

BLEW HER INTO TOWN.

Astonishing Last Trip of the Old Brig Queen Charlotte.

Among the vessels that Commodore Perry captured on the memorable 10th of September, 1813, was the Queen Charlotte, a staunch built brig of seventeen guns, next to the largest ship in Commodore Barclay's fleet. Her mizzenmast had been shot away, and she was badly battered above decks, but her hull was in good condition, and she was a valuable prize. The United States government used her until the war was over, and then she fell into other hands.

Finally, Abram V. Clark, an enterprising New Englander, who had gone west to "make his fortune," bought the Queen Charlotte and used her to carry groceries, furniture and farm implements to the pioneers at the different lake ports and to pick up a return cargo of lumber, hoop poles and so forth. Mr. Clark was a bachelor and, with his skipper and crew, lived on the boat except when she was in port in Buffalo. Owner, captain and crew were all comrades, and when they would make harbor at Buffalo and the cargo was discharged, everybody was at liberty to leave the vessel until another cargo was found.

A few days before the great storm that is known in history as the "big blow of 1844," the Queen Charlotte reached Buffalo with a load of hoop poles. After she was unloaded, every one left her except one man, who had instructions to sleep on board at night. On the night of the storm this man, who was enjoying himself in a drinking place some blocks away, heard the wind rising and started for the ship. But by the time he got to the wharf where the Queen Charlotte was moored the wind was so high that it drove the water over the roofs of the low buildings adjacent, and some of them were actually blown to pieces.

The wind continued to rise until about 12 o'clock. By morning it had blown itself out, but it left a trail of razed and unroofed buildings from Buffalo to Rochester. Buffalo was a chaos of wreckage, for a tidal wave had added to the terrors of the wind. The most astonishing sight was the old Queen Charlotte high and dry in the middle of Main street, half a mile from her moorings. The water had carried her across the wharf and water front and floated her well up into the heart of the city. It was certainly a "big blow."

There were no facilities in those days for moving so large a vessel back to the water, so Mr. Clark sold her for the value of the timbers in her, and she was broken up as she lay in the street.—Exchange.

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NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

East and South Threaten Important Western Land Measures.

Washington.—Two bills of great importance to the west are threatened with defeat because of opposition by eastern and southern members of the house of representatives. One proposes to modify the cultivation clause of the homestead law by reducing the area that must be cultivated prior to the submission of final proof, and the other grants to settlers on government irrigation projects 20 years, instead of 10, in which to pay for water.

Consideration has been given by the senate and house committees on public lands to bills proposing to amend the homestead law, but neither house has passed such a bill.

So far as the 20-year bill is concerned, that has already passed the senate, but the house has refused to consider the senate bill allowing settlers on government irrigation projects 20 years instead of ten, in which to make water payments, and providing for graduated payments.

House Begins Work on Trust Bills.

Formal steps to start the administration anti-trust legislation through congress were taken by the house rules committee, when it formulated a special rule for the expeditious passage of the three bills which make up the anti-trust program.

House leaders were interested in a report that in case the senate finds it impossible to get through all the trust legislation which the house will pass and get away from Washington about July 15, an effort will be made to effect a compromise, put through part of this legislation and go home.

According to this plan, the senate would provide nothing further than the creation of an interstate trade commission, with authority to investigate and make a report at the next session of congress.

There are many democratic senators who are convinced that the senate cannot hope to put through the sub-committee's trust bill inside of two months at the least.

Status to John Barry is Dedicated.

With the dedication and unveiling of a monument to Commodore John Barry, the Irish patriot of the American revolution, President Wilson eulogized the early settler and hero who "brought his heart to America when he came from Ireland."

The president said Barry and Washington were the men who first saw that America must live her own life without "entangling alliances."

"We need not," said the president, "and should not, form alliances with any nation. Those who are right, those who hold their honor above their advantage do not need alliances. You need alliances only when you are not strong. You are weak when in the wrong and when afraid to do right."

Referring to Barry's heroic work as "the father of the American navy," on his coming from Ireland, the president said:

"The test of us all is whether we will assist America to live her life, retaining our ancient interest and affection for our native land."

National Capital Brevities.

Senator Borah offered an amendment to the river and harbor bill, asking for a loan of \$50,000,000 to be used in reclamation projects.

A further urgent deficiency bill, appropriating upwards of \$6,000,000 because of army and navy activities in Mexico, will be passed by the house.

President Wilson will oppose the changes in the pending anti-trust bills advocated by labor leaders to make more explicit the exemption of labor unions from the operation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill aggregating \$5,000,000 was passed by the house. It provides for the acquisition of embassy sites and buildings at Tokio at \$150,000; in Bern, Switzerland, at \$140,000 and in Mexico City at \$150,000.

The Charles B. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, told him the whole political story of the New Haven road was the assertion here of Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the interstate commerce commission, which is probing the affairs of the New England railroad system.

A new regulation governing weights on railroad shipments of berries by express from points in Oregon and Washington to destinations as far east as Chicago, Ill., by which the transportation charges were increased, was suspended by the interstate commerce commission. The suspension holds until September 17.

Democratic leaders in the senate aligned with the president for repeal of tolls exemption expect to see the bill closed by Sunday, but the most optimistic house leaders do not believe the three trust measures can be passed in less than three weeks.

SOLDIERS IN BATTLE.

Standing Motionless Under Fire is a Most Terrifying Ordeal.

Every one of us must have wondered how he would feel in battle for the first time. We may get some idea of how the average man feels under such circumstances from a study of the psychology of battle, published in Italy. Lieutenant Colonel Mangiarotti of the Seventy-seventh infantry carefully examined more than 2,000 soldiers who first faced fire in the war between Italy and Turkey, and he summarizes their statements in the Rivista Militare. He questioned them one by one.

Out of 2,000 men 1,700 confessed that their most trying moment in the whole campaign was when they first heard hostile bullets whistle about their ears. But almost all of them said they were much less frightened than they had expected to be and that the scare diminished with each battle.

The average soldier finds the most terrifying position to be that of standing motionless in the front rank, exposed to the enemy's fire without being able to reply. The order to advance or to charge with fixed bayonets is then received as a release from agony. Movement, even into greater peril, distracts the mind and greatly reduces the mental anguish.

Soldiers are seriously affected by the trembling of their superiors. An officer who shakes in his shoes is a coward in the eyes of the rank and file, although the men know that many military heroes—Henri IV., Turenne and Frederick the Great, for instance—trembled on going into a fight.

Colonel Mangiarotti says that officers must understand this feeling. This is especially true for lieutenants, for this inquiry reveals the fact that in battle all officers from captains upward are nonexistent so far as the common soldiers are concerned. They keep their eyes on their lieutenants exclusively. This was brought out when Colonel Mangiarotti asked the men what sentiment animated them when the bullets were falling all around them—was it love of country, religion, their oath of fidelity to their king? "I went ahead," they replied almost unanimously, "because my lieutenant went ahead."

It seems that once the battle is on and the first feeling of terror has vanished soldiers feel as if set free. The fever of combat takes possession of them, and they think about nothing else.

And the Fight Was On.

"Grandpa, I was over to Eddy Slocum's today, and Eddy's grandpa showed me his musket that he carried through the war. I told him you carried a sword, 'cause it was hangin' up in our parlor. An' he said it must be a cheese knife, 'cause you was the company cook."

"Wow! Did that dodderin' old rascalion say that? You go over an' ask him which side he was fightin' on!"

The boy departs. Presently he returns.

"He told me, grandpa."

"What did he say?"

"He said he was on th' front side of th' tree that you was hidin' behind."

"Wow! Gimme my hat an' coat an' cane!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Constant Squeezing.

"Now, Algernon," said Miss Funs-anfeathers as she was tightly held in the embrace of her fiancé, "they tell me that men get tired of squeezing after they are married. Will you promise me not to give it up after we are man and wife?"

"Oh, I assure you it is not necessary to make any such promises," replied the young man. "I guarantee you'll have all the squeezing you want to do to get along on \$7 a week."—Exchange.

A Narrow Street.

The English town of Great Yarmouth contains a street that wall may be considered the narrowest built up street in the world. This thoroughfare is known as Kitty Witches row, and measurement gives its greatest width as fifty-six inches. The entrance would seriously inconvenience a stout person, as twenty-nine inches is all that is spared from wall to wall. The town contains many such streets as Kitty Witches.—Westminster Gazette.

Very Old Custom.

The custom of saying "God bless you" to a person when he sneezes originated among the ancients, who, fearing danger from it, after sneezing made a short prayer to the gods, as "Jupiter, help me." The custom is mentioned by Homer, the Jewish rabbis and others. Polydore Vergil says it took its rise at the time of the plague in 558, when the infected fell dead, sneezing, though apparently in health.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Oregon Agricultural college defeated the Multnomah Club in the dual track meet at Corvallis by the score of 73½ to 57½.

Pacific University defeated the University of Puget Sound in the annual debate at Forest Grove by a unanimous decision of the judges.

Between 6000 and 7000 Lane county school children and their parents participated in the educational rally day exercises in Eugene Sunday.

Union will be the magnet for hundreds when the sixth annual Union Livestock show will be held in that city June 4, 5 and 6. There will be races and band concerts.

The girls of the 1914 graduating class of the La Grande public schools are establishing a precedent in that the expensive graduation dress cost is to be limited to \$5.

After an inspection of the hopyards of Salem, Louis Lachmund, dealer in hops, said that the 1914 crop would be from 20 to 25 per cent less than last year's crop.

The contest by the forest service against Hercules Santos, now in Portland, for a homestead in Josephine county, has been settled in favor of Santos.

Representative Hawley has applied to the board of engineers for permission to extend the wharf at Port Orford, damaged by rough weather. The board will make an investigation before announcing its decision.

Dr. Withycombe received 766 out of a total of 573 votes cast for all candidates for governor in the city of Corvallis. He received in 16 precincts heard from out of the 22 in Benton county 944 votes of 1179 votes cast for all candidates for governor.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill amending the act to authorize construction of a dike on Olalla slough authorizing the construction on foundations already laid or farther up the stream of a dike with a gate for purposes of navigation, the plans to be approved by the secretary of war.

The Indian appropriation bill, reported to the senate, contains the following Oregon amendments: Appropriation of \$100,000 to purchase livestock, farm implements, seed, etc., to enable Warm Springs Indians to become self-supporting. Fifteen thousand dollars for an addition to the assembly hall at the Chemawa school.

An offer of \$50,000 was refused by Mrs. Mella C. Brown, Eugene woman inventor, for the patent obtained three weeks ago on a sanitary milk cap. The offer came from Denver capitalists. She is preparing to place the article on the market. Instead of slipping into the top of the milk bottle, the cap is convex in shape and slips over the top.

The Pender murder case, famous in Columbia county for its two long trials is soon to be argued again, this time before the supreme court. Pender, on a second trial, was found guilty at St. Helens last January of killing Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her infant child, and was sentenced to be hanged in March, when an appeal stayed execution.

The postoffice at Amity was robbed Friday night. The robbers entered by means of skeleton keys. The safe was opened by nitro glycerine, the charge used being heavy enough to blow the safe to pieces and to move the front wall of the building, which is a frame one, outward two inches. The robbers secured about \$100 in money, but left other valuables, including stamps and registered letters, untouched.

Between 65,000 and 70,000 acres of land located in Grant, Umatilla, Baker and Walla Walla counties have been designated by the federal government as subject to entry under the enlarged homestead act. All of this land is, or is supposed to be, of semi-arid character, non-mineral and containing no timber. It will be subject to entry June 1 of this year, where vacant and public.

Out for the purpose of fighting state wide prohibition, as a matter of protection to the hop industry, representative hopgrowers of the Willamette valley met at Salem and perfected the organization of the Hopgrowers' and Dealers' association of Oregon. Besides making the temporary organization permanent, the hopmen elected a vice president for each of the hop-growing counties, and in those counties a county organization will be effected for the purpose of localizing the efforts of the association.

Marshfield society is in a hubbub over the "social highwayman" proclivities of an unidentified member of the local "four hundred." For several months matrons and others, who have attended "500" games, at homes, compliments and other similar functions, have been missing jewelry, money and other valuables. The social functions were attended solely by women and so the credit for the lifting goes to a feminine Raffles. Two and two and four and four have been put together and the losers and others now believe they have spotted the guilty party, yet they speak the name only in an abstract way and mention it to those they know won't tell.

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