

SHIP DISASTERS

High Wind Starts Bark La Rochejaquelein in Harbor.

STORM DELAYS LAUNCHING

Towboats Attempt to Shift Vessels in the Harbor, but Are Compelled to Return to Their Docks.

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The launching of the bark La Rochejaquelein was postponed because of the wind.

The towboats started out in the morning to shift some of the grain-carriers in the harbor.

FALLS OF DEE CHARTERED

Demand for Lumber-Carriers, but Grain Freight Market is Quiet.

Another sailing vessel, considered available for grain, has been taken for lumber loading.

With the charter of the Falls of Dee, the British ship gets her orders reduced to three vessels.

A couple of vessels have been fixed for lumber to New York at \$15.30, one from Portland and one from Puget Sound.

The French bark Gunther fixed for wheat loading in the North, a pommion ship, gets 25c.

COLLISION AT NEW YORK

Dutch Steamer August Kessler Seriously Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Dutch steamer August Kessler, bound to this city from Port Noy, was beached to night off the North Bank light in lower New York Bay.

The Kessler is a vessel of 237 tons, not registered.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Dynamic-Laden Steamer Crashes Into Schooner Aground.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30.—Laden with dynamite, the steamship Pennsylvania, from New York, for San Francisco via Philadelphia, crashed into the schooner President Palmer today while the schooner was aground on Cherry Island flats in the Delaware River.

until late in the afternoon that the vessel was separated.

TERRIBLE SEAS OFF BAR

Pilot Anderson Brings Report With French Bark Jean Baptiste.

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MAY BUILD BOAT IN EAST

Pacific Coast Company Gets Low Figures From New York.

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Collision Off Chilean Coast

LIQUEUR, Chile, Dec. 30.—The German tank steamer Sala, Captain Bartels, from Hamburg and London, bound to San Francisco, has been in collision with the British steamer Endleigh. The Sala was not damaged, but the Endleigh had a number of plates stove in on the port side above the water-line and leaks.

Recommend Change in System

Immigration Inspector Harbour is of the opinion that a change should be made in the matter of holding certificates responsible for deserting members of their Chinese crews.

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Alliance and Columbia In

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Births

NAIHL—At 679 Union street, December 15, to the wife of Fred Nahl, a son, Fred Nahl, Jr., 10 days.

Deaths

YOUNG—At St. Vincent's hospital, December 29, Walter Young, a native of Massachusetts, aged 47 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Building Permits

E. H. RICH—Dwelling, Water street, between East Twenty-second and East Twenty-fourth, \$2,200.

Real Estate Transfers

C. H. BROWN—Dwelling, Albina avenue, near Joseph street, \$1,000.

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WALTER REED—Repair of dwelling, East 10th street, between Grand and East 11th streets, \$1,000.

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