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Chehalis Wants \$100,000 For Saving Puebla.

BIGGEST CLAIM ON RECORD

Wray Castle Down Yesterday—Northland and Jennie in from San Francisco—Day's News Along the Astoria Waterfront.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Never in the maritime history of the Pacific Coast has such an enormous libel been placed upon any vessel, as in the suit filed in the admiralty court, today, against the steamer City of Puebla by the owners of the steamer Chehalis, who claim \$100,000. The contest over the salvage will be stoutly contested by the marine underwriters.

Valencia Vice Puebla.

The steamer City of Puebla which recently broke her shaft while at sea, will be replaced by the steamer Valencia until repairs can be made. The Valencia was built at Philadelphia in 1882 and is of the following dimensions: Length, 252 feet; width, 34 feet; depth, with net register of 1197 tons. It is thought that the repairs on the City of Puebla will be completed in a few weeks.

Explosion Sinks Steamer.

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Jan. 5.—The British steamer Carlisle sank in the Saigon River yesterday after a conflagration on board, following an explosion of powder, due to spontaneous combustion. Two of the crew, an engineer and a sailor, are missing. Many persons were injured during the excitement attending the rescue of the remainder of the crew.

Nicomedia Coming.

The big ocean liner Nicomedia left Hong Kong at noon, December 31, for Portland. She will visit several Japanese ports en route and will not reach Portland until about January 31.

Wants to Repair Ship.

Only one bid was received for the work to repair the Columbia River lightship. It was made by R. H. Roller, of Portland, who agreed to do the work for \$35,000.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The steamship Costa Rica is due in from the Bay City at any time today.

The Clan Graham should be down on the tow lines of the Oklahoma sometime today, from the metropolis.

The steamer Lucine went up on time last night. Among her passengers were Nels Fithrup and F. A. Meyer.

The steamer Jennie came in over the bar from San Francisco at 4 p. m. yesterday, and went on up to Portland.

C. M. Pearson, of Portland, is in the city, a guest of his nephew, Charles Mitchell, of the Callender service.

The steamship Senator will be down from Portland tomorrow morning, at 7 o'clock en route to San Francisco.

The Harvest Queen will return up to Westport today and bring down the schooner Admiral, lumber laden for California.

The British ship Wray Castle came down on the hawsers of the Harvest Queen and went to an anchorage in the channel.

The steamer Atlas came down from Portland yesterday noon and went to the lower harbor. The bar was too rough for her just then.

Paralytic Stroke.—Charles Williams, an old and highly respectable citizen of the Lewis & Clark country was stricken, for the second time, on Thursday last, with paralysis. Dr. Pilkington, who attended him, reports him much improved and practically safe.

The steamer Northland arrived in from San Francisco yesterday morning, and went to the Hume mill dock, where she will take on 100,000 feet of dressed lumber, before proceeding to Portland for the balance of his cargo.

The steamer Jordan brought in the following people from river points yesterday morning: T. K. Johnson, from Texas Illhee; Deputy State Fish War-

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