

# SIXTY-MILE GALE RAGES

### Southerly Storm of Unusual Violence Prevails Along the North Pacific Coast.

## BAROMETER TAKES BIG DROP

### Goes Down to 28.85, Lowest Point Recorded for Some Time—Regulations for New Drawbridge.

A southerly gale came up about noon yesterday and raged with unabated fury during the entire afternoon and evening. The barometer in Weather Observer Ellis' office took a downward shoot and did not stop until it had reached 28.85, the lowest point marked for a long time. The extreme low register was reached about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the barometer then started upwards.

During the morning the bar was quite smooth and there were two departures and one arrival between 10 and 11, when the tide was high. The southerly gale soon put a comb on the bar, and during the remainder of the afternoon heavy seas rolled in.

The storm centered off the Oregon coast and blew directly over the city. At 4 o'clock the North Head observer reported a blow of 25 miles an hour, but by 6 o'clock the wind was howling at the rate of between 60 and 70 miles. The weather was squally and the mosquito fleet hugged the wharves.

So far as was learned last night no damage resulted to shipping, but it is probable some of the vessels now on the way up the coast will lose canvas in the blow.

## OPERATION OF DRAWBRIDGE.

### Rules Prescribed For Lewis and Clark By War Department.

The Astorian is indebted to Major W. C. Langfitt for a copy of the rules and regulations governing the operation of the drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river. The regulations are based on the following extract from the river and harbor act of August 18, 1894:

"Section 5. That it shall be the duty of all persons owning, operating and tending the drawbridges now built, or may hereafter be built, across the navigable rivers and other waters of the United States to open, or cause to be opened, the draws of such bridges under such rules and regulations as in the opinion of the secretary of war the public interests require to govern the opening of drawbridges for the passage of vessels and other water crafts, and such rules and regulations, when so made and published, shall have the force of law. Every such person who shall wilfully fail or refuse to open, or cause to be opened, the draw of any such bridge for the passage of a boat or boats, or shall unreasonably delay the opening of said draw after reasonable signal shall have been given, as provided in such regulations, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000 nor less than \$1,000, or by imprisonment (in the case of a natural person) for not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court; provided, that the proper action to enforce the provisions of this section may be commenced before any commissioner, judge or court of the United States, and such commissioner, judge or court shall proceed in respect thereto as authorized by law in case of crimes against the United States; provided further, that whenever, in the opinion of the secretary of war, the public interests require it, he may make rules and regulations to govern the opening of drawbridges for the passage of vessels and other water crafts, and such rules and regulations, when so made and published, shall have the force of law, and any violation thereof shall be punished as hereinbefore provided."

The ruling of the assistant secretary of war then follows:

"In pursuance of the provisions of law above quoted the following regulations are prescribed and will take effect from and after the 1st day of February, 1904:

"1. The lower draw bridge across the Lewis and Clark river, Clatsop county, Oregon, shall be promptly opened for the passage of steamboats upon the following signals, to-wit:

"Two long blasts of steam whistle, followed quickly by two short blasts.

"2. The above-named bridge shall also be opened for the passage of vessels, or water crafts of any description propelled by other than steam power, upon signals like the foregoing being given by trumpet blasts, or upon the

verbal request of the person or persons in charge of same."

ROBERT SHAW OLIVER, Assistant Secretary of War. War department, January 27, 1904.

## TO BE FLOATING THEATER.

### Unique Use to be Made of New Steamer Telephone.

A report is being circulated that the steamer Telephone will soon go in commission between Portland and Cascade Locks. It is said her owners are contemplating the inauguration of a unique system in connection with her operation. A new idea for this section of the country will be introduced.

According to those who believe they are informed as to what the future movements of the boat will be, she is to be operated as a pleasure craft, and the following plan is said to have been evolved.

Instead of carrying passengers and collecting the usual fare, no price at all will be charged. As a substitute for fares a vaudeville entertainment will be given on board and the passengers will be asked to contribute a certain amount toward its support. A continuous entertainment will be in progress during the entire round trip. The steamer will leave Portland at about 8 o'clock in the morning and return early in the afternoon.

This plan is not altogether an experiment, as it has been tried successfully in the east. The greatest travel on the river boats during the summer months, steamboat men say, is done principally by people who are in search of diversion of some sort.

The Telephone is still lying at the foot of Ash street, on the east side of the river, where she has been moored ever since her completion last fall. She is owned by the Arrow Navigation company.

## THE NEW ROCK CONTRACT.

### Specifications As to Size Prepared by Major Langfitt.

Specifications for the new rock contract for furnishing rock for the Columbia river jetty have been prepared by Major Langfitt, the government engineer, and printed copies will be in readiness for bidders within a day or two. The total amount of rock called for is 240,000 tons, and the specifications differ considerably from those contained in the second contract of the Northwest Construction Company.

The classification of rock, as to size, set forth in the new specifications, is as follows:

Class A—36,000 tons of rock weighing eight tons and over, the average to be 10 tons. Pieces weighing 13 tons will be accepted.

Class B—144,000 tons of rock weighing from 1,000 pounds to eight tons, two thirds to range from two to eight tons, with an average of three tons. The remainder will range from 1,000 pounds to two tons.

Class C—60,000 tons, weighing from 20 to 1,000 pounds.

## Marine Notes.

The barkentine Gardiner City departed yesterday for Port Los Angeles, with 521,000 feet of lumber.

The schooner Challenger got to sea yesterday morning for San Francisco. She takes 425,000 feet of lumber from the Hume mill.

The barkentine Encore cleared yesterday for San Francisco, with 720,000 feet of lumber. The cargo was taken on at Knappton.

The steamer Whittier arrived yesterday from California, with a cargo of crude oil. She left up the river for Linnton, where the oil is stored for the use of oil burning river steamers.

## Christian Worker is Hurt.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Matilda B. Carse, founder of the Woman's Temple and one of the leaders of the National Women's Christian Union, has suffered a fall on an icy pavement, which resulted in a broken hip. The outcome of the injury is uncertain. Mrs. Carse's sons are in New York.

## Assumes Dictatorship.

New York, Feb. 11.—President Bonilla is reported to have assumed a dictatorship in Honduras and has dissolved congress to frustrate a plot in which some deputies were concerned, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. The deputies have been arrested. Honduras is quiet and the people approve of the government's conduct. Relations between Nicaragua and Honduras are on a good footing.

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Isaac Whitfield, of 312 Fifth avenue, San Francisco, Cal., is very anxious to know of the whereabouts of his son, James Whitfield, who worked in Astoria a short time ago. Any person

knowing of him will confer a great favor by giving his father the desired information.

U. S. Engineer Office, Portland, Ore., Feb. 10, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received here for 240,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Oregon and Washington, until 11 a. m., March 11, 1904, and then publicly opened. Information on application. W. C. Langfitt, Major, Engineers.

Office constructing quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Feb. 6, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m. March 7, 1904, and then opened, for the construction, plumbing, heating and electric wiring of one field officers' and one double set of lieutenants' quarters, and for the construction, plumbing and electric wiring of one set of hospital steward's quarters at Fort Stevens, Ore. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office and at the office of Disbursing Quartermaster at Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for construction buildings at Fort Stevens" and addressed to Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore.

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**Suit for Mining Interest.**  
New York, Feb. 10.—A motion for the appointment of a commission to take testimony in Lima, Peru, in the suit of Mrs. Mary L. Van Slioten, as administratrix of the late William Van Slioten, of 52-Sidney place, against James B. Haggin and Howard McK. Twombly, owners of the Cerre de Pasco mines in Peru, was granted this morning by Justice Marean at special term of the supreme court. The suit involves \$1,250,000.  
Mrs. Van Slioten began an action a year ago, claiming that the defendants got possession of the richest mining company in the world through her husband's efforts as an expert in mining matters. She alleges her husband went to South America at the instigation of the defendants and had the agreement defendants made with her husband been kept, he would have been worth a million dollars as his share of the venture, but that they refused to pay him.

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