

NIKOMEDIA FLEES BEFORE THE STORM

Captain Wagner Brings Her Through Worst Hurricane in His Experience.

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE TO THE BIG STEAMER

First Officer Held's Troubles Began at Hongkong, Where He Was Robbed.

Bearing marks of the fury of storm and wave and presenting a dilapidated appearance generally, as the result of going through the most trying experience in her history, the oriental liner Nicomedia arrived in the harbor this morning from Yokohama.

When three days off the mouth of the Columbia river the Nicomedia was caught in one of the worst hurricanes, according to Captain Wagner, her commander, that he ever went through in his many years of sea-faring life.

All day last Tuesday the decks of the steamer were under water, and she rolled back and forth, threatening to go over almost every moment. The doors of the saloon were saved by windows smashed and everything portable about the ship was afloat. Several of the ventilators were hurled from their positions, and damaged beyond repair.

Articles of furniture, ornaments and private papers in the officers' quarters were carried away on the boom of the flood, and those not swept overboard were so badly damaged as to lose their value.

During all this time the officers and men were not idle. Life ropes were stretched to different parts of the ship, and by hanging on to these and wading through water waist deep the men were enabled to pull themselves from one part of the craft to another.

Frequently the flood was up to their necks, and when a particularly heavy sea came sweeping on board they were thrown from their feet. Clutching to the ropes and dangling on the crest of the wave they put in some of the most strenuous minutes of their lives.

The storm continued for three days with great severity, but remarkable as it may appear, the officers say that no one was hurt. They managed to keep the hatches well covered and none of the cargo was damaged.

There are three pigs on board, and when the storm was at its height they were compelled to put in the time swimming. The livestock is carried in order that fresh meat may be served occasionally.

Drinking seawater was prohibited through the water the workers put in the greater part of three days.

While at Hongkong, just before sailing for Portland by way of the Japanese ports, First Officer Held's was robbed and robbed of \$400 by Chinese coolies. As he was unconscious for several hours he is of the opinion that he was also drugged.

In speaking of the occurrence this morning Mr. Held said: "At about midnight I left a German hotel at Hongkong to go to the ship. Shortly afterwards I lost consciousness. When found the next morning by officers I was lying on Queen's road, one of the principal streets. I was taken to the police station, but I could not explain how I got there. But I soon discovered I had been robbed. In a bag I wore around my waist I carried \$400. I put it there before I went to the hotel. Intending to send it to my mother in Germany, I was released from custody, and went back to the ship. Thinking the matter over I arrived at the conclusion that a Chinese messenger boy which had been in our employ was responsible for the robbery. The day before I was assaulted he was discharged, and I am now confident that he and other Chinese coolies were the robbers. Very likely he saw me with the money on board the steamer."

The statement is made that robberies are a daily occurrence at Hongkong. Two days after he was assaulted Mr. Held says that an American naval officer was attacked in the same manner and relieved of a gold watch and chain and \$200 in money.

While the Nicomedia brings no war news of consequence a number of her officers declare that they have arrived at the conclusion that the Japanese will win. All their sympathies have been and are still with the Russians, but they now reluctantly state it as their opinion that the Japs are in the lead and will stay there.

On October 16, a Japanese cruiser was seen at Mok, but that was the only war vessel sighted. On board was a German prince who was going to the front to make a study of oriental military tactics. His name was not learned.

The Nicomedia brought 1,000 tons of cargo made up of the following goods: 4,000 tons of matting, 700 tons of tea, 400 tons of general merchandise, 200 tons of tobacco, 200 tons of campher and 200 tons of opium.

TWO SHIPS CHARTERED.

One Will Load Wheat and the Other Carry Lumber.

It is reported that the British bark Rutland has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom, the rate not being learned. As she is controlled by the shipowners' union she has been on the market for the past few weeks at \$75 a day.

W. R. Grace & Co. chartered the British ship Hampton this morning to load lumber for the west coast of South America. The deal was closed through Taylor, Young & Co., the local agents for the firm.

The Hampton arrived in port on October 15 from Antwerp with a general cargo. Failing to get a grain charter the owners intended to place her in the lumber trade. It is believed that this plan will be adopted by a number of other owners who now have idle tonnage in the harbor. These are the only charters which have been effected within the past two weeks.

FOR VANCOUVER RUN.

Donald B. Webster leased by the Portland Consolidated Railway Company.

The Donald B. Webster, the new ferryboat built for the lower Albina run, will leave for Vancouver today to take the place of the craft operating between that point and the peninsula. The vessel was leased by the Portland Consolidated Railway company, as stated in yesterday's Journal, for a period of 90 days.

The Vancouver ferryboat will be brought here and will be given a general overhauling, including repairs to the boiler and new planking on portions of the hull. It is probable that she will arrive in the harbor tomorrow. As yet



Miss Paul, Who Was One of the Bridesmaids at the Recent Wedding in London of Capt. Spender-Clay and Miss Pauline Astor.

JOHN A. GRAM DEAD; HIS WILL UNSIGNED

He Had Promised His Lawyer He Would Sign It This Morning.

A LARGE ESTATE WILL GO TO HIS FATHER

Deceased Was a Knight Templar and Well Known Resident of Portland.

John A. Gram, late local manager of the Pacific Coast Rubber company, died in his apartments at the Oakley rooming-house last night at midnight. He had suffered from consumption during the past few years, but had only been in bed two days before his death. Several friends were at his bedside when he died.

Seemingly to realize that death was near at hand, Mr. Gram yesterday afternoon sent for an attorney and asked that a will be drawn up. The attorney arrived about 5 p. m., and Mr. Gram quickly told how he wished to dispose of his money and property. His lawyer then left, but about 10 o'clock returned to have Mr. Gram and witnesses sign the will.

"Well, sir," remarked the dying man, when the paper was handed him. "I believe I'll just wait until tomorrow morning before signing it."

The will was returned to the attorney, who was asked to appear at Mr. Gram's rooms this morning for the signing of the document.

Mr. Gram's nearest relative is his father, who resides at Menominee, Mich., and who is believed to have been in a \$10,000 life insurance policy which his son had taken out some years ago in an old-line company. Mr. Gram, Sr., visited his son here last summer. Mr. Gram is said to have left several thousand dollars' worth of property, located in Sumner and Seaside, Or. He is also said to have left several thousand dollars in cash. All of this will go to the father of the dead man.

It is reported that the late Mr. Gram was engaged to be married to Mrs. Mae Fenton, 164 West Park street, and that their wedding was to have taken place within the next few weeks. When seen this morning, Mrs. Fenton was so shocked by the sudden death that she was unable to talk.

Mr. Gram has been the local manager of the Pacific Coast Rubber company for several years. Previously he had been a traveling salesman for the same corporation. He was about 42 years old, and came to Oregon from Menominee, Mich.

Funeral services will be held at the Holman Undertaking parlors at 4 o'clock this afternoon. These services will be in charge of the Knights Templar, the deceased having been a member of Commandery No. 3, of Albany, Or. The remains will be shipped to Michigan tomorrow morning.

EXORBITANT WAGES ON BOARD.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 12.—At the request over the body of Conductor Charles F. Brown, who met his death at Kamela, Tuesday morning, the jury rendered verdict that while performing his duty on O. R. & N. passenger train No. 5, he was struck and run over by helper engine No. 200 in charge of A. Carlson. The jury exonerates Engineer Carlson and Fireman Tipton from any blame.

Dancing School.

Professor Eaton opened his dancing class Monday, October 1, and will continue Monday and Thursday evenings for six months. Gentlemen \$15, ladies \$10. Arion hall, Second and Oak. Phone West 123.

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Sunday Trolley Trip.

To Estacada on the Clackamas river, 75 cents round trip. Dinner at the hotel 50 cents. Hotel fully equipped with every facility for the pleasure of its guests.

Judge Hogue is becoming particular; he objects to the wags and drunks and petty thieves that appear before him being designated as "ladies" and "gentlemen." Truly, these terms are much overused.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Early this afternoon the French ship Critto left for the sea with 104,135 bushels of wheat valued at \$22,182. She is bound for the United Kingdom and the cargo is being dispatched by Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

The steamer Albany went out on the run this morning between here and La Crosse in place of the Annie Comings, which is being laid up for repairs. The latter was badly damaged a few days ago by the Andy Mahony, in tow of the Heederson, crashing into her near the Washington street dock.

While assisting to load the steamer Aurilla yesterday afternoon one of the sailors was badly hurt by being struck on the back with a piece of lumber as it was being placed in the hold. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

This afternoon the steamer Despatch will sail from San Francisco for the Columbia river. She will be supplied with a cargo of lumber at Vancouver and St. Johns for the return trip. The steamer is under the command of the same line as on route up the coast from the Bay City. She will stop at Shelter Cove and take on a shipment of tanbark for Portland.

Antoria, Nov. 12.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m., smooth; wind, east; weather, cloudy. No shipping moving.

Antoria, Nov. 12.—Left up at 2:50 p. m.—Steamer Nicomedia.

Arrived down at 3 p. m. and called at 3:30 p. m.—Steamer Redondo for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Sailed at 5 p. m.—Steamer Northland, for Portland.

Arrived at 8 p. m.—Steamer Rosecrans, from Portland.

Antoria, Nov. 12.—Arrived at 12:45 p. m.—French ship Jules Gormmes, from Hull.

MADDENED SAURIANS FIGHT TO THE DEATH

(Journal Special Service.)

New York, Nov. 12.—Irritated by cold weather, Critto, the largest alligator in the menagerie at Central Park, yesterday evening killed three other saurians after a long battle. Keepers threw a large piece of beef toward Critto, but he did not show any signs of hunger. Then an alligator almost as large as Critto, ate part of the beef and two companions joined in the feast.

Critto became angered and rushed toward the intruders. Before the first one attacked had an opportunity to retreat it was seized in the strong jaws of Critto and killed after a short struggle. The others did not retreat and the maddened alligator turned on them. Dealing one a heavy blow with his tail, he attacked the other with his teeth. Both alligators assailed Critto with teeth and tails and were joined in the attack by others. Strong and muscular, the two saurians against whom the attack of Critto was mainly directed, used their teeth and tails with such effect that he was repulsed several times. Critto finally killed his enemies and feasted on the remainder of the piece of beef.

SEALING SCHOONERS ARE HASTENING HOME

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 12.—The sealing schooners belonging to Victoria company are being hurried home in order to get the season's catch away in order to catch next month's sale on the London market. This season's take of the company is somewhat less than last year. One reason is that fewer schooners were sent out and the catch along the coast has been considerably smaller. Behring sea catches are somewhat larger for each schooner than last season. The total take for the coast, Behring sea and Copper Island is about 12,218 skins.

It is fortunate that Thanksgiving and Christmas, that come every year, are not a presidential campaign.

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If you think it's worth while tell your neighbors about The Journal and what it is doing for its readers.

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- \$500 For 15 one lots, few minutes walk from Peninsula station; lovely place for a suburban home or small chicken ranch; site perfect; complete abstract. (A. 126.)
- \$900 Lot 100x100 feet, cor. N. 24th and Hoyt, two feet above grade, sewer. (A. 127.)
- \$1250 A 1/2 lot 50x100 feet, in the best part of E. Portland, on N. 15th, near Morrison. (A. P. 128.)
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- \$1700 Sunnyside 1/2 lot, W. cor. Belmont and N. 11th st. Terms half cash, balance on time. (A. P. 130.)
- \$2200 Sunnyside E. Yamhill st. bet. E. 25th and N. 24th st. lot 100x100 feet and house 3 rooms, full cement basement, nice lawn, one block to school. (A. P. 131.)
- \$1850 Sunnyside, lot and new cottage, 3 room bath, full cement basement. (A. P. 132.)
- \$2200 Sunnyside, Belmont st. lot and house 3 rooms, bath, basement, etc. (A. P. 133.)
- \$1650 Sunnyside (adjoining), lot 50x100 feet and house 3 rooms, full cement basement, nice lawn, one block to school. (A. P. 134.)
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