

# INSPECTED CANAL WHEN AT LA BOCA

## Captain Mathiesen of Steamer Minerva Reports Big Army at Work.

### GENERAL HEALTH GOOD IN ZONE

#### Norwegian Craft Returns After Having Delivered Cargo of Lumber for Use in Construction of Canal—Will Load Lumber for Melbourne.

Thirty-five thousand men are employed on the Panama canal according to Captain Mathiesen of the Norwegian steamer Minerva. He was there three weeks ago when everything was moving along nicely, weather conditions being satisfactory and the general health of the army of men good.

The Minerva delivered a cargo of lumber at La Boca and during the 25 days that it was being discharged, Captain Mathiesen spent his spare moments ashore. Much interested in the work from a mariner's point of view he gave it all the attention time would permit.

"They are of the opinion down there that the canal will be completed in 1912," said Captain Mathiesen, "but I rather think it will take 20 years to complete the stupendous project. Work is progressing, however, 35,000 men being at work along the line. Comparatively little work is being done in the immediate vicinity of La Boca, but the place is busy with the loading of lumber and the steamer arriving with supplies for the employees.

"The weather was not extremely tropical when we were there, the days being quite hot but the nights cool and comfortable. The black men receive about \$1 a day and out of that have to board themselves. Village camps of these employees are strung all along from La Boca to Colon, on the opposite shore. The Minerva left Portland about 10 weeks ago for Panama with a cargo of lumber and returned yesterday in ballast. The run south was made in 15 days but it took one day longer to come back owing to a heavy storm off the southern Oregon coast. Excepting for this the voyage was exceptionally uneventful.

The steamer's time charter expired with her arrival here and Captain Mathiesen has decided to take a cargo of lumber on his own account to Melbourne, Australia. Part of the cargo will be loaded at Eureka, California, and the balance at Tacoma. The stay here will not exceed a couple of days unless it is decided to enter the drydock for cleaning and painting.

"This is the first time in several years that a vessel's owners have thrown charterers' propositions to the wind and taken business on their own account and it is understood that the usual transaction is the result of the low price of lumber.

### STOCK ON MARKET.

#### Oregon Dry Dock Company Completes Plans for Floating Dock.

The Oregon Drydock company, which was recently incorporated by William H. Corbett, W. C. Elford, William H. Brewster and Alvin Boddy, for the purpose of constructing and operating a floating drydock designed to accommodate vessels of 3,000 tons and under, is now selling stock with the intention of having the dock ready for business before the end of the summer.

The proposition is to build the dock adjoining the plant of the Williamson Iron & Steel works in North Portland where it will have the benefit of cranes and power of the shops besides being within easy access of the city proper. The Port of Portland drydock at St. Johns has capacity for 10,000-ton vessels but the promoters of the new dock expect to be able to handle smaller work, such as coasting and river steamers to much better advantage than it can be done on the big dock. They also figure that the increase in shipping warrants the operation of another dock. It is pointed out that last summer several vessels were kept waiting for the dock and others departed without docking because they had no time to wait.

### ON HER FIRST TRIP.

#### Steamer Eureka Leaves for Eureka and Coos Bay Tonight.

In command of Captain Noren, the steamer Eureka arrived here last night from Eureka via Coos Bay and she leaves Martin's dock this evening on her first trip as a regular liner between this port, Coos Bay and Eureka. With the Eureka in commission, Portland will have three regular boats catering to Coos Bay traffic and three boats touching at Eureka. The Coos Bay traffic will be looked after by the Alliance, Breakwater and Eureka, while the Eureka, George W. Elder and Eureka will handle traffic between this port and Eureka. The Roanoke and Elder will touch there on their way and from San Pedro.

The Eureka will be operated by the North Pacific Steamship company.

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# RUN-DOWN CONDITION DUE TO OVERWORK

## A Battle Creek Woman Describes Her Symptoms and Tells How Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Her.

The symptoms described in the following case are so common today wherever overwork and worry have resulted in a decline in health that the means by which a cure was effected deserve the careful attention of every thoughtful man and woman. It is such conditions as are here described that are commonly neglected until the injury to the health is past repair. It is therefore the part of wisdom to take the remedy that cured Mrs. James Struwin of 458 West Main street, Battle Creek, Mich., as soon as the first warning symptoms are noted. She says: "For several months I was sick with anemia and part of the time had to remain in bed. It was brought on by overwork which produced a run-down condition. My kidneys were weak and the secretions contained a sediment. My cheeks and lips were white. I had bad headaches, dizzy and fainting spells and would see black specks floating before my eyes. I would often have palpitation of the heart, could get no rest from my nervousness, was nervous, low spirited and weak. My blood was watery and I did not have strength enough to work. "I was employed in a factory for six months but without avail. Then I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in a paper and soon after began to take them. A few boxes cured me, giving me strength and plenty of blood and I have been well and strong ever since."

So general is the success of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in curing anemia that it may be safely stated that they are the most certain remedy for all conditions of thin, weak and watery blood. They are also a tonic for the nerves and have cured indigestion and general debility, where the stomach and other organs of the body are weakened and disordered simply through lack of proper nourishment. They have also been especially successful in curing rheumatism and after-effects of the grip and of fever.

### CARRIES VALUABLE LUMBER.

#### Steamer Strathblaine Clears With Record Cargo for Orient.

The most valuable lumber cargo ever set afloat here was cleared yesterday through the custom house on the British steamer Strathblaine, the total value being estimated at \$11,000. It measures 3,705,508 feet, and was loaded at the mills of the Tongue Point Lumber company and the Eastern & Western Lumber company. It is not the largest in point of measurement, however.

Ordinarily a cargo of the above size approaches a value of about \$50,000, but the high value of the Strathblaine's cargo is due to the fact that in the shipment are several lots of high grade dressed material valued at as much as \$40 a thousand feet. The cargo is to be distributed at Kobe, Yokohama, Daini and Calcutta, nearly 2,000,000 feet to the latter port. It is being dispatched by the Pacific Export Lumber company, which cogwheel has two or more steamers of the Strathblaine class under way here to load here. One of them, the Strathway, takes the Strathblaine's berth at the mills of the Eastern & Western Lumber company. She has been at anchor in the river two days.

### HELPS LUMBER MILLS.

#### Settlement of Strike Renews Activity on Grays Harbor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., April 3.—The settlement of the marine engineers' strike is already having a beneficial effect on the production of lumber at this point. Several mills are making preparations to begin work again the first of next week. These are the American mill, the Union mill in South Aberdeen, and the C. E. Burrows mill, which has been shut down since last fall, partly on account of conditions and partly for repairs and enlargement. The coming of a big lot of steam schooners, which has already begun to arrive, will take the lumber much more than the winter has done, and the mills will be ready to meet the changed conditions.

### SIGNING NEW CREW.

#### Captain Lundahl Pays Off Old Men and Some Desert.

Twenty-two of the crew of the Russian bark Albyn have deserted or been paid off since her arrival here about two weeks ago and Captain Lundahl is now busy trying to fill their places. There being no Russian consular agent here, Captain Lundahl will sign the men on board the vessel. The Albyn is loading lumber at the mills of the North Pacific Lumber company for Port Natal and will be ready to leave in a few weeks. Captain Lundahl says the Russian bark City of Benares was transferred to Russian parties about the same time, both vessels were at Antwerp when the deals were closed.

### GETS QUICK DISPATCH.

#### Steam Schooner Yosemite Completes Cargo in a Day.

The steam schooner Yosemite was given unusually quick dispatch this week at the mills at St. Helens. She loaded 2,000 tons of lumber with a part cargo from Hoquiam and on Wednesday loaded 483,000 feet completing her cargo. She crossed out yesterday morning for Franceco, France. The Yellowstone belongs to the Charles R. McCormick fleet of coasters, which includes the Cascade, Shoshone and Yellowstone, all of them occasional visitors at this port. Of late they have loaded mostly at mills on the lower Columbia.

### ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The French ship Hoche cleared yesterday for the United Kingdom with 11,011 bushels of wheat, valued at \$92,700. The British bark Orleans cleared for the United Kingdom, with 85,898 bushels of wheat, valued at \$77,130. The steamer Sue H. Elmora arrived here last night from Tillamook, with 300 tons of dairy products and 25 passengers. She was here bound two days at Tillamook. She is booked to leave Oak street dock Sunday.

The steamer George W. Elder left last night for San Pedro and way ports with a full cargo of freight and 61 passengers. The Harriman liner Sennece leaves for San Francisco this afternoon.

Captain P. J. Werlich, United States Lighthouse Inspector, returned from Seattle last night. He reports having turned lightship No. 87 over to Moran

# CLEARING OUT THE ENTIRE STOCK



## The AMERICAN CLOTHIERS

223 & 225 Morrison Street, Near First St.

# RETIRED FROM BUSINESS

THE ENTIRE FINE STOCK TO BE CLOSED OUT AT SACRIFICE SALE—New firm, Norris, Baker & Co., will enlarge and modernize the premises.

# Alterations to Begin at Once

Dust and dirt will begin to fly. The man with the hammer and saw will be king. The stock must be sold to avoid the many dangers of being damaged.

# Sale Begins Tomorrow, Saturday



# Men's SUITS

Will be divided into 3 lots—about 1,000 suits all told—in dark dress materials—also business suits—and a big variety of spring colors, light and medium light.

**\$6.75** Will take choice of a big lot; dark and medium colors; mostly medium weights; worth up to \$12.

**\$9.45** You can get \$18.00 Suits in this lot; double and single-breasted styles, in dressy dark colors; also medium and light colors. This lot is bargains, sure.

**\$13.85** Best Suits in the house, including choice of all our spring styles; bought by Welch to sell up to \$25.00 and \$27.50; nobby tailor-made brown effects, black Tibets, worsteds and blue serges.

**THIS SACRIFICE OF WELCH'S ELEGANT SPRING STOCK WILL BRING OUT THE CROWDS**

# PANTS

You Easter buyers, get in line. It's time now, besides you get Welch's spring stock to select from at terrific reductions. **\$1.35**—Welch's Pants, all kinds, were \$2.00. **\$1.65**—Welch's Pants, big variety, were \$3.00. **\$2.65**—All Welch's spring and medium weight \$4.00 Pants. **\$3.95**—Those very finest imported materials, hand tailored, custom styles; sold by Welch at \$5, \$5.50, \$6 and \$6.50.

# HATS

The standards of quality and style in spring goods will all be sacrificed **\$1.35**—Soft and stiff, black and colors, \$2.00 Hats. **\$1.85**—Choice of all of Welch's new spring Soft and Derby \$2.50 Hats. **\$2.35**—Carry away Welch's new spring Soft and Derby Hats; best \$3.00 values in city.

# FURNISHINGS

The dust and dirt during the heavy alteration which this store must undergo means ruination to goods, besides the impossibility of display around store, so that we might show this elegant spring stock to advantage. Read a few prices

# SHIRTS

**45¢**—Big lot of Golf and Negligee, broken sizes, 75c values. **65¢**—New lot Standard brand, best \$1.00 Shirts.

# UNDERWEAR

**25¢**—Lot of medium weight 50c value. **35¢**—Medium weight Shirts, 65c value. **65¢**—New, white, rib, best \$1.00 spring styles. **65¢**—New, lambswool, spring weight, \$1.25 value. **10¢**—Black body, white foot, 15c Sox. **20¢**—All our 35c Suspenders. **35¢**—President and other up to 65c Suspenders. **15¢**—Boston Garters, 25c value.

Welch carried as big and fine a stock of Men's Furnishings as any house in the city, but they must go, and go a-flying. Come to Welch's.

## Welch's Stock Being Sold Out at Big Sacrifice



# Straight Discount of 10% on MEN'S SHOES

This applies to all new spring goods. And remember, Welch sold good shoes cheaper than any other house in town.

# Boys' Good Shoes

**\$1.35**—Take up to \$2.00 Shoes. **\$1.85**—Best \$2.50 Shoes.

During this forced sacrifice sale, on account of extensive store alterations, prices will be put to the point that will make every article its own salesman. Just come along and you get all you expect, and more, too.

# New Spring Goods Specially Priced

The Most remarkable values ever offered at this season by any Portland house. Many of these advertised specials have just arrived by express, during the past week. We promise handsome savings on every purchase.

# Ladies' Suits

All the new, up-to-date styles, values to \$37.50—Saturday only

# \$17.95

# Lingerie Waists

Values up to \$1.75—SATURDAY

# 89c

# SPECIALS IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

7½ Pounds of Choice Italian. **PRUNES**

for **25c**



# Spring Jackets

in broadcloth, fancy mixtures and covert; box, semi and fitted styles, values to \$12.50

# \$4.95

# Silk Petticoats

Regular \$5.00 values—SATURDAY

# \$2.65

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