

REPAIR WORK WILL BE LAUNCHED SOON

Two Miles of Cable Will Be Obtained From Government's Alaskan Reserve.

SHIFTING SANDS MENACE

Trouble Piece of the Cable Buried So Deep That Derrick Crew Is Unable to Remove It.

Repairs to the North Head cable, through which mariners here receive their reports on conditions at sea, are to be made within the next few weeks. Arrangements have been made by B. A. Beals for the securing of two miles of cable from the government kept as a reserve for the Alaska cable, and as soon as it can be located, tested and brought ashore will be laid.

Major B. O. Lenoir of the United States signal corps was a visitor here yesterday, and when interviewed by Mr. Beals promised the section of cable. Major Lenoir was visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert Berger, for the day. The North Head cable has caused trouble for some time. The ever-shifting sands of Sand Island have buried a broken piece of the cable so deeply that the heaviest derrick crews on the river have been unable to raise it to make repairs.

Attempts have been made to buy new cable for the repairs by the government, but have been unsuccessful. There are no cable manufacturers in the country who could promise delivery inside of six months.

WILL SHORTLY BE HAPPY

Capt. Wrightson Soon to Set Sail in His Motorship Ruby.

Captain William Wrightson of Mobile, Ala., will shortly be a happy man again.

The motorship Ruby which, because he wants to go to sea again himself, he has refused numerous offers of a sale for the ship, is now being loaded tonight and will probably be at sea within the next 48 hours.

Captain Wrightson saw an advertisement describing the motorship Ruby of Portland in a marine magazine. He decided that a craft of that type constructed along lines suitable for the Gulf trade would just suit him.

The first Ruby he sold to New Orleans brokers at a handsome profit, but the second one, just finished, he has steadfastly refused to sell.

She is to carry a cargo of lumber to Bulboa and then go to the Gulf.

Notice to Mariners.

The following affects the aids to navigation in the Seventeenth Light-house district:

Washington. Juan de Fuca straight, Point Fairbridge gap and bell buoy No. 2 reported extinguished November 10. To be relighted as soon as practicable. Chart 6300.

Light List, Pacific coast, 1916, p. 78, No. 408.

By order of bureau of lighthouses: ROBERT ARACK, Lighthouse Inspector.

Fines to Be Collected.

Mariners and river men who have been fined by the department of commerce and failed to remit fines are due for a forcible prodding by the department. Orders were received by Collector of Customs Burke this morning to ask the United States attorney to proceed against all delinquents that the calendar might be cleared before the end of the year.

Transferred Deputies Visit.

On a visit from Seattle, where they were transferred earlier in the year, J. R. Stevenson and Edward Wetzel, deputy inspectors of customs, are in Portland today. The transfer was made for economy's sake by the government, the deputies on the local staff drawing lots to determine who should make the move.

Collector to Attend Conference.

Collector of customs Thomas C. Burke is to leave at once to attend a conference of collectors at New York city. J. A. Beard, appraiser here, will accompany him. This year's collectors' convention will be held November 21.

NEWS OF THE PORT

Arrivals November 13.

Argyll, American steamer, Captain Woldman, from San Francisco, Union oil company.

W. J. Herrin, American steamer, Captain Engle, from San Francisco, Associated Oil company.

Departures November 13.

F. A. Kilburn, American steamer, Captain Beal, to San Francisco, for San Francisco and San Francisco.

Marine Almanac.

Weather at River's Mouth.

North Head, 10 miles, smooth; wind east, 5 miles, weather clear.

Sun and Tides November 14.

Sun rises, 7:10 a. m. Sun sets, 4:41 p. m.

Tides at Astoria.

High Water, 9:51 a. m., 3:51 p. m.

Low Water, 10:25 p. m., 6:35 a. m.

The time on the tide gauge, hydrographic office was dropped at noon.

Daily River Readings.

8 A. M., 120th Meridian Time.

STATIONS

Lawton, 25.2, 2.6, -0.2, 0.0, 0.0

Umatilla, 25.2, 2.6, -0.2, 0.0, 0.0

Regina, 25.2, 2.6, -0.2, 0.0, 0.0

Stadium, 25.2, 2.6, -0.2, 0.0, 0.0

Portland, 25.2, 2.6, -0.2, 0.0, 0.0

(-) Falling.

Steamers Due to Arrive.

Passengers and Freight.

Steamers Due to Depart.

Mouth of Columbia Good for Naval Base

A report on the natural facilities of the Columbia river as a naval base, as requested by the war department at Washington, was given final consideration by a special committee of the Chamber of Commerce at noon today. The report was to be forwarded to Washington today. A feature of the exposition is the assertion by G. B. Hegardt, civil engineer, that the problem of channel depth at the mouth of the Columbia is permanently solved. He proves the assertion by maps, charts and data covering the history and conditions of the dredging and jetty-building experience at the mouth of the river.

Another Ship Will Be Built at Seattle

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 13.—A contract for another \$800,000 steel steamship for the Norwegian line has been closed by the J. F. Duthie Shipbuilding company, according to the announcement Sunday of C. D. Bowles, president of the company. The vessel will be of the same dimensions as the others already contracted for by the recently organized concern and is the seventh on the list.

day, Friday and Saturday for Los Angeles and San Diego.

Vessels in Port.

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BLACKMAIL SUSPECT

CONFIDENT HE WILL BE REPEATEDLY CHARGED

Asserts Ambassador Bernstorff Will Not Want Contents of Letters Revealed.

'CLEAN UP' MADE, CHARGE

Ambassador, He Says, Used Information Regarding U-53's Exploits in Stock Market Deals He Made.

New York, Nov. 13.—(U. P.)—Dr. Carl Armgaard Graves "international spy," expressed himself today as confident of freedom from charges of blackmailing Countess von Bernstorff, the German ambassador's wife, who charged that he was in Washington Saturday were explained by Graves as containing information regarding the U-53's exploits, upon which, he says, Count von Bernstorff made a stock market "clean-up."

Graves avers that the German ambassador was thousands of dollars richer by reason of the information on the Germans' venture. He declared that the letters, apparently a woman's missives to the countess, were in reality code which Bernstorff could not want revealed, he said, that he will relate their contents fully if he is tried, and declared the information will be useful to the United States. Graves came back here for over Sunday, following his release at Washington on \$2000 bail.

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