



ARRIVES AT NOON

St. Nicholas Down From Nushagak.

HAS PROSPEROUS TRIP

30,000 Cases Result of Season Pack for Columbia River Packing As.

COMPANY MAKES GOOD RECORD

Alaska Pack is Already Sold—Portland Alaska Fishermen Dispose of Their Product at \$1.05, Subject to Opening Price of Alaska Packers' Association.

Breasting the swells at the mouth of the river gracefully and throwing the spray from off her bows in pure pleasure at being home again, the St. Nicholas, Captain Antonson, crossed in at 12:30 yesterday, 18 days from Nushagak, Alaska. And in keeping with the happy way the ship came into the harbor were the spirits of the men aboard of her; all were in fine condition and all were glad to get home again. From the reports of the officers and crew of the men the trip down must have been one continuous holiday excursion.

In the hold of the St. Nicholas there is close to 30,000 cases of salmon belonging to the Columbia River Packing Association. This represents the summer's work of the company and is a remarkable showing for the season which is reported to have been the worst that any of the veterans in the business have experienced. But although the season has been poor, the Columbia Packers managed to get the best from it. Their boats, of which there were 31, were rated the highest and bested their competitors by 3000 fish per boat.

In all the long summer's work there was nothing to mar the pleasure of what was almost an outing except the death of one of the fishermen, Sam Turola, one of the best fishermen in the company's employ. In all other respects the work went smoothly; there was no words between officers and men and the returning crew have the highest praise for the officials of the company and the officials have the same words of praise in regard to the men.

The Columbia River Packers' product is already sold in carlots to the distributing centers all over the United States. The price is \$1.05 against the opening price of the Alaska Packers' Association of San Francisco. The Portland-Alaska Packers' Association, has already sold its pack subject to the same understanding but if the price should go above \$1.05 the Portland firm does not get the advantage of the margin, but if it drops below they will be above the market in having disposed of their stock at the price as quoted.

Good luck has been with the St. Nicholas from the time she left here, April 19, until the time she dropped anchor in the harbor yesterday afternoon. The trip up to Unimak Pass was made in 11 days, that is the record and the officers of the ships are ready to back it up. Superintendent Belland has made the trip for 17 years, three times with the present company, and says that it has been the best and the quickest that he has ever experienced.

"The entire trip down was fine," said Mr. Belland yesterday. "When we first left Nushagak the weather was thick and we proceeded cautiously. We were with the John Currier the day she was wrecked but the weather was so thick we could not see anything over her. We dropped our lead at that point and finding 25 fathoms of water went about on the other tack and suppose that the Currier continued on her course and went ashore.

"The weather was so thick in coming through Unimak Pass that we caught but just one glimpse of the beach. But on getting further south the weather cleared and the trip was

very enjoyable. We sailed down with all sails set and only in reaching the region of the Columbia River did we strike thick weather again. Captain Antonson was obliged to lay off Willapa Bay last night on account of the fog."

Captain Antonson also said that he had the best kind of a trip down. "We had a fine trip down and all the men arrived in good shape. The ship made a quick passage and of course I am glad we did not have the same luck as the John Currier."

On board the returned vessel were 90 white people, passengers and crew, and 102 Chinese and Japanese. With all this colony of humanity there was no sickness and Dr. Pilkington quickly passed the vessel through quarantine.

One of the returning members of the company who is looking well is the inside boss, Thomas Wooten. The ship was reported to be coming up the harbor and Mr. S. Elmore, one of the officers of the company, went down on the dock to watch her drop anchor.

"By jove," said Mr. Elmore, as the ship was well down the bay, "if there isn't Tom Wooten's whiskers I'm a farmer. I can tell that glint a long way off." He was correct in his prediction, for when Mr. Wooten came ashore he was adorned with the best beard on the ship and there were many good ones, too. He is looking fine and is several pounds heavier than when he left.

Mr. H. Johnson, bookkeeper for the company also bears out the other men's statement for a prosperous voyage and from all reports it is to be construed that the St. Nicholas and the company which she brought down the pack for had a most prosperous summer even if the run of fish was light.

The St. Nicholas will discharge cargo next week.

HOLD A CONFERENCE.

LEXINGTON, Ky., August 23.—Secretary Garfield, who was telegraphed for by Secretary Taft, arrived from St. Louis late last night. No statement is obtainable on matters discussed.

NOW ON THE RANGE

Military Part of Country at Rifle Contests.

SEA GIRL THE NEXT PLACE

One of the Most Popular Ranges in the Country Will be the Scene of Numberless Contests—Society Event For the East.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—After the National Rifle Matches and those of the National Rifle Association, which will be shot at Camp Perry, Ohio, the attention of the rifle world will be turned toward Sea Girl, New Jersey, where the matches of the New Jersey State Rifle Association will be shot from September 2nd to 7th inclusive. Probably a majority of the teams from Camp Perry, certainly a large number, will proceed to Sea Girl for these matches.

Sea Girl has long been famous for its rifle matches and possesses one of the best ranges in the country. The principal match will be that for the Dryden Trophy, presented by former Senator Dryden of that State, one of the handsomest trophies in the country. It is open to the same teams as are eligible for the National Match, except that the teams shall be composed of eight instead of twelve men. The distances are 200, 600 and 1000 yards. The Dryden trophy carries with it \$150 in cash with \$100 to the second team and \$50 to the third team.

There are also the Interstate Regimental team match open to battalions and separate organizations of the United States service and to the regiments of the National Guard. This is a new match, the trophy for which was presented by Hon. Frank O. Briggs, U. S. Senator from New Jersey, and carries with it a number of cash prizes. There will also be the company team match, Company trophy match, Columbia trophy match, Carbine team match, Veteran Organization team match, Gould rapid fire team match, Individual rapid fire match, All-Corners Military match, Hayes match, General E. P. Meany match, New Jersey State Rifle Association match.

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WILLING WITNESSES

In Portland Bank Failure Inquiry.

GRAVE FOR OFFICIALS

Depositors Swear That Money Was Accepted After Condition Was Known.

MOOR GIVES OWN MONEY

But E. E. Lytle is Not so Free With Collateral to Insure Depositors Their Money—Manning Will Issue Indictments When he Secures Evidence.

PORTLAND, August 23.—Two score or more people are being examined by District Attorney John Manning, sitting as a grand jury, looking for evidence to ascertain whether the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank accepted deposits when the officials knew the bank was insolvent. If sufficient evidence can be gathered an indictment will be returned without unnecessary delay and the officials prosecuted criminally.

From testimony received from witnesses this morning the defunct bank must have taken in many thousands of dollars Tuesday afternoon, a few hours before the institution suspended. The point to be determined is whether the officials, at the time this money was taken over the counter, knew that the bank was on the verge of destruction. None of the bank officials will be sent for by the District Attorney, although President Walter H. Moore telephoned Mr. Manning this morning that he wanted to see him.

In an interview yesterday with Mr. Moore he said he was willing to dip into his private funds to assist the depositors in getting dollar for dollar. E. E. Lytle, one of the directors, however, has no intention of joining President Moore in such relief, according to a statement made by the director this morning.

Opinion is divided among lawyers as to whether there is at present any law by which the District Attorney can take action against the bank. Many lawyers contend that when the legislature passed the state banking law last winter it revoked the former statutes on the subject, and, since the state banking law does not take effect until next year,

there is now an interim during which the state has made no provision for prosecutions of this character. Notwithstanding the opinion of these attorneys, however, Mr. Manning is proceeding with his investigation and if he obtains the necessary evidence, will return his indictments and leave the question of law to the courts.

According to an official, two informations have already been signed, but Mr. Manning neither confirms nor denies the report.

When the district attorney decided to act in the case and notified his office, Deputy District Attorneys prepared complaints yesterday and drafted warrants for the bank officials. On Mr. Manning's arrival in Portland, however, he concluded that the better policy was to sit as a grand jury and proceed along those lines, as it would expedite matters and start the wheels working faster than if proceedings were brought in the municipal court.

PLAYS BASEBALL WITH JAPS.

American Jackies Visit and Patronize Mikado's Men.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—After six days at Yokohama the fast division of the Pacific fleet of warships, the Pennsylvania, the West Virginia, the Maryland and the Colorado, Rear-Admiral Dayton commanding, left that port today, under orders to proceed to the west coast of the United States via Honolulu, at which port, it is anticipated, the vessels will remain ten or fifteen days.

The stay of the fleet in Japan was without any untoward incident of any character, as was the case upon the previous visit of the vessels to Japanese ports two months ago. The men were given the usual shore leave, devoting their time to sightseeing in Yokohama and Tokio. There were baseball contests with Japanese college teams and the fraternization was complete.

It was announced at the navy department that the necessary repairs on the armored cruisers Tennessee and Washington, now at Hampton Roads and Newport, respectively, will be completed by September 28, and immediately after that date they will proceed to the Pacific.

These details are the most recent developments of the change of naval policy, the most significant features of which have been the President's desire to send the Atlantic fleet of 16 battle-ships to the Pacific.

PAYS FOR HIS IMPUDENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23.—E. J. Zimmer, vice-president of the Pacific States Telephone Co., was today sentenced to three months' imprisonment for refusal to testify in the Glass case.

OFFICERS KILL EACH OTHER.

GREENSBORO, N. C., August 23.—Deputy Revenue Collector Hendrix, with a posse from Raleigh, and Deputy Marshal Henry and posse from Durham while hunting a moonshiner's still last night each mistook the other for moonshiners and both sides fired. Deputy Gordon was mortally wounded, Deputy Hendrix and two possemen were seriously injured.

WORSE FOR GLASS

Heney is Gradually Weaving the Meshes.

ELIMINATION PROCESS

Showing That Other Officers of Company Did Not Know How to Bribe.

STICE IS A GOOD WITNESS

Said That he Came West as the Company Was Rotten—Employs West-Over Superiors Regardless of Rank—Pickernell Made Other Investigations.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 23.—Alfred J. Stice, formerly an official of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company strengthened the prosecutions elimination process by giving testimony to the effect that President Scott at the time Halsey is said to have bribed the supervisors, had not yet gained a practical knowledge of the telephone business. Speaking of Pickernell's coming to San Francisco, Stice said the condition of the company at that time was rotten.

"For one thing," he said, "it was the rule of employees even to go over their direct superiors."

Stice said he knew this because he drew up an organization chart which indicated diagrammatically the official rank of the system.

Delmas drew from Stice that Pickernell was to have met Scott and Stice at Portland but not do so because detained in Salt Lake. Heney considered this as an inference that Pickernell was detained in the Utah City to attempt to bribe officials there as there was great opposition to the Home Company in that place also.

To offset this he asked Stice what Pickernell was doing in Salt Lake.

Stice said he was looking into the opposition situation. Asked if Glass told him so, Stice said that he might have. When asked if Glass told him Pickernell was in Salt Lake for bribing officials Stice said, "No, Glass did not tell me that, and I do not know that it is true."

CHICAGO & ALTON BOUGHT.

Subject to Conditions of Standard Oil Fine For Rebates.

NEW YORK, August 23.—The Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad has acquired control of the Chicago & Alton, according to an announcement made today. The acquisition is subject to conditions which will not be made public for a fortnight.

While negotiations are closed the change of ownership will not take place until the purchasers are definitely assured the government did not intend to fine the Alton \$20,000,000 in connection with the Standard Oil rebates.

RUSH HOME AGAIN.

Globe Trotters Anxious to Return to the United States.

LONDON, August 23.—The usual end-of-the summer rush to secure berths on steamers bound for the United States is in full blast. It is estimated that 50,000 Americans arrived in May, June and July. Now all want to return within a month or six weeks. The steamship offices are daily besieged, but the only present hope of saloon passengers not holding return tickets is that some holders will prolong their stay and transfer their berths. All first-class accommodations have been booked until the end of September, and the second-class accommodation is nearly as full.

MANNING TO THE RESCUE.

United States Sends Swift Cutter to Pick Up Currier's Survivors.

Word was received here last night at the custom house and also at the office of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company that the United States government revenue cutter Manning will be sent to Nelson's Lagoon to rescue the passengers and crew of the shipwrecked vessel, John Currier, which was wrecked on August 9. The information came from Washington and the Manning is supposed to be at Valdez, Alaska, and while the officers of the company here sustaining the loss do not know where the Manning will bring the crew, yet they are of the opinion that she will put in at Seattle.

The John Currier, which was wrecked August 9, had 240 persons aboard, about half of which were Chinamen and Japanese. They are in ill-provised huts on a bleak part of the Alaskan coast and have provisions enough to last them until September 1. The news that the government is to act so promptly is a gratification to the officers of the company here and also to the relatives and friends of the castaways, many of whom are residents of Astoria.

KILLS CHINAMAN FOR MONEY.

REDDING, Cal., August 23.—Dan Arthur, a half-breed, wanted for the murder of a Chinaman named Ah Chwong in Hawkins Bar, Trinity county, escaped Sunday when officers put in their appearance. Arthur got a boat and went down to Trinity River. He is believed to be in Humboldt county. Arthur's victim was a cook on the ill-fated Jeanette, lost in the Arctic Ocean, and was one of the few rescued. Since then he has been mining in Trinity. Arthur killed Ah Chwong for money.

RAILS SPREAD; FOUR KILLED.

BELLEVILLE, August 23.—The Blocton accommodation train of the Birmingham Mineral Railroad was wrecked by the spreading of the rails between Adger and Johns today. Four were killed and eight to ten injured.

MONEY FOR STRIKERS

Finance Committee Will Have to Furnish Funds.

REAL TEST NOW BEGINS

Western Union Will Not Take Back Old Employees But Will Retain Those Who Filled Their Positions—Strikers Are of the Opinion They Are Winning.

NEW YORK, August 23.—The striking telegraphers, who are without funds may now apply to the union's finance committee for relief, according to an announcement of Deputy President Thomas, Superintendent Brooks of the Western Union said the men employed to fill vacancies caused by the strike will be retained and none of the old operators whose places have been filled will be allowed to return.

PORTLAND, August 23.—There was nothing in the countenances of the little group of telegraph operators gathered in the strike headquarters at the Esmond Hotel today that would indicate discouragement over the situation. They discussed with earnestness various phases of the progress of the strike. They say: "We have the wires tied up all over the country in spite of reports to the contrary. Why, if a man puts a message on the wire, say, at Chicago for a coast point it is more than likely to go up into the air before fairly getting under way. He has no way to find out whether it got started, even, or not."

"We have daily reports from the chief officers in the east and letters in every mail and can say that Portland seems to have a better service today than any place in the country, and you know what we have here. The latest we have from Chicago, is the dispatch received this evening stating that out of the 1700 operators in that city we have not lost a man through desertion."

This matter of having messages interrupted was verified at the offices of the companies, one manager saying that the interruptions were of such a character as to disprove the claim of the strikers that the strike is being conducted in a clean manner. He said that some of the

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The Railroads—I guess there's nothing to do but to take it. The doctor says it's for the good of my system—but it's the bitterest pill I've had to swallow yet.