

IMPROVED HARBOR CONDITIONS URGED

North Portland Declares for Better Facilities.

WIDER CHANNEL ASKED

Organization Takes Attitude That Port of Portland Should Finance Work on Waterway.

In a statement issued yesterday in reply to recommendations of a committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the North Portland industries organization, through Percy Allen, chairman, it is declared that the need for an adequate harbor of sufficient depth and width to enable expansion in business there is absolutely necessary and it is the policy of the Port of Portland is the agency through which this should be provided.

SCOUT CRUISER IS LAUNCHED

First Vessel of Her Type Since 1907 Takes to Water.

TACOMA, Dec. 14.—The scout cruiser Omaha, whose 505,000 horsepower engines were expected to carry her through the straits at a speed of 28 knots, was launched here this morning.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Admiral Watson, sailing tomorrow for San Francisco, has been withdrawn from the Alaska route and will operate in the California service in the place of the Governor, which is having her machinery overhauled.

TWO STEEL TANKERS TO HIT WATER TODAY

Swiftsure to Be Launched at 4:15 P. M.

PUBLIC IS INVITED

W. H. Libby Leaves Ways at 12:30 This Afternoon—Last of Three Craft.

Launching of the 12,000-ton steel tank ship Swiftsure was held today for 4:15 o'clock this afternoon by officials of the Northwest Bridge & Iron company.

ASTORIA ON MATSON LINE

Sailings Every 50 Days on Honolulu Run Announced.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The steamer Matson, carrying mail and passengers, will sail from Astoria for Honolulu every 50 days.

Callao Dock Strike Settled.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 14.—The dock strike, which has tied up traffic of the harbor of Callao for some time past, has been settled.

EXPLOSION LEADS TO INQUIRY

Fatal Accident in Hold of Steamer Victoria to Be Investigated.

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Officials of the Alaska Steamship company today began an investigation into circumstances surrounding the explosion in the hold of the steamer Victoria, late yesterday, which resulted in the deaths of Bert and Prince, stowaways, and William Lawrence, station man, and the serious injury of three others.

SAND BAR IS WASHED AWAY

Charleston Spit Disappears in Storm, Is Belated Word.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Charleston spit, one mile inside the Coos Bay bar, was practically washed away by the storms and high tides of last week.

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DESPONDENT CAPTAIN DEAD

W. E. Fulton Found With Bullet Wound in Head.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—With a bullet wound in his head, the body of Captain W. E. Fulton, a retired mariner, 64 years old, was found in a room at the Reynolds hotel, 410 Fourth avenue today.

VESSELS AGROUND AT HAVANA

Steamer San Pablo Reported in No Immediate Danger.

HAVANA, Dec. 14.—The steamer San Pablo of the United Fruit line, bound from Boston for this port with a cargo of sugar, is aground at the entrance to Havana harbor.

SOO LOCKS TO CLOSE

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Dec. 14.

The season's activities at the Soo locks virtually were brought to a close today with the downward passage of 13 steamers loaded with grain.

STEAMER OTAVI IS COMING

Vessel Believed Under Charter to Pacific Grain Company.

The French steamer Otavi, 3556 net tons, reported yesterday as sailing from Norfolk, Va., for Portland, was generally believed to have been chartered to the Pacific Grain company.

Port Calendar.

Table with columns: Vessel, From, To, Date. Lists arrivals and departures for various ports.

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Omaha Slides From Tacoma Ways as Thousands Cheer.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The first scout cruiser built by the United States navy since 1907 and one of the fastest vessels of any navy in the world was launched in Tacoma today when the Omaha slid from the ways at the Todd Drydock.

Marine Notes.

The McCormick line steamer Celtic, due today from San Francisco, will include San Diego on her next eastward voyage.

Tanker Libby to Be Launched.

Vancover, Wash., Dec. 14.

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