

PORTLAND'S EXPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE THIS YEAR OVER LAST

High Price of All Cereals and Greater Volume of Shipments Are Reasons.

SHIPMENTS EAST LARGE

Steady Stream of Cars Pounding East From This City to Other Ports.

Table with columns for Exports 1915 and Exports 1914, listing various commodities like Wheat, Barley, Flour, Lumber, and Miscellaneous with their respective values.

Portland's exports showed a heavy increase during the year which closes tonight over the previous year. The increase amounts to \$4,956,184.

The increase was due to the high price of all cereals and the unusually large amount of wheat shipped during the 12-month period just closed.

There were shipped out of Portland in steamers and sailing vessels, 10,717,522 bushels of wheat valued at \$13,859,094 during 1915, as compared with 10,350,474 bushels valued at \$13,255,474 were shipped.

In addition to the exports which Portland has recorded at the custom house the district reports that the port has contributed largely to the exports of New Orleans, Galveston, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Portland, Me. For the past three months a steady stream of cars bearing strains of all kinds has been moving across the continent, the cars being shipped to be re-shipped to other European nations.

Exports of flour and barley were a trial under last season's measure, but this year the situation is different. Lumber was light due to the scarcity of vessels to handle the products.

The month of December of this year was another "million dollar month" but was considerably under December of last year. The scarcity of bottoms alone can be blamed for this as the shipments to the coast by rail and rail are said to more than make up for this loss.

ENTERPRISE IN CLOSE CALL

Gas Schooner Saved by Willamette After Long Battle at Sea.

Marshfield, Or., Dec. 31.—After a very rough experience at sea, the gas schooner Enterprise, bound from Astoria to Waldport, was towed into Coos Bay this morning by the steamer Adeline Smith. She is not badly damaged and can be prepared for sea in a day or two.

The Enterprise lost her power in a bad storm and had been drifting about for several days. The supply of water and food ran out, and the crew of three men were reduced to a state of starvation. The Enterprise was towed by the steamer Adeline Smith, which was sent here by the Willamette and Adeline Smith.

DOES YOUR STOMACH TROUBLE YOU?

MAYR'S Wonderful Stomach Remedy will change that Long Face!

And One Dose Has Often Dispelled Years of Suffering. Mayr's Wonderful Remedy can really be termed WONDERFUL. No matter where you live—you will find people who have suffered with Stomach, Liver and Intestinal ailments, etc., and have been restored to health and are proud in their praise of this remedy.

Local Man Talks To Chicago and Receives Answer

The first long distance telephone call from Portland to Chicago was put through this morning. The call was over the long distance wires of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company from W. C. Barbour to his father in Chicago. The call was made from the home of W. C. Barbour, district inspector for the telephone company, and J. H. Barbour, U. S. immigration inspector here, lies at the point of death at the family home in Chicago. Anxious to hear the latest from the son, the call was made this morning. "Mother is holding her own," was the answer heard quite distinctly by the news after the question had been asked.

ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT

From San Francisco, Eureka and Coos Bay, the steamer P. A. Kilburn is expected in the river late tomorrow. The steamer is expected to return to Portland Sunday night on the regular schedule.

Repairs to the steamer Beaver were completed this morning and she commenced shortly after noon to load her California cargo. Longshoremen will start to load the steamer this night in order that she may sail on time tomorrow afternoon.

Government engineers completed a survey of St. Helens last yesterday and will after New Year's return to the mouth of the river for more study of storm effects there.

A derrick barge owned by Montague & O'Reilly was lifted into the Oregon drydock for repairs this morning.

The trips of both the Klamath and Wetsum, members of the McCormick fleet, will be to Mexico with lumber. They are due in the river shortly.

Ernest Cullen, first officer of the steamer Klamath, and Miss Nona Jackson, of Astoria, were married in the First Congregational church here today. Oakland on Monday, according to word received here today. Cullen is one of the youngest navigators on the coast.

The office of the Columbia line at the foot of Taylor street is to be closed permanently tomorrow, that company having withdrawn from service on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Storm Strikes Steamer. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31.—(P. N. S.)—Hammered and battered by three gales which swept the Pacific ocean during her voyage from Moon, Japan, the steamer Klamath, of the Japanese line, was driven ashore at the foot of Taylor street in heavy seas and was damaged to a great extent. The ship was engulfed in flames and did much damage to her deck equipment. A leak in No. 1 hold made work with the pumps necessary. The ship is damaged so badly that her captain has asked for a survey.

Changes and Charters. San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Kristian Lind has succeeded G. L. Hammar in command of the steamer Noya. James Bowen replaces J. O. Farla as master of the steamer Homer.

The following charters have been reported: Brig Geneva to carry lumber for the Pacific coast by American Trading company. Bark Hawaii, lumber from North Pacific to Africa, at 170s (net) to London parties. Ship to Seattle, Christianen, lumber from North Pacific to the coast by West coast South America, at 20s, by W. R. Grace & Co.

Two Ships Sold. San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The American ships Edward Sewall and Potomac, both well known on this coast, are reported to have been sold. The Texas company of New York, said to be a subsidiary of the standard oil company, has purchased the Edward Sewall. Bachon & Minor of this city, which admitting the sale of the Potomac, refused to make known the name of the buyer. It is said the price paid for the Sewall was \$150,000, while the Potomac is said to have brought \$100,000.

Grays Harbor Falls Down. Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 31.—The total shipments of lumber by vessel from this port for 1915 will be \$10,000,000, feet as against 47,000,000 feet in 1914. The shrinkage is due to the condition of the lumber market caused mainly by the war in Mexico and Europe. Australia and Mexico, which have been large consumers of Grays harbor timber, have been cut off from the coast by the conditions existing in Mexico and Europe. The total number of vessels taking cargoes was 502.

Brings Tropical Fruit. San Francisco, Dec. 31.—The steamer Great Northern arrived in port this morning from the Hawaiian Islands completing her second round trip for the winter. The Great Northern brought a big passenger list and over 1000 tons of island cargo, a big item of which is fresh tropical fruit. The shipment of the latter from the Hawaiian Islands to the mainland is made by a new venture on the part of island growers.

Liner Encounters Snow. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 31.—(P. N. S.)—A passenger ship that plowed through the North Pacific, with her masts and rigging shrouded in a coating of snow was the steamship Aki Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which is in port here today from the orient. Captain H. Noma reports that dense snows were encountered just before Christmas and that for several days his ship sailed the seas looking like a ghost.

Seattle Line After Business. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 31.—(P. N. S.)—Establishment of a general agency at Chicago to handle the business in mid-western territory is announced today by the Pacific Coast Steamship company. W. M. Cline, traveling freight and passenger agent at Los Angeles, will have charge of the Chicago agency.

Rubber Production. The world's production of crude rubber for this year will reach 142,000 tons, a substantial increase over 1914. Seventy-five thousand tons of this will be used in the United States. The acreage of plantation or cultivated rubber has increased from 75,000 in 1914 to about 120,000 in 1915. On account of its lower cost, the production of plantation rubber is progressing more rapidly than the production of wild rubber, and now comprises about two thirds of the world's output.

Grutze's Salary Is Increased to \$3600

City Council Takes Steps to Retain Employee at City Hall for the Past 27 Years. To retain Sigel Grutze, chief deputy auditor, and one of the oldest city employees, the city council increased his salary from \$3000 to \$3600 a year. Grutze had been offered \$4000 a year by a local corporation and was considering accepting the offer when the city officials agreed to raise his pay. Grutze has been in the city's service for 27 years and is generally considered one of the most valuable of the city's employees. He is said to be better posted on municipal matters than anyone else in Portland.

NEWS OF THE PORT

Arrived December 31. W. F. Herin, American steamer, Captain Donally, 2 m. m. from Monterey, Associated Oil company.

Departures December 31. San Ramon, American steamer, Captain James, 2 m. m. to San Francisco, Associated Oil company.

Marine Almanac. Weather at River's Mouth. North Head, Dec. 31, condition of the month of the river at 8 a. m. smooth; wind, east, 15 m. p. m.

Daily River Readings. Station Name, Height, Change in 24 hours, Maximum, Minimum.

River Forecast. The Willamette river at Portland will continue to fall for the next two or three days.

Steamers Due to Arrive. PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT. Name, From, Date.

Steamers Due to Depart. PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT. Name, To, Date.

Vessels in Port. Name, From, To, Date.

At Neighboring Ports. Astoria, Dec. 31. Sailed at 11:00 a. m. Argyle, to San Francisco.

CHINA IS AWAKENING FROM ITS OLD TIME IDEAS, SAYS CONSUL

America Has Had a Share in Bringing About Change in the Oriental Customs.

SILK MILLS STARTING UP

Lumber Coming More in Use in China, Declares Consul General Sammons, Who is Visiting Here.

China is awakening. Its old-style methods of living, of working, of eating, of sleeping, of going from place to place, are passing away. That America has had a share in the change and should have a constantly increasing share is the opinion of Thomas Sammons, consul general of the United States at Shanghai.

Mr. Sammons arrived today from his old home in Tacoma. He is accompanied by Mrs. Sammons and is on his way to San Francisco, whence he will sail January 5 for his station in the orient.

Mr. Sammons said the European war, during its first five months, has had the effect of putting down the foreign trade of China no less than 200,000,000. Of this, \$50,000,000 was export business and \$150,000,000 import. This curtailment was followed by a readjustment whereby America already has begun to profit, especially in the raw silk business which formerly went chiefly to France.

Many Silk Mills Opening. "When you visit to the east I discovered that many small silk mills are starting up," said Mr. Sammons. "That is merely one of the external evidences of the shift of China's silk exports. With the new order of things also the discovery that China needs new things is returning."

"Lumber is coming more and more into use in China. The nation discovered after many years that their time-honored method of housing their people in a two-roomed shack was not only unsatisfactory but unhygienic, even with their cheap labor. That is what gave for-gone-a-way lumber an entire life in China. Last year lumber exports totaled 2,000,000,000 feet of which half came from the Pacific northwest. About half of this lumber was sent to Shanghai. Now there is a demand for finished lumber products, such as furniture."

"But if the United States is to reap the greatest benefits from the growing China trade, it must be aggressive and sell to the things that China wants, in the form it wants them. The Chinese have the best systems for fruit, but they have a man in the field who goes about among the trees from time to time. The oil corporations likewise have a strong organization and the fruits of their labor are shown in the fact that the Russians imported by China last year totaled \$220,000,000, of which \$18,000,000 came from the United States."

Mr. Sammons believes there is a great opportunity in China for the establishment of a market for dried fruits. The people submit so extensive a list of requests for dried fruits, some sort of lighter food as a relish could be pushed to advantage. The Chinese, however, have to be "shown" and they do things that are cheap. That is why there is not a wide market for fresh fruits of fancy quality. Australia supplies most of the fresh fruits that are imported, but the people manage to get along well on the native fruits. Some pears and apples were introduced by missionaries and these occasionally find their way to the market now.

Another opportunity in China, Mr. Sammons pointed out, is the establishment of a market for strong, rough blankets of low price. Oregon wool could well be worked up into blankets of this character—not the fancy, expensive brands that have made the Oregon mills famous—and these, he believes, would find ready sale.

Prices have been against the normal expansion of markets in China for northwestern flour, the consular general said, because the native flour though inferior in quality, is cheap enough to satisfy most needs. As a matter of fact, the Chinese have been exporting some flour of late under special government permit.

American Mills Underbid. The exportation of foodstuffs has always been looked upon with disfavor by the government, only the emergency of war allowing variation from the rule now. The mills of the Yang Tze valley have been able to underbid American mills in Hong Kong, which has cut out some of the flour manufactured here.

Mr. Sammons declared emphatically his opinion that direct steamship service out of the Columbia river to oriental ports would have the effect of...



From Philadelphia Evening Ledger. Daughter of my husband ever does anything I don't like, he'll find himself in hot water. Father—My child, a man is like an egg. Kept in hot water a little while, he may feel soft, but keep him there long and he hardens!



From Philadelphia Evening Ledger. What are the bonds of matrimony? "Daty ribbons!"

Brief Tales of Late News

Kaiser Sends Pictures as New Year Greetings; German Loan Over-subscribed; (at Causes Widow's Death); Miners Get Increased Pay; New Exposition Opens at San Diego; Teacher Gives Vaccination Party; Kirckway New Warden of Sing Sing.

Foreign. Berlin—Emperor William is sending New Year's greetings in the shape of a picture of himself at the front bearing the words "Christmas-New Year, '15-16" and his autograph. Crown Prince Frederick William is sending a picture of himself in the trenches in the Argonne forest with the words, "Good Luck for the New Year."

Berlin—Cash payments on the third German war bond reached 1,111,500,000 marks December 22, or 91.4 per cent of the total subscription, though only 75 per cent is due at present.

Chicago—The school board decided to employ teachers who marry or who are divorced.

Roseburg—Isadore Rice, an old resident, reports that a deer, apparently mad, recently attacked himself and his daughter.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Miners employed by the Golden Cycle and United Mining company mills receiving less than \$3 per day have been given an increase of 25 cents each per day, starting from December 1 and affecting 2500 men.

San Diego, Cal.—The Panama-California International exposition will open its doors at midnight, taking the place of the Panama-California exposition, which is closed with a grand finale. The new exposition will run for a year and will be broader in scope than the closing one.

New York—The first shipment of "knock down" houses has been sent to Hopewell, Va., which was destroyed by fire December 5. At least 5000 buildings will be constructed and \$2,000,000 will be spent in the rebuilding. The houses shipped can be put together by two men with monkey wrenches in less than a day.

Albany, N. Y.—Dr. George B. Kirckway, former dean of Columbia university law school, was named warden of Sing Sing prison to succeed Thomas Mott Osborne, who relinquished his duties pending the outcome of charges against him of neglect of duty and incompetency.

New York—Anthracite coal operators explain the apparent difficulty in obtaining supplies by pointing to the railroad congestion and a dearth of freight cars.

Decatur, Ill.—Miss Eleanor Birkey, a school teacher, entertained with a vaccination party at which Dr. Lynn Barnes was guest of honor.

New York—Captain C. O. F. Siferstede, aide-de-camp of Crown Prince Adolph of Sweden, says that all political parties in Sweden are united for neutrality though efforts have been made to drag Sweden into the war.

St. Paul, J. A. A. Burnquist, lieutenant.

London to See War Trophies. At last London is to have a sight of some of the German trophies captured in Flanders. A number of German guns taken during the recent offensive will be placed for display on the Horse Guards Parade.

A reason put forward why German guns were not hitherto displayed was that the bulk of the trophies was so damaged that they could be used by our own men, and that there was so considerable a number of them worth while making special ammunition for them and using them.

enormous stimulation of trade. He favored the establishment of a service with large freight capacity and accommodations for passengers as well.

Mr. Sammons was guest of honor at a luncheon at the chamber of Commerce this noon and made an address. He expects to visit the school of commerce of the University of Oregon tomorrow and leave for San Francisco on the Shasta Limited. H. B. Miller, who expected to preside at today's luncheon, was attacked with the grip this morning and was unable to attend.

STREETCAR COMPANY ISSUES BULLETIN ON CONDUCT OF ITS MEN

Conductors Must Attend to Duties in Dignified Manner Tonight.

EXTRA TRAINS IN SERVICE

On City Lines Cars Will Run Frequently Till the Early Morning Hours.

Two official bulletins were issued today by Fred Cooper, superintendent of the city lines of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. They were sent out to division superintendents and trainmen. They cover the conduct of conductors in taking home the New Year crowds tonight.

One regulation thus promulgated forbids conductors from "entering into the spirit of the occasion" requiring them to "attend strictly to their duties in a safe and dignified manner."

The other bulletin states that extra trains will be run tonight as long as there are people to ride in them. Extra Vancouver trains will leave Seattle and Washington at 12:25 and at 1:15 a. m., with the ferry making connections at Hayden Island.

On the city lines, the service will be maintained much later than usual, depending upon the number of people who stay up. Extra cars will run for the stragglers after the regular cars have gone.

WATCH PARTY ANNOUNCED

Christian Endeavor Society Makes Plans for Tonight. A New Year's watch party will be given by the Christian Endeavor society of the First Christian church, Park and Columbia streets, beginning at 6:30 o'clock tonight. There will be a short program followed by a track meet in which Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson high school athletes will participate. E. Earl Pike, state Christian Endeavor president, will lead a resolution meeting as the New Year arrives. The public is invited.

New Year's Eve at Hotels. At the leading hotels and grills practically all the tables were sold out for tonight for New Year's eve parties. At the Multnomah this morning 400 reservations were sold in the grill and 200 in the tea garden. There will be dancing in the ballroom and assembly hall. There will be dancing for some time past.

Spokane—Beginning Monday employees of the locomotive department of the Great Northern railroad shops at Hilliard will work full time, 24 hours a week instead of 40 hours for some time past.

Boise—Local capitalists and railroad men believe that the reorganization plans of the Western Pacific railroad company will result in considerable railroad building and development for the state of Idaho.

Geneseo, Idaho—Club wheat has reached the 85 cent mark and a number of growers who have been holding on are selling at this price.

Boys Are Making Ready With Their Ice Skates Today

The frosty nip to the air has given promise of ice skating and every small boy and a goodly number of "big" boys have been anxiously speculating as to the solidity of the ice on the various lakes around Portland. Mrs. A. J. Mett the lakes are reported to have "too thin ice" for skating. Guild's lake on the Linnton road, the Oak's lake back of the Oak's park, and the Columbia river although all have been thinly coated with ice during the last two days but it is not thick enough to skate on. The winds have prevented the ice forming. Weather conditions this morning lessened the prospects for skating.

Sankey's Son Dies On His Honeymoon

New York, Dec. 31.—(P. N. S.)—Ira A. Sankey, son of the late Ira D. Sankey, the famous singing evangelist, died aboard the steaming Kranks, bound for South America on Wednesday. Two hours earlier he had left this port on a honeymoon trip against the advice of his physicians. Mr. Sankey was a member of the music publishing house of Higelow & Main of this city. His first wife, Frances Warr Sankey, divorced him last June at Bridgeport, Conn. She was awarded \$10,500 and \$10 a week alimony. On Monday of last week Mr. Sankey married Mrs. A. J. Mett, a Portland girl, daughter of John Quincy Underhill of New Rochelle.

Advertisement for Zymole Trokeys, a throat and voice clearer. Text: "For Husky Throat-ZYMOLE TROKEYS Make Mouth Sweet-Throat and Voice Clear."

Advertisement for Bell-Ans, a constipation remedy. Text: "BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists."

Like Rust in a Fine Watch—That Is Constipation

A RUSTY watch loses time. In the same way, a rusty human system is clogged and slowed down by constipation, which causes a tremendous loss of mental and physical energy.

The remedy in the case of the watch is a fine grade of machine oil. And the remedy for constipation, according to the latest conclusions of medical science, is an even finer lubricant—Nujol—the pure white mineral oil.

Nujol lubricates the intestinal tract throughout its entire length, and softens the intestinal contents. In this way it facilitates the processes of normal evacuation, and eventually makes possible the return of regular bowel movements.

Nujol is not a laxative-drug nor a bowel stimulant. It is not absorbed by the system, hence it may be taken in any quantity without harm. It does not act as a purge, but if used regularly will bring permanent relief from constipation in the course of a week or ten days.

Write for booklet, "The Rational Treatment of Constipation." If your druggist hasn't it, we will send a pint bottle of Nujol prepaid to any point in the United States on receipt of 75c—money order or stamps.

Large advertisement for Nujol, Standard Oil Company. Text: "STANDARD OIL COMPANY (New Jersey) Bayonne New Jersey Nujol THE PURE WHITE MINERAL OIL. Approved by Harvey W. Wiley, Director Good House-keeping Bureau of Food Sanitation and Health."

THE NEXT PAGE WHAT?

Advertisement for the next page, featuring a film strip and the text "THE CALL TO ARMS" and "THE CONFLICT".