

TWO CHARTERS FOR K. K. ARE ANNOUNCED

Two charters were announced Saturday for Straus & Co., wheat or flour for the United Kingdom at 115 shillings, figuring English exchange at the standard rate of 250. They are the Norwegian steamship Oltand, 9943 tons net, and the German steamship Witram, 8590 deadweight, both for September or October loading. These are the first two charters to be announced for several days, as the market has been in such a state that operators have been slow in taking tonnage.

The steamship Witram, inbound to the Pacific Mail, will be due Sunday afternoon. She has on board 800 tons of general cargo for Portland and a like amount for Seattle. On completion at the sound port she will return to Portland and load out in the service of Williams, Diamond & Co., with wheat or flour for the United Kingdom f. o.

The Westward Ho was detained in the Gulf of Mexico a month undergoing engine repairs. She was in the service of the Pacific Mail only for the one voyage in and the transfer to the Williams-Diamond contract will not affect the schedule of the regular boats of the Pacific Mail.

Several Japanese steamships are being sought for the telephone trade to Japan and North China, but confirmation is lacking as to the placing of the craft. The Oregon & Ocean Corporation company has been working along the lines of foreign flags and A. C. Stubbs, president, now in San Francisco, will return to Portland Monday with full knowledge of the situation as regards lumber and the charter rates. Mann & Titus have several ships in sight for the Orient.

SHIP REPORTED ON ROCKS
HAD ONLY SPRUNG LEAK
Reports sent out today from Seattle and credited to information received by the Seattle Merchants' Exchange, that tug again attempting to reach the schooner Defiance, grounded on the rocks near Grays Harbor, are entirely unfounded, according to information received in Portland today from Hiram by owners of the vessel and the operators.

The schooner Defiance is not in distress and never has been, according to a dispatch received from Seattle early today by Lyne & Rix, ship brokers, in the Yeon building, from the office of the E. K. Wood Lumber company at Longlam. Lyne & Rix have closed a deal for purchase of a majority interest in the windjammer.

According to the Portland office of the E. K. Wood Lumber company, the Defiance struck on the rocks and her captain reported a slight leak but released his tow. Reports were later received that the vessel had asked for assistance and a tug did go out to look for her but the Defiance had vanished over the horizon.

The Defiance left Grays Harbor Wednesday morning, lumber laden, for Honolulu.

PORTLAND-SALEM SERVICE
WILL BE RESUMED SEPT. 3
Salem, Aug. 23.—The resumption of steamer service on the Willamette river between Salem and Portland September 3 was announced by W. L. Graham, Hadden agent for the Portland Navigation company. The Northwestern, formerly the Grahamona, will be used in this service, it was stated, and a general freight and passenger business will be conducted.

Positions of Vessels
Radio reports from North Head give the positions of the following vessels at 8 p. m., August 22: The steamer Defiance, for Portland, 200 miles west of North Head. The steamer West, for San Francisco, 200 miles west of North Head. The steamer West, for Yokohama, 902 miles west of Cape Flattery. The steamer West, for Yokohama, 902 miles west of Cape Flattery. The steamer West, for Yokohama, 902 miles west of Cape Flattery.

ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT
The McCormick line steamer Wapama will sail from St. Helena at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Passengers will leave the North Bank at 2 o'clock. The steamer City of Topeka, of the Admiral line, will arrive in Portland Monday and sail for the South via Coos and Bureka Tuesday. The Topeka arrived in Coos Saturday.

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News of the Port
Arrivals Aug. 23
El Segundo, American steamer, from San Francisco. Arrived at 10:30 a. m.
V. H. Merrin, American steamer, from Monterey. Arrived at 11:30 a. m.
Departures Aug. 23
West Shell, American steamer, for Seattle. Sails at 10:30 a. m.
Trellis, British steamer, for Cape Town and Durban. Sails at 11:30 a. m.

(+) Rising. (—) Falling.

RIVER FORECAST

The Willamette river at Portland will remain nearly stationary during the next three days except as affected by the tide.

AT NEIGHBORING PORTS

Astoria, Aug. 28.—Sailed at 2 a. m., steamer Klamath, for San Pedro via San Francisco. Arrived at 6 last night and left up at 1 a. m. steamer El Segundo, from San Francisco. Arrived at midnight and left up at 3 a. m. steamer