

GREAT GALE HITS COAST

Storm of Unusual Fury Rages Over Northwest, Paralyzing Shipping.

MAY LAST FOR SOME DAYS

Marines Report Yesterday's Bar One of Worst They Have Ever Seen—Other Marine Happenings.

The storm which came up Saturday night increased in fury Sunday and since that time a very severe gale has raged along the north Pacific coast. The wind lashed the sea into fury and shipping has been completely paralyzed. The gale reached its height early yesterday morning, when the wind howled along at the rate of 70 miles an hour or more. Captain Wicklund, of the Hammond life saving crew, said last night that the weather was as bad as any he had ever seen at the mouth of the Columbia, and similar reports are made by other persons who visited the mouth of the river.

Yesterday the bar was breaking very badly. When the news came of the stranding of the schooner Howe on North beach Captain Dunwoodie, of the revenue cutter Perry, started immediately to the scene. The Perry went down to the mouth of the river, but could proceed no further. The bar was breaking in a terrible manner and a glance at the white seas indicated only too plainly that no vessel could live there. The tug Tatoonah was unable to cross out, and Captain Dunwoodie determined that he could not trust the Perry to the fury of the gale. The cutter was therefore compelled to put back into the harbor. She had started for the scene of the disaster with the intention on the part of the master to take the Point Adams life crew to the rescue of the unfortunate mariners, but the trip was abandoned on account of the storm.

The government transport Dix is still tied up in the lower harbor, waiting moderation of the gale, and there is little prospect of her immediate departure. The detention to this vessel will doubtless cause much inconvenience to the department. The steamship Oregon is also weather bound. She is lying at the mouth of the river.

The indications last night were for continuance of the heavy weather and it is likely no vessel will arrive or depart for a few days to come.

WAS TWICE OVERDUE.

French Bark La Bruyere 280 Days Out From Shields to Astoria.

The French bark La Bruyere, which arrived in at Astoria Saturday afternoon, has been longer on the way than any cargo ship that has reached port for several months, and has had the distinction of being twice on the overdue list on the same voyage. She left Shields early last May and did not reach Port Los Angeles, her first port of call, until late in December. After discharging part of her cargo there, she sailed north, but was so long in working up the coast that underwriters were again quoting reinsurance on her several days before she arrived.

When she left Europe she was chartered for December wheat loading at Portland at 23s 6d, but long before she reached here rates fell away to the lowest point on record. From that low point there has been a gradual recovery, but thus far it has been insufficient to warrant the charterers in keeping her, and as she had missed her cancelling date she was thrown on the market. The repairs to her damaged top mast will take a number of days, and she will probably be chartered for some kind of business by the time they are completed.

Marine Notes.

The transport Buford is due to arrive from San Francisco. She may not be able to get in today on account of the storm.

The forward doors of the cabin of the steamer Vanguard were smashed in yesterday by the waves as the steamer was crossing the river.

In honor of Washington's birthday, all the vessels in the harbor were decorated with flags yesterday. The United States customs house was closed during the entire day.

The British bark Thistle has been chartered to load grain at Portland. She is now lying at San Francisco. The Thistle will take away about 140,000 bushels.

The action of Captain Dunwoodie in

hastening with the revenue cutter Perry to the mouth of the river in an effort to render assistance to the crew of the schooner Howe was generally commended yesterday. It was only regretted that the cutter could not have gone to the scene of the disaster and assisted in saving the men.

SHE AVERTED A PANIC.

Calm Words of Factory Employ Still Confusion.

New York, Feb. 22.—A bucket of hot rubber cement was accidentally upset shortly before 9 o'clock this morning on the fourth floor of Hanan & Sons' shoe factory, at Bridge and Front streets, and started a blaze that caused considerable excitement among the 300 women and 600 men employes.

Two hundred and fifty of the women were at work on the fourth floor when the flames began to spread, and instantly there was a rush for the elevator and hall exits. One of the girls subsequently complained that the men rather got the better of the scramble for the elevator, totally disregarding the precedence usually accorded to sex.

Alice Fitzgerald, 58 years old, of 1879 Atlantic avenue, at the height of the confusion, counseled her companions to maintain cool heads, and her words being followed by dozens of the girls, a panic was averted. The flames were extinguished by employes before the engines arrived, and the total loss will not exceed \$1000, it is thought.

Several young women fainted in the scramble to escape. Those requiring medical attendance were: Miss McDonald, of 182 Ryerson street; Miss Minnie Corbin, 18 years old, of 1822 Second avenue, Manhattan; Lena Hassler, 14 years old, of 44 Vanderville avenue, and Barbara Smith, of 69 Nassau street.

A girl named Corbin in her excitement dropped her purse, which contained \$25, and it was not found.

While fighting the flames, Frederick Kirkman, of 176 Elder street, and Dominick Squally, of 9 Lawrence street, were burned on the hands. They were attended by an ambulance surgeon, but not removed.

Hook and ladder truck 68 collided with an electric light pole at the corner of Bridge and Plymouth streets on the way to the fire and threw one of the crew from the running board to a snow heap. The man received a slight shaking up, but was not otherwise injured. The apparatus was only slightly damaged.

RICH CARGO FROM JAPAN.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 20.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of David Wark, of this city, a Canadian senator, has been observed here. Wark is said to be the oldest legislator in the world. He has never missed a session at Ottawa since his first term.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 18, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the State of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Fred Hendrickson, of Astoria, County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 6366, for the purchase of the N. E. 1-4 of Section No. 20, in Township No. 5 N., Range No. 8 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the County Clerk of Clatsop County, at Astoria, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 10th day of May, 1904.

He names as witnesses: Arthur M. Smith, of Astoria, Clatsop Co., Oregon; Charles C. Kaup, of Astoria, Clatsop Co., Oregon; J. R. Wherry, of Elsie, Clatsop Co., Oregon; Roy Wherry, of Collins, Washington.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 10th day of May, 1904.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between John H. Malar and William Johnson, doing business as the "Astoria Meat, Fish and Poultry Market," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, the said William Johnson retiring from the said firm and Mr. Malar continuing the business. All debts due the said firm are payable to the said John H. Malar, and all bills owing by said firm will be paid by him.

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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.

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