

SIX NATIONS ARE REPRESENTED ON CHINESE STEAMER

Vessel's Polyglot Confusion Is Worse Confounded by Pet Lark Which Talks in Many Tongues.

Many are the types of d'Artagnan on the Chinese steamship Hwah Wu, now in the harbor. Sailors of fortune, not soldiers of fortune, would be a clearer term to apply to the list of officers making up the personnel of the first steamship flying the flag of the Chinese republic to appear at any of the coast ports.

Captain E. Bye, the master, is a Norwegian; Chief Officer John Koshemakin is a Russian; Second Officer William Bergman is a German, and Michael Kewames, third officer, is a Dane. Three officers from the Chinese navy, Lieutenant Woo Shiang Lee, Lieutenant Lee Kwok Kwei, and Sub-Lieutenant Charles T. V. Hsi, complete the roster of the deck department.

The "black guard" are all Scotch. W. R. Cameron holds the position of chief engineer, and the two assistants are of the same clan.

English is the official language of the ship, steward, boy and sailors all speaking in this American tongue. A pet lark peculiar to North China is a part of the crew. It is a loquacious bird and has mastered a few sentences in half a dozen languages during the voyage.

Each of the officers of the Hwah Wu is a veteran of the world war. Fortuna, the goddess of chance, threw them all into Hong Kong by one road or another and the polyglot aggregation embarked on the Chinese ship "to seek some country new." The three deck officers were in the Russian navy and the Scotch engineers were in the service of Great Britain.

The ship, as well as the officers, has had a varied career. She was built in England and originally was called the Mayflower. Later, she was sold to the Germans and named Albenza. During the war she was interned by the Japanese and later sold to the Chinese. The vessel brought 1750 tons of general cargo from the Orient, the principal part of which is 600 cases of peanut oil. She also brought 125 tons of antimony, which will go east in bond. The Hwah Wu will load lumber for North China.

SCHOONER IS IN TROUBLE

AND AID IS DISPATCHED

San Francisco, May 15.—(U. P.)—The schooner Rosamond, four masted, is in trouble off Moss Beach, south of here, according to reports received today by the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce.

The reports state the schooner is leaking badly. Two tugs have been sent to the vessel to this point.

The Rosamond is bound from Port Angeles to Cape Town, South Africa. It left Port Angeles, March 15.

HELP BELIEVED TO HAVE REACHED SINKING VESSEL

San Francisco, May 15.—(I. N. S.)—The four-masted schooner Rosamond, reported in a sinking condition off Moss beach today, was tonight believed in two of two tugs sent to her assistance.

The Rosamond is seven miles off the coast and the tugs carry no wireless, but fishermen who brought the first report of the schooner's plight said that the tugs had reached the vessel and were taking her in tow. The Rosamond carries a crew of 12.

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