

SAILS BIG BARK IN FROM OCEAN

Pilot Wood Tires of Waiting
for Tug to Meet
Windjammer.

SERVICE IN NEED OF RENOVATION

Captain MacCled of British Bark
Largo Hay Reports Having Waited
a Whole Week for Tug, and Others
Make Complaints.

That the towboat service at the mouth of the Columbia river is becoming wretched again is the complaint made by several shipmasters among those who have arrived here during the past several weeks. In some instances the ships have been kept outside for more than a week.

The most recent in this line is the complaint of Captain MacCled, master of the British bark Largo Bay. After having waited patiently for more than a week he sailed his vessel into the bay and dropped anchor off Astoria. Pilot Wood was at the helm and everything went well. Captain MacCled says he would have sailed in before, only this is his first visit here and he did not know that the channel was in such good shape. He declares Pilot Wood brought the vessel into port as smartly as if she had been a readily responding yacht. The British ship Glenelg was off the mouth of the river for several days before one of the tugs came out after him, and he, too, feels that some one is neglecting his duty.

"Pilot Wood came on board Monday, a week ago," said Captain MacCled, "and the Largo Bay, and we ran close to the entrance to the river, but no tug came out. Tuesday night a terrific gale sprang up and we had to stand by. The gale drove us a hundred miles to the northwest, but we worked back and stood close in several times. Pilot Wood became impatient with the wait and I finally urged that we sail in as everything appeared favorable. We made it without trouble. I haven't seen anything of the tug men yet, although I have been in the river for several days. The channel is in good shape. We certainly had no trouble, and I regret having waited for the tug. We could have sailed in almost any time after the heavy blow of Tuesday night, because the wind was favorable."

A majority of the masters of the sailing vessels engaged in coastwise trade sail in over the bar rather than wait for the tug and so far fewer have any trouble whatever. They have had to pay the regular towage fee, however, and that is what grates on their good nature.

For a good many months of the past year the service at the mouth of the Columbia river has been in a bad way. It was tolerable good when it appeared that the Port of Columbia was about to take matters in hand and possibly effect exchange, but the Port of Columbia was temporarily knocked in the head by a court decision touching upon its legality and this gave the tug men a new lease on life.

CHINESE FUNERAL AT SEA.

Fireman on Steamer Strathendrick Dies From Beriberi.

A Chinese funeral was held from the decks of the British steamer Strathendrick on her way from San Francisco to Portland, one of the crew members having succumbed to beriberi, a disease of the orient.

The Strathendrick arrived here yesterday and is berthed temporarily at Al-

ber's dock near the west end of the steel bridge. She came north in ballast to carry a cargo of wheat to Europe for G. W. Elder & Co.

Captain Stewart says the dead fireman was buried with as much pomp as his shipmates could afford, and he says he saw the body lowered overboard in a canvas bag with a good-sized silver coin in his pocket that he could pay his passage back to whence he originally came. The body was encased in canvas and lowered over the side amidst cantations weird and the clanging of tin pans, instruments imported for the occasion owing to the lack of the regulation drums and cymbals of the ancient origin. Candles were burned and liquors were sprinkled about to appease the spirits, and the deep whistle of the big steamer gave a parting salute as the well-ballasted canvas coffin disappeared beneath the waves.

The Strathendrick left San Francisco last Thursday afternoon and Friday morning then Chinaman breathed his last. Sunday morning the steamer reached Astoria, after having fought a severe storm accompanied by extremely heavy seas.

EUGENE AND PORTLAND.

Corvallis Man Is Constructing Boat for Willamette River.

(Special To The Journal.)

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 10.—A steamboat, intended to ply between Eugene and Portland on the Willamette river, is being constructed by Mr. Galbraith, who resides about two miles from Corvallis on the Llan county side of the river. Material is on the ground. The boat is to be 70 feet long and 12 feet wide, the pipe boiler is being made in Chicago and the 60-horse-power engine is to be made at the Albany Iron works. When completed the boat will be used for both freight and passenger service. Mr. Galbraith, the builder, came to this section from Alberta, Canada, last fall, where he had been operating a coal mine. He got his steamboat experience through 12 years on the great lakes.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Harriman liner City of Panama arrived this morning from San Francisco and the Geo. W. Elder arrived here last night from San Pedro and way ports.

The American bark Acme shifted to the mill of the Portland Lumber company this afternoon to load lumber for New York. The contract for repairs to the rigging has been let to Anderson & Crowe.

The big American tramp steamer Valdivia arrived up at noon today and went to the mills of the North Pacific Lumber company to begin receiving cargo for the orient. She is under charter to the Pacific Export Lumber company.

The oriental liner Numantha cleared today for Hongkong via Yokohama with a cargo valued at \$214,182. The cargo includes 60,246 barrels of flour, valued at \$215,854, and machinery and general freight to the value of \$46,288. She will leave down tomorrow morning. One Chinese corpse is included in the general freight.

The regular weekly concert at the Seamen's institute, Front and Flinders streets, will be given tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. W. A. Bushong. All are welcome.

Captain B. Kipp of the German steamer Salskaph reports to the branch Hydro office, San Francisco, California, that on December 1, 1907, in latitude 25° 51 minutes north, longitude 114° 11 minutes west, he passed a large tree, about 50 feet in length, with roots and branches attached, about four feet in diameter.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

Arabia, orient, Dec. 15, 15.

Alliance, Coast bay, Dec. 15, 15.

Breakwater, San Francisco, Dec. 15, 15.

Hannibal, San Francisco, Dec. 15, 15.

Roanoke, San Pedro and way, Dec. 15, 15.

Senator, San Francisco, Dec. 15, 15.

Costa Rica, San Francisco, Dec. 15, 15.

City of Panama, San Francisco, Dec. 15, 15.

Alasia, orient, Dec. 15, 15.

Nicomedia, orient, Dec. 15, 15.

Numantha, orient, Dec. 15, 15.

Regular Liners to Depart.

Numantha, orient, Dec. 11, 11.

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