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OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

Last evening's Portland Telegram says:

"Captain Charles F. Pond, lighthouse inspector of this district, will have command of an armored cruiser in the Pacific squadron within the next 60 days. She will be of the type of the Washington or Tennessee, larger than many of the battleships, and he will have under him from 30 to 40 officers. It is an important promotion which has fallen to the lot of but few of the lighthouse inspectors in recent years.

"In this district Captain Pond will be succeeded by Commander J. M. Ellicott, who is in charge of the supply ship Solace, which is now at Charleston, S. C., being converted into a hospital ship. Commander Ellicott is expected to arrive in Portland from Charleston in about a week. For a couple of months he will act in the capacity of assistant to Captain Pond until he becomes thoroughly familiar with the district. Then he will assume full charge, and Captain Pond will take the new position awaiting him on one of the armored cruisers, the name of which has not yet been made known.

"Commander Ellicott is 46 years of age, and entered the service in 1879, after having graduated at the naval academy at Annapolis. He has been awarded a number of medals for bravery displayed in the face of great danger during the Spanish-American war. His predecessor gives him a high recommendation and says he is deservedly popular. Baltimore is his native city.

On the arrival of Captain Pond at Portland July 1, 1908, to assume charge of the lighthouse district embracing the coasts of Oregon, Washington and Alaska, he ranked as a commander. In less than three months later the title of Captain was conferred upon him by the department. Since then it has only been regarded as a matter of time until he would be ordered to report for sea duty, and consequently the news did not come as a surprise. But it is not often that a promotion to the command of one of the best ships in the navy comes so quickly.

Captain George E. Plummer, secretary of the Puget Sound Towboat

Company, accompanied by Mrs. Plummer, arrived in the city yesterday. This official is in Astoria to have a look at the company's fine tug Tatoosh, now in service here under lease to the O. R. & N. Company, and to size up the situation, and prospects, for his business and company, on the Columbia bar. He made no declaration of a positive sort as to what his company intended to do, save to intimate plainly that it was in the towing business and might operate on this bar and river if it decided to do so. He was greeted here very cordially by Captain Bailey, of the Tatoosh.

The British steamship Clan MacFarlane arrived in port yesterday from British Columbia waters after a cargo of grain for Asiatic delivery. She had a crew of 68 men, 56 of whom were Lascares, and about the worst set of "lookers" ever seen here; they were of the very lowest type of their race and the master of the ship was instructed by Inspector Bonham, of the Immigration service here, to be rigidly careful that none of them got ashore under any circumstances. She went up stream almost immediately.

The steamer Alliance arrived in from Coos Bay yesterday afternoon, with plenty of passengers and freight, a goodly grist of the latter being discharged at the Callender dock here, before the steamer went up the river.

The steamship Breakwater is due to sail for Coos Bay waters from the O. R. & N. piers at 4 o'clock this morning; and among her passengers from this port, is J. H. Harrison, an officer of the department of Commerce and Labor, who is visiting this coast officially.

The steamer Argo arrived down from Portland yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, and took on freight and passengers at the Callender, and left out over the bar at 7 o'clock.

The steamer Undine arrived down yesterday evening at 5:15 in place of the Lurline which has gone into the shipyard for some repairs to her ma-

chinery. The Undine did a good business both ways.

The steamer Yellowstone arrived in from San Francisco last evening, and after a brief stay in this harbor, went on to Portland.

The steamer South Bay arrived down at 1 o'clock this morning and docked at the Standard Oil Co.'s dock where she will take on fuel oil. She has a full cargo of lumber loaded at Portland for California. She expects to cross out at high water tomorrow forenoon.

Marine Danger.

Pinnacle rock, an obstruction to navigation, 14 feet under sea surface, has been discovered S. 19 deg. W. (true) from Point Tasco, Santa Margarita Island, Lower California. John McNulty, nautical expert.

MAY BUILD TO EUREKA.

President Ripley Will Now Make An Investigation There.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—E. P. Ripley president of the Santa Fe who arrived at Point Richmond in his private car from the East yesterday will make a tour of inspection over the Northwestern Pacific to determine whether or not to complete that line to Eureka. In addition to the filling in of a gap between Willits and Shively, the construction of a line to Albion, on the coast, to Healdsburg, is one of the matters that will be discussed at a conference today. According to the estimates furnished Ripley by his engineers it would cost \$9,000,000 or \$10,000,000 to make the proposed improvements. "That is a good deal to risk in railroad building in view of the attacks that have been on railroads in the last few years," he said.

Personal Mention

EVERYBODY'S MAGAZINE has come back to town on a visit, after nearly two weeks' absence. He says he hopes to stay quite a while—with a number of the best families; he brings with him a lot of new stories—good ones; his health is much improved.

O. W. WHITEMAN, EVENSEN'S BOOK STORE, AND UTZINGERS' NEWSSTAND

MESSAGE OF LOVE.

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—According to a dispatch received by the Times from Chicago, a message, probably a final one, is on its way from Chicago to the Pacific Coast in charge of a 6-year-old girl. It is a message from a mother who is ill in New York to a father believed to be dying in Los Angeles. The little tot who is bearing it is Margaret Bidwell, daughter of A. G. Bidwell, a former Chicago man. Mother and daughter who had just returned from a European tour, received a telegram in New York stating that Mr. Bidwell was not expected to live. Mrs. Bidwell became suddenly ill on receipt of the

new sand could not travel. Dictating a message to her husband, she sent her little daughter West with it. In her race with death, railroad officials say, she is making a record breaking trip for a girl of her age. She is due to arrive here Saturday morning.

TO REBATE BANK GUARANTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—A debating team from Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Ind., has arrived here to engage in debate tonight with representatives of the law school of Georgetown College. The subject of bank guarantees is to be discussed.

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