

STEAMER ELSA WILL RETURN

Norwegian Freighter Is Chartered to Carry Lumber.

TAKES FULL CARGO TO NEW ZEALAND

Will Be Here Next Month From Vancouver, B. C., After Having Delivered Cargo of Sugar—Steamer Boveric Substituted for Gymeric.

The Pacific Export Lumber company this morning chartered the Norwegian steamer Elsa to carry a cargo of 2,800,000 feet of lumber from this port to New Zealand, the material to be delivered in three periods of time. Only the first month to load and the cargo will be furnished by various mills in the port.

This is one of the largest orders for Oregon fir received here for some time from the market and it is said that it was placed on the merits of the material and not because of the agitation some time ago over the proposed placing a duty on lumber from the Pacific coast. William D. Wheelwright, of the Pacific Coast Lumber company, says the possibility of the island government having a duty placed on lumber has practically been disposed of.

New Zealand has bought more lumber here during the past year than during any similar period of time. Only a few months ago the large American barkentine Koko Head left here with 1,000,000 feet of lumber for New Zealand, and another cargo of about 2,000,000 feet was shipped on the British steamer Aeon. The Aeon was lost, however, on the coast, by hitting a reef in the South Sea.

The steamer Elsa, chartered this morning, was built about a year ago. She is now en route from Mauritius to Vancouver, B. C., with a cargo of sugar and should arrive at the British Columbia port any day. It was announced this morning that the British steamer Boveric will come here next month to load lumber for Singapore instead of the British steamer Gymeric, the latter having been ordered to Puget sound to load general cargo for Hongkong in the Frank Waterhouse line. The Boveric is expected here about January 10.

LOW FREIGHTS IN SIGHT

European Shipowners Suspend the Union Agreement Temporarily.

Confirmation of the rumor that the Shipowners' association of Europe had temporarily suspended the established rate of 2 1/2% for sailing vessels in the area of trade, and that a moderate rate was received here last night by several grain exporting firms. The confirmation came from a reliable source, the impossibility of securing business for vessels under its provisions caused the association to suspend the established rule and owners are now free to accept any rate they may please. As a result half a dozen vessels now lying idle will probably be picked up in the near future.

Exporters say that the suspension of the union agreement will result in a tendency to drive freights still lower and they look for some very cheap bottoms on the strength of there being more tonnage in sight than in the past. "There is a big fleet of disengaged vessels on the coast," said one exporter this morning, "and I look for a very low rate whatever business the grain shippers might have to offer. There is not enough wheat in the country to fill all the vessels now in sight, and some will get left unless they secure lumber cargoes. This, I imagine, will bring rates down to the level of 1907, especially since it is known that the French owners can earn a small profit by running empty, the main reason being sufficient to pay expenses and a little more."

Among idle sailing vessels in this harbor are the English ships Leyland Brothers, Donna Francesca, Aberfoyle and Neotsfield, besides a couple of Frenchmen.

PHOENIX ISLAND RAZED

Mariner Finds Trees and Upright Objects Have Disappeared.

A fearful storm must have swept over Phoenix island, in the South Pacific, for a short time ago when the British steamer Indravell passed there. Captain James T. Horne observed that there were no trees or other objects visible. Everything had been mowed down like grass.

Captain Horne's attention was called to this particularly by reason that the white pyramidal beacon placed there to warn mariners of the island had disappeared. From indications Captain Horne believes that a fearfully severe storm must have swept over the island a few days before he passed.

Captain Horne communicated his observations to the hydrographic department of the United States and notices are now being sent out to mariners apprising them thereof. Reefers which are well marked by breakers extend off the island to the northward and southward and are particularly dangerous as it cannot be made out at night or on a cloudy day without difficulty. Very few birds were seen. The approximate position of the northern end of the island is 3:42:28 south; 170:42:08 west.

WILL BE CHERED ON WAY

Steamer Inland Empire Leaves Ce-Hilo for Pasco Tomorrow.

Tomorrow morning, under auspicious conditions, the Open River Transportation company's new steamer, Inland Empire, will leave Ce-Hilo on her first trip to Pasco. It will mark the opening of



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an open river system between Portland and the head of navigation on the Columbia, excepting for the stretch now being made navigable between Hig Eddy and Ce-Hilo.

The Inland Empire will cast loose at daylight and start up the river in command of Captain Arthur Brown. She will go out with a large quantity of freight and on board will be a number of prominent men who have taken active part in securing the opening of the upper Columbia basin direct communication with Portland by water. Dorsey B. Smith, president of the Open River line, has been at Ce-Hilo several days making preparations for the trip. He will be one of the party to go along.

The boat will stop at all way landings long enough to give the people opportunity to inspect her and for that reason plenty of time has been allowed for the round trip. It is expected to leave the steamer Inland Empire on Christmas day and to return to Ce-Hilo by noon next Sunday. The arrival at Pasco will be made the occasion of a grand celebration. Fully as much interest is being taken in the new boat as was displayed by the farmers living on the north bank of the Columbia when the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road was opened last summer.

The steamer Cello, which is to alter her name to the Inland Empire, of the upper river, will be ready to go into commission in March.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

The Steamer Senator, Captain Nopander, reached Astoria dock last night after a fast run from San Francisco. She brought 190 passengers.

The steamer Senator will be 20 hours late reaching San Francisco today from Portland. She reported off Point Reyes this morning. A strong sea was held on all the way. A strong

The steamer schooner Northland, Captain Erickson, will be at Ce-Hilo street on Monday. She is carrying a cargo from San Francisco. She takes lumber for a return cargo.

The steamer schooner R. D. Inman and Yosemite reached the river yesterday, and today the Inman went to the mills of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company, and the Yosemite went to Prescott both to load lumber for California.

The German steamer Nicomedia of the Pacific & Atlantic Steamship company left Hongkong this morning for Portland. It is not known here yet whether she will come direct or by way of San Francisco.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Dec. 22.—Arrived down at 6 a. m.—Steamer Argo, Arrived at 7:45 and left up—Steamer Northland, from San Francisco. Sailed at 7:40 p. m.—Steamer Elmore, for Tillamook. Left up at 9 a. m.—French bark Crillon and schooner Endeavor.

Point Reyes, Dec. 2.—Passed at 9 a. m.—Steamer Rose City, from German steamer Nicomedia, for Portland.

Astoria, Dec. 21.—Arrived at 12:20 a. m.—Steamer Argo, from San Francisco. Arrived down at 3:40 p. m.—British bark Lydgate, Arrived down at 4:30 p. m.—Steamer Monterey.

Coos Bay, Dec. 21.—Arrived—Steamer Alliance, from Portland.

Molokai, Dec. 21.—Arrived—Schooner Mabel Gale, from Columbia river.

Astoria, Dec. 22.—Condition at the mouth of the river at 8 a. m. moderate; wind, east 16 miles; weather, cloudy.

Tides at Astoria Wednesday: High water—1:05 a. m., 7:2 feet; 0:22 p. m., 9.5 feet; Low water—6:36 a. m., 3.2 feet; 7:23 p. m., 1.5 feet.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

George W. Elder, San Pedro, Dec. 22 Alliance, Coos Bay, Dec. 24 Nebraskan, Salina Cruz, Dec. 25 Numanita, orient, Dec. 25 Argo, San Francisco, Dec. 27 Breakwater, Coos Bay, Dec. 27 Rose City, San Francisco, Dec. 28 Eureka, Eureka and Coos, Dec. 28 Roanoke, San Pedro and way, Dec. 29 Senator, San Francisco, Jan. 1

Regular Liners Due to Depart.

Breakwater, Coos Bay, Dec. 23 George W. Elder, San Pedro, Dec. 24 Senator, San Francisco, Dec. 25 Alliance, Coos Bay, Dec. 26 Nebraskan, Salina Cruz, Dec. 27 Argo, San Francisco, Dec. 28 Eureka, Eureka and Coos, Dec. 30 Roanoke, San Pedro and way, Dec. 31 Rose City, San Francisco, Jan. 1 Numanita, orient, Jan. 5 Nevanad, Salina Cruz, Jan. 27 Nicomedia, orient, Feb. 1 Arabia, orient, Feb. 15 Alesia, orient, Feb. 15

Vessels in Port.

Leyland Bros. Br. sh. Drydock Donna Francesca, Br. bk. Astoria Churchill, Am. sch. Astoria Aivena, Am. sch. Astoria W. F. Jewett, Am. sch. Astoria Irene, Am. sch. Astoria Washington, Am. ss. Drydock Aberfoyle, Br. bk. N. P. Mills Astoria Nicholas, Am. sch. Astoria Berlin, Am. sch. Gobie Taurus, Am. sch. Kalamazoo Esouquet, Br. bk. Coal Bunker Joinville, Fr. bk. Sand dock Neotsfield, Br. bk. Southern Pacific Braboch, Br. bk. Greenwich No. 2 Oregon, Ger. sh. Columbia No. 2 Torrisdale, Br. h. Astoria Sully, Fr. bk. Linnton Boston, Br. bk. Rainier Marshfield, Am. ss. Rainier Armen, Fr. bk. Linnton Richmond, Fr. bk. Stream Yellowstone, Am. ss. Prescott Crillon, Fr. bk. On way up Homer, Am. ss. Oak street Breakwater, Am. ss. Alaska Senator, Am. ss. Ainsworth Endeavor, Am. sch. On way up R. D. Inman, Am. ss. Inman Yosemite, Am. ss. Prescott Northland, Am. ss. Couch street

En Route to Load Lumber.

Riverside, Am. ss. San Francisco Annie E. Small, Am. ss. Hongkong Shaista, Am. ss. San Francisco Virginia, Am. sch. Mallemo Olson & Mahoney, Am. ss. San Francisco Shoshone, Am. ss. San Francisco Geo. L. Fenwick, Am. ss. San Francisco Fred J. Wood, Am. sch. San Francisco Lakme, Am. ss. San Francisco Saginaw, Am. ss. San Francisco

En Route With Cement and General.

Carmanian, Br. bk. Hamburg Gulf Stream, Br. bk. Antwerp Alice, Fr. bk. London Eugene Schneider, Fr. bk. Antwerp Le Tour de Auvergne, Fr. bk. Antwerp Glenavon, Br. bk. Antwerp Desart, Fr. bk. Antwerp Poltakov, Br. sh. Antwerp Water trees, Br. bk. Antwerp Matterhorn, Br. sh. Newcastle-on-Tyne Babin Cheyave, Fr. bk. Antwerp

Tramp Steamers En Route.

Aboukir, Fr. ss. San Francisco Robert Dollar, Fr. ss. Puget sound Tweedale, Br. ss. San Francisco Boveric, Br. ss. San Francisco Elsa, Nor. ss. Vancouver, B. C.

En Route in Ballast to Load Grain.

Port Crawford, Br. sh. Callao Honeward Bound, Am. bk. San Francisco Thiers, Fr. bk. Belfast Francis, Fr. bk. San Francisco Asnières, Fr. bk. San Francisco Benares, Nor. sh. Callao Clan Graham, Fr. sh. Kahulu Laennee, Fr. sh. Kahulu Nantea, Fr. bk. Honolulu Edinburgh, Fr. bk. Honolulu

Oil Steamers En Route.

Roma, Am. ss. San Francisco Col. E. L. Drake, Am. ss. San Francisco

BRAZIL FEARS GERMAN'S POWER

Britons Predict That Brazil and United States Will Find Themselves Allied Against Kaiser—Brazil's Dreadnaughts.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Dec. 22.—Englishmen believe that the three Dreadnaughts that are being built in this country for Brazil will be used by that country to help the United States fight Germany.

British business men with large interests in Brazil and neighboring states have investigated the unprecedented naval activity in the South American nation and they are now convinced that the three formidable fighting vessels are not being built for some other country, as was at first surmised, nor are they being built with any view to Brazil's relations toward Argentina or any other new world government. It is Germany that is the real cause, they say.

Brazil, it is said, has for a long time viewed with suspicion the increasing Teutonic colony within its borders. It is estimated that fully 750,000 Germans are held in the South American nation, as one British commentator remarks, "they feel themselves a nation and, in the small morning hours after festivities, they may be heard reciting with patriotic enthusiasm the possibility of forming again a part of the old fatherland."

Brazil Fears a Grab.

So much of this talk has been going on lately and so eager has the German government seemed for development of colonial power that Brazil is reported as having become very much afraid the Kaiser is planning to grab the German colony.

Englishmen declare the indications justify this apprehension. "Every time a Briton predicts war between his country and Germany, which is as often as he thinks of Germany at all, he qualifies his prophecy with some such remark as: "Provided the United States doesn't get into the fight ahead of us."

And when he says that, of course, he is thinking of the Monroe doctrine. Some of the reports from Brazil to England say the Brazilian government leaders discussed the situation "in camera" before the necessary credits were voted for the construction of the Dreadnaughts. The decision appears to have been that while the Monroe doctrine is all right, Brazil ought not to trust to it alone.

When the men of war are finished and delivered at Rio de Janeiro, it is the impression here that Brazil will take steps to break the German colony's strength. England deems it a fair conclusion that this will immediately start trouble with the fatherland, and that a good big German fleet will cross over right away to see about it. There's where the three Dreadnaughts will come in.

The Brazilian ships will be ready for service in 1910. They will be of the latest type, armed with 12 inch guns and good for a speed of 20 knots an hour. Brazil is going to call them the Minas Geraes, the Rio de Janeiro and the Sao Paulo.

By the time they are done Germany will have four Dreadnaughts each with more powerful than any one of Brazil's three. But then, the South Americans do rely some on the Monroe doctrine, after all.

A par excellent table d'hote dinner served at the Perkins grill Christmas, 5 to 8:30. Reserve your tables.

HAINS ADMITTED RESPONSIBILITY

Witness Says T. Jenkins Said "We Are the Men," and Threatened.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 22.—Merrill L. Downs, a member of the Bayside Yacht club, where Captain Peter C. Hains shot and killed William Annis, for participation in which attack Thornton Jenkins Hains is now on trial here, was placed upon the stand by the prosecution today.

Under the questions of Assistant District Attorney Darrin, Downs said he was attracted to the end of the yacht club pier by the shots. When he arrived on the scene he asked who was responsible for the attack on Annis. He testified that the defendant replied, "We are the men."

Downs further testified that the defendant told him to stand back as it was "a job for the police."

He then related how the defendant threatened him with a revolver and pushed him aside as he attempted to reach Captain Hains.

Downs continued his testimony with a relation of the incidents of the shooting.

John T. Stevens, the next witness, testified that the defendant informed him that he was there to protect his brother and would shoot any one who interfered. Despite the rigid cross-examination of Attorney McIntyre, for Hains, the witness refused to modify his testimony.

Stevens admitted that he did not see

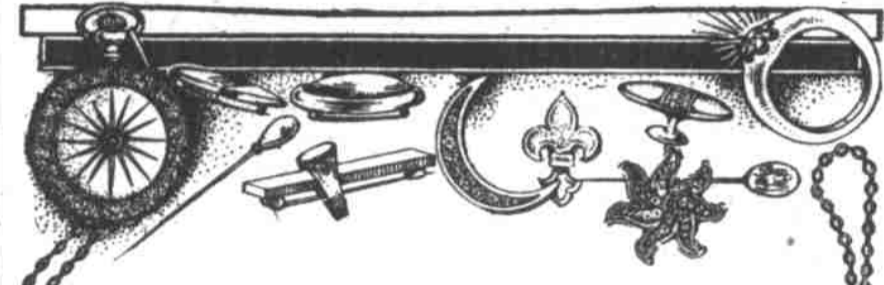
DECISIONS IN SUPREME COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Salon, Dec. 22.—The supreme court announced decisions today as follows: Rehearing in the case of Reuben Patty vs. Salem Flouring Mills; appeal from Marion county, court of Circuit Judge George H. Burnett; Florence E. Terry, Bolre and William A. Terry vs. Yamhill county; appeal from Judge William Galloway's court; affirmed, in an opinion written by Chief Justice Bean.

School district No. 61 vs. school district No. 32, both in Polk county; affirmed in opinion by Justice Eakin.

Bert Hill vs. C. E. Saugestad, heard



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at Pendleton, appealed from Baker county, court of Circuit Judge William Smith; reversed and new trial ordered; opinion written by Chief Justice Bean.

Motion to dismiss case of C. H. Du-nenberg vs. J. Robert Horning, appealed from Klamath county, court of Circuit Judge H. L. Benson; dismissed.

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(FROM NEW YORK WORLD, APRIL 29, '08.)

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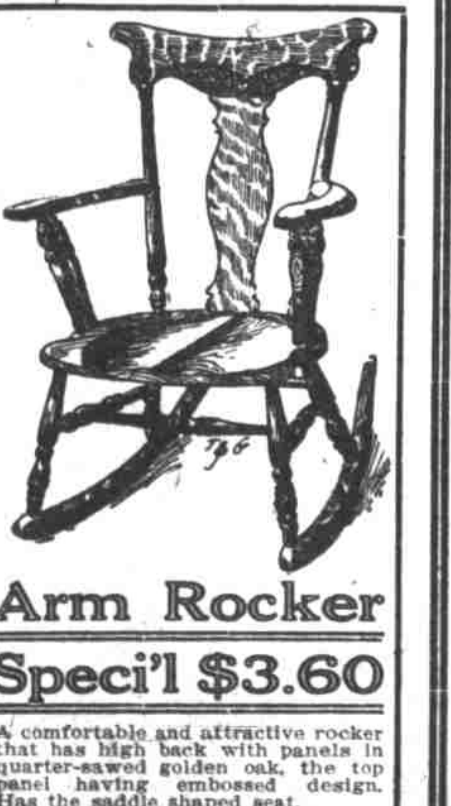
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