WILL INSPECT ICE BLOCKADE

O. R. & N. Company to Send Towboat Oklahoma to Scene.

EXPLOSIVES MIGHT BE RESORTED TO

Steamer Alliance Will Start Down This Morning to Try to Break Through Ice But Might Return—Majestic's Orders Changed.

The O. R. & N. Company will this morning dispatch its towboat Ocklahama down the Columbia river with a party of officials and shipping men to take a look at the ice jam in the vicinity of St. Helena which is threatening to completely tie up shipping.

If the situation gives promise of becoming so serious as to prevent large ocean going craft from proceeding up or down the river, steps will in all probability be taken to attempt to dislodge the blockade by the use of explosives. This would have to be done without delay, however, before the ice freezes into a solid wall.

Explosives were to be used last time the river became blockaded with ice in the same vicinity, but just as the Port of Portland was to dispatch a vessel to do the work, the large oriental liner Aragonia started down the river and succeeded in breaking the jam. She released a number of steamers that had been frozen in the ice for several days.

The steamer Alliance will put out at an early hour this morning, bound for Coos bay. She should have sailed last night, but it was considered of no use to try to break the ice during the night and so she is being held at her berth at Couch street dock awaiting daylight. Agent F. P. Baumgartner believes the steamer will be able to get through all right. She has 50 passengers and considerable freight on board.

The steamer Argo which reached Astoria yesterday morning is expected at Oak street dock early this morning. Being a light draft boat, she will avoid the ice by taking the slough route, although some difficulty is now experienced there because of the swift current resulting from the fact that the ice gorge diverts the water from the main channel into the slough.

The steam schooner Majestic, which was to come to the mills of the Standard Box Company to load lumber for San Francisco, is still at Astoria, but will be ordered to Knappton or Rainier to load, as the charterers wish to avoid the risk of taking her through the ice. The craft was damaged slightly by being run into by the steam schooner Yosemite while at her dock at Astoria. The Yosemite was outward bound with a cargo of lumber and in maneuvering about swung into the Majestic.

FRIENDS ANXIOUS FOR DETAILS

Captain Wagemann of Nicomedia Had Many Friends Here.

Details concerning the death of Captain Paul Wagemann, master of the oriental liner Nicomedia, who is supposed to have been swept overboard during a typhoon in the China sea, are eagerly awaited here by a number of close personal friends.

Captain Wagemann had been sailing out of this port ever since the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company chartered the four boats now plying between this city and Hongkong and made this city his home most of the time. His wife lived on the east side until about three months ago, when she left for Germany to visit relatives and friends.

Captain Wagemann was a young man, aged about 40, and stood high with his company. The Nicomedia is due to arrive here about January 23, having left Yokohama on the 5th.

COMING WITH CARGO

French Bark, Surcouf Placed on Berth at Glasgow.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. yesterday chartered the French bark Surcouf to bring a cargo of general freight from Glasgow to Portland and Puget sound. The vessel has just arrived at the Scottish port.

It is now several days since a vessel was laid on the berth over in Europe for a Pacific coast port, the latest prior to the Surcouf being the French bark Babin Chevaye, chartered by Meyer, Wilson & Co. to load at Antwerp for this port.

Low freights both coming and going are giving the business almost entirely to French vessels because they can afford to travel around the world in ballast, the government bounty being sufficient to pay 5 per cent interest on the investment.

SPEAKING OF NORTHWEST, HOW ABOUT THIS COLD?

There is absolutely no place in the wide, wide world so desolate and terrible as Verkhoyansk, in Siberia. The unfortunate men who live there, who have to live there—for they are political exiles most of them—grow old in a few years, and after indescribable sufferings either lose their mind or commit suicide, unless they rapidly die of cold and hunger.

While traveling round the world, writes a correspondent, I heard a great deal about the Cold Pole, and the horrors of life at Verkhoyansk, and became curious to see for myself whether it was black as it was painted.

Getting there was no comfortable task. One travels in the most primitive fashion in these regions. But finally I came to the famous village—if an agglomeration of 100 dilapidated houses, earthen huts and indescribable heaps of filth can be called a village.

There are but two houses worthy of the name—the tiny church and the residence of the chief official and his subordinates. The other dwellings are small, dipalidated wooden huts, where dozens of political exiles are herded together. There are no roads to speak of. Here and there rustic boards have been thrown down to mark the way, but they disappear under the refuse which is dropped from the houses.

And, now, think of the mournful silence and the darkness. There are no birds; there are no animals, save a few horses and a herd or two of reindeer, in and around Vekhoyansk, and the winter is one long, terrible night.

It is only four times a year that the "post" comes, and it contains letters, antiquated newspapers, daily censored, and money for a few privileged ones. I dare say the reader can imagine with what indescribable eagerness the poor wretches watch the arrival of the reindeer or dog drawn sleigh which brings news from home. It is the most pathetic scene I have ever witnessed, and I do not wish to witness another similar one.

Some of the men went into hysterics, others fainted, but the majority cried—cried like little children, and collapsed, for the news is mostly bad news. A man called Abramoff—once an eminent physician—for whom I took a great liking, had not heard from his mother for over one year. A letter was brought in to him at last, just as we were smashing tea with a hammer—for tea, like everything else in this abominable climate, turns into solid stone. The letter informed him that his mother was dying. It was dated seven months back. Abramoff wept a while, and then began to laugh stupidly.

The next day the chief official, with whom I was dining, quietly informed me that Abramoff had been found dead in his den.

"Dead?" I exclaimed. "He died of sorrow, then?"

"I don't know," was the reply. "He hung himself—the fool."

During the long winter months the entire population has to remain indoors. The night seems endless, and the silence without is maddening. In their dingy quarters, lit only by the fire—for candles and lamps are a luxury—the miserable exiles sit hour after hour, talking of the past when their mind is capable of an effort, but most of the time silent and desperate.

The exiles enjoy a certain liberty. The officials do not fear evasions. How could the wretches escape? Where should they go? They are hundreds and hundreds of miles away from the settlement. And there is the cold, forests, ice, snow—death lurking everywhere for victims.

Meanwhile, the officials drink, to while away the time. It is their only occupation. At least they forget the horrors of this Polar solitude. The prisoners cannot afford vodka, and they do not forget.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The British ship Leyland Brothers was shifted from the drydock to the O. W. P. dock yesterday afternoon to tie up for the winter.

The steamer Breakwater, Captain Macgenn, is due to arrive here today from Coos Bay.

The gasoline sloop Condor is scheduled to sail for Newport next Monday. She is a bar draft boat and will be able to get through by way of the Willamette slough in case the main channel remains blockaded with ice.

The British bark Carmanian is expected to shift from her anchorage in the stream to Columbia dock tomorrow. The vessel has about 1000 tons of cement on board.

MARINE NOTES.

Astoria, Jan. 9.—Condition of the bar at 5 p. m., smooth, wind east, weather cloudy. Arrived down at 5 and sailed at 10:30 a. m., steamer Senator for San Francisco; arrived at 8:15 a. m., steamer Argo from Tillamook; sailed at 1 p. m., steamers Mayfair, Fenwick, Yellowstone, and South Bay, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Sailed at 11:30 a. m., steamer Rose City; at 1:30 p. m., steamer Roanoke for Portland; arrived at 11:39 p. m., steamer Thomas L. Wand, from Portland.

Hamburg, Jan. 9.—Arrived January 7, British steamer Ilford from Portland.

Tides at Astoria Sunday—High, 3:40 a. m., 7.4 feet; 2:55 p. m., 7.7 feet. Low, 9:32 a. m., 3.5 feet; 9:48 p. m., 0.4 feet.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Regular Liners Due to Arrive.

Breakwater, Coos Bay	Jan. 10
Roanoke, San Pedro and way	Jan. 11
Rose City, San Francisco	Jan. 11
Argo, San Francisco	Jan. 10
Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook	Jan. 12
Homer, San Francisco	Jan. 12
Alliance, Coos Bay	Jan. 13
Nevadan, Salina Cruz	Jan. 15
Eureka, Eureka and Coos	Jan. 17
Senator, San Francisco	Jan. 18
George W. Elder, San Pedro	Jan. 19
Nicomedia, orient	Jan. 23
Arabia, orient	Feb. 1
Nebraskan, Salina Cruz	Feb. 10
Alesia, orient	Jan. 15
Numantia, orient	March 25

Regular Liners Due to Depart.

Alliance, Coos Bay	Jan. 16
Sue H. Elmore, Tillamook	Jan. 15
Argo, Tillamook	Jan. 12
Breakwater, Coos Bay	Jan. 13
Roanoke, San Pedro and way	Jan. 13
Homer, San Francisco	Jan. 15
Rose City, San Francisco	Jan. 15
Alesia, orient	Jan. 15
Eureka, Eureka and Coos	Jan. 19
George W. Elder, San Pedro	Jan. 21
Senator, San Francisco	Jan. 22
Nevadan, Salina Cruz	Jan. 27
Nicomedia, orient	Feb. 1
Nebraskan, Salina Cruz	Feb. 15
Arabia, orient	Feb. 15
Numantia, orient	March 15

Vessels in Port.

Leyland Bros. Br. sh	O. W. P.
Donna Francesca, Br. bk	Astoria
Churchill, Am. sch	Astoria
Alvena, Am. sch	Astoria
W. F. Jewett, Am. sch	Astoria
Irene, Am. sch	Astoria
Washington, Am. ss	Drydock
Aberfoyle, Br. bk	Stream
St. Nicholas, Am. ship	Astoria
Berlin, Am. sch	Goble
Bonsuet, Fr. bk	Montgomery No. 2
Joinville, Fr. bk	Sand dock
Neotsfield, Br. bk	O. W. P.
Brabloch, Br. bk	O. W. P.
Oregon, Ger. ss	Irving
Torrisdale, Br. sh	Bunkers
Armen, F. bk	Linnton
Rochambeau, Fr. bk	Star Sand
Crillon, Fr. bk	Linnton
Fred J. Wood, Am. sch	N. Pac. Mills
Eugene Schneider, Fr. bk	Greenwich
La Tour de Auvergne, Fr. bk	Stream
Desaix, Fr. bk	Stream
William Bowden, Am. sch	N. Pac. mills
Carmanian, Br. bk	Stream
Cascade, Am. ss	Rainier
Asnieres, Fr. bk	Astoria
Condor, Ger. sloop	Couch st.
Majestic, Am. ss	Astoria
Argo, Am. ss	Oak street

En Route to Load Lumber.

Annie E. Smale, Am. sc	Hongkong
Shasta, Am. ss	San Francisco
Virginia, Am. sch	Mallendo
Lakme, Am. ss	San Francisco
Harold Dollar, Am. ss	San Francisco
Tallac, Am. ss	San Francisco
Mabel Gale, Am. sch	San Francisco
Daisy Mitchell, Am. ss	San Francisco
Northland, Am. ss	San Francisco
Wellesley, Am. ss	San Francisco

En Route With Cement and General.

Gulf Stream, Br. bk	Antwerp
Alice, Fr. bk	London
Glenalvon, Br. bk	Antwerp
Poltallock, Br. sh	Antwerp
Wavertree, Br. sh	Ellesmereport
Matterhorn, Br. sh	Newcastle-on-Tyne
Babin Chevaye, Fr. bk	Antwerp
Surcauf, Fr. bk	Glasgow

Tramp Steamers En Route.

Aboukir, Br. ss	San Francisco
Robert Dollar, Br. ss	Orient
Soverie, Br. ss	San Francisco
Elsa, Nor. ss	Vancouver, B. C.
Tymeric, Br. ss	San Francisco

En Route in Ballast to Load Grain.

Port Crawford, Br. sh	Callao
Thiers, Fr. bk	Belfast
Francois, Fr. bk	San Francisco
Benares, Nor. sh	Callao
Clan Graham, Br. bk	Caleta Coloso
Laennec, Fr. sh	Kahulu
Nantes, Fr. bk	Hobart
Edinburgh, Br. bk	Honolulu

Oil Steamer En Route.

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

EXPLAINS FREEZING OF HOT WATER PIPES

Heating engineers fail to agree as to whether or not hot water pipes freeze more rapidly than cold water pipes. Many arguments are advanced to bear out both positions.

J. Gordon Turnbull, a consulting mechanical and heating engineer of Portland, gives three explanations for hot water pipes freezing more readily. In the first place, says he, hot water pipes are usually not as well protected against cold as those for cold water; also hot water heating plants are oftimes closed down during the night, and during this time the water is not in circulation and would naturally freeze more readily. Furthermore, water which has been heated is more pure, and therefore more susceptible to cold than water which has not had the impurities removed from it.

BIG CLOTHING HOUSE TO BE OPENED SOON

Grant Phegley Head and Front of the New Establishment.

Grant Phegley.

Grant Phegley, bank director, merchant tailor, leader in church circles, Shriner and prominent citizen, is the organizer of a company which will be known as the "Salem Woolen Mills Clothing Company." This company will open in a few weeks one of the most complete and extensive ready made clothing establishments of Portland. This store will be the distributing center for the northwest for the Salem Woolen mills of this state. The Salem mills have long been most favorably known for the high character of the cloth turned out, and it is fortunate for Mr. Phegley and his associates that they will have the exclusive sale of these goods when made up into suits and overcoats. It is just as fortunate for the rich old Salem Woolen Mills that Mr. Phegley will head a company to represent this manufacturing concern here. Mr. Phegley is a first class tailor and has been identified with the clothing trade in Portland in a large way for more than 16 years.

During the past three years Mr. Phegley has built up a splendid patronage for the Columbia Woolen Mills' store, and it is conceded that he knows at a glance when he sees a garment whether it is made right or not. This ability will place Mr. Phegley in an enviable position when he becomes a retail dealer of men's clothing.

In speaking of his new enterprise Mr. Phegley said: "I feel very fortunate in the selection of my associates in the Salem Woolen Mills Clothing company. Our best asset is the fact that we will represent the most successful woolen mills in Oregon. The Salem Woolen Mills have been in existence for more than 20 years, and have been in continuous operation ever since the day the plant opened. The mills are the most complete and up to date in every respect in the west. This is one of the few concerns that manufactures cloth suitable for a high class tailoring and clothing business."

The state senator from Marion county, the Honorable Thomas B. Kay, is the president of the Salem Woolen Mills at Salem, and naturally takes a great deal of interest in the new clothing establishment to be opened soon by Mr. Phegley. The Salem Woolen Mills Clothing company has leased the salesroom adjoining the present quarters of the Columbia Woolen Mills in the Elks' building at Seventh and Stark streets, and in a few days a force of carpenters and decorators will be set to work to combine the two salesrooms and fit them up for the new clothing house. The Columbia Woolen Mills will be absorbed by the Salem Woolen Mills Clothing company and it is acknowledged that the exclusive control of the output of the Salem Woolen Mills for the northwest is itself enough to insure the success of the new establishment.

GARFIELD ARGUES FOR HETCH HETCHY PLAN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Garfield of the interior department, before the public lands committee of the house today supported San Francisco when the Hetch-Hetchy valley resolution was considered. He denied that he acted without authority in granting the city water rights in National park. He said:

"The highest use to which water can be put is the domestic use of a great city. Of what importance is it that 10,000 campers, having money to spend on a vacation would like to prevent this grant if the water is needed for hundreds of thousands of people of San Francisco, many of whom are too poor to take vacations."

Garfield answered objections categorically. He declared there was no reason to delay. He said everything had been investigated, and the people had indicated by an overwhelming vote that they wanted this water. He urged the committee to act favorably. Attorney Whitman of Boston, who explained that he represented the Appalachian Mountain club, protested. He declared he did not want the natural beauty of the valley impaired. Representatives Kahn and Hayes of California quizzed Whitman. Gaines of Tennessee argued in favor of San Francisco. Parsons of New York opposed.

HUGE ROCK SLIDE ON THE MILWAUKEE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 9.—Traffic on the new line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has been tied up for the past 10 days by a landslide a short distance east of Wallace, Idaho. Three hundred feet of track is covered 20 feet deep with rock and soil. A steam shovel has been working incessantly ever since. It will be several days before traffic is resumed.

Tomorrow, Monday, will positively be the last day for discount on west side gas bills.

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GUILLOTINE WILL FALL ONCE MORE

Unless Fallieres Gets Panicky Once More, and Refuses Warrants.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bethune, France, Jan. 9.—Preparations are being hastily completed for the execution Monday of four members of the notorious Pollet band, who have been accused of many atrocious murders during the last few years. These will be the first legal executions in France since 1906, when President Fallieres began refusing to sign death warrants. His clemency at that time was due entirely to the receipt of many letters threatening him with assassination should he permit another guillotining. So genuine were these letters considered that the president declared that never again while in office would he sign a death warrant.

When parliament and the cabinet voted to demand that hereafter all persons who committed atrocious crimes should die, the president decided he could not refuse.

However, he has ordered that the police take the utmost precautions to protect him from this time forward, and although it is remembered that he may yet change his mind and grant reprieves, it is tonight considered a very remote possibility.

INTEREST IN BIBLE STUDY INCREASING

Real pleasure and profit may be obtained by joining one of the many educational classes offered by the Young Women's Christian Association, in their new building, Seventh and Taylor streets. Interest is growing in Bible study. Six clubs, under the leadership of Dr. Luther R. Dyott are pursuing systematic courses of study.

In the new gymnasium, morning, afternoon and evening classes under Miss Alberta J. Cory, physical director, are being held. In the domestic art department, under Miss Bernice Waring, little girls, big girls and mothers, have an opportunity to learn plain sewing, the making of dainty underwear, plain and fancy shirtwaists, dressmaking and millinery.

Additional classes taught by specialists in their lines, are offered in the following branches: Elocution and expression, by Mrs. Emma Gillespie; English for foreign girls, Mrs. M. B. Hogue; high school English and arithmetic, Mrs. N. C. McAdams; German, Frau Margaret Bekker; French, Mlle. Helene Gatscher; Spanish, Professor C. Rebagliati; vocal music, Miss Louise Hellman; mandolin and guitar, Professor C. Rebagliati.

For further information call at the general office.

GUIDE MINUS HAND AND FOOT

Annie Peck's Aide in Her Highest Climb Arrives in New York.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Jan. 9.—Martyr to his ambition to scale the highest peaks in the world, Gustave Zamtangwalder arrived here this afternoon on the steamer Advance from Panama, minus one hand, one foot and the greater part of his other hand.

The Swiss mountain climber met disaster while acting as guide for Miss Annie Peck, the Brooklyn woman who has gained an international reputation for her feats in this line.

With him was Rudolph Tangwald, a countryman. They accompanied the American woman on her expeditions. He was frozen while they were climbing the Houscaran, near Eungi, in Peru. Miss Peck and Tangwald began the descent in advance of Zamtangwalder. The latter lost his heavy mittens. In telling of his experience he said:

"I did not realize that I was freezing until some way down the mountains. When I reached the others my hands and feet were numb and I had to be carried to a hut. I was taken on to the hospital, where the surgeons amputated my left hand, part of my right hand and my left foot just above the ankle."

Tangwald said they would see Miss Peck while here and would continue their journey to their homes in Switzerland.

VOTES TO BUY SELLWOOD PARK

Council Appropriates $50,000 for Purchase of 15 Acres of Land.

An appropriation of $50,000 was made by the city council yesterday pursuant to the recommendation of the park board for the purchase of some 15 acres of land south of The Oaks and bordering on the river. This is the first large slice to be taken out of the $500,000 park bond issue. The property to be bought is owned by W. H. Moorehouse.

The park board was induced to buy the acreage largely on the representation of Councilman Wills, who appeared on behalf of property owners of the Sellwood district. Citizens of that neighborhood are greatly pleased with the action of the park board.

The new site comprises a bit of picturesque woodland and river beach and in the opinion of Park Superintendent Mische it can be changed soon into a beautiful recreation ground. The price asked for the land by Mr. Moorehouse is not regarded as very high.

SCATTER FOOD FOR HUNGRY SONG BIRDS

Feed the birds. Thousands of them will die if they are not fed. Remember that all of their natural food is under the snow, and they can't get to it. Take the bread crumbs from the breakfast table, find a protected spot that the birds can reach and scatter the crumbs. Your little feathered friends will do the rest.

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SALE OF AIGRETTES WILL BE STOPPED BY AUDUBON SOCIETY

Aigrettes, the plumage of the snowy heron and the American egret, can no longer be lawfully sold by Portland milliners, nor worn by Portland women, according to a report made to the Oregon Audobon society by the president, William L. Finley, at last night's meeting of the society. Mr. Finley had just received a copy of the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the celebrated Silz case, which went up from New York, wherein the court decided that the states had the power to regulate the sale of the plumage of any bird and to forbid the importation of the plumage of birds killed without the state.

Mr. Finley read the decision and explained to the society that while the laws of Oregon forbid the sale or wearing of aigrettes, the statute had never been enforced because the right of a state to regulate the importation and sale of the plumage of birds caught or killed out of this state was questioned by the local administrative and judicial officers. Mr. Finley announced that as president of the Audobon society he would write a letter to every milliner in Portland apprising them of the existence of the Oregon statute against the sale of aigrettes and warning them to discontinue violating the law.

He also said that as soon as possible every milliner in the state would receive a similar warning, and that future violations of the law would be prosecuted to the fullest extent by the Audubon society.

A number of reports were made telling of the progress made in the bird feeding campaign that many members of the society have been individually conducting since the heavy fall of snow in the early part of the week. President Finley urged the members to continue feeding the birds as long as the snow lasted, and to ask their neighbors to scatter bread crumbs where the birds can find them every morning.

He called attention to the danger of thousands of game and song birds dying if the snow covers the ground a week longer, but said that many of these little lives could be saved if the public would only remember to feed them.

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