

GOLDEN AGE PROVES MORE ATTRACTIVE

Foreign Ships and Coastwise Carriers of 1913 Break Records.

TOTAL IS 5226 VESSELS

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Whatever doubt may have lingered in the minds of skeptics as to a material advance in the maritime prominence of the Columbia River is given a staggering blow through statistics assembled by the Merchants Exchange, setting forth that 688 more vessels passed in and out of the river in 1913 than was the case in 1912. There were 331 more foreign ships than for the preceding period and 207 coastwise carriers.

The figures for 1913 credit the coastwise column with 2555 carriers, and 2268 foreign vessels to enter and leave. In 1912 there were 2251 coastwise and 2537 foreign traders. In the same connection an equivalent comparison of the report is that coastwise tonnage in 1913 reached 3,529,892, as represented by the fleet, and the foreign ships had a combined tonnage of 9,440,651. For 1912 the coast fleet had a tonnage of 3,207,262 and the foreign carriers a total of 8,624,795 tons.

Ships flying the British flag came in larger numbers than before, 173 having been handled on the bar of 490,880 tons. In 1912 the British fleet was made up of 142 vessels of 368,939 tons. At the same time in 1913 there were 151 ships of that flag, of 371,689 tons, to cross the bar, while in 1909 the number dropped to 69 vessels, increased to the following year and fell to 133 in 1911.

Last year 41 German vessels of 110,783 tons entered and left the river and in 1912 that figure was 33 ships strong, aggregating 88,246 tons. Under the Japanese emblem 23 vessels were reported last year of 50,209 tons and in 1912 there were 23 of 45,324 tons. Eight Danish vessels of 10,000 tons crossed the bar in 1912 of 24,832 tons and four of that flag were moved on the bar the year before, representing 1913.

In the fleet flying the Stars and Stripes, mostly sailing in the coastwise trade, were 105 vessels of 74,742 tons against 63 ships in 1912 of 44,118 tons. Their aggregate tonnage was 74,742 tons for the large coast fleet reported in the bar record.

One fleet showing an appalling decline is that of the French, which had only 12 ships last year to be counted on the bar, aggregating 23,138 tons, and in 1912 there were 28 ships of 55,410 tons. At the same time in 1913 and out of the river 36 French ships, in 1909 it was 95 carriers and in 1908 there were 92 vessels.

As the purpose of the report is to illustrate the movement of ships on the bar, different nationalities are credited with fleets moving in both directions, as some arriving near the end of the year were in port when the final count was made.

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CEREAL EXPORTS FROM PORTLAND FOR EIGHT MONTHS OF 1913-14 SEASON.

Table with columns for Cereal, Quantity, and Value. Includes sub-sections for Wheat, Flour, and various months from September to February.

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—The schooner Adeline Smith, with lumber for Oakland, sailed today for home from Portland, announced the Macleay estate has promised to rebuild the Port Orford wharf soon.

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—More wheat goes from Portland and less from Puget Sound. For eight months of the 1913-14 cereal season there have been 295,008 barrels of flour shipped from Portland in excess of the same months last season.

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ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special).—The freight ship "Undaunted," which arrived recently from Yaquina Bay, was given a trial spin this afternoon. Captain Charles Stuart, of Yaquina Bay, is a member of the latter crew expected to leave in the boat tomorrow morning for Yaquina. If the weather is favorable, the "Undaunted" will return to sea tomorrow.

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