

WAS IN MIDST OF TERRIFIC TYPHOON

Oriental Liner Numantia Rode Out Storm in Bay at Hongkong.

THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST DURING NIGHT

Officers Say Sampans by Scores Drifted by During Height of Storm, the Occupants Pleading for Help That Could Not Be Given.

The German steamer Numantia, Captain Feldmann, which arrived here yesterday morning from the orient, was in the typhoon that wiped out thousands of lives and destroyed an immense amount of property in Hongkong, Canton and the adjoining districts.

How many people lost their lives will never be known, an effort being made to ascertain such details in China, the officers say, and estimates vary from 10,000 to 50,000, some newspapers in the orient asserting that all of 50,000 lives were sacrificed during the two hours the storm raged in its fury.

The typhoon occurred on the night of July 27, a few days after the arrival at Hongkong of the Numantia. She was lying at anchor in the bay when the storm broke loose and nearly broke her chains although the engines were going full speed ahead with the head against the sea.

"It was an awful experience," said one of the officers in relating a few incidents of the storm. "But for the fact that there was time for warning, the loss of life would probably have exceeded anything heard of for many years. Warned by the weather bureau service and general indications of conditions, people had ample time to take precautionary measures against the relentless power of the elements."

"We could hear partly wrecked sampans drifting by their occupants shouting for help. But we were unable to assist. Our hands were full saving the steamer from going ashore. In the near distance six sailing vessels drifted ashore. Their signal shots for assistance told of their dangerous position but it was impossible for help to reach them. Until nearly 2 o'clock did the wind continue to blow at this terrible rate. It was accompanied by rain in torrents. Then until the break of dawn came terrible squalls."

Colliers With Suverio. The light revealed a horrible scene. The sky was overcast and the somber ocean was covered with debris of all kinds. Here and there were seen bodies of sampans and dwellers among the ruins of their craft. Up the beach was literally covered with wreckage and bodies.

During the height of the storm the Numantia narrowly escaped being run down by the British steamer Sheila, which came dragging down the bay. A collision at that time would have meant the loss of both steamers.

Coming across from Hongkong by way of Japan, the Numantia was slightly damaged in collision with the fair sailing steamer Suverio which, by the way, is now loading lumber at the St. Johns lumber mill. A plate on the port bow was knocked out and repairs were made at Yokohama. This occurred August 8.

From Yokohama to San Francisco and Portland the Numantia has fair sailing. She brought a light freight of gunnison and rice, but will go out filled to the hatches with flour and general cargo. Chief Officer Vogt returned on the

HEAVY ENROLLMENT MARKS FIRST SESSION OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR



"School days! school days!"

That is the popular song today and everywhere pupils and teachers are singing it. Some do not know the tune of the comic opera success but they are singing it in their hearts just the same. For today the schools open and everyone feels like singing. Later in the season the tendency to sing about it may be gone and the song may have vanished from the heart, but today everyone thinks only of the pleasure of the activities of the first day, the greeting of old friends and the resumption of one's studies.

The schoolrooms have a pleasantly busy appearance. Although the schools of Portland have provided carefully worked out system with all the details of work arranged beforehand for teacher and pupil yet there is a certain amount of enthusiasm, of unaccustomed spontaneity in the air today which will not be seen a few weeks hence. Today only the pleasant side presents itself and the hard work is forgotten in the pleasure of seeing the old faces again.

Summer Trips Renewed. The pupils may think they have the most fun greeting their school companions again. But a warm affiliation springs up between teachers in the same school who have a common interest and they, too, greet their companions of last year warmly. The new teachers are treated with some patronage, maybe, but they are nevertheless received with interest and introduced to one another by the friendly last year's teachers. Talk to one another of their vacation trips and wonder about this year's changes in the school and ask about the absent ones who have decided to give up the work this year.

Over at the East Side High school there are many pleasant reunions and reminiscences of college days. There is even talk of organizing the East Side High School of Oregon Alumni club. And that name for a new organization will give a separate word in the title for each member. But it is a matter of pride to them that eight of them have positions in that one school. There are two others who are a matter of pride to them that might be admitted as associate members, and the two more at the west side school might form a branch organization. The one other graduate who is today substituting for a teacher who is ill might be made an associate-associate member. Miss Cora I. R. Pattie, Miss Estelle Armitage, Miss Edna Pearl Luckey, Miss Cora I. R. Slauson, Frances V. Galloway and Virginia Earl on the east side; Miss Ella Dobie and Miss McKimley on the west side and Miss Lela Goldard as substitute.

Miss Hodson has returned to the East Side High school from a recent sojourn on the upper St. Lawrence and though fatigued by a dusty trip over the O. R. she is ready for the winter's work. Miss Hannah Schloth spent part of her summer in Berkeley, where she studied at the University of California summer school. She will be back in Portland for a rest. Miss Gertrude Yager has been granted a semester's leave of absence. Just before departing for Oregon after spending the summer at the family ranch in southern Oregon her

Numantia this trip after an absence of two years during that time Mr. Vogt had command of a Hamburg-American China coast liner.

The Numantia is discharging at Alameda dock today.

ORGANIZATIONS GET CHARTERS. Navy League and Army and Navy Union Locals Get Recognition. John McNulty, nautical expert of the local branch hydrographic office, is in receipt of the charters for local branch of the Navy league and the local garrison of the Army and Navy union, both of which were recently organized here.

Mr. McNulty is commander of the local garrison of the Army and Navy union and holds the position of secretary of the Navy league, which organization he organized about two months ago with a select membership. The purpose of the Navy league is to work up interest toward an improved navy and the betterment of conditions among those who man the ships. In short the league's aim is to get a better navy at all times. Similar organizations are said to be very strong and influential in several leading European countries.

The Army and Navy union is an organization intended to promote the welfare of military men. The organization has the recognition of congress. Its local branch is known as General Burke garrison No. 150. It is named in honor of General Burke, retired, of this city. Captain Richard Pearson Hobson is its secretary.

The Navy league charter bears the signature of General Horace Porter, formerly ambassador to France. General Porter is president of the league.

STEAMER BEECHLEY ON DOCK. Large Force of Men Will Be Kept Busy for a Month.

Without the least hitch the British steamer Beechley was lifted on the drydock this morning. The craft reached the dock shortly after daybreak and by noon the vessel was resting fine on blocks, high and dry.

The Beechley is here from Puget sound for extensive repairs, including the replacing of 82 new plates. She was slow getting into the river because of a dense fog along the coast, but finally made it all right yesterday afternoon. The steamer came here floating on her tanks, a number of the outside plates having been punctured in many places.

The Beechley will remain on the dock about a month and will furnish employment for a large force of men. A number of mechanics are here from Seattle to work on the job. They intend making Portland their future home.

WHEAT CARRIERS ARRIVE. Steamer Nederland and Three Sailing Ships Make Port.

The large Dutch steamer Nederland reached Astoria this morning from Puget sound under charter to load wheat for export. She will be the first Dutch craft to arrive here in many years.

With the arrival of the Nederland



Some youngsters who posed for "First day of School" pictures.

aged mother sprained her ankle and the daughter found it necessary to stay and care for her. Her sister, Miss Winifred Yager, is just beginning her work here. Miss Hayes is taking host of Miss Yager's work. Miss Bessie Hill spent her summer in British Columbia with her friend, Miss Ethel Wakeman went to her New England home for the summer. Mr. Green returned to his alma mater, Harvard, for summer work. Mr. Wentz put in a delightful and profitable summer sketching in the mountains and is ready for his art work. Principal H. H. Heriman has returned from southern California, where he spent three months. At the west side school there has been a good deal of shifting of schedules because of the resignation of Arthur E. Breese of the mathematics department. He has decided to remain in Ohio, where he spent the summer with his wife's family, and will teach there. Miss Dewart, also of the mathematics department, has been granted a semester's leave of absence on account of illness, and Miss Ella Dobie, who was elected to a position in the grade schools, was transferred to take her work in the high school. Adolph Bittner, a Portland high school graduate, who later took his work at the University of California, has been called from a school in Iowa to take the position held by Mr. Henderson formerly.

Miss Mary Bertha Moore of the English department spent her summer in Europe, and was slightly delayed in her return, but is expected in a day or two. Frau Mundt of the German department also went abroad for the summer and returned last week. The registration at the west side high school reached 710 today.

Enrollment Heavy. Although the reports of registrations in the city schools are as yet incomplete, it looks as if the total enrollment will be considerably greater than last year. While most of the schools that have reported do not show any great increase over the numbers reported last year, this is accounted for by the fact that there are several new schools which to some extent relieve the formerly congested condition. Up to noon only about half of the schools had reported to Superintendent Rigler as to the number of pupils enrolled. One school will not open for a day or two yet on account of the building not being ready for occupancy. The following are the total enrollments of those schools which have sent in their reports:

Woodlawn 281, Peninsula 121, Oakley Green 350, Thompson 573, Shaver 352, Williams Avenue 531, Holladay 522, Irvington 381, North Central 592, Kerns 356, Hawthorne 556, Brooklyn 227, Clinton Kelly 441, Llewellyn 97, Montavilla 223, Center Addition 84, Glenwood 188, South Mount Tabor 100, Woodstock 158.

Neully left up this morning and will probably reach the harbor this evening.

MARINE NOTES. Astoria, Sept. 14.—Arrived at 7:45 and left up at 11:10 a. m., steamer State of California, from San Francisco. Arrived at 9 a. m. and left up at 10 a. m., Dutch steamer Nederland, from Tacoma. Arrived down at 10:28 a. m., steamer Roma. Left up at 10:45 a. m., French bark Neully and schooner Amerianna.

San Francisco, Sept. 14.—Arrived at 7 a. m., steamer Roanoke, from Portland. Arrived at 11:30 a. m., steamer

DEATH PENALTY FACES JOHNSON

Man Who Shot Holock Is Charged with Murder by Coroner's Jury.

Matt Johnson, a Finnish laborer, has been charged with the murder of Fritz Holock as the result of the inquest held this morning. Holock, formerly a deputy sheriff of Washington county, and more recently employed as bartender in a North Portland saloon, was shot and killed Friday night at Twenty-fourth and Nicolai streets.

Chris Felako, Thomas Holts and Joseph Cole, all living nearby, testified that they were playing "ten and a half" in the Nicolai Exchange saloon when Johnson, who was intoxicated, interrupted their game. The bartender refused to sell him any more liquor, and Holock twice told him to go home. Johnson, however, refused to leave a part of the time, and finally they, with Johnson, left the saloon.

Soon afterwards Holock met the Finns and Johnson outside. "You wouldn't shoot me, would you?" asked Holock of Johnson. Five revolver bullets in his body was the Finns' reply.

The witnesses testified that Johnson was of a quarrelsome disposition and ugly when drinking. By the time Sergeant Wendorf and Jailer Edgicott arrived Johnson was more sober. The next day when questioned in the jail concerning the shooting he seemed to believe he had done entirely the right thing in shooting at Holock.

Johnson, who will have a preliminary hearing in the municipal court Wednesday, is in the city jail, together with his brother-in-law John, who is being held under witness.

Rose City, from Portland. British ship Celticburn, from Portland. Arrived at 3 and sailed at 4 a. m., steamer Bee, for San Francisco. Arrived at 8:25 and left up at 7 a. m., steamer Breakwater, from Coos bay. Sailed at 7:40 a. m., schooner Oliver J. Olsen, for Grays Harbor. Sailed at 8 a. m., steamer alliance, for Coos bay. Arrived at 8:40 a. m. and left up at 12:15 p. m., British steamer Peechley, from Tacoma. Sailed at 8:45 a. m., steamer Eureka, for Eureka and way ports. Arrived at 9:05 a. m., German bark Henrietta, from Guayaquil. Arrived at 10 a. m., French bark Neully from Hobart. Arrived at 11 a. m., French bark La Rochejaquelein, from Newcastle, Australia. Arrived at 4:55 p. m., steamer Elmore, from Tillamook.

Astoria, Sept. 14.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 5 a. m., moderate; wind northwest, eight miles; weather, light fog. Tides at Astoria Tuesday.—High water, 4:28 a. m., 7:2 feet; 4:22 p. m., 8:5 feet. Low water 10:21 a. m., 2:3 feet; 11:14 p. m., 0.5 feet.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The steamer Breakwater arrived here yesterday afternoon from Coos Bay. The schooner Americana, which reached Astoria Saturday night, will be in the harbor this evening, to begin loading lumber.

The steamer R. D. Inman is due to leave San Francisco today for Portland. The steamer Johan Poulsen is expected to sail from Knappton today for the Bay City.

The Norwegian bark Dagblid shifted to Irving dock late Saturday night to give more room at Montgomery dock No. 2 for the bark Andorinka and the steamer Queen Emelie, which are loading wheat there.

KOLB AND DILL IN SCREAM OF LAUGHTER. Fresh from their eastern conquests and after making critical Broadway bow at their feet for over 100 nights in a paroxysm of laughter, Kolb and Dill, the two funniest comedians on the American stage, will appear in this city next Sunday evening at the Hellig theatre in their most successful musical play entitled "Lonesome Town."

The book is by the late Judson K. Brasie while the musical music was penned by J. A. Raynes. These German dialect comedians made an instantaneous hit with this musical comedy in San Francisco where it ran uninterruptedly for several months to crowded houses. Its Pacific coast success was later repeated in New York, Chicago and all of the other prominent cities of the east, and the critics throughout the country are unanimous in declaring "Lonesome Town" to be the liveliest bit of nonsense that has ever been attempted by these inimitable "slim" and "fat" representatives of German comedy.

In next week's state election in Vermont a legislature will be chosen which will have the election of a United States senator as successor to the late Redfield Proctor. There appears to be a strong public sentiment that the honor should be conferred on ex-Governor Page.



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