

UNCLESAM'S TARS BEST IN WORLD

So Declares British Sea Captain Who Coaled the Fleet.

CRUISE WORTH ALL IT COSTS NATION

Captain Mackenzie of the Strathgairn Finds American Sailors at Magdalena Bay a Most-Harmonious Family—Praise for Officers.

Captain Mackenzie of the British trans-Atlantic steamer Strathgairn declares Uncle Sam will have the best lot of sailors in the world as a direct result of the cruise of Admiral Evans's fleet. The Strathgairn is at anchor in the harbor here, having arrived a few days ago from Magdalena Bay, where she delivered coal to the war ships.

"If these men remain on board while the fleet makes the proposed cruise around the world they should be able to fight for a kingdom and win it," said Captain Mackenzie yesterday afternoon in discussing the matter with a number of other sea captains, "and I'll say right now that I never before saw such a splendid lot of men as are now manning the vessels in Magdalena Bay. It is the pride of the country.

"I was at the bay with my coal barge when the fleet arrived," Captain Mackenzie continued, "and it was a sight to see those craft maneuver about. It reminded me of a cotillion with the trim vessels doing the dancing. So gracefully and in perfect union did they move that it seemed as though they were dancing a minuet. Single file, in twos and threes and fours, they would swing about without one of them losing position for a moment. It was so beautiful a sight, and that's all there is to it."

STRIKE AFFECTS SHIPMENTS.

Portland Sent Little Lumber to Coast Ports During Month.

Lumber shipments from Portland proper have been limited during the month closing today, chiefly because of the strike of the steam schooner engineers.

The trying situation of the coastwise shippers of means of transportation until sailing schooners could be brought out from their winter quarters in Oakland.

Quite a number of the latter came north during the month for cargoes but they were loaded at mills on the lower river and hence cleared at Astoria instead of through the custom house here. In view of this fact coastwise lumber shipments from the Columbia river territory were quite liberal.

Only five steam schooners cleared during the month from here for California, the combined cargoes represent-

ing 2,440,000 feet, the smallest aggregate quantity set afloat in one month for a long time. The poor weather will be made up for eventually when the steam schooners get back in commission.

MET STORMS EVERYWHERE.

Norwegian Steamer Aker Returns After Exciting Experiences.

After having encountered a series of the worst storms imaginable, the Norwegian steamer Aker returned this morning from the Orient via San Pedro. In command of Captain Guillemin, she sailed from San Francisco on March 10, bound for Yokohama, and now she is back to carry wheat to Japan for Kerr, Ford and Co. as an intended cargo will be taken on at Tacoma.

Owing to some misunderstanding of orders the steamer did not land at Montenegro but at a place named Aker, which is a small island in the Gulf of Genoa. The vessel was damaged and the crew was scattered. The captain and his officers were rescued by a British steamer. The vessel was damaged and the crew was scattered. The captain and his officers were rescued by a British steamer.

AT THE SHIPYARDS.

Steamer Chas. R. Spencer Being Launched This Afternoon.

The steamer Charles R. Spencer is being launched this afternoon from the ways at the yards of the Portland Shipbuilding company and in another week she will begin making regular trips between this city and the Puget Sound. Overhauled from stem to stern the steamer looks as sleek and spry as when she was first launched. She is expected to clear the river several years ago. Most of the superstructure has been rebuilt and the hull has been materially strengthened.

Captain Spencer has invited a number of friends to witness the launching. The vessel will be launched at 2 o'clock. The vessel will be launched at 2 o'clock. The vessel will be launched at 2 o'clock.

CONCERT FOR SEAMEN.

Institute at Front and Flanders Entertain Tomorrow Night.

The weekly concert at the Seamen's Institute, Front and Flanders streets, will be given tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. J. Ernest Laidlaw. The chair will be taken by N. W. Hastings, treasurer, and all friends of the mission will receive a hearty welcome. Following is the program for the quartet: Mrs. J. Ernest Laidlaw, vocal solo; Mrs. J. Ernest Laidlaw, vocal solo; Mrs. J. Ernest Laidlaw, vocal solo; Mrs. J. Ernest Laidlaw, vocal solo.

HEN APPEALS FOR AID.

Intelligent Bird on Steamer Strathgairn in New Role.

Jennie, the educated hen on board the British steamer Strathgairn got one of her toes mangled yesterday by a careless longshoreman who dropped a piece of lumber on her. She went right to her friend and protector, Chief Engineer Jardina, pointing to the injured member of her leg and with a pleading look in her round eyes appealed to have it dressed. The chief understood, brought out

the medicine chest and soon had the bleeding toes neatly bandaged. Captain Smith related the circumstances along the waterfront this morning and vouched for the truth. He says the hen is certainly most respectable in that she is as tame as a dog and fully as intelligent.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook, March 31. Senator San Francisco, March 31. O. W. Elder, San Pedro and way, March 31. Hanaul, San Francisco, April 1. Bureka, Bureka and Coos, April 1. Breakwater, Coos Bay, April 1. Rose City, San Francisco, April 1. Rosanoke, San Pedro, April 1. Alliance, Coos Bay, April 1. Niomedea, orient, April 1. Alesia, orient, April 1. Numanita, orient, July 1.

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