

WEST MUMHAM TAKES UP NEW NAME

First Boat of Portland-Oriental Line Is Launched.

CRAFT DONS PEACE GARB

Steamer Painted Black, Brown and White and Presents Attractive Appearance in Water.

Gone is the somber gray paint of war time on new ships of the steel fleet, the color that was calculated to mislead the enemy at certain distances...

It was 11:32 when the big hull started down the ways, and it seemed as if it was given impetus on its way when Mrs. John F. Blain, of Seattle, crashed a bottle of wine against the port side of the stem and uttered the name of the carrier.

The launching was made more of an event than has been the rule of late because of the importance to the commercial interests of the city in having fashioned its own tonnage with which to inaugurate the new trans-Pacific service.

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Work to be Expedited. The West Mumham went overboard as No. 15 as far as records go, and Walter Brown, superintendent of the plant, says there will be no plant possible as to delay in getting the ship ready.

TACOMA PORT SITE SELECTED. Engineer Frank J. Walsh Makes Announcement of Plans.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Two hundred and forty acres lying between the Milwaukee railroad yards and the Todd and Foundation shipyards north of Eleventh street, will be the first land utilized for Tacoma's port district, Frank J. Walsh, chief engineer, said today in a public statement.

DUTY PAYMENT IS OFFERED. Conscience Troubles Man Who Smuggled Cigarettes.

About a year ago a traveler from abroad passed the federal authorities at New York City, where he was arrested on the fact that he carried with him six packages of cigarettes.

WOODEN SHIPS TO BE BLACK. Gray Paint to be Exhausted by Builders First, However.

Fracturing strict economy, the gray paint on wooden ships is not to be discarded for peace time decorations in Oregon, though as soon as builders exhaust present supplies the wooden carriers are to be blossomed out in black hulls and white topsides.

HULL OF 8800-TON STEAMER ASSIGNED BY SHIPPING BOARD TO START PORTLAND-ORIENTAL LINE LAUNCHED YESTERDAY.



Upper—West Mumham after leaving the ways. Lower—Mrs. John F. Blain of Seattle, sponsor.

The wooden ships might operate in the Atlantic, were responsible for the cancellation of the "crazy quilt" coat was left off and plain gray provided.

PLANT GEAR GOES TO SOUTH. Foundation Company to Use Portland Compressors at Savannah.

Shipment of three condensers from the Foundation company's Portland plant to one of its yards at Savannah, Ga., has been ordered and the work of preparing the gear for the trip has been started.

BLAIN TO HAVE OFFICE HERE. Staff to be Assembled for General Marine Purposes.

Captain John F. Blain, whose resignation from the northern Pacific district of the Emergency Fleet corporation, which covers the construction of steel ships in Oregon and Washington, as well as wooden vessels in the latter district, takes effect April 1, will establish an office at Portland as well as at Seattle, for handling vessels owned on the West coast.

U. S. Naval Radio Reports. (All positions reported at 8 P. M. yesterday unless otherwise indicated.)

ATLAS, from Richmond for Seattle, 238 miles from Richmond.

ASTORIA LAUNCHING PUT OFF. Order Received Holding Ontarea on Ways at Wilson Yards.

ASTORIA, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding the fact that the hull of the emergency fleet steamer Ontarea has been completed at the Wilson yards, she was not launched today, as had been scheduled.

RELIEF SHIPS REACH ALASKA. Schooner Bender Brothers and Eunice Carry Supplies.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—Carrying supplies to the needy in western Alaskan districts, the power schooners Bender Brothers and Eunice arrived at Kodiak Island March 11, according to word received here today.

Janet Carruthers Dismantled. ABERDEEN, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Dismantling of the stranded auxiliary schooner Janet Carruthers, which went ashore just north of the Gray's harbor entrance several months ago, is proceeding with the aid of a large crew.

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MANY ARGUMENTS GIVEN

Telegrams Passing Between Portland and Philadelphia Give Promise of Revision of Plans.

Telegrams passing yesterday gave promise that the Philadelphia headquarters of the Emergency Fleet corporation might shortly after an order made a week ago for converting several of the wood hulls on the ways in the Oregon district into barges in favor of making them sailing vessels.

Builders are primed with arguments against the barge plan, declaring there is not a marked demand for barges in the Pacific for transporting lumber, a trade, it is asserted, in which the present wood steamers do not fit.

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For two kinds of cargo the wooden steamer is better than the barge, flour and ties. The successful trip of the steamer Boxley from Portland to New York with flour, when in the service of the government, is cited in support of three cargoes safely to France on steam auxiliary schooners built for the French government, is held to have shown the wood steamer's superiority in the flour trade.

Pacific Coast Shipping Notes. ASTORIA, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—The tank steamer Washnetan arrived at the city today, having discharged a cargo of lumber from San Helena.

GRAYS HARBOR, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—The steamer Chehalis arrived this morning after discharging a general cargo of merchandise valued at \$125,000. She proceeded to the American mill here to load.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—(Special.)—If the China mail steamer China, Captain Australia, which left for Honolulu and the Orient today, had possessed accommodations for 20 times 125 passengers in the cabin, she would have been fully equipped to handle the 2,500 passengers of the liner.

Hubbard Couple Observes 60th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. John Zeek of Hubbard, Or., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Conferees with eastern importers of rubber and hemp were arranged today by Harry Y. Salvo, director of the foreign trade bureau of the chamber of commerce and commercial club.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—Bound for Seattle via Hongkong, the motorship Libby, under command of Captain Sessumby, arrived in Tacoma today.

NITRATE OF SODA RELEASED. WASHINGTON, March 15.—Release of 150,000 tons of nitrate of soda by the war department to the department of agriculture for use as fertilizer was announced today.

Club Work Extension Planned. CHICAGO, March 15.—Extension of the international phases of the International Association of Rotary Clubs to include clubs in foreign countries was announced today.

the county, was bound over to appear before the federal grand jury under \$500 bail. Captain Prantzen declares the money was taken to pay his men and, who always demanded to be paid in gold. It is believed the matter will be adjusted satisfactorily to the shipper.

COOS BAY, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—The steamship City of Topeka, which arrived in port this morning at 7 o'clock from San Francisco, has a cargo of passengers and a larger freight shipment than usual. The Topeka remains in the harbor until tomorrow morning, when she sails for Portland and Astoria.

Portland Auto Dealers Get In Bad at Seattle. "Bum" Check Charges Prove Work of Practical Jokers.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—"You're wanted at headquarters." The speaker, a sparsely built man with an iron grip backed up by a shining badge laid both hands on the shoulders of H. H. Eling, manager of the Overland-Pacific company and Roy F. Pike, of the Portland Motorcar company, both of Portland, late last night.

Explinations were demanded, but Sergeant Cochran, an old officer, and true to the which summoned a car and Pike and Eling were whisked to the station.

"What's this I hear about you Portlanders passing a lot of bum checks?" demanded Sergeant Keefe when the two men were taken before him.

"Who, us?" both men demanded. "Us," ironically replied the detective, for it was none other than Detective Sergeant Cochran, of the city force.

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BALLOT MEASURE IS FIXED. Only Proposed Laws Designated in Eddy Bill to be Voted On.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Only such measures as were designated in the Eddy bill, calling for a special election June 2, will be on the ballot at that election, Attorney-General Brown today ruled for Senator I. S. Smith, who had telegraphed to ascertain what the proposer, constitutionally amendment extending the right of eminent domain for products of the farm, forest and mines, could be voted on in June.

VETERAN TO BE ASPIRANT. CAPTAIN A. H. CONNOR MEN-TIONED FOR IDAHO SENATOR.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, March 15.—Captain Albert H. Connor, who is a patient at Walter Reed hospital, is today being mentioned for a second time in the Argonne fighting, is a very probable candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator in Idaho next year.

PORT STRIKE IS REFERRED. Sir Reginald T. Tower Selected as Official Mediator.

BUENOS AIRES, March 15.—Sir Reginald T. Tower, the British minister, will act as mediator in the port strike. The minister conferred at length with President Irigoyen today and the president accepted his offer of mediation.



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YOUNG IDAHO WOMAN SHOT

GUN PLAY FOLLOWS ALTERCATION STARTED AT DANCE. CENTRALIA SOLDIERS RETURN.

PORTLAND, Or., March 15.—Maximum temperature, 46 degrees; minimum temperature, 37 degrees. River flowing, 8 A. M., 100 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.1 foot.

THE WEATHER. Maximum temperature Minimum temperature Precipitation in inches Direction of wind Force of wind State of weather.

Table with columns for Station, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Precipitation in inches, Direction of wind, Force of wind, State of weather.

SOLDIERS and SAILORS ATTENTION

To the boys of UNCLE SAM desiring employment The Oregonian will, for a limited time, publish free for three days the advertisement of any soldier or sailor in uniform or those showing credentials that they have been honorably discharged from the service.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births. GODFREY—To Mr. and Mrs. L. Godfrey, 306 East Thirty-ninth, Portland, a son, HOLMES—To Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Holmes, 1000 N. W. 1st, Astoria, a son, YOUNG—To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Young, 1200 N. W. 1st, Astoria, a son, CANADIAN LOCKS, Or., March 9, a daughter, GURELICH—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Zurellich, Hillsdale, Or., a daughter, MICKELSI—To Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Mickelski, 117 East Yamhill, March 10, a daughter, BARHAM—To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Barham, Winlock, Wash., March 10, a daughter, CLARK—To Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Clark, 916 Benton, March 10, a son, RASMUSSEN—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Rasmussen, 107 North Fifteenth, March 8, a son, BRASEN—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Brasen, 460 Clackamas, March 11, a son, HARRIS—To Mr. and Mrs. James O. Harris, 225 S. Laramie, February 8, a daughter, BALDRIDGE—To Mr. and Mrs. James L. Baldridge, Oak Point, March 4, a son, OLSEN—To Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Olson, 421 Sidmore, March 11, a son.

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