

LONG TRIP OF FRENCH BARK

La Fontaine Reaches Port From Antwerp After a Passage of 191 Days.

WAS DELAYED OFF THE HORN

Brings Full Cargo of Cement, Pig Iron etc.—Chinese Commercial Company to Surrender Charter.

The French bark La Fontaine, Captain Hamon, arrived in port yesterday afternoon after a long passage from Antwerp. Pilot Archie E. Cann went aboard the vessel yesterday and brought her into the lower harbor, where she was boarded by the customs and health officials. She is still lying below the city.

The La Fontaine comes with a general cargo for Meyer, Wilson & Company. She left Antwerp 191 days ago and stopped for a day at Cherbourg, France, from which port she departed 187 days ago. Captain Hamon reports that his long passage was without incident, except for the difficulty which he experienced in rounding Cape Horn. He was 50 days in getting around the Horn, but after reaching the Pacific made a spanking run up the coast. All of his trouble was encountered on the other side, where he had to contend with poor winds. Despite the long passage of La Fontaine, she was not placed on the overdue list.

She brings a cargo consisting of cement, pig iron and other such stuff, and it is understood that the entire cargo will be unloaded at Portland.

Dr. Earle, quarantine officer of this port, reports that the vessel brought a clean bill of health. "La Fontaine is the cleanest ship that has entered this harbor since my connection with the local office," Dr. Earle said last night. "She is perfectly maintained and looks as neat as a pin."

La Fontaine is a well known Frenchman, and has made this port on two previous occasions, taking out wheat cargoes.

PLEASED WITH THE CHINOOK

Bar Dredge Said to Be The Finest Vessel of Its Kind in Service.

The announcement from San Francisco that the bar dredge will soon proceed to Mare Island to be repaired was of much local interest. When the Chinook was being made into a dredge the work did not progress as rapidly as was desired, and so much complaint resulted that she was sent to Astoria really before she was entirely prepared for the big task which the government undertook with her.

It has been known for some time the Chinook's boilers were in need of repair, and it is probable that she will be sent to San Francisco more on this account than because of any alterations necessary in her dredging gear. The work of the Chinook at this port is taken by government officials to demonstrate the usefulness of vessels of her class, and the statement is made that she has given better results than any other vessel of her class in the service. That she should have made this record for herself at the mouth of the Columbia river is a source of much satisfaction locally. The announcement contains the statement that the value of the Chinook will be greatly enhanced by some alterations to her pumping apparatus. There still remains in the fund provided for her alteration into a dredge \$35,000, and this sum is now to be expended on her. So well pleased are the government officials with her work that other vessels of her class are to be built.

The Trouble Settled.

The Oregonian says: Major Langfitt went to Astoria last Wednesday to quell a dispute that had arisen between Captain Dunbar and Chief Engineer Lindley. The captain had insisted upon the discharge of a certain man in the engine room and the chief engineer had resisted and cold weather came between them. Major Langfitt calmed the troubled waters and assigned anchorage to each of the officers so that in the future they will probably not drift afoul of each other.

Mable Gale's Hard Luck.

The lumber schooner Mabel Gale arrived in port yesterday, and but for a streak of hard luck would have made a record passage between San Francisco and Astoria for vessels of her class. She left the Bay City on the 15th inst and four days later arrived off the Co-

lumbia, having been driven up the coast by the strong breeze prevailing at that time. When she arrived off the Heads stormy weather kicked up a rough bar, and for three days the schooner was compelled to beat around outside, her crack trip thus having been spoiled. Captain Johnson was a pretty angry man when he found that he couldn't get in on record time, but consoled himself with the thought that he will perhaps have better luck on his next trip north. The schooner comes for a lumber cargo.

WILL GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

Chinese Commercial Company Finds Its Traffic Unprofitable.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—The Examiner says that the Chinese-American Commercial Company, organized 18 months ago with a capital of \$1,500,000, is now rapidly settling up its affairs and will surrender its charter in the near future.

The prospects for business in the orient did not, it is said, warrant continuation, so it has been decided to settle the affairs of the company as soon as possible and close up.

Marine Notes.

The steamship Indrapura should arrive today from the orient, with a cargo of merchandise.

The steamers Sue H. Elmore and W. H. Harrison departed yesterday for Tillamook and Nehalem.

A three-masted schooner, supposed to be the Challenger, from San Francisco, arrived in port late last evening.

The steamer Despatch arrived yesterday from San Francisco and left up the river for Portland, where a cargo of freight awaits her.

The schooners Laura Madsen and Viking will finish their cargoes at the Hume mill today. The Madsen will take 400,000 feet and the Viking 175,000 feet.

With the arrival of the two California lumber schooners and the French bark La Fontaine, the offing was cleared of vessels yesterday, and when the shipping men returned to the city from the mouth of the river only the pilot schooner was to be seen outside.

The lightship tender Manzanita departed yesterday for a cruise in northern waters. She will stop at Destruction Island on her way up the coast and will then proceed to Seattle, to take on a supply of coal. Captain Byrne expects to be away from Astoria for about two months.

SNOW, ICE AND FLOOD HOLD UNDISPUTED SWAY

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Within the past 24 hours western New York has been subject to meteorological conditions such as have not prevailed here in a score of years and the situation now is terrifying the residents of the low lying sections, particularly in the river valleys in the flood district south of Buffalo. After a heavy fall of wet snow lasting all day the temperature fell below freezing, then rose again and a heavy rain set in, which still continues. Owing to the fact that ice has formed beneath the snow and all the streams are ice-bound, there is no opportunity for the water to soak into the earth or to pass away readily through the natural channels, and the consequence is that unless the temperature falls again within a few hours every flood district of western New York will be inundated and great suffering and damage will result.

Insists He's a Man.

Helena, Jan. 22.—Harry Pilcher of Marysville is in the city investigating a story sent out from here by an enterprising string fender a short time since. The story, which appears to have been started as a joke, stated that Mr. Pilcher was a woman masquerading as a man.

Mr. Pilcher left Marysville some time ago and went back to his old home in Kentuck. During his absence the story was started and sent to one or two of the eastern papers. Now Mr. Pilcher is looking for the writer.

Yesterday he secured an apology from one of the local papers, which said at some length that it had been imposed upon by a man from Marysville.

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