

BOATS CRASH INTO ICE AND SUCCEED IN OPENING RIVER

Paper Mills Enabled to Resume Business on Willamette by Breaking Up of Ice on Stream.

Like a polar explorer bucking the floss of the frozen north, so did the Willamette Navigation company's boats crash into the mass of ice that choked the Willamette river last week at the Narrows, above Oswego and Oak Grove.

The battle with the ice was concluded Saturday, and remnants of the pack, in fragments large and small, floated freely down the open channel, driven by the warm chinook wind and hastened by the swollen and rapid current.

ISOLATED BY BIG STORM The paper mills were completely isolated by the big freeze, as practically all of their business is carried on by means of the river fleet.

The trip of the river fleet also inconvenienced way points between Portland and Oregon City, and Portland and Camas, which depend on the steamers for general freight.

Moderation of the weather apparently served only to aggravate shipping troubles, for the level ice broke into cakes and jammed at the log booms on the Oswego side of the river, the formation gorging the channel and piling up ICE IN FEET THICK.

Much of the ice was 12 feet thick. Weighed down by the heavy snowfall and the other ice that came down and piled on top of that already formed, the river was almost solidly frozen in some places.

As soon as the weather showed signs of moderating the paper mills fleet began smashing its way through the ice in sheets from the wooden hulls were not damaged in the drive on the thick ice.

Dynamite, not by pounds, but in tons, was used. Members of the crews of the steamers, of which two or three in use each day, "bulldozed" the ice with top charges. As soon as the explosion occurred one or another of the river boats would nose in, push the residue out into the current and back away for another set of shots.

GATES FORCED OPEN In the meantime other crews worked at Oregon City on the frozen locks, and with saws and explosive, succeeded in forcing open the gates Friday week.

Saturday the last of the ice was broken out, and it is believed that, with the warmer weather and the rising water, which means current, the ice troubles are over.

Oswego the ice was jammed so high and so thick that it was impossible to run around the ends of the dam, out of its banks.

SIX HUGE TANKERS LAUNCHED Big Freighters Go Out on Tide Without a Hitch.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—History was made and the world's record for successful ship launchings established at the Moore Shipbuilding yards here today when six huge tankers and freighters were launched within an hour on one tide without a hitch.

Over 5000 people crowded the yards as Secretary of War Baker in Washington pressed an electric button which flashed the release of the Salina, the first to be launched.

Each vessel was launched on the moment of its scheduled departure. Promptly at 10:55 the Jalapa, the sixth and final steamer, majestically joined her five sisters.

TRAFFIC DELAYED TEN DAYS Ice Frozen Solidly in Columbia Above Willamette River.

Ice in the Columbia river above the mouth of the Willamette is frozen so solidly that river traffic to Vancouver and beyond cannot be resumed within 10 days, according to officials of the Hartness Transportation company.

The steamer Jessie Harkins was taken to the mouth of the Willamette Saturday morning and a big accumulation of milk and cream and other things usually loaded at the way landings was picked up.

The Columbia, at the mouth of the Willamette, was found to be frozen clear across "solid blue ice" according to Captain L. Mosford. The Harkins' regular run is to Camas and Washougal.

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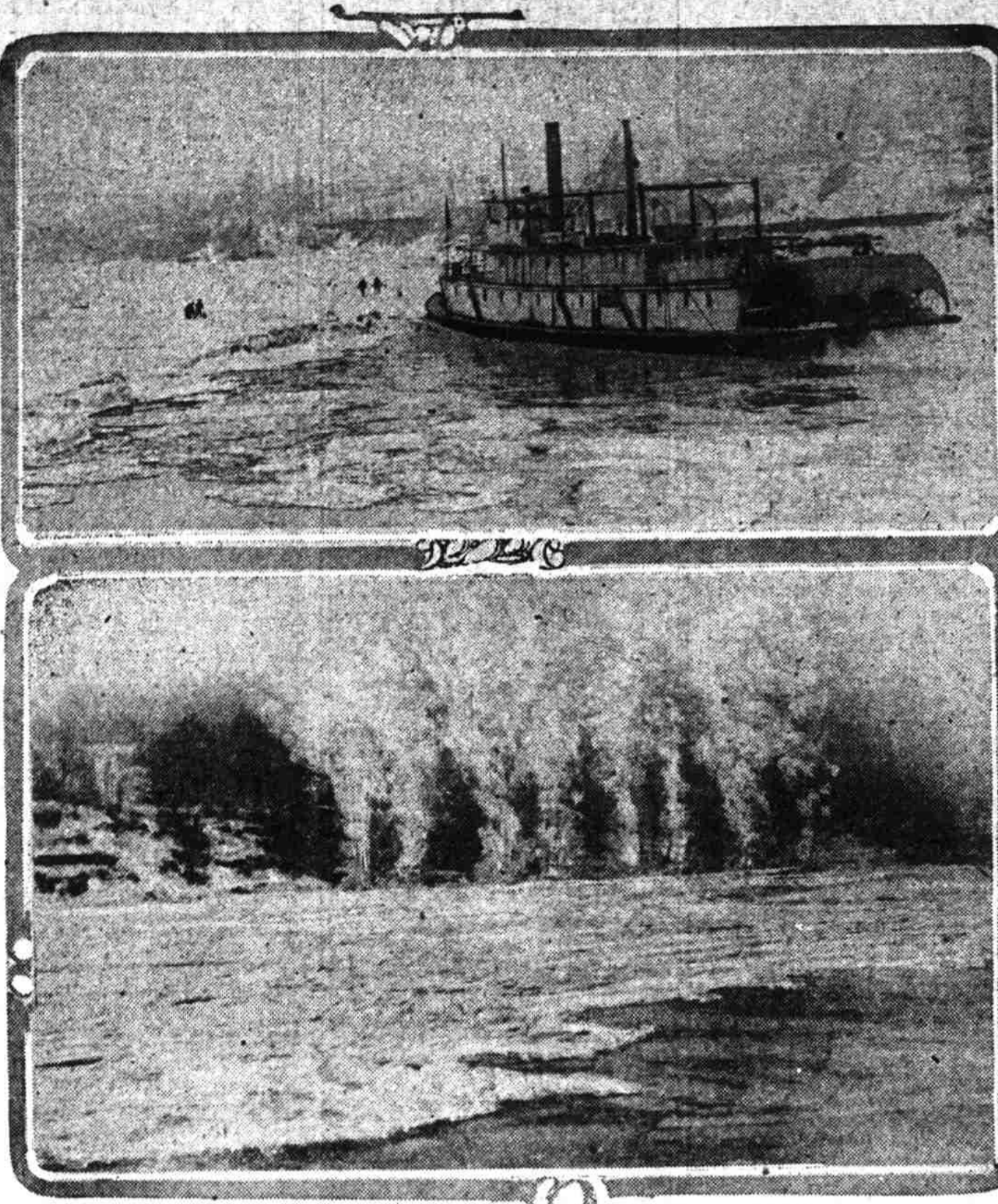
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OPENING THE RIVER TO OREGON CITY



Vessels of the Willamette Navigation company spent most of the week bucking and blasting a passage through the jams of the river above Portland that the business with the paper mills at Oregon City might be resumed. Above—River steamer heading into the ice while members of the crew drill to blast. Below—Eight dynamite shots open up 300 feet more of channel.

but no attempt to open the line will be made for at least 10 days, it was said.

The steamer Lurline of the Portland-Astoria service of the Hartness Transportation company started down the river Friday morning, was knocked about and damaged by the Columbia ice the same day, left down from St. Helens Saturday morning, and at a late hour the same evening had not been heard from.

The Lurline's steering gear and wheel were damaged, and this may have something to do with its slow progress.

The steamer Undine runs opposite the Lurline to Astoria, and her operators say no attempt will be made to start her again until the Columbia gets in better shape. The Lurline will be left at Astoria when she arrives until the channel clears up.

WEST CAYOTE MAY CALL HERE Steamer Is Bound From Seattle to European Ports.

If sufficient offerings are available, the steamer West Cayote, a shipping board vessel operated in the European-Pacific service of Williams, Dimond & Co., will call in Portland toward the end of the month, according to the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company, local representatives.

The West Cayote, whose cargo will originate at Seattle, will go to London, Liverpool and Rotterdam.

Montague Loads Cotton Cargo Fifth of the boats to start from this port in the Portland-Astoria service of the Pacific Steamship company, the Standifer steamer Montague will conclude its cargo at St. Johns terminal this week, and leave out about December 25. The Montague is now loading cotton, close to 8000 bales of it in all, and the cargo will be one of the most valuable ever carried out of this port.

Brookwood Bound for England After freeing herself from the Columbia river ice in which it was imprisoned for more than a week, the wooden steamer Brookwood reached Westport Saturday and will load a few more days before proceeding on its voyage to the United Kingdom. The Brookwood came in to Portland almost loaded to get its fuel coal because none was available on Grays Harbor.

Manhan Loads Flour for New York The steamer Manhan, brought here from Seattle to load a cargo of flour for New York, was shifted from the Crow's nest to the dock, and will continue its loading Monday morning. The Manhan will finish the latter part of the week. She is operated locally by the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company.

ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT The steamer Multnomah of the McCormick fleet, after leaving the drydock Saturday, went to the oil docks, and today will probably go down to St. Helens to start loading cargo for the South.

After discharging their cargoes of oil at Willbridge the Standard Oil tanker Atlas and barge No. 93 left down at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

The steam schooner Cello of the McCormick fleet left down from St. Helens with cargo Saturday afternoon.

The fireboat David Campbell was called to the Portland lumber company on a wild goose chase Saturday afternoon, just before the siren began blowing the general alarm for the fire at the Kaola plant, in North Portland. The boat was just returning to its berth when the general alarm came in.

An examination of the bottom of the shipping board steamer Siletz, damaged five weeks ago in grounding in the lower harbor, was made on the St. Johns drydock Saturday and her injuries were found to be more serious than was at first anticipated.

The bottom in stove in two places, and repairs will probably take all of two weeks.

John P. Doyle, general superintendent and assistant secretary of the Port of Portland commission, is in St. Vincent's hospital, recovering from a minor operation performed Friday.

He is not expected back at his desk for 10 days. Ice conditions about St. Johns terminal have sufficiently improved to permit dredging operations again, and the dredge Portland will resume work in slip No. 3 Monday morning.

Your Christmas dinner cannot be all it should without a Dixie Special mince pie. Ask your grocer.

News of the Port

Departures December 30 Atlas, American steamer, for San Francisco, ballast. Barge No. 93, American barge, for San Francisco, ballast. Cello, American steamer, for St. Helens, for San Pedro via San Francisco, passengers and lumber.

MARINE ALMANAC Tides at Astoria Monday: High water, 5:29 a. m., 8:4 a. m., 5:22 p. m., 6:7 feet; Low water, 12:08 a. m., 2:6 feet; 11:48 p. m., 2.1 feet.

WEATHER CONDITIONS Portland and Vicinity—Sunday rain; southerly winds. Oregon and Washington—Sunday rain; moderate southerly gale along coast.

OBSERVATIONS

Table with columns: STATIONS, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Precipitation, Wind, Direction, Force, Clouds, Remarks. Includes data for Baker, Boise, Coos Bay, etc.

LOCAL DATA Portland, Dec. 30.—Highest temperature 55 degrees, lowest temperature 40 degrees. River reading, 8 a. m., 5.2 feet. Change in last 24 hours, .12 feet.

AT NEIGHBORING PORTS Coos Bay, Dec. 29.—Arrived at 8 a. m.—Steamer City of Topeka, from San Francisco via Astoria.

Yakima, Dec. 15.—Arrived—Steamer Wagona, from Portland.

Bahia, Dec. 17.—Arrived—Motor schooner Seattle, from Portland via Sitka.

Seattle, Dec. 20.—(L. N. S.)—Sailed, steamer Alaska, for Southwestern, 10 a. m.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(L. N. S.)—Sailed, steamer Westport, for San Francisco, 4 p. m.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—(L. N. S.)—Sailed, steamer Westport, for San Francisco, 4 p. m.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—(L. N. S.)—Sailed, steamer Westport, for San Francisco, 4 p. m.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(L. N. S.)—Sailed, steamer Westport, for San Francisco, 4 p. m.

QUESTION OF LEGALITY INVOLVES WASCO HIGH SCHOOL ALLOTMENT

Fight to Finish Promised in the Courts to Clear Up Some Technical Points.

The Dalles, Dec. 20.—An opinion given by Attorney General George M. Brown to the effect the Wasco county high school fund should have been appropriated according to an old law and not as reported by former County School Superintendent Bonney, will, if followed out, necessitate an entirely new allotment.

Certain schools have refused to accept the ruling of the state attorney and will contest the apportionment through the courts.

The county school fund has long been a hotbed of wrangling in Wasco county, and will be fought to a finish, with District Attorney Galway leading the legal battle for the county.

Lela Hecker, 20, of this city, was rendered unconscious for five hours by a fall on the back of her head when she slipped on the ice covered street. She will recover.

Warren Lemon, wanted in La Grande on a charge of evading his hotel bill, was apprehended here as he attempted to pass through on a train. He will be returned to La Grande.

To prevent game birds from starving in the deep snow here, sportsmen are subscribing to a fund to provide feed. This fund will be matched by the state.

Hermiston Peach And Apricot Crop Damaged by Storm

Hermiston, Dec. 20.—Prospects of a local peach and apricot crop were wiped out by the recent cold weather, and other fruit trees were damaged, according to ranchers. The storm did several thousand dollars damage in Hermiston. Potatoes were damaged, chickens were frozen on the roosts and many pigs were killed.

Members of the local American Legion post are keeping the town clear of L. W. W., Reds or Bolshevists. Recently they ran two such characters out of town and had a third arrested who was bound over to the circuit court by Justice Dodd on charges of criminal syndicalism.

This man came from Tacoma and was employed as cook in a local hotel.

Betty Ralph, 3-year-old daughter of Joe Ralph, was seriously soiled when she fell backwards into a pail of boiling water. The burn extends from the middle of the back to the knees.

Schools Close for Ten-Day Holiday

Beginning Wednesday, December 24, "Skinnay" and the gang will "tear loose" from school for their yearly 10-day holiday session, enjoying the larks of recreation till next January 8, the first Monday after New Year.

OVER-SPECULATION WILL BE GUARDED AGAINST

EASY MONEY TO FEATURE MARKET FOR NEXT WEEK

Stocks Are Strong at Market Opening Saturday, But No Material Advances Are Noted.

By Broadan Wall New York, Dec. 20.—The actual bank statement today showed deficit decreased \$40,543,890, loans increased \$46,301,000, and new demand deposits decreased \$2,488,000.

The average statement showed surplus increased \$13,974,440, loans increased \$54,728,000 and net demand deposits increased \$87,925,000.

Banks discounted with the local federal reserve \$140,753,997 less paper than in the previous week.

While it looks bad to see an actual deficit in the local banks, yet the attendant circumstances are such that this bank statement is a good one.

Easy money will be the chief factor in the stock market the next two weeks, for the bank statement has assured it.

Stocks were strong at the opening today, but without material advances. This invited profit taking, and a reaction of a point or more went through the market.

In most stocks this loss was recovered. The close was strong and quiet without material net change. The tobacco stocks distinguished themselves by holding firm throughout the session.

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Wall street hears that a new pool had been organized in Mexican Petroleum to put the stock into new high territory.

Portland Deschutes Land Company Files Organization Papers

Salem, Dec. 20.—Organized for the purpose of engaging in general farming, truck and vegetable gardening, the Portland-Deschutes Land company, capitalized at \$300,000 has filed articles of incorporation with the corporation department.

The company will maintain its principal offices in Portland. The incorporators are: George L. Burt, M. M. Matthews and Richard W. Montague.

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The weekly list of offerings of Morris Brothers, Inc., shows many new issues of bonds, among which are several attractive issues of Canadian municipals.

Recent purchases include an issue of Greater Winnipeg water district 5 per cent bonds, due February 1, 1923, which are in denominations of \$1000, and will be sold at 95.97 and accrued interest, to yield 6.50 per cent.

There is also an issue of Victoria, B. C., 6 per cent bonds, due March 1, 1928, of \$1000 denomination, which are being offered at 95.87 and interest, to yield 6.50 per cent.

All of the foregoing bonds are payable in gold coin of the United States, both as to principal and interest, at the fixed rate of exchange, 4.866.

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Klamath Bonds Are Being Offered by Lumbermen Trust

The Lumbermen Trust company is offering at prices to yield 5.125 and 5.25 per cent interest, according to maturity, five series of City of Klamath Falls street improvement 6 per cent bonds, totaling \$7,031.22.

The bonds constitute a general obligation of the entire city of Klamath Falls at the present time ranks as the eighth city of Oregon in bank deposits, having advanced from tenth place since last September.

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LIBERTY BOND SALES

Table with columns: Issue, Open, High, Low, Close. Includes data for 3 1/2%, 4%, 4 1/2%, 5%, 5 1/2%, 6%.

TRANSIENTS ARE ONCE MORE OPERATING ON STREET IN NUMBERS

They Have Not Been So Numerous Since 1907; Methods Used Are Absurdly Simple.

Wall Street Journal

In these days of new security issues, many of which have been underwritten so successfully and are now selling at a substantial premium, the transient subscriber has again made his appearance.

Not since the mining boom of 1907 has he been in such numbers in the street and this time he has really made a lot of money.

This gentleman does not need much capital. It is only necessary for him to have an account with a reputable firm and keep his ear close to the ground for security issues which are about to make their appearance.

Long experience helps him to gauge the size of his subscription to a new issue and his methods are absurdly simple.

He sends his subscription to the proposed new stock and then spends the intervening period in finding out as

much as possible about the allotment he may receive. If his acquaintance is good he learns enough to be able to profit by selling part of what he may get on a "when, as and if" issue basis.

For these days most of the issues sell at a premium at their inception. After he actually knows his allotment a sale immediately follows, usually within an hour or so of his notice and frequently with a profit of less than one point.

Sometimes his luck is bad and he gets a full allotment which he is obliged to sell without making a cent but on the whole, the gentleman has been doing well of late.

Most of the concerns bringing out their issues reckon on this transient and endeavor to make their markets accordingly but when an issue is a great success he necessarily gets away with a profit on the investment of his wits and a postage stamp.

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Foreign Bond Market Table with columns: Issue, Yield, etc. Includes data for U. S. 5% Oct 1920, U. S. 5% Nov 1921, etc.