

SETTLEMENT NOT IN SIGHT

Steam Schooner Owners Unable to Agree Upon Terms With Striking Employes.

SAILING VESSELS IN DEMAND

Lumber Dealers Look to This Class of Carriers to Get Lumber South—Inverness Arrives From Vancouver.

Associated Press advices received yesterday by The Astorian from San Francisco convey the information that there is now less prospect of settlement of the difficulties between the owners of the steam schooners of the coast and their employes than at any other time since the inauguration of the strike. The owners are now having trouble with their sailors, who want \$60 wages for eight hours' work a day and 60 cents an hour overtime pay. The owners seem determined to hold out against this demand. Recently, when the marine engineers struck for advanced wages, the steam schooners were nearly all laid up, but eventually a compromise arrangement was concluded, both sides making concessions. Now the owners do not feel disposed to grant the demands of the sailors, fearing that the demand habit will become chronic, and as a consequence many of the vessels are out of commission.

As a result of the withdrawal from the coastwise trade of the steam schooners the lumber dealers of San Francisco are casting about for other means of getting lumber south from northern ports. They are chartering coasters of the sailing class, and already many schooners have been fixed for loading here and on the sound. Of ready many schooners have been fixed trouble between the steam schooner owners and their men many had been idle for months, but there promises hereafter to be much activity among this class of vessels.

The tieup of the steam schooners will not be regretted by the large steamship companies. The small steamers plying between San Francisco and Astoria and sound ports have always cut more or less figure in the passenger and miscellaneous freight business. On their outward trips from northern ports these small steamers have taken lumber and grain cargoes, but coming north they have picked up whatever has offered in the way of freight and passengers, making lower rates than the larger companies. The strike will temporarily remove this menace to the business of the larger concerns.

Inverness Comes in Ballast.

The oriental liner Inverness reached port yesterday from Vancouver, B. C. This is her first visit to this port and she came in ballast. She is smaller than the other trans-Pacific liners plying out of the Columbia, registering 2,401 tons. She is commanded by Captain J. J. Proud and carries a crew of 31 persons. She brought around from Vancouver one white passenger, Seton Taylor, son of the senior member of the firm of Taylor, Young & Co. There are now three oriental liners in port—the Indrapura, Lothian and Inverness.

New Boats Measured.

Deputy Collector McCue yesterday measured the new gasoline launch A. Booth, built for the A. Booth Packing Company as a cannery tender. The boat is 60.7 feet in length, 11.7 feet in width and 3.6 feet deep. She registers 14 gross and 10 net tons. The measurements of the gasoline launch Bernice were also announced. This boat was formerly the A. Booth, but was sold to J. R. Burke, of Cathlamet, and by him rebuilt. She is 45.8 feet in length, 10.1 feet wide and 3.6 feet deep. She registers 13 gross and 9 net tons.

Launch May Sold.

The gasoline launch May, one of the neatest boats of the mosquito fleet, has been sold. The launch belonged to John T. Nassa and Theodore M. Nassa and she has been bought by the Smiley-Sheldon Company, the new firm which is opening a cannery at Eagle Cliff. The bill of sale, which was filed yesterday at the customs house, shows the consideration to have been \$1,200.

The British ship Thistle, grain laden for the United Kingdom, fouled her anchors in the lower harbor yesterday and was brought to a dock, where

the cables will be cleared. No damage has resulted from the mishap and the hooks will be clear today. The barkentine Chehalis, from Honolulu, was reported in the offing last evening.

Marine Notes.

The schooner C. A. Klose departed yesterday for San Pedro with 450 cords of firewood.

The Italian ship Cressington has cleared for Callao with 1,707,129 feet of lumber, valued at \$17,588.

The British ship Cromartyshire arrived down from the Tongue yesterday afternoon and proceeded to the lower harbor.

The three-masted barkentine Newsboy arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She is thought to be under charter to load lumber.

When the French bark Marechal de Noailles arrives here from Antwerp Captain Richard will take charge of her, having arrived for that purpose. The Noailles put in at Valparaiso to allow Captain Annette to go to the hospital, and when she sailed she was in charge of the first officer. She brings a general cargo.

The German four-masted bark Nal has been chartered to load wheat on the Columbia for the United Kingdom. She will take away a big cargo of about 150,000 bushels. Her rate is 30 shillings, which is the highest paid thus far during the year. The Nal departed from the Columbia in January of last year, her rate at that time having been 33s 9d.

PAINTED DULL GRAY.

Regulation War Color in Effect on Maru Liners.

Victoria, B. C., April 6.—The ship Agamemnon, from British ports by way of China and Japan, now in port, left Yokohama on March 14, going to Mororan, on Yesso Island, for coal. She left the latter port on the 21st.

Among the items of interest brought by the Agamemnon is that it is reported that three Maru liners taken from the Australian run for the Japanese government service at the outbreak of the war, two are now to be returned to the controlling company, only one being at the present time required. It is stated with respect to the report that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line was chartering British steamers for the purpose of resuming its old trade, that this applies only to the coasting trade in the orient. Already some British steamers have been chartered for that purpose by the company. A great many of the coasting vessels have been impressed into the government service to act as convoys for conduct of steamers into ports in order to avoid dangers from mines.

The large Maru merchant steamers taken into service have been painted the regulation war color—a dull gray. Some of them were seen by the Agamemnon, fitted up for the transportation of horses.

MANY NATIVES DIE.

Village in Far North Wiped Out By Measles.

Seattle, April 6.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says: All the Eskimos at the mouth of the MacKenzie river have died of measles. The deaths numbered 200. Bishop Breynat, of the Catholic church, just arrived, brings the news. Two small steamers are crushed in the ice on the upper MacKenzie.

A Rampart paper states that the spring thawing is likely to render the entire Alaskan telegraph system useless until summer repairs are possible. Too much hasty construction is the cause.

Clinton Mayo, a son of Capt. Mayo, the most prominent Rampart pioneer, died from drinking wood alcohol.

Rampart is short of many staples. It is the most serious shortage in the history of the camp. Great mining activity in Fairbanks and Rampart is the cause.

Alonzo Chesweth was killed by a bear in the Tanana valley. His home is not ascertained.

A habeas corpus petition has been filed in Nome for the release of Count and Countess Moreaczewski, who are held on a charge of assault.

A Fort Egbert special to the Nome News says that Sergeant Fred Sanford, of the signal corps, and \$150 have disappeared mysteriously. No clew as to his whereabouts.

Anxious to Settle Strike.

New York, April 6.—Conferences are being held here between the officers of the striking lithographers and representatives of the employing lithographers association with a view to ending the strike and lockout. The deadlock has proved so complete that both sides are said to be anxious to end it and the negotiations are going ahead in a friendly spirit. It is believed the whole matter will be settled within a few days.

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SAMPSON'S LONG HAIR WAS THE cause of his death. You should get your hair cut at least once a month at the Occident Barber Shop, where there are first-class artists.

Republican County Convention.

Notice is hereby given, that a Republican County Convention for Clatsop county, State of Oregon, will be held at the City of Astoria, on Saturday, April 9, 1904, at the court house at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, for the purpose of nominating the following county officers to be voted for at the state election to be held on Monday, June 6, 1904, and electing 10 delegates to attend the Republican state convention to be held at the city of Portland, on Tuesday, April 12, 1904, and 10 delegates to the congressional convention;

- Two representatives,
- One county clerk,
- One sheriff,
- One treasurer,
- One county commissioner,
- One coroner,
- One assessor,
- One surveyor,
- One school superintendent,
- Justices of the peace and constables in the various precincts.

The various precincts of the county are entitled to one delegate at large and one delegate for every 25 votes or fraction over of the votes cast for F. I. Dunbar for secretary of state, the apportionment being as follows:

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Clatsop 4
Seaside 6
Melville 3
Chadwell 3
Youngs River 3
Olney 3
Knappa 3
Clifton 5
Westport 4
Vesper 3
Jewell 3
Mishawaka 3
Elsie 2
Push 3

Total 112
The committee recommends that the primaries be held on Saturday, April 2, 1904.
G. C. FULTON,
Chairman.

C. J. CURTIS, Secretary.

Careful About Plague.

New York, April 6.—Only two cases of bubonic plague developed Monday, says a Herald dispatch from Lima, Peru. The government has ordered a strict examination of all passengers and disinfection of baggage on all trains leaving Lima and also on steamers leaving Callao. Sanitary stations have been established in Payta, Callao and Ito.

Labor Trouble Over.

New York, April 6.—For the first time in several months there is no labor trouble in the Rapid Transit Subway, a strike of plumbers having been settled after a month's negotiations. The men will resume work at once on the stations.

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