

STORM TIES UP SHIPPING

Severe Gale Howls Along North Coast and Prevents Departures.

ABERDEEN IN THE OFFING

Couldn't Get In Because of The Blow—Lumber Shipments For The Week Reach Almost Four Million Feet.

A great storm was raging along the North Pacific coast last night, and the indications are that it will continue for some time to come. So severe was the gale yesterday that shipping was paralyzed and not a single movement was reported in or out of the harbor.

At 6.30 last night it was reported that a gale was howling along at a velocity of 70 miles an hour, and that the wind has been increasing in velocity for several hours.

Friday afternoon a steam schooner was reported off the Heads, and as yet she has failed to make port. The vessel was reported by the North Head lookout. She came up to the mouth of the river and was in sight until darkness settled down. Yesterday the vessel evidently did not again put in an appearance, for she was not reported from the Heads. The steamer is believed to have been the Aberdeen, which was due Friday night from San Francisco. She comes to take the run of the Alliance, which is laid up at San Francisco for repairs on her arrival there from this port.

The Aberdeen has doubtless been blown to the north by the gale, but there is no concern for her, as she is well able to weather the blow. It is expected she will show up again off the river as soon as the gale moderates.

The storm has tied up shipping and several vessels are in port waiting for the gale to subside. The steamer Alliance, grain laden, went down to the lower harbor Friday night and took anchorage, and the Despatch remained at her wharf until yesterday afternoon and then proceeded to the lower harbor. Several lumber schooners are also weather bound.

TWO NEW GRAIN CHARTERS.

Magdalene and Vercingetorix to Come Here From Bay City.

Twenty shillings for wheat from Portland to the United Kingdom was the rate secured by two ships Friday. Both vessels are now at San Francisco but will be here, one the latter part of this month, the other in February. They are the German bark Magdalene and the French ship Vercingetorix.

The Magdalene is one of the best known traders in this part of the world. She has already carried out four cargoes from this port, three under her present name and one as the old Trade Winds. The Portland Grain Company has taken her on the present business. Under her old name the vessel was here in the summer of 1898, and was dispatched to the United Kingdom by Eppinger & Company with 160,310 bushels of wheat for which she received a rate of 36s 8d. Returning to Portland she sailed in January 1900, for England with 136,135 bushels of wheat and 14,457 bushels of barley, loaded by Balfour, Guthrie & Company, her rate being 24s 9d. Her third voyage out, in May, 1901 was the most profitable she made from here, as she had a charter at 38s 9d. Balfour, Guthrie & Company dispatched her then with 161,156 bushels of wheat, the bark going to Hamburg direct. The last cargo she took figured 161,455 bushels, and was sent by Kerr, Gifford & Company, the rate being 28s 9d.

The Magdalene reached San Francisco November 21, after a passage of 146 days from Newcastle-on-Tyne, with a general cargo. She is a big bark of 2732 tons net register, and is in the command of Captain Brunings who was in her on her last visit to the Columbia.

The French ship Vercingetorix was chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. United Kingdom. She is of 1730 tons and her master is Captain Davignon. She reached San Francisco on the last day of the year, with 2910 tons of coal from Newcastle N. S. W.

It is reported that the French bark La Bruyere, now at Port Los Angeles is offering for 20 shillings at Portland but the deal has not been closed. The two disengaged ships now in this port the Creasington and the Red Rock, may be taken for lumber.

SOUND CAPTURES TRADE.

San Francisco and Portland Falling Back in Commercial Trade. The San Francisco Call of January

7 has an interesting article showing the exports of the several coast ports to Alaska and the Philippines. The statistics gathered by the Call are taken from the government reports. In speaking of the matter the Call says:

"The first fact for observation is that the Puget sound cities are gaining strongly in the race for the business of Alaska and the Philippines. The customs returns just at hand show that the Pacific coast shipments to Alaska have increased since 1868 from \$253,000 to \$13,457,000 in 1901. During the fiscal year ending June 1, 1903, the value of shipments from the Pacific coast to Alaska amounted to \$9,266,504. Of this amount Puget sound sent out \$6,138,089, San Francisco \$2,955,341 and Portland and Astoria \$173,124.

"The value of shipments of all goods from the United States to the Philippine islands during the nine months ending September 30, 1903, was \$3,309,427, as compared with \$3,618,712 for the corresponding period in 1902. The following table is provided to show how the export business to the Philippines from this coast is distributed, the figures representing the values moved from each of the places named during the nine months ending on September 30 in 1902 and 1903:

From—	1902.	1903
Humboldt, Cal	\$ 20,167	\$ 12,315
San Francisco	\$27,537	479,640
Puget Sound	306,876	1,128,399
Portland and Astoria	188,303	87,977

"The figures from official sources have just been received by Eugene Goodwin, director of the Pacific Commercial museum, and he is making a compilation for a bulletin to be issued for the benefit of the business community. Concerning the falling off in exports from San Francisco and Portland to the Philippines in 1903 Mr. Goodwin says that it may be accounted for in part by the establishment of direct steamship service between Seattle and Manila and the large shipments of lumber and forage from Seattle. The values of such shipments during the nine months ending last September were as follows: Oats, \$137,815; hay, \$166,692; lumber, \$440,683. The significant fact is that the Puget sound ports are increasing their exports not only to Alaska but also to the orient at the expense of San Francisco, prior at the expense of San Francisco."

Goodwin from official sources showing the values of the principal commodities shipped to Alaska from Pacific coast ports during July, August and September last, and also affording a comparison with the shipments during the summer of 1902. These shipments during the months of July, August and September in 1902 amounted to \$2,249,429, and in 1903 to \$2,501,273. The shipments from Puget sound were \$1,788,960 in 1902 and \$2,070,901 in 1903. In the same period San Francisco is credited with shipments valued in 1902 at \$160,437, and in 1903 at \$430,372. It will be observed that shipments from Puget Sound increased during the period of three months in 1903 as compared with the same months in 1902 to the extent of \$282,000, while those from San Francisco decreased \$30,000."

Loss of the Clallam.

News of the loss of the steamship Clallam was received in Astoria yesterday morning, and details of the disaster were anxiously awaited by the people of the city. It was considered remarkable that so few of the passengers had been saved with two tugs standing by, and the belief was general that first reports of the wreck had been exaggerated. However, the death list is an appalling one. Because of the terrible gale that raged at the time of the wreck, the tugs were unable to rescue many of the passengers. Purser Frank Freer, of Clallam, was among the saved. He was formerly purser of the oriental liner Monmouthshire and was quite well known in Astoria.

Paris Probably Lost.

All hopes for the overdue French bark Paris has been abandoned and it is feared that she has foundered in a hurricane in the South Pacific. The vessel is 246 days out from Hamburg for Honolulu with a general cargo, and has not been heard from since the day of her departure from the German port. There have been two recent additions to the overdue list, reinsurance on both being quoted at 10 per cent. The new ones are the French bark Jeanne Coronnier, 160 days out from Swansea for San Francisco, and the British ship Martaban, which is 116 days out from Java for the Baradoes.

Elders Decks Washed.

According to the lookout at the North Head light station, the San Francisco liner George W. Elder had an exciting experience while crossing out Friday afternoon. The weather was heavy at the time and when the vessel was going over the bar several huge waves

washed over her. The lookout states that no damage was done and that the Elder continued on her way.

Too Stormy For Dredging.

The weather of the past week was too stormy to permit of dredging operations at the mouth of the river, and the Chinook made only a few trips out to sea. It is not expected that the dredge will be able to accomplish much until spring.

Marine Notes.

The steamer Hassalo went aground at Swan Island Thursday night during the prevalence of a heavy fog. The Oklahoma pulled the steamer back into deep water. The fog was so thick the vessel could not follow the channel.

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