

SEA, PORT AND DECK

Roanoke and Senator Arrive in From the South.

A BIT OF WIRELESS GOSSIP

Auchencrag, Marechal d'Turenne and Rajore Down From Portland, Grain Laden for Europe—Casco Ready For Sea—Waterfront Items.

The fine steamship Roanoke, Captain Dunham on the bridge, arrived in from Port Los Angeles, San Francisco and Eureka at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, with 63 passengers on board for the Oregon metropolis, but none for Astoria which is a bit unusual. She brought 50 tons of general cargo for this port however, and took away 900 cases of salmon, and left up for Portland at high noon exactly. She will return down on Saturday morning next, early, and will leave out from her usual berth at the Callender pier at 9 o'clock on that morning.

While she was docked here a representative of the Astorian was the recipient of an appreciated courtesy at the hands of Mr. S. K. Balcom, the expert operator of the magnificent Massie wireless telegraph plant on board the Roanoke. Mr. Balcom went into as much detail of the intricate and beautiful machine as any ordinary layman could reasonably absorb, and illustrated the working of the plant, in the transmission and reception of messages, which, by the way, are two very different propositions, the sending of a communication being wrought with an abundance of noise and brilliant electric display, and the receiving of the distant message being achieved only through the most delicate and highly trained sense of hearing, so soft and practically imperceptible are the sounds that reach the listener through the sensitized ear-muffs worn by the operators.

Midway between Eureka and this port, early on Tuesday night last as the Roanoke was pounding her swift way

through the dark seas, Mr. Balcom, sitting at his desk on the spar-deck, caught the following message from Portland, and directed to Captain Dunham, then on watch on the bridge: "All well. Look for you on Wednesday night," which pleasant message was sent out of the wireless office at Portland by Mrs. Dunham, the master's wife. And a bit later in the night, he caught the full text of a government message sent broadcast from Point Loma on the coast of California and a thousand miles away. The air along the Pacific Coast is rife with hundreds of messages seeking their various destinations and invariably find them, to the comfort, convenience, pleasure and profit of their recipients.

The Roanoke, along with all other ships similarly equipped on this coast, receive the meridian time from Government sources every day at high noon at the point of departure, and this is a wonderful help in measuring time and distance, longitude and latitude, and in the confirming of her chronometers, and the working of her course over the blind and silent waters. Storm signals are sent out from the coast weather station to all ships en route up and down the coast and the illustrate their efficacy, the Roanoke had been out from Eureka but a few hours, when Mr. Balcom received a warning of a storm that was due, according to the calculations of the sending office, to cross her path within an hour, and the good ship was snuggled down and met the gale within 50 minutes after recording the word in the log.

There is an interminable lot of interesting points in connection with the wireless service that cannot be touched on in an article of this circumscribed character, but it is enough to say that this marvel of ingenuity and valuable service, but yet in its very infancy, is destined to work inconceivable changes in the maritime work of the whole world.

The steamship Senator entered port at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning, from San Francisco, and docked at the O. R. & N. piers for a short hour, and proceeded on her way to the metropolis with her freight and passengers.

The British ship Rajore, Captain Williams, arrived down from Portland early yesterday morning, on the hawsers of the Harvest Queen, and went to an anchorage in the lower harbor, whence she will sail for Europe today, with her big load of grain.

The fine French ship Marechal d'Tuer

enne came down the river yesterday afternoon on the tow lines of the Oklahoma, and is in the lower bay ready to depart outward, with an immense cargo of breadstuffs for the United Kingdom. Captain Nedelec is in command of her.

The steamer Cesco, lumber laden for San Francisco, finished loading at the Tongue Point mills yesterday and cleared for the Bay City, and is now in the city channel awaiting this morning's flood upon which to go over the bar. She has half a million feet of Oregon fir on board.

The British steamship Auchencrag, grain laden for the United Kingdom, arrived down from Portland on her way to sea, and is at anchor in the city channel off the O. R. & N. docks and will leave out today on her long voyage.

The bar schooner Pulitzer is in port, having come in from her cruising ground for provisions and other useful things, and will leave out this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

The Kamm flagship Lutline was down in good season last evening and left up at 7:40 o'clock for the metropolis with fair business on both decks.

The American ship Henry Villard, which has been discharging coal at this port will be towed to Portland this morning.

Outside the bar at a late hour last evening were the British ship Largo Bay, Captain McLeod, 59 days from Valparaiso, and the French bark Eugene Schneider, 63 days from Newcastle, N. S. W. Captain Hobard, commanding. Both vessels have pilots aboard.

Will Fix Levy—

The taxpayers of Astoria school district will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., at which time they will fix the tax levies. A two mills tax has already been fixed by the school directors for the purpose of making additions to school buildings and to pay the interest and first installment on the warrants issued for the additions made. The estimates are not yet completed but it is hoped the board will be able to get along with the usual eight mills levy.

Have you ordered the Morning Astorian delivered at your door?

MINISTERS TO COME TO ASTORIA

PORTLAND DISTRICT PREACHERS' CONFERENCE TO HOLD SESSION NEXT WEEK IN METHODIST CHURCH—PROGRAM.

The Portland District Preachers' Conference will convene in the First Methodist Church next Tuesday afternoon and will be in session until Thursday night. Many interesting subjects will be discussed, and a feature of the conference will be the Chinese service conducted for Chinese by Rev. Chan Sing Kai. Among noted clergymen who will be present is Rev. Clarence True Wilson, who will address the assemblage on the subject of "The Minister and Municipal Reform." The following is the program of the entire session:

- Tuesday Afternoon.**
 2:30—Devotions, Dr. Asa Sleeth.
 Roll-call—Each preacher to have two minutes in which to respond and to tell how he prepares his sermons or how he does his pastoral work.
 "The Inner Life of the Preacher," J. T. Abbott.
 "Family Devotions," H. Oberg.
 "What are the Conditions Necessary to God's Presence with the Church," Dr. F. A. Chapman.
 "Question Box." General discussion.
Tuesday Evening.
 7:30—Devotions, Melvill T. Wire.
 Sermon, W. R. Jeffrey, Jr.
Wednesday Morning.
 9:00—Devotions, Lewis F. Smith.
 "How to Secure Advocate Subscriptions," C. T. McPherson.
 "Building a Constitution—the Congregation," J. D. Voce.
 "The Ideal Church," S. J. Kester.
 "The Ideal Preacher," S. C. Turner.
 "The Ideal Layman," W. J. Douglass.
 "A Methodist Ministers Impressions of Foreign Missionary Work."
 "Evangelistic Preaching," J. W. McDougall.
 "Question Box." General discussion.
Wednesday Afternoon.
 2:00—Devotions, W. T. Kerr.
 "The Minister in His Study," C. C. Rarick.
 "The Minister in the Home," E. C.

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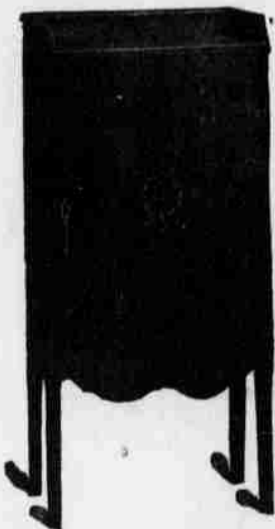
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