STEAMERS CLEAR FOR EAST COAST, ORIENTAL PORTS

In the service of Norton, Lilly & Co., the steamship Steel Voyager cleared this morning for New York with general cargo valued at $4050. The larger portion of the cargo consisted of canned fruits. Following the Steel Voyager the steamship West Kedron cleared for the Orient with 1,230,000 feet of lumber valued at $43,000 and a quantity of old clothes, valuation of which was placed at $1600.

Inbound from the Atlantic coast, the steamship Eastern Ocean was to arrive this morning via San Francisco with bonded goods, which were transshipped at San Francisco from the steamship West Wind. Both craft are in the service of the Columbia-Pacific Shipping Corporation.

Under charter to the Northern Grain & Warehouse company, the steamship Orient City sailed from the Canal Zone yesterday for Portland, where she will load grain for the continent.

During the week the steamships Coaxet of the Pacific Steamship company and the West Keats of the Columbia-Pacific will be due in Portland with general cargo and will load out for the Orient in general service.

COURT DENIES $1125 CLAIM FOR MAN'S INJURED TOE

A decision in favor of the steam schooner Johan Poulsen and against William B. Gallagher, 267 Columbia street, was returned this morning by Federal Judge Wolverton. Gallagher brought suit against the steamer for $1125 for a broken toe received December 12, 1919, while he was working on the boat as a stevedore. Lumber, covered with ice, fell out of a sling used to load the vessel, and struck Gallagher. The court found that "this was an accident in which neither party was to blame." He allowed Gallagher the privilege of filing an amended complaint.

STRANDED STANDARD TANKER MAY PROVE A TOTAL LOSS

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Total loss of the Standard Oil 10,000-ton tanker Atlas on the rocks at Snow Pass, Wrangell Narrows, in Alaskan waters, was feared at high tide today, according to a message received by the company from Captain Sullivan of the Atlas. Three tanks have been penetrated by the rocks, he reported. He reported he and his crew were still with the vessel, but would abandon it should she begin to slide off the rocks into deep water.

DIABLO ADDED TO FLEET IN IDLENESS AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Another craft was added to the shipping board freighters tied up at this port when the freighter Diablo was towed to anchorage in Southampton bay. This makes the eleventh big steamer to be tied up at San Francisco because of the lack of freight offerings.

The tanker Quabbin, which has been operating on this coast since she was built, has been ordered to the Atlantic Coast. She sailed late yesterday with a cargo of oil for the Arrow Oil company.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENT IS ASSURED TOLEDO, NEWPORT

The joint commissions of the ports of Newport and Toledo met with Colonel J. B. Cavanaugh of the army engineers this morning to sign a contract whereby the commissions will deposit $332,000 to the credit of the government and the government will complete the work on the jetties at the mouth of Yaquina bay. Colonel Cavanaugh stated that he expected to have the contracts signed this afternoon.

Prior to the war, when the project was first started, it was estimated by army engineers that the cost of the jetties would be $836,000 and an agreement was made that the ports of Toledo and Newport were to do half of the work and the government the remainder. Bonds were issued and the work was started on the south jetty.

During the war the cost of the jetty increased until the estimate was made at $1,500,000. The money raised by the two towns completed part of the south jetty. When the new costs were announced the ports again issued bonds to make up for the deficit and arrangements were made that now terminate in the signing of the contract with Colonel J. B. Cavanaugh whereby the money will be placed to the credit of the government and army engineers will complete the project. It is estimated that it will take a year and a half to finish the work.

The jetties will give Yaquina bay an entrance channel of 20 feet of water at low water.

Members of the commission are Captain O. F. Jacobson, Frank Priest and B. F. Jones from Newport and J. W. Parrish, A. T. Petterson and Lee Wade from Toledo.

ASTORIA ADMITS HIRING PORT TRAFFIC MANAGER

Astoria, Or., Dec. 21. — It was officially announced yesterday by the Port of Astoria commission that Roger D. Pinneo of Seattle had been employed as traffic manager for the Port of Astoria. Pinneo at the present time is traffic manager for the Pacific Steamship company and the Admiral line. In securing Pinneo, the port has determined to make an aggressive campaign for new business, both in the line of imports and exports, business which the construction of pier No. 3 has put it in shape to handle.

Pinneo is now closing up his affairs in Seattle preparatory to coming to Astoria the first of the year.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR NEW DRY DOCK BERTH

The Jacobsen Construction company was awarded the contract for the placing of a new berth for the new drydock, under construction for the Port of Portland, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon. The bids submitted were on separate units and the total cost was not estimated.

The board adopted a report of the auditing committee recommending that the sinking fund be held for emergencies. A loan of $200,000 was asked for the carrying on of the towage business of the port.

Charters Announced

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Charters were announced today as follows: Barkentine Charles F. Crocker, Eureka to Australia, redwood, by W. L. Comyn & Co., owners' account; schooner Rosamond, same as Crocker.

Ship Under Own Steam

Prince Rupert, B. C., Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—That the Grand Trunk Pacific Steamship company's vessel, Prince Rupert, wrecked some weeks ago and later salvaged, would arrive here under her own steam was the belief expressed by Superintendent Beaumont of the company today.

ALL ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The old oil barge Monterey, remodeled into a schooner and carrying a cargo of lumber for Balfour-Guthrie to Cape Town, has been reported out, 107 days from the Columbia river to Cape Town.

The Japanese steamship Tokyo Maru, of the T. K. K. line, will call at Portland for cargo on the next voyage, according to an announcement made by Major Powell, local representative of the line.

The steamship Alaska, of the San Francisco & Portland Steamship company, sailed for San Francisco with passengers and freight this morning.

News of the Port

Arrivals December 19

Washtenaw, American steamer, from Port San Luis, oil.

Eibergen, Dutch steamer, from Hampton Roads, ballast.

Quillwark, American steamer, from San Francisco, ballast.

Arrivals December 20

West Camargo, American steamer, from San Pedro, general, in transit.

Steel Voyager, American steamer, from New York, general.

Departures December 19

Juneau, American steamer, for Talara, lumber.

Abercos, American steamer, for Orient, general.

Departure December 20

West Kedron, American steamer, lumber and general, for United Kingdom.

MARINE ALMANAC

Weather at River's Mouth

North Head, Dec. 20.—Conditions at the mouth of the river at noon: Sea, moderate; wind, west, 10 miles; weather, light rain.

Tides at Astoria Wednesday

High Water	Low Water
9:46 a. m., 9.5 feet	3:30 a. m., 3.6 feet
11:08 p. m., 7.0 feet	5:02 p. m., 0.4 feet

DAILY RIVER READINGS

8 a. m., Pacific Time.

STATIONS	Flood Stage	Height (in feet)	Change in Last 24 Hours	Rainfall in Last 24 Hours
Umatilla	25	2.6	—0.1	0.13
Eugene	10	5.0	—0.5	0.00
Albany	20	7.2	—0.5	0.08
Salem	20	6.4	—0.2	0.04
Oregon City	12	7.0	—0.3	0.00
Portland	15	4.9	—0.2	0.00

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AT NEIGHBORING PORTS

Astoria, Dec. 21.—Sailed at 8:50 a. m., steamer Santiam for San Pedro; at 8:55 a. m., steamer Tiverton, for San Pedro. Arrived at 9:15 a. m.—Lighthouse tenders Manzanita and Heather, from sea. Arrived at 10:20 a. m.—Steamer Klamath, from San Francisco.

Astoria, Dec. 21.—Sailed at 7 a. m., steamer F. H. Buck, for Portland.

Astoria, Dec. 20.—Sailed at 2 a. m.—Str. E. H. Meyer, for San Francisco. At 2 p. m.—Str. Washtenaw, for Port San Luis. Arrived at 3:30 and left up at 4:40 p. m.—Str. Brush, from Boston and way ports.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Sailed at 3 a. m.—Str. Steel Ranger, from Puget Sound for New York.

San Pedro, Dec. 20.—Arrived—Strs. Daisy Freeman and Imlay, from Portland.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—Arrived—Steamer Montague, from Portland.

Mejillones, Dec. 16.—Arrived—Steamer Derblay, from Portland.

Cristobal, Dec. 18.—Arrived—Str. Orient City, from Hampton Roads for Portland.

Cape Town, Dec. 15.—Arrived—Schooner Monterey, from Portland.

Seattle, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Suwa Maru, from Shanghai via Victoria; Admiral Dewey, from San Diego via San Pedro and San Francisco, 7:45 a. m.; Latouche, from British Columbia ports, 11:30 a. m. Sailed: SS. Admiral Schley, for San Diego via San Francisco and San Pedro, noon. Sailed (20): SS. Spokane, for Southwestern via Southeastern Alaska, 9 p. m.; Silverado, for Iquique via San Francisco, 7:30 p. m.; Horace X. Baxter, for San Francisco via Eagle Harbor, 1:15 p. m.; U. S. L. S. Swiftsure, for sea duty, 10 a. m.

Ketchikan, Dec. 19.—(I. N. S.)—Sailed: SS. Northwestern, southbound, 11 p. m.; City of Seattle, southbound, 11 p. m.

Hongkong, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Sailed: SS. Empress of Russia, for Vancouver via ports.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Katori Maru, from Seattle.

Kobe, Dec. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Ment Eagle, from Vancouver via Yokohama.

Callao, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Reita (ex-Elihu Thompson), from Seattle.

Balboa, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Eastern Mariner, from Seattle via Tacoma.

Rotterdam, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—Sailed: SS. Eemkyk, for Seattle.

Honolulu, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS Hyades, from Seattle via Port Angles.

San Pedro, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Admiral Watson, from Seattle via San Francisco; Davenport, from Everett; Richmond towing barge 95, from Port Wells. Sailed: SS. Admiral Evans, for Seattle, via San Francisco; H. B. Lovejoy, for Puget Sound ports.

Balboa, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Sailed: SS. Balcatta, for Valparaiso.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. Harold Dollar, from Singapore, via Victoria.

Victoria, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: Cableship Restorer, from Seachart channel, 9:25 a. m.

Port Gamble, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Sailed: SS. Yosemite, for San Francisco, 4:45 p. m.

Tacoma, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: SS. F. S. Loop, from San Francisco; Phyllis, from San Pedro; Rotarian, from Buenos Aires via San Francisco and Seattle; Nome City, from San Francisco; Chilliwack, from British Columbia ports.

Port Gamble, Dec. 20.—(I. N. S.)—Sailed: Ss. Yosemite, for San Francisco, 4:45 p. m.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived: Eastern Sword, Port Townsend, 12:05 a. m.; Rosalie Mahony, Honolulu, 2:20 a. m.; Avalon, Grays Harbor, 3 a. m.; Charles Christenson, Los Angeles, 5:20 a. m.; Matsonia, Honolulu, 6:26 a. m.; F. H. Buck, Astoria, 7:10 a. m.; Charlie Watson, Seattle, 9 a. m.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Arrived, Dec. 20.—Altai Maru, New York, 2 p. m.; Texas, Bremerton, 4:20 p. m.; El Segundo, Point Wells, 5 p. m.; Bertie M. Hanlon, Reedsport, 6:15 p. m.; Wyoming, Bremerton, 6:10 p. m.; Shinyo Maru, Hongkong, 9:30 p. m.; President, Seattle, 9:45 p. m. Sailed, Dec. 20.—Quabbin, Balboa, 10:30 a. m.; Queen, Los Angeles, 11:25 a. m.; Redondo, Coos Bay, 11:45 a. m.; Bali, Batavia, 1:35 p. m.; M. S. Lassen, Los Angeles, 1:50 p. m.; Seafoam, Mendocino, 4:05 p. m.; Margaret, Monterey, 4:20 p. m.; Unimak, Steward's Point, 4:26 p. m.; Mukilteo and James Johnson, Tacoma, 7:55 p. m.

One half of the official world itches to investigate the other half.

La Grande Chinese Is Killed in Quarrel Over White Woman

La Grande, Dec. 21.—Jeu Sheu is dead as the result of three shots fired early Monday morning by Chin Mon Bow, alias Chin Bill, during a quarrel over a white woman, Mrs. Charles Jones, who came to La Grande several weeks ago. She has been staying at the Chinese rooming house here.

The quarrel occurred in the room of Mrs. Jones. Following the shots, Mrs. Jones and Chin Bill left before the police were called.

Chin Bill procured a room at the Sommer hotel and a few minutes later Mrs. Jones arrived there, saying she could not make her way home in the snowstorm. She was assigned to a room next to Chin Bill's. They were arrested soon after by the police.

Mrs. Jones was formerly the wife of a Chinaman.

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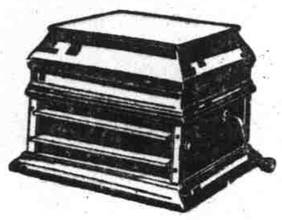

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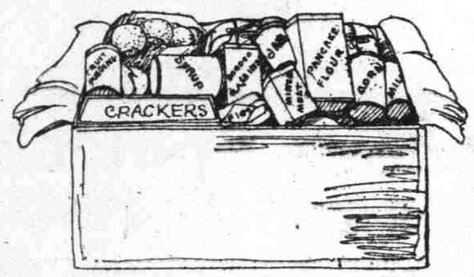

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Fruit Cakes, Brown's Old Virginia, No. 2 cans, **$2.75,** the No. 4 cans **$4.75.**

New Oranges, sweet, rich colored navels, dozen **55c** and **35c.**

Sunmaid Raisins, new unbleached, 3 lbs. **88c,** lb. **30c**

New Currants, imported, cleaned, 3 lbs. **79c,** lb. **28c.**

New Peels, orange or lemon, lb. **50c,** ½ lb. **25c.**

Table Raisins, new crop, No. 2 cartons **78c,** No. 1 cartons **39c.**

Bleached Raisins, known as Sultanas, 2 lbs. **78c,** lb. **40c.**

Popping Corn, Globe, sure pop, 3 lbs. **28c,** lb. **10c.**

Stuffed Figs, raisins and figs packed in handsome gift boxes **95c** to **$3.50.**

New Almonds, California paper shells, 2 lbs. **75c,** lb. **38c.**

Mixed Nuts, all new choice varieties, 2 lbs. **75c,** lb. **38c.**

New Walnuts, Oregon No. 1 soft shells, 2 lbs. **75c,** lb. **38c.**

Apple Cider, clear, bright, 15c allowed for jug when returned, gallon **95c.**

Loganberry Juice, Oregon made, bottle **90c, 50c** and **30c.**

Virginia Dare, popular temperance wine, **90c, 50c** and **30c.**

Grenadine, several flavors, bottle **$1.10** and **60c.**

Table Beverages, Pabst or Budweiser, dozen **$2.25.**

Christmas Bakery Bulletin

Plum Pudding, two sizes, lb. **65c.**

Fruit Cakes, English style, several sizes, lb. **75c.**

Sultana Cakes, specially fine, several sizes, lb. **65c.**

Layer Cakes, several icings, each **60c.**

Almond Pound Cake, oblong shape, each **60c.**

Mince Pies, extra large, **75c,** regular size **50c.**

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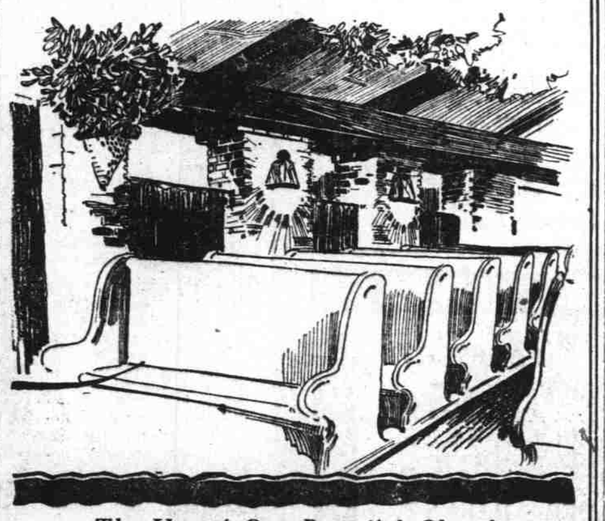

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