

STEAMERS PLANNING FOR BUSY SEASON ON THE RIVERS THIS YEAR

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OTHERS GETTING READY

Bayley Gatzert Takes Run to The Dalles in Place of the Dalles City.

In preparation for one of the busiest seasons since the year 1905 when the tourists thronged here to the Lewis and Clark exposition, the steamboats on the Willamette and Columbia rivers are rapidly being placed in shape.

Tomorrow morning the steamer Lurline will return to its regular run to Astoria after an absence of nearly a month, in which her place has been filled by the steamer Undine.

Paint All That is Needed. Besides the two members of the Harkins fleet the crack flyer Georgiana is shortly to be repainted for her second season on the Columbia.

Relieved By Steamer J. N. Teal. Over at the East Yamhill street dock of the Columbia Navigation company the steamer J. N. Teal, recently relieved by the steamer State of Washington, is being placed in shape for the opening of the canal.

PUBLISHERS UNIQUE PAPER

Wireless Operator on Geo. W. Elder is Editor. "Local Color" is the name of a periodical being published aboard the steamer Geo. W. Elder by H. Oxsen, a recent addition to the official family of the steamer in the post of wireless operator.

CAPTAIN IN BIG JUMP

Charles Lundquist Pilot for Northern Pacific. From master of a lumber carrier to the position of pilot on the great steamer Northern Pacific is the jump which Capt. Charles Lundquist, former master of the steamer Torget, has taken.

FOUR BIRTHDAYS LISTED

Officers of Steamer Bear to Have Busy Time. The next two weeks are to be filled with just one party after another for the officers of the steamer Bear of the Big Three fleet.

MAKES FIRST "CAPTURE"

Bar Tug Wallula Gets American Schooner. Capt. Charlie (Hurry) Johnson made his first capture since being made master of the Port of Portland bar tug Wallula yesterday when he captured the American schooner Forest Home.

BIG OILTANKER LAUNCHED

Maumee's Trial Trip Will Interest Nappy Men. Vallejo, Cal., April 17.—(U. P.)—Avoid the tooting of whistles and the booming of the siren, the great oil tanker Maumee slid down from the ways and entered the waters of San Francisco bay at Mare Island navy-yard this afternoon.

ALLIANCE TO GO TO ALASKA

Former Coos Bay Liner Chartered After Long Idleness. After lying idle at the C. W. P. dock for over a year, the steamer Alliance, formerly on the Portland-Coos Bay-Eureka run for the North Pacific Steamship company, has been chartered and will go to Alaska for the summer.

MERCHANTS EXCHANGE OCCUPIES NEW, LARGER, COMFORTABLE QUARTERS

Left to right, back row—Fred Clark, manager of the Merchants Exchange; R. J. Paterson, Stephens-Smith Grain Co.; J. H. Klosterman, J. H. Klosterman & Co.; Frank Alexander, Columbia River Milling Co.; Lee Peterson, publisher of the Commercial Review; T. W. Smith; N. A. Leach, Kerr, Gifford & Co.; Allen, W. R. Bagot & Co.; Kern, Chas. Stewart & Co.



In its new quarters on the ground floor of the Board of Trade building, the Merchants' Exchange opened Monday morning.

The Maumee by Lieutenant Alexander Sharp of the destroyer Paul Jones, the Maumee is the first big United States naval vessel to be equipped with oil burning engines.

RUSSIAN BARK DEPARTS

Professor Koch is Now Heading for England. Astoria, Or., April 17.—The Russian bark Professor Koch, grain laden for the United Kingdom, was taken to the lower harbor today and went to sea this evening.

PANS BOAT TO ALASKA

Border Line Transportation Company Sends Craft to Astoria. Seattle, Wash., April 17.—(Special)—Manager of the Border Line Transportation company stated here today that his company contemplates sending a boat to Astoria for one cargo consigned to Alaska ports, and that definite arrangements have been made for one trip this month.

VALUABLE ORIENTAL CARGO

Japanese Liner Chicago Maru Reaches Puget Sound. Vancouver, B. C., April 17.—The Oosaka liner Chicago Maru docked at Victoria this morning. She had a cargo of almost 7000 tons, including 4611 tons for Tacoma, 933 tons for Seattle and 462 tons for Vancouver.

SANTA CLARA IS AT EUREKA

Will Probably Take Place of F. A. Kilburn. Eureka, Cal., April 17.—The North Pacific liner Santa Clara arrived at 1 o'clock this afternoon, bringing freight, mail and passengers and will sail at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and in the meantime will resume service on the southern run, as the F. A. Kilburn is expected to be ready for sea again Tuesday.

NEWS OF THE PORT

Arrivals April 17. J. A. Chabrier, American steamer, Captain Holmes, bulk oil from Gavito, Associated Oil company, American steamer, Captain Curtis, bulk oil from San Francisco, Union Oil Co. passengers and freight from Captain Mason, and Los Angeles, S. F. & P. S. Co.

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day morning. New blackboards, giving more ample information, new furniture making things more handy, and more room making for comfort during the noon meetings of the association, are features of the new quarters.

With the opening of the new quarters, too, Fred Clark, for years stationer of the association, succeeded to the position of manager, taking the place of E. W. Wright whose appointment to the position of general manager of the Port of Portland commission was announced a short time ago.

It was reported yesterday that a deal for the sale of the boats might be closed Monday, but this statement was not authorized by the S. P. & S.

Would Have Voters Select Park Sites

L. Rossell, 6915 Seventy-second street southeast, of the park committee of the Southeast Portland Development league, has suggested a plan to get parks in Albina, Montavilla, the Hawthorne section and the Mount Scott district. He would have the people of these districts pick locations and designate the amount of money needed, then have the voters give their approval at the June election.

North Bank to Sell River Vessels Soon

As soon as it can get an acceptable offer, the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway will sell the vessels of its river line, said L. C. Gilman, president of the S. P. & S., yesterday. The boats are the Bailey Gatzert and Dalles City, and have operated under the company name of The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation company.

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LOCAL DEALER SAVS THERE IS NO FISH TRUSS IN SEATTLE

J. H. Barbey of Barbey Fish Co. Also Raps Newport Halibut Fishing Industry.



Alaska Halibut Are of Superior Quality, He Asserts—Hazards of the Business Are Related.

Talks of Conditions. The Newport halibut are of a quality inferior to the Alaska halibut, that there is no demand in Portland for these fish sufficient to warrant the operation of vessels out of here, and that no fish trust exists in Seattle, controlling the prices of fish brought to Portland.

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Big Cargo From Central America

Steamer Peru Reaches San Francisco with Coffee and Record Shipment of Bullion.

The largest single item in the vessel's manifest was 25,512 bags of coffee, said to be a record shipment. Thirty-one days and nine hours was consumed in making the trip due to the large weight offerings along the Mexican coast.

SAYS PRISONERS IN GERMAN CAMP ARE GIVEN WHOLESALE FOOD

Correspondent, Who Visits Camps, Reports Captives Treated Well.

By Frederick Werner.

Berlin, April 17.—(I. N. B.)—Stories of cruel and inhuman treatment of prisoners of war in German concentration camps have lately become so frequent in the French and English press that it was with great pleasure I accepted an invitation from the German minister of war to visit any camp I might desire, the only condition imposed upon me being that I should give my best report to the French press, or what I saw to my American readers.

Supplied with an official document stating that I was traveling as a representative of the war ministry and permitting me to make use of military trains, I was allowed absolute freedom of movement everywhere, and I saw nothing to give me any impression as to what I saw to my American readers.

Says Food Wholesome. Before I start to give details let me say that I am a confirmed pacifist and I saw nothing to give me any impression as to what I saw to my American readers.

Every day I received a bowl of soup with squares of meat in it, distributed by the kitchen staff, with which they are familiar at home, but nevertheless good nourishing German soup made with beans, lentils, and potatoes.

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