

INDRAPURA GOT TO SEA

Liner Did Not Wait for Deputy Marshal to Serve Papers in Libel Suit.

CROSSED OUT AT EARLY HOUR

By the Time the Marshal Secured a Launch the Liner Was Out—Other Maritime Happenings.

The oriental liner Indrapura was not arrested yesterday morning in the libel suit filed against her for \$15,000 by the British & Foreign Insurance Company. The deputy marshal who brought down the papers was just a trifle slow, and the big vessel got to sea before he could make service upon the captain.

The papers in the case were placed in the hands of the deputy and that officer arrived in Astoria on the night train. The Indrapura had meantime reached Astoria and proceeded to the lower harbor. The deputy doubtless believed he could serve the papers at daybreak yesterday morning, so he hunted up a hotel and piled into bed. The Indrapura's manifest had been sent down to P. L. Cherry by mail, so the master of the vessel was not required to come ashore.

The deputy's troubles commenced when he rose at 4 a. m. He started out to find a launch to take him down to the lower harbor, but it was 5 o'clock before he finally secured one. Then he hastened for the lower harbor, and an hour after leaving the city was rewarded by seeing the big liner cross over the bar. He was about 30 minutes late.

Up in Portland they have some pretty smart people—people so smart, indeed, that they are always right—when they are wrong. When there are any warrants to be served in this county, especially on masters of vessels, the Portland wise ones select one of their number and entrust him with the duty. As a rule, the officer hunts up Sheriff Linville, who does his work for him. Telegraphic instructions to the sheriff yesterday afternoon would have succeeded in holding the big liner, but as it was the libelants will have considerable difficulty now in making service.

The opinion was expressed yesterday that the master of the Indrapura was notified that his vessel was to be arrested, and he is believed to have hastened to sea to avoid the detention. Locally satisfaction was expressed that he escaped the intended detention, and his action in outwitting the Portland people caused a broad smile along the water front.

FUTURE OF THE INDRAS.

Rumor That They Will Return to Take Away Lumber Cargoes.

A rumor was persistently repeated in the shipping quarter that the three "Indras," which have been in the service of the Portland & Asiatic Company, are to return to this coast in the lumber business. The Pacific Export Lumber Company, which was credited in the report with having made the deal, denied any knowledge of it. Captain Horne of the Indrapura on his departure told his friends he would be back soon, which would indicate that he had been apprised of the future movements of his steamer.

It is known that the Indravelli was also offered to the Pacific Export Company for a time charter, but the offer was declined, as the vessel was not considered suitable. The Indravelli, on her arrival at Hongkong, will retire from the Portland and Asiatic service and the Indrapura will do likewise when she reaches the south China port. The Inrasamha has one more trip to make to the Columbia, after which she, too, will be returned to her owners, and the places of these vessels will be taken by the Hamburg-American liners that were lately chartered. It is probable that eventually some of the Indras will find their way back to this port as tramps.

The Peril of a Soul.

A little over a year ago the customs officers seized in the baggage of an American army officer returning from China one of the famous mortuary tablets of jade from the innermost temple in the forbidden city of Peking. The Chinese government has mourned the loss of these tablets more than any of the rest of the loot which had been carried off from Peking, and Uncle Sam had given the Chinese assurance that

all of the tablets caught in this country would be returned.

When Customs Officer Chauncey St. John had notified the newspaper men doing duty about the federal building of his seizure they immediately telephoned to their respective offices for photographers, for the beautiful tablet of green stone was a relic of more than passing importance and it was a "good story." The photographers were soon on the scene, and the precious tablet was taken out on a back roof, where the light would permit of its being photographed. In the meantime the secretary to the Chinese legation had been notified of the seizure and he had started down to the federal building to reclaim the tablet for his government.

No one noticed when a photographer balanced the tablet up on the edge of the railing about the roof in order that he might have the sun fall upon it. A heavy gust of wind or a touch of the coat sleeve would have sent it crashing down to the pavement, 50 feet below. Just as he was pressing the button of his camera there was a piercing cry from the doorway behind, and from it rushed the Chinese secretary of legation. He stumbled over to the precious green stone, seized it from its precarious resting place and wrapped it tenderly in the folds of his jacket.

"That man would have lost his head in China," gasped he, indicating the photographer. "The safety of this stone is worth the lives of a dozen such as he. It contains the soul of an emperor dead these 3,000 years."

Marine Notes.

The gasoline schooner Della departed yesterday for Nestucca.

The ship Berlin and bark Harry Morse are to sail for Alaska April 16. The schooner W. F. Garms, with a cargo of lumber for Manila, departed yesterday.

The barkentine Newsboy was towed up the river yesterday. She is to load lumber at Portland.

The British ship Thistle got to sea yesterday. She takes a cargo of grain for the United Kingdom.

Launch Chief will take the Vanguard's place on the Cathlamet route beginning today at 3 p. m.

Captain Hoben, Lloyd's surveyor, was down from Portland yesterday, looking over the Harry Morse and Berlin.

Captains Edwards and Fuller were down from Portland yesterday and inspected the steamers Vanguard, O. K., North Star and Colwell. As a result of the inspection, the Vanguard was delayed here and did not make her usual return trip to Cathlamet during the afternoon.

ELEGANT OFFICE BUILDING.

Chicago & Northwestern Will Erect Handsome Structure.

Chicago, April 8.—The Chicago & Northwestern railway has begun the construction of its new 14-story office building at the northwest corner of Jackson boulevard and Franklin street. The new structure is designed to be the most elegant home in the country occupied by a single railroad and will cost upward of \$1,000,000.

The building will have a frontage of 105 feet on Jackson boulevard and 165 feet on Franklin street, and will be provided with an inner court 61 feet long and 40 feet wide. Each story will contain 10,300 square feet of office space. On the 14th floor will be a dining room 75x38 feet in which the employes will be given their noon luncheon free of cost. There also will be a writing, reading and library room for the men and one for the women.

FIRE IN CEMETERY.

Stones Marking Heroes' Graves Damaged by Blaze.

New York, April 8.—Mischievous boys have caused great damage by fire at St. Mark's cemetery, a burying ground 200 years old at Orange, N. J. The shrubbery had become unusually dry and a party of boys started a blaze which spread quickly to the cemetery, thickly planted with trees and shrubbery to protect the curious stones marking the resting places of many heroes of the revolutionary and civil wars. The firemen worked more than an hour to check the fire, which by the time they reached the scene, had spread all over the grounds. Hundreds of the old headstones were cracked and ruined, while the more pretentious marble columns were seriously damaged, entailing a heavy loss.

Medals Will Admit.

St. Louis, April 8.—In place of passes, President Francis, the directors and chiefs of divisions of the world's fair will have gold badges as their credentials to pass the gates during the exposition. In design the badges will be alike, the only difference being the wording.

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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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Walluski.....	3
New Astoria.....	5
Warrenton.....	4
Clatsop.....	4
Seaside.....	6
Meville.....	3
Chadwell.....	3
Youngs River.....	3
Olney.....	3
Knappa.....	3
CHfton.....	5
Westport.....	4
Vesper.....	3
Jewell.....	3
Mishawaka.....	3
Elsie.....	3
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.

Short Line Company. San Francisco, April 8.—Articles of incorporation of the Marysville & Susanville Railway Company, which have been filed in the county clerk's office, provide for a railroad from Marysville to a point in Honey Lake valley at or near Susanville, the route between those two places crossing the Sierra Nevada mountains, and from Susanville to a point on the boundary line between California and Nevada, the estimated length of this line being 290 miles. The capital stock of the company has been fixed at \$7,000,000.

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