

FINE RUN OF INDRASAMHA

Oriental Liner Comes Down From Portland in Eight Hours Drawing 24 Feet.

TAKES OUT VALUABLE CARGO

Has About \$245,000 Worth of Merchandise, Principally Flour—Storm Rages Unabated.

The big oriental liner *Indrasamha* arrived down the river at 3:15 yesterday afternoon, after an unusually fine run from Portland. She left the inland city at 7:10 yesterday morning and was only eight hours and five minutes in making the trip. Captain Archie Pease, who brought the *Indrasamha* down the river, was very much pleased with his fine trip, and to a reporter yesterday said it indicated that the river channel was in good condition. The *Indrasamha* is drawing 24 feet 2 inches. Captain Pease was fortunate in striking the tides just right, but even with consideration for this favorable circumstance he made a fine trip.

The *Indrasamha's* cargo is valued at almost a quarter of a million dollars. She has on board 59,629 barrels of flour, the principal item on her manifest. This is the greatest quantity of flour ever taken out by this vessel, and has been exceeded only twice from the Columbia river—once by the *Algoa* and again by the *Indrapura*. The flour is valued at \$214,664.40, and is destined for Yokohama, Moji, Kobe, Hong Kong and Shanghai. The remainder of the cargo is made up of miscellaneous freight, groceries, sporting goods, oats, bran, rough lumber, flour bags, machinery, apples, cigarettes and sheeting. The total value of the cargo is \$245,212.

The *Indrasamha* takes back seven steerage passengers, of whom two are being deported because of their inability to produce the necessary documents upon asking permission to land. They came over on the *Indravelli*. H. C. Copland, who is connected with the office of President Mohler, of the O. R. & N. Co., is the only first-class passenger.

Because of the severity of the storm now raging, the *Indrasamha* will probably not get to sea immediately. From late advices from the orient, it is not unlikely that Captain Craven and his company aboard ship will be afforded an opportunity on the present trip of viewing the orient during a decidedly hostile period.

THE FARMERS ARE RESPONSIBLE

Holding of Wheat Has Caused Present Dull Shipping Season.

According to Leo Peterson, editor of the *Portland Commercial Review*, the farmers are directly responsible for the present dull shipping season. The season is not nearly so bad as that of 1897-7, Mr. Peterson says, when there was not a pound of grain shipped out of the Columbia from February 17 to July 23. Mr. Peterson says:

"The situation then was different from that of the present season. The farmers had practically sold all their grain and there was none left in the country. Out of the 32,000,000 bushels raised last year there still remain 7,500,000 bushels to be sold. The most of this big surplus is in very strong hands—owned by farmers who have plenty of money and who are willing to pay warehouse expenses, insurance rates, taxes, etc.

"More than one-half the crop remains unsold in Walla Walla county, and fully 500,000 bushels in Umatilla county. The largest amount of wheat still in the hands of the farmers is in the Nez Perce country, Idaho, amounting fully to 1,250,000 bushels.

"Holders are imbued with the idea that prices in Chicago will eventually be met here. In this they are mistaken, unless foreign markets respond more freely than they have recently done. Our markets are based on the valuation of London cargo markets for the actual wheat, and not fictitious values from eastern grain centers. At the present time wheat for export is not worth more than 71 cents a bushel to a shipper, if he expects to come out even, basing freights at 20s, the price paid of late for several charters.

"The flour business is almost over for the season, and a war between Russia and Japan would hardly help our millers. The immense shipments for the past seven months were not the result of trouble which seemed to be brewing there. The steamship rate

war was the principal factor. Three-dollar-a-ton rates from coast points have advanced to \$4 and there is no doubt that by March 1 the old rate of \$5 will again prevail. During the past seven months almost 2,000,000 barrels of flour have gone to the orient, and fully one-third of it is still on the market over there unsold. Buyers in China are doing hardly anything at this particular time on account of the approaching Chinese New Year's season. There will be no trading of any consequence until the festivities are ended.

"During the season of 1902-3 the north Pacific coast ports shipped 2,907,872 barrels of flour, and if the exports should keep pace with those of last year, from now on until July there will have to be exported 150,000 barrels of flour. The market is very dull, and the outlook is not favorable for flour shipments during the balance of the cereal year.

"Either the farmers will have to come to the shippers' views and sell their wheat, or hold it over until next season."

HEAVY STORM STILL RAGING.

Gale Howls Off the Heads at the Rate of Eighty Miles.

There was no letup in the storm yesterday and reports from the Heads were that the wind was howling along outside at the rate of fully 80 miles an hour. Inside the harbor there was little wind, but outside a full-fledged gale raged. The storm just struck the edge of the coast and was scarcely noticeable inside the river.

The only vessel to reach port yesterday was the San Francisco steamer *George W. Elder*. The *Elder* had a very rough trip up the coast, but weathered the gale without mishap. The storm was behind her and she made good time. Captain Bally of the *Tatoosh*, and Captain Reed, of the *Wallula*, reported things quiet at the Heads when they came up last night, and nothing was to be seen in the offing.

Message From the Dead.

Six years ago the British schooner *Ethel* mysteriously disappeared en route from Bombay to Port Said. Her owners, Barkfoot & Co., of the latter port, gave her up for lost and since that time until last month her fate remained a mystery to the world. It was an empty and tightly corked wine bottle that brought the story of her fate and that of Captain Lee and his crew to land. The bottle was discovered by Captain Lombard on the beach of the island of Fukave, situated in the South Seas, and the note it contained read as follows: "Will the finder of this inform Messrs. Barkfoot & Co., of Port Said, that their schooner *Ethel* foundered about 1000 miles from Bombay? This note is written by the sole survivors, Captain Lee and Seaman Thomas, who are in their last hopes. (Signed) J. T. Lee, January 26 or 27, 1897."

Marjine Notes.

The schooner *Zampa* cleared yesterday for San Francisco, with 402,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer *Charles Nelson* arrived down the river yesterday from Westport. She has a cargo of lumber but had not cleared at 4:30.

The barkentine *Gardiner City* cleared yesterday for Port Los Angeles. She takes 251,000 feet of lumber. The cargo was loaded at St. Helens.

None of the weather bound coasters succeeded in getting to sea yesterday nor is there any prospect of the immediate departure of the growing fleet.

Want to Rest More.

New York, Feb. 4.—Freight brakemen, conductors and flagmen employed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford road between the Harlem river and Providence are reported to have arranged for a meeting in New Haven, Conn., with P. H. Morrissey, of Cleveland, O., a head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Their object is said to be the formation of a demand for a decrease in hours. It is understood there is no trouble over the wage question and under present conditions the men are all making more money than ever, but they claim not to have enough rest, owing to long runs.

Lodge Loses Charter.

New York, Feb. 4.—The success of a well known gambler in gaining membership to Masonic circles, which caused a sensation among members of the order when it became known some months ago, has caused the withdrawal of the charter from Mount Zion chapter, 231. This action has just been taken by the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in session at Albany. All the members of the chapter who were personally interested in the episode will be tried and undoubtedly expelled from the order.

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San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Bolton, De Ruyter & Co., general commission brokers in grain, provisions, stocks and bonds in this city, have sent out a notice calling for a meeting of creditors today. The suspension of the firm, which conducted quite a large business over the wires with Chicago and New York, is practically announced. As yet the amount involved in the failure is only a matter of conjecture, but there is an impression that the sum will approximate \$250,000. The losses, it is said, will fall chiefly on local customers.

The embarrassment of the firm began, it is said, when the failure of Sharp & Bryan, of New York, took place in September last, as it was the correspondent of the New York house in this city. According to the statement of the lawyers representing Bolton-De Ruyter the members of that firm exhausted their resources on that occasion in order to meet unexpected losses and protect their creditors. In addition, he says, the firm discovered yesterday that a subordinate had, without the consent or authority of the house, extended large credits to local customers, and it was disclosed upon investigation that serious losses would surely be the result of this unauthorized accommodation. In order to

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