the San Francisco workers who have been out on strike since October I for an 8-cent an hour wage increase, was granted following an appeal from Frank C. Miller of San Francisco, who declared the men have their strike nearly won.

Today a movement was on foot to plant at Linnton. union on the Pacific coast to sub- LIFE BOATS PART OF CARGO scribe to the Metal Trades Worker, a weekly paper published in Portland. yet been transacted. The election of officers is expected to take place Monday.

Passengers on ex-Portland Steam-

er Have Exciting Experience. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 15.—Flames formerly the Grant Smith-Porte which broke out on the Puget sound shipyard. steamer Bailey Gatzert, half an hour The Admiral Goodrich, which re-after the boat had left Seattle for placed the Curacao on the coastwise Bremerton, Wash., late today, were run and took over the Curacao's com-

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

reported.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 15.—Maximum temperature. 44 degrees; minimum temperature. 34 degrees. River reading. 8 A. M., 0.7-foot; change in last 24 hours. 0.4-foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), trace; total rainfall since September 1, 1919, 17 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 1919, 18 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1919, 5.63 inches. Sunrise, 7:49 A. M.; sunset, 4:52 P. M.; total sunshine, 4 hours 26 minutes; possible sunshine, 9 hours 2 minutes; possible sunshine, 9 hours 2 minutes Moonrise, 3:07 A. M.; moonset, 12:32 P. M., Barometer (reduced sea level), 5 P. M., 30.28 inches. Relative humidity; 5 A. M., 94 per cent; noon, 86 per cent. THE WEATHER. THE WEATHER.

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COLUMBIA-PACIFIC SHIPPING CO.

European Pacific Line

From PORTLAND, OREGON

ROTTERDAM, LONDON AND LIVERPOOL S. S. "WEST CAYOTE" (100 A1) Salls From Municipal Dock No. 1 About January 30, 1920,

HAVRE, HAMBURG AND LIVERPOOL S. S. "CANSUMSET" (100 A1) Sails From Portland, Oregon, About Middle of February

One Port United Kingdom and Two Continental Ports (as inducement offers), S. S. "EELBECK" (100 A1)

Sails From Portland, Oregon, Early March. For Full Particulars Relative to Rates and Reservations Apply

COLUMBIA-PACIFIC SHIPPING CO. Board of Trade Building, Portland, Oregon,

board had authorized the statement 733

Underwriters Ask More Time to Examine Motor Ship.

The sale of the motor ship Avance scheduled to have been held yesterday morning in the office of C. M. Miall, receiver for her builders, the Columbia Engineering Works, was

The Avance, built for Norwegian in-Francisco, who declared the men have their strike nearly won.

Miller told the convention that less than 1 per cent of skilled workers have returned to work in San Francisco, and that Mexicans and negroes predominate among the 10.040 men the pickets counted coming out of the yards one night recently.

Today a movement was on foct to be received and form their companions of the columbia Engineering Works.

Today a movement was on foct to be really be the followed, was damaged by a fire which broke out aboard Steamer Justin for Shanghai. Steamer President, from Vancouver, B. Cor. H. B. Lovejoy, from San Pedro: Northwestern Alaska, Departed—Steamers Principles Columbia Engineering Works. Justin for Shanghai. terests, but never delivered, was dam

Comparatively little business has Consignment for San Francisco Is Taken by Admiral Goodrich.

Part of the general cargo carried BAILEY GATZERT HAS FIRE hy the steamer Admiral Goodrich. when she left down from Portland last night for San Francisco, was a deckload of lifeboats, purchased by San Francisco interests from the emergency fleet corporation, and picked up by the Goodrich at the sup-

The Admiral Goodrich, which reput out and a panic among the 400 passengers on board averted by quick action on the part of officers and crew.

The damage was nominal, it was schooner Admiral Mayo, which is schooner Admiral A loading for Australia.

COPRA IS SPREAD ON DOCK

Disposition of Salvaged Palmolive Material Not Determined. Copra, salvaged from the fire in the plant of the Palmolive company, has 6

been spread on the floor of municipal dock No. I to dry.

The disposition of this copra has not yet been determined. If the Palm- 192 olive company decides to rebuild its plant here, the copra will probably be stored until the new plant is com-pleted. Otherwise it will be shipped away as soon as it is dry enough to keep. C. A. Painton, Portland man-ager of the company, is now in the east conferring with heads of company in regard to whether the plant shall be rebuilt in Portland of moved to some other city on the Pa cific coast.

Steamer Sails With Flour.

After loading a full cargo of flou in five days without working over-time, the steamer West Hassayampa, operated by the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company, left down last night for New York. Because of the heavy fog in the river, she is expected not to reach Astoria before tonight. The West Hassayampa was the last 8800-ton steel vessel to be built here for the emergency fleet corporation.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports.

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(All positions reported at 8 P. M. yesterday unless otherwise indicated.)

CAPT. A. F. LUCAS, Richmond for Cordova, 425 miles from Richmond,

MOFFETT. San Francisco for Seattle,
495 miles from Seattle.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT, Seattle for San Prancisco, 157 miles from San Francisco,

CATHERINE, Seattle for San Francisco,

CATHERINE, Seattle for San Pedere for Portland, 235 miles north of San Prancisco.

ATLAS, towing barge 33, San Pedere for Portland, 235 miles north of San Francisco.

BALLIETTA, 288 miles north of San Francisco.

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BHYLLIS, San Francisco for Seattle, 230 miles north of San Francisco.

PHYLLIS, San Francisco for Seattle, 230 miles north of San Francisco.

YOSEMITE, 30 miles from Port Gamble, southbound.

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WEST HARTS, San Prancisco for Toke-ama, 686 miles from San Francisco: WEST HARTS, can ama, 686 miles from San Francisco M., January 14. DERBY LINE, San Francisco dia, 513 miles west of San Francisco M. January M. ANIWA, Honolulu for Portland, 1496

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LA BREA, Port San Luis Obimo for Honolulu, 225 miles from Henolulu, 26 miles from Henolulu.
QUEEN, San Francisco for Wilmington.
63 miles south of San Francisco.
EL SEGUNDO, Richmond for Point Wells, 56 miles north of Richmond.
PROVIDENCIA, Grays Harbor for San Prancisco.
W. S. PORTER, Portland for Gavicia,
755 miles from Portland.
ADMIRAL SCHLEN, San Francisco for Scattle, 63 miles north of San Francisco.
LANSING, Port San Luis for Portland,
25 miles from Portland.
P. H. BUCK, Gaviota for Linnton, 152
miles from Gaviota.
ARGYLIC, Port San Luis for Tacoma,
760 miles from Tacoma.
SACHEM, Hencelulu for San Francisco,
DILWORTH, Point Richmond for Scattle, 15 miles off Point Reyes.

Movements of Vessels.

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—Arrived at 4:35 P. M., steamer Marcia, from Honolulu, Arrival of steamer Claremont from San Pedro indefinite aurount for. Sailed at 10:30 A. M., steamer Taboe, for San Pedro via 5L Holens; at 2 P. M., steamer Rose City, for San Francisco: at 9 P. M., steamer Admiral Goodrich, for San Francisco via Enreka and Coos Bay; at 9 P. M., steamer West Hassayampa, for New York, for orders. orders.

ASTORIA, Jan. 15.—Arrived at 7:30 and rom San Pedro,

ASTORIA, Jan. 14.—Arrived at 6 P. M. barge Isaac Reed, in tow tug Relief, from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—Salled at 3 P. M., Brilish steamer Crown of Castile, for Portland. TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 15.—Arrived— Steamers Santa Alicia from Antofamastat Northwestern, from Alaska. Salled— Steamer Justin for Shanghai.

lumbia ports; Lyman Stewart, for Port

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Arrived—Steamers Lurline, from Honolulu; Banden, from Hueneme; Helnan Maru, from New Yorfk and Balboa; Coos Bay, from Coos Bay, Departed—Steamers Ellizabeth, for Bandon, East Wind, for New York; Admiral Schley, for Scattle; Crown of Castile, for Glasgow,

NORPOLK, Jan. 15.—Arrived.—Montageny, from Vancouver (sailed for Queens-town). CALLAO, Jan. 13 .- Arrived -- Centaurus,

Notice to Mariners.

The master of the American steamer, Jefferson reports, under date of January 14, 1920, at 2:30 P. M., big boom of logs adrift and scattered between Point-Ne-Point and Apple Tree point, Puget Sound, Dangerous to navigation.

GEORGE E. GRANDY, Navigation of the Company of the C Nautical Expert, Navy Hydrographic

The following affects the aids to navigation in the 17th lighthouse district:
Oregon—Yaquina river, beacon 6, reported carried away January 8, 1920, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Washington—Willana bay, Bay Center cutoff channel, beacon 6, carried away about December 30, 1919, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

Juan de Fuca strait—Point Wilson huoy 6, heretofore reported missing was replaced January 11, 1920,
Lake Washington canal, Shileshole bay buoy 1, reported out of position January 13, was repaced in position on January 13, 1920.

BONEEPT WARPACK

ROBERT WARRACK, Superintendent of Lighthouses.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

JEAMSHIP JEADMIRALLINE S. S. "CITY OF TOPEKA"

Salls from Portland at 9 P. M. January 22 for North Bend, Marshfield Eureka and San Francisco, connecting with steamers to Los Angeles and Sar

Round Trip Excursion Fares
Between San Francisco and San Diego
account Tia Juana race track meeting
January 19 to February 14, San Francisco to San Diego and return, \$30. TICKET OFFICE, 101 Third Street, Freight Office, Municipal Dock No. 2, Phone Main 8281, Pacific Steamship Company.

Change in Salling SAN FRANCISCO S. S. Rose City Depart-12 Noon

FRIDAY, JAN. 23 From Ainsworth Dock Fare includes Berth and Meals. YORESITES, 30 miles from Port Gamble, southbound.

WEST HESSELTINE, Seattle for New York, off Dungeness.

ASUNCION, San Pedro for Richmond, 120 miles south of Richmond, GOVERNOR, Wilmington for San Francisco, 13 miles north of Wilmington.

XENIA, San Francisco for Hamburg, 200 miles from San Francisco for Hamburg, 200 miles from San Francisco for Seattle, 180 miles from Seattle, 50 miles from Seattle, 180 miles