

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ASKS SENATOR MITCHELL TO INQUIRE INTO THE STATUS OF TRANSPORT BIDS

Portland Merchants Are Very Anxious to Ascertain Whether It Is Possible for Them to Secure Part of Business.

The following message was sent by the Chamber of Commerce to Senator John H. Mitchell this afternoon: "Please wire us intentions of the government regarding the transport service and inform us what change, if any, has been determined upon or is contemplated, particularly with reference to adoption by the war department of contract system of handling transport business by Portland people. Kindly inform us what disposition will be made of this. Our business men desire all information possible on this important subject."

TO MAKE SAFE ALASKAN SEAS

J. W. Ivey Urges Light-house Establishment. Says \$100,000 Is Needed to Equip Coast and Insure Passage of Ships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—J. W. Ivey, formerly collector of customs for the district of Alaska, and who is here in the interests of that territory, has opened his fight for a Congressional investigation of the need of proper light house facilities along the Alaskan coast.

SAILORS MUTINY AND LEAVE SHIP

Yankee Seamen Chose Open Sea on Life Rafts Rather Than Serve the English.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 5.—The British ship Leicester Castle arrived from San Francisco today and reports that American sailors that had been engaged for the passage mutinied on October 23. A pitched battle between the mutineers and the crew of the ship who remained faithful to their officers followed.

The business men of Portland are thoroughly aroused to the importance of attempting to get a portion of the United States army transport service to make this port a headquarters. Whether or not Seattle secures the contract for handling part of the war department freight with the Philippines, there are other contracts to be let and Portland can at least tell the officials at Washington that she is in a position at all times to bid on business with the new possessions.

that money that has been appropriated for the purpose of rendering navigation of Alaskan waters safe, has been wasted and fooled away. What is needed, he says, is vigorous action. The time is past when Alaska can be considered as a bleak and barren glacier.

FAVOR OF CANTEEN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—It is almost certain that the present session of the American Congress will be compelled to take up the army canteen question again, and if it is taken up it seems more than likely that the temporary clause will be stricken from the army bill and canteens will again be permitted to dispense beer to soldiers.

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MUST BE AMERICANS. BOSTON, Dec. 5.—"America for Americans" is the motto of a labor organization that had its origin in Plainfield, N. J., but which is rapidly gaining members all over the East.

FOUND SUNKEN FLEET. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—It is understood here that an effort will be made by the naval officers in the Philippines to have several mosquito gunboats which were sunk by the Spaniards three years ago in Lake Lanao, Mindanao, raised and equipped. Friendly natives guided American officers to where the wrecks could be seen.

templated change and was aware of the financial loss it would entail to San Francisco. "It was beyond his comprehension that no bid had been received from there. He said the transport lines centering at San Francisco had been especially notified of this change, yet had not moved in the matter. When I asked the secretary to hold his decision until a bid could be put in by this city he asked me if I could guarantee that such a bid would be offered, and I could not. Then he told me he was going to New York tonight to be gone a few days, and would hold the matter over until his return.

in which the fifteen was in force, on account of the loss of Home dues, fines and forfeitures, \$52,698, while during the fiscal year since the abolishment of the canteen there was collected by paymasters from about 70,000 enlisted men (regulars) on the same account, \$62,325.

OF INTEREST TO MARINERS

Official Notice of Aids to Navigation in This District.

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THE NEW SECRETARY. The question was brought up whether Mr. Shillock would accept the secretaryship, as some claimed that he did not wish to have his name used in the matter. However, the election of secretary was held.

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THIS MAN MAY BE RUSSIA'S LEADER



GRAND DUKE MICHAEL. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 5.—There are fresh rumors today regarding the falling health of the Czarowitz, and as a result all eyes are turned toward the next heir to the throne, Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, the man who seems most likely to become next Czar. He is well beloved by his people and is popular throughout Europe.

MOORE LOSES HIS OFFICE

Is Scalped By Private Irrigation People.

The New Members Get the Ruling Power of the Portland Board of Trade.

Moore out, Shillock in—is the result of the fight in the board of trade which threatened at one time to disrupt that body. The elections were held last night with the following results: President—F. E. Beach, re-elected. First vice-president—William Killingsworth, re-elected. Second vice-president—E. E. Lytle, Secretary—Max M. Shillock. Treasurer—R. L. Durham.

When the meeting came to order at 8 o'clock the hall was divided into two parts—Moore, people and anti-Moore. The meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. G. B. Van Waters, Thomas Guinean and C. M. Idleman then indulged in "hot" talks, the result of which was that a motion was made reconsidering the elections of the afternoon. An election followed with the results as stated.

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HOTEL VICTIMS WERE MURDERED

So Alleges the Chicago Police Force.

Landlord of the Lincoln, Burned Yesterday, Is Arrested and Will Be Tried.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The great fire of yesterday in which 14 people lost their lives in the overcrowded Lincoln Hotel, had a sensational sequel today, when the proprietor, W. J. Smith, was arrested on a charge of being accessory before the fact in the murder of his guests. The night clerk, who was responsible for the safety of the inmates of rooms, and who was in direct charge of the building, was taken into custody at the same time with Smith. Both men were arraigned. The case will be taken up December 15.

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SHIPS AT MERCY OF BLIZZARD

The Whole Atlantic Coast in the Clutches of the Worst Storm Seen There in Many Years.

The Schooner Mader the First to Be Reported Lost, But Many Others Are Feared For.

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 5.—The schooner Mader is the first victim of the present storm to be reported. She was caught by the storm outside the cape and ran for shelter into this harbor. While maneuvering to gain protection she struck the incomplete breakwater and stove a great hole in her bows. The life-saving crew rescued her occupants, but the boat is rapidly breaking to pieces on the rocks.

NORFOLK, Dec. 5.—The big schooner Wesley Oler, from Florida to New York, went ashore at Ocracoke, North Carolina, this morning and her entire crew is believed to have been drowned. The ship is a total loss.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—One of the most terrific storms ever known along the Atlantic Coast is raging today and no ships are venturing out. Danger signs are being displayed at every station along the North Atlantic and every ship that could possibly gain the shelter of an inlet has put in to cover. The weather is extremely cold and in the streets of New York a blizzard is raging. Wires are likely to go down at any time and what this city off from communication with the outside world.

SUFFERING IN THIS CITY WILL BE INTENSE tonight as there is none too much fuel, and railroad transportation may be tied up.

IN NEW ENGLAND: From Boston comes the report that all over the New England states snow is falling heavily. A high wind is driving this snow and causing it to drift dangerously. Great fear is entertained for the safety of stock and reports of children being frozen while on their way from school are sent down from the Vermont woods.

FEAR FOR SHIPPING. NORFOLK, Dec. 5.—Every rock and reef on the Maryland, Virginia and Carolina coasts is being dashed with the spray from the angry ocean which is lashed to fury today by one of the worst storms in history. Great fear is entertained for shipping and reports of disastrous wrecks are hourly expected. Many of the coasters have taken shelter, but there is no certainty that anything like half the vessels have reached cover that will protect them from the howling gale and waves that are running mountain high. Wires are all down leading to Cape Hatteras and Cape Henry. These are the points where the greatest danger threatens, but all efforts to secure information have thus far failed. Not for many hours has anything been heard. The wind here is blowing at the rate of 60 miles an hour. It is extremely cold.

FLORIDA ALSO RAVAGED. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 5.—A storm unprecedented in records of the Florida coast is sweeping upward from toward the Gulf today. The wind blows 50 miles an hour and there has been a rainfall of five inches in less than 24 hours. Great fear is entertained for shipping and all smaller craft are seeking shelter. Not a vessel has left port for hours and commerce is at a standstill. Reports from inland tell of great damage to property through excessive rainfall. The railroad lines may be washed out and rendered useless at any time.

GOT THE ROBBERS. ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 5.—A special to the Standard tells of the running to earth of the three desperadoes who robbed the Bridger, Mont., bank on Monday. The robbers were found in the cabin of a rancher and when surrounded by the officers they gave themselves up without resistance. After being taken into custody the robbers were marched to Red Lodge. They were there identified. Sheriff Potter was in charge of the party that made the capture.

WILL CONGRESS CENSURE PRESS?

Bill Introduced to Prevent Publication of Suicide Stories Under Fine and Prison Penalty.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The House committee on internal revenue is today considering the bill to create a department of commerce. Representative Jenkins of Wisconsin today introduced a bill which, if it becomes a law, will prevent the publication by newspapers of suicide details. This bill denies the use of the mails to all publications containing such reports and specifies that the bare facts of a suicide and the time and place of death only can be published. A maximum fine of \$25 and imprisonment for 30 days for offending publishers is provided.