

FIRE IN BUNKERS

Exciting Time on China Liner Nicomedia.

DISCOVERED ON WAY UP RIVER

Blaze Extinguished Without Damage to Ship—Eventful Passage Across the Pacific—Terrible Storm Off Coast.

Spontaneous combustion in the bunkers of the Portland & Astoria liner Nicomedia gave the officers and men of the steamer a lively experience while on the way up the river Friday night.

The Nicomedia left up from Astoria at 8 o'clock Friday afternoon, having just completed a voyage from the Orient. Two hours later, the chief engineer thought he detected signs of fire in the port bunker.

Investigating by opening the bunker hatch, he was met by a column of flame that leaped as high as the top of the funnel.

The alarm was at once given and the officers and crew were on deck in a few seconds. It required but a brief space of time to get the fire apparatus in operation.

There is no doubt that the fire started from spontaneous combustion. The bunkers had been kept tightly closed, and as they adjoined the boiler and stoker room, the coal had a good chance to become heated on the long trip across the ocean.

The worst of the storm was encountered on Tuesday. It was impossible to make headway, and the vessel was forced to stop, rolling and pitching in the mountainous sea.

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The chartering of these vessels reduces the free list in port to nine ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 19,173.

ABANDONED TO UNDERWRITERS

Final Decision in Case of Scuttled Schooner Challenger.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The schooner Challenger, which came into this port a week ago with her hold afloat and scuttled, has been surveyed and condemned and a recom-

mensation made that she be abandoned to the underwriters, as a small amount of insurance had been carried. The board consisted of Captains Olsen and Nelson and George Foster, marine insurance agent.

The steam schooner Signal arrived here this morning from San Francisco with steel rails, engine and fixtures for the logging road of the Simpson Lumber Company.

The schooner Excelsior arrived today from San Francisco with mill fixtures for the Siler Company and will load lumber at that mill.

Derelict Seen Off Seaside. ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 12.—A derelict was seen about a mile off Seaside drifting with the tide yesterday afternoon.

Large Steamer to Replace Mainlander SEATTLE, Nov. 12.—The Pacific Coast Company will purchase a 1,000-ton steamer to replace the lost steamer Mainlander, which was sunk recently in a collision with the tug Sea Lion.

Fishing Steamer Launched. TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 12.—The steamer Seacom was successfully launched today from the shipyard of Crawford & Boyd.

Whaler Short of Supplies. MARSEFIELD, Or., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—The whaler William Bayley, which left Onalaska October 22, put in here today short of fuel and provisions.

Sailors Libel Whaling Bark. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Sailors on the whaling bark Alexander have obtained a libel on the vessel for \$25 wages.

Marine Notes. The steamer Regulator will make a special trip to The Dalles today after wheat.

Domestic and Foreign Ports. ASTORIA, Nov. 12.—Arrived at 12:45 P. M.—French ship Jules from Bland, Ore.

Hoquiam, Wash., Nov. 12.—(Special.)—Sailed Schooner Mason, from Aberdeen, for San Francisco; schooner Charles Wilson, from Aberdeen for San Francisco; steamer Santa Monica, from Aberdeen for San Francisco.

Accused of Forgery. Guy Wilson is arrested on charge of forgery.

City Statistics. Marriage Licenses. W. W. Culver, 35; Alice R. Allen, 20.

Building Permits. E. J. Gruba, Wheeler, between Clackamas and Halsey, two-story dwelling, \$200.

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NOME MAN CAUGHT

Griggs, Alleged Swindler, Arrested in Portland.

PARTNER DUNCAN AT LARGE

Two Mining Promoters Are Accused of Selling Worthless Claims for \$50,000 to Unsuspecting Investors.

A. J. Cody, United States Marshal from Nome, accompanied by Mrs. Cody, is in the city, having made the long trip in search of two men known as Duncan and Griggs.

It is reported that Mr. Cody has been able to capture Griggs, who is now out on \$40,000 bail waiting for the opening of travel into the North, when he will go back to Alaska to face a charge of having secured more than \$50,000 under false pretenses.

Lured by Golden Bait. Last winter the two men came to Portland, where, it is said, they unloaded a lot of their property at good figures.

The two men made representations to the United States District Court and had the Miles Creek District formed by it. F. T. Merritt, clerk of the court at St. Michaels, resigned his position as clerk and United States Commissioner and went to Miles Creek.

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Roberts Bros The Givers of Best Values Roberts Bros THE WONDERFUL VALUE-GIVING IN THE Black and Colored Dress Goods Section

Bids fair to be the scene of more than customary activity this week, for the inducements we have made for your patronage are unusually good. We will show the best assortments this section has ever presented, and we will quote very low prices.

Great Sale of Shirtwaists SEASONABLE AND DRESSY GARMENTS UNDERPRICED.

- Brilliant Waist—In black, cream and colors; priced at \$1.25, \$1.90 and \$2.95. French Flannel Waists—In all the best colors; priced at \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

Two Extraordinary Silk Offerings These represent a spot-cash purchase of about 2000 yards, seasonable, attractive silks, such as are wanted by almost every woman who wants silks at all.

Dressing Sacques and Wrappers The Dressing Sacques are of striped and figured flannelettes, French back, loose front, in all colors; worth 75c and \$1.00; special this week 50c and 75c.

Stylish Ready-to-Wear Garments FOR THIS WEEK'S SELLING WE HAVE SELECTED UNUSUALLY STRONG SPECIALS.

Women's Tailored Suits—Made of fancy mixtures and plain chevots, in navy blue, brown and black; coat styles, loose and fitted backs. Women's Tailored Suits—Of tan covert cloth and fancy suitings, the loose-fitted back, mannish in effect; would be good values at \$20.00; special price, \$15.00.

A Six in One Special Six of the most popular fabrics shown in the Black Dress Goods section. Best \$1.25 values; extra special 98c.

- 1st—44-inch black Mohair Crispine..... 98c 4th—44-inch black Sacking..... 98c 2d—44-inch black Readona Crispine..... 98c 5th—44-inch black Penblin Cloth..... 98c 3d—44-inch black Panama..... 98c 6th—44-inch black Granite..... 98c

SENSATIONAL SALE OF KNIT UNDERWEAR FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN—The Greatest Trade Event of the Year.

The entire stock of a leading American jobber of high-grade Underwear, purchased at 40 cents on the dollar and placed on our counters tomorrow morning at ONE-HALF AND ONE-THIRD OF THE REGULAR SELLING PRICES.

Women's Natural Wool Vests and Pants—Extra heavy weights and wonderful clean out the garment, 50 dozen in the lot. Tomorrow's selling price, 37c. Women's Wool Ribbed and Natural Flat Vests and Pants—Best \$1.00 value, natural wool merino, positively heavier each than \$1.50 per garment.

Children's Gray Ribbed Fleece Underwear—600 dozen in the lot, all sizes, no seconds, sizes 24 to 34, heavy winter weights. You have been used to buying 25c for the larger ones; come tomorrow and select any size you may want from the bargain table all day tomorrow. Shirts and Drawers, 24 to 34, at 17c.

New Waisting Flannels Style and comfort combined in demanding neatly made Flannel Waists for Fall and Winter wear, and there's nothing prettier. The new effects, the latest designs and colorings that we are showing, together with low prices, cannot help but interest you.

Domestic Section Monday some sensational prices will prevail—Probably the greatest values we have been able to offer so far this season.

Warm Winter Gloves Warm Glove in plain and mixed colors; big assortment to choose from, also a fine Cashmere Glove, with fancy lining, 5-clasp at \$1.00. Regular \$1.50. Special \$1.00.

Handkerchiefs 25c HANDKERCHIEFS—Beautiful embroidered handkerchiefs, some hemstitched, others scalloped edges—Now is the time to select your Handkerchiefs while they look so pretty. See them MONDAY AND TUESDAY, each \$1.00.

Boston Painless Dentists Knows the world over, are the only dentists in Portland having the latest botanical DISINFECTANT, and GUARANTEED PAINLESS FILLING, FILLING and CROWNING TEETH WITHOUT PAIN, and guaranteed for TEN YEARS.

TEETH WITHOUT PAIN! A PAINLESS DENTIST! Examination..... Free Silver Filling..... 50c Gold Filling..... \$1.00 Full set Teeth that fit from..... \$5.00 Gold Crowns..... \$8.00 Bridge Work..... \$10.00

Shoe Department We are showing all the novelties in Boots and Slippers for Winter wear, as well as the very latest novelties in Felt Shoes and Slippers, new designs and colors. These are all of standard make, the best shoes we can buy at any price. We are gradually convincing the people of Portland that we are giving Value Received for Every Dollar You Leave in Our Store.