

TWO STEAMERS TAKE FOUR LUMBER CARGOES FOR CHINESE PORTS

British Steamships Messina and St. Theodore Chartered Frenchman Is Coming.

Two steamers were taken this morning by Fritz Kirchoff, of the China Import & Export Lumber company to carry cargoes to North China. The vessels are the British steamships Messina and St. Theodore.

There were no details of the charters in the word received this morning, but it is supposed that they were taken on time charters as that is the way in which the firm has taken its vessels for the past year.

Next of the steamers to come here on the China Import & Export Lumber company line will be the Norwegian steamship Banker, which is expected to arrive here on December 31 from Hankow. She will bring a full inward cargo of hardwood logs for the Emerson Hardwood company and then load a cargo of Oregon fir for North China ports.

HUGE WAVES SWEEP OCEAN

Steamers Beaver and Northland Report Hard Founding.

Practically the same experience which the steamer Beaver had off the bar Monday night was duplicated on the steamer Northland the next morning, but fortunately the steamer sustained no damage.

The Northland arrived at Couch street dock at 7 o'clock last night with passengers and 500 tons of asphalt. The steamer and general cargo, she will load a cargo of wheat and lumber for Los Angeles and San Diego.

STEAMERS READY TO DEPART

Buenaventura and Kofu Maru Are Due to Leave This Afternoon.

Laden with cargo valued at \$127,967.25, the British steamer Buenaventura, Captain R. H. Bode, is scheduled to sail this afternoon from this port for Europe. Her cargo is destined for Avonmouth, St. Vincent and Dunkirk, and she will call in at San Francisco to complete her cargo, taking general merchandise, fruit, etc., for the other steamers of the Maple Leaf line, and a loading copper ore at the Mexican port.

"MICKY" O'ROURKE IS ALIVE

"Failure of Man to Come Ashore Causes Much Anxiety." After several months of inactivity, "Micky" O'Rourke, chief engineer on Columbia river for the vessel No. 88, and hero of a number of John Fleming Wilson's tales of the sea, has broken into the limelight again through fears of his sister, Mrs. E. Clifton Heatley of Richmond, Cal., that he might be dead.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The steamer Siskiyou has cleared at the custom house with 1,025,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro.

Laden with 9000 tons of general freight from the orient for this port, the Hamburg-American steamer Sithonia sailed from Yokohama on December 20 and will be due here on January 10.

Laden with wheat for the United Kingdom, the Belgian bark Kasal will leave down the river tomorrow morning.

PORTO RICO TRIVES UNDER BENEFICENCE OF UNITED STATES

Trade Increases, Roads Are Built, School Houses Rise, Hook Worm Languishes.

Washington, Dec. 24.—When our troops landed in Porto Rico in 1898, that island was practically unknown to the American public, and at that time the most optimistic could not have anticipated the spontaneous development which has actually taken place in the last 15 years.

This report shows that since 1901 the total external commerce of the island has increased some fivefold, in round numbers, the exports growing from \$8,600,000 to \$49,000,000; the imports from less than \$9,000,000 to nearly \$37,000,000; while the balance of trade, adverse in 1901 by a small amount, is now more than \$12,000,000 annually in its favor.

Although sugar amounted to more than half the total exports, or \$26,519,158, an increase made possible only by the influx of American capital and machinery together with the exceptionally favorable underlying conditions, more interest attaches to the fact that Porto Rican coffee, of whose excellence every native is proud, has shown a proportionately more rapid increase than sugar during the last five years, the exports for 1913 being \$5,511,816, an increase of 24 per cent over the preceding year.

Speaking of the closing year of his administration, Governor Colton says it has been one of marked development, with industries more productive than ever before, and willing labor closely employed under improving conditions.

It is stated that in 1898 there was but one building in the islands especially erected for school purposes, the total enrollment in the public schools was but 26,000, and 80 per cent of the entire population was unable to read or write.

In the schools special attention is being paid to practical courses. Among the night schools, numbering 299, academic courses have been the rule, but last winter in San Juan a night trade school with classes in carpentry, brick laying, plumbing and automobile mechanics was attended with such interest manifested that, in view of the local scarcity of such workmen, the establishment of similar schools has been suggested.

Not less than 100,000 cases of uncured malaria (hookworm) have been treated from which approximately 60,000 complete cures have been effected. Steady progress is being made in improving the general health as shown in the decrease in the death rate from 24.02 per 1000 during the previous year to 22.35 per 1000.

An improvement in the general appearance and sanitary conditions in most of the municipalities is evident, while the development of public works is apparent in better streets, water supplies, sewer systems, hospitals and other works.

The finances of the Porto Rican government are reported to be in excellent shape, and as practically all of the property tax goes to the support of municipal governments and school boards, the increase in assessed valuation from less than \$80,000,000 in 1905 to \$179,271,923 in 1913, has greatly improved the financial condition of the various towns.

The public works undertaken by the insular government have resulted in a system of modern highways totalling 1070 kilometers, and in an irrigation system of 1070 kilometers.

Sanitary Conditions Improved. An improvement in the general appearance and sanitary conditions in most of the municipalities is evident, while the development of public works is apparent in better streets, water supplies, sewer systems, hospitals and other works.

The following affects the aids to navigation in the seventeenth lighthouse district: Washington—Gray Harbor entrance—Outer buoy No. 67 replaced by bell light buoy No. 92 December 16. The change is temporary and light vessel No. 67 will be replaced by light vessel No. 67, Bell light buoy No. 92, by bell light buoy No. 92, on each side.

Washington—Juan de Fuca strait—Point Wilson entrance—Outer buoy No. 18 replaced by bell light buoy No. 18, on each side.

By order of the bureau of lighthouses. HENRY L. BECK, Inspector.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

C. L. McKemy and wife to C. R. McKemy, lot 2, block 2, Svans addition, 2800. H. H. Hainblatt, trustee, 5 M. lot 1, block 14, east 10 feet lot 13, block 42, 825. Fairport, lot 14, block 108 Laurelhurst, 800. W. E. Lombard et al to H. H. Northrup, block 12, block 12, Tremont, 125. Western Oregon Trust Company to C. W. Davis, lots 3 to 8, 10, 11, block 1, Nancy J. Hallcock to F. M. Miles, lot 5, block 21, Jonesboro, 2500. W. E. Lombard et al to H. H. Northrup, lots 29 and 30, block 2, Oakdale addition, 1500. Victor Land Company to Henry W. Gertler, lots 7, 8 and 9, block 27, Arbor Lodge, 1300. Otto Katsky and wife to T. J. Mills, block 12, block 12, Tremont, 100. Patrick Kelly to John Behman, lot 4, block 2, Chapman's addition to St. Johns, 800. M. Schwan to T. J. Mills, lot 10, block 10, Svans addition, 8000. A. E. Ellis and wife to Mrs. Matilda Miller, west 32 1/2 feet lot 3, block 1, Richmond addition, 2300. George L. Kollock and wife to Louise M. Schwan, lot 10, block 27, Parkrose, 1400. Bankers Investment Company to B. G. Danley, lot 14, block 97, Rose City, 3000. Austin Underhill and wife John Wash, lot 12, block 1, Bonita Park, 500.

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATHS—In this city, Dec. 23, John E. Holt, aged 82 years, months and 7 days, beloved father of Mrs. Emily U. Right of Meris. Funeral services will be conducted Dec. 25 at 2 p. m., from the Portland crematorium. Friends may view the remains at Pearson's undertaking parlors.

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ACREAGE

Take the Big Red Steel Car. On the Pacific coast electric train on January 15 to our BEAVERTON-REDFIELD ACREAGE.

The Show-Fear Co. 102 Fourth Street.

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