

Iyo Maru Due

From The Orient

Nippon Yusen Kaisha Liner Expected Today—Jap Steamers May Come.

Brinkburn's Owners and Charterers Differ—Gaelic For Sale.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Steamer Iyo Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line is due today from Yokohama, which port she left on Feb. 23. The Iyo Maru is one of the three Japanese liners released by the government from transport service. It was expected that the remaining three would be released ere this time and the fortnightly service resumed.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is the only Japanese company with steamers running to Puget Sound via Victoria. The Mitsui company, which has control of extensive coal mines and other interests in Japan, and which is one of the richest concerns in the far east, has had representatives on the Pacific coast investigating trade possibilities with a view to the establishment of a freight line. The colliers on Vancouver Island, and at Tacoma, Seattle, and other ports, have been visited, with a view to ascertaining whether the Japanese vessels which are imported from Japan to Vancouver Island could be sold in competition.

There is a large amount of shipping coming because of the war, and a great amount of tonnage seized by the Japanese for which the Japanese are seeking a trade. It is probable that many of the vessels may be ultimately placed in the trans-Pacific trade, and may possibly become a disturbing factor.

BRINKBURN MAY GO.

Undecided Whether Blockade-running Trip Is Cancelled.

According to advices received from San Francisco, the Brinkburn is still going to Vladivostok, providing she is not seized while on the way. Communication is being carried on between charterers and owners seeking to have the steamer proceed. As stated, when the vessel arrived off San Francisco from Victoria the tug Relief met her and orders were placed on board instructing her to proceed to San Francisco to discharge cargo and to go into the port and communicate further with her owners. It seems that the instructions sent by the tug were from the charterers. Until further orders are received from the owners, the cargo will remain on board.

The disposition of the vessel and her cargo will be a matter of interest to the shipping community. Undoubtedly those interested in the Brinkburn are anxious to see the vessel to almost certain capture. It is said that the Russian agents have prepaid the freight money, and, if so, the owners are in duty bound to carry out their part of the charter. In the meantime, the costs of demurrage are increasing; the vessel has been delayed over a month now.

All told the Japanese have gathered in 50 ships to date. Up to the end of December 37 were taken. Since then 13 have been captured. Of these four were loaded with Cardiff coal, 22,400 tons of it altogether; one carried kerosene, another machine oil and shipbuilding materials and the others forage, provisions and general supplies. Two of the prizes hailed from this port, the Westfield and the M. S. Doolittle being registered here. Of the thirteen blockade runners, two were captured in December, eight in January and three this month, two already yesterday. All but two of the captured steamers were under the British flag.

The story of the close call of the steamer Forest Brook in saving her charter, recalled to a United States official then at New York, an interesting reminiscence when a small fortune was saved with but a minute to spare by the alertness of the steamship captain. It was during the strenuous days just before the McKinley tariff went into effect that the Forest Brook, on the side of the pond was loaded down with valuable goods of the classes most affected by the rate in the season crowded on a steamer, resulting in many of them breaking down and arriving at port mangled and disabled had after they had expected to be safely moored at their New York docks.

The McKinley tariff went into effect at midnight. Late in the evening the steamship Forest Brook was at anchor in the harbor, and while she was speeding as best she could she had no chance of reaching port before midnight. A pilot boat came alongside half a mile outside the lightship and the little light draft tug by cutting across the harbor jumped aboard, ordered all speed made for the battery, and the little light draft tug by cutting across the harbor jumped aboard, ordered all speed made for the battery, and the little light draft tug by cutting across the harbor jumped aboard.

According to advices received from the Orient, pretty big figures are paid to men who guard in the smuggling of a cargo of Lockwood-runners. Three officers of the Tugwash, a vessel which engages to return ammunition into Port Arthur, divided over \$100,000 among them before they left and were to have as much again on the successful completion of their dangerous errand. These figures were obtained at the time of the seizure of 220 tons of ammunition on board the Tugwash, into which port the vessel had put into on learning of the fall of Port Arthur.

The Tugwash was of Saigon bound up when the captain signalled two vessels, and received the answer from the commander of Port Arthur. A course was then marked out for Gathuan, and after communication had been made the return journey was made, an effort being made to return to Saigon with the cargo. She, however, put into Hongkong, where the ammunition was seized.

So far as the public was concerned, nothing could be seen beyond the funeral, who quickly filled the small available space. Metropolitan Address. Accompanied by recitative chanting by the imperial choir after the liturgy, the Metropolitan advanced from the altar and took the responsibility for the premature murder of the Grand Duke.

Quite a Record. An almost unparalleled circumstance is noted in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Jones of Johnson, Vt., who passed the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on Feb. 5. Not once in their married life has death entered the home circle. Their children are all living, and one grand-children and one great-grandson.

Parnell and the Coffee. Leslie's Weekly. The daughter of Mr. Justin McCarthy gives some interesting reminiscences of Mr. Parnell. She mentions one curious instance of superstition strange in so strong a man.

Big Contract with Grand Trunk Pacific. Reported to Have Been Made by Peter Larsen and Foley Bros.—Involves \$15,000,000.

The Vancouver World publishes an unconfirmed report from Helena, Montana, that Peter Larsen and Foley Bros., railroad contractors of that city, who built many miles of the main lines of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Canadian Pacific, has secured, in conjunction with Foley Brothers, contractors of St. Paul, the contract for the construction of a new line from the western portion of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

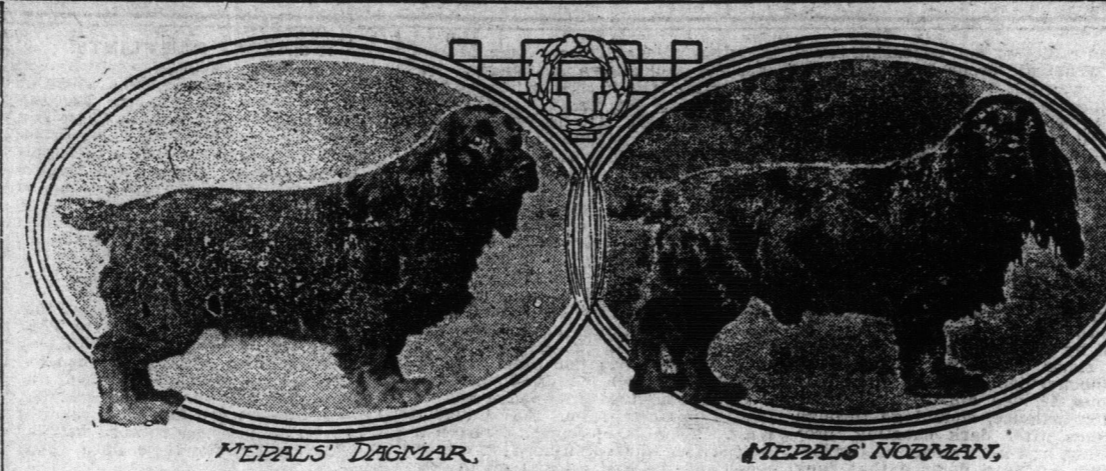
Weekly Weather Synopsis. In Victoria Meteorological office, February 15 to 21, 1905.

The first two days of the past week, 15th and 16th, afforded a pleasant continuance of the recent phenomenon of the weather, throughout the province and the North Pacific. On each of these days, during the hours of bright sunshine were registered at this station. The main factor of this clear weather, has been the low barometer area which had moved down from the northward. On the 17th the pressure began to decrease, and the Vancouver Island coast, owing to the movement eastward of the "high" and the approach of a lower pressure from the ocean, weather conditions became unsettled and threatening and continued so during the remainder of the week.

Shaking His Faith. Philadelphia Press. "Pa," complained the boy, "so long as I go to the same school with Tommy Tuft I can't get any sense out of it." "What?" cried the pillar of the new church. "Why can't you?" "I don't know, but I believe that a punch in the jaw is all my imagination."

A Useful Microbe. Buffalo Courier. A kind of microscopic cannibalism, one sort of bacteria eating up another, sort of bacteria, has been discovered by the prevention of typhoid. Mathew Wilson, a Glasgow man now residing in New Westminster, has found a microbe which devours all syphilitic germs in drainage.

How About the Horse? Masterlink Essay. We are alone, absolutely alone, on this chance planet, and amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us. A few creatures fear us, most are unaware of us, and not one loves us.



Famous Cocker Spaniels to be seen at Bench Show. The old favorite champion, Opal, will again make her appearance, but on this occasion for special only; while Me-pal's Norman, son of the famous Rose-mary, will be included in the string. Others to make their first appearance from these kennels will be Me-pal's Iris and Me-pal's Ivanhoe, a son of champion Opal.

Blessing Remains Of Grand Duke. Ceremony Over Mangled Body of Sergius Held at Moscow Yesterday. Moscow, Feb. 23.—The solemn ceremony blessing the remains of the Grand Duke Sergius was performed at 10 o'clock today in the midst of the tolling of bells from all the churches and monasteries of the ancient capital.

Touching Scene When Grand Duchess Takes Her Last Farewell. Winfield, Kan., Tribune. A young man in Winfield who has not been married long remarked at the dinner table the other day, "My dear, it seems to me I could make bread such as mother used to make." The bride smiled and answered in a voice that did not tremble: "Well, dear father, no; it was only fatigued from a bad night; not age, oh, no!"

How We Are Misunderstood. Chattanooga News. Did it ever occur to you how little we understand our best friends, and how frequently we misunderstand our worst enemies? A point of view makes a lot of difference. A man who is taking graft cannot understand a man who resents the taking of graft any more than a sportsman can understand a civil-service reformer.

In Fragrant Memory. Minneapolis Journal. The Nebraska Senate is going to observe Thursday as the anniversary of the day when Senator Richard O'Neill arose in the United States Senate and said: "Every man should be proud of the land of his nativity, whether he was born there or not."

Making an Experiment. Philadelphia Press. She was a very little girl, and the fact that she should always say her prayers before going to sleep at night had been so deeply impressed upon her that an omission of this duty would bring down upon the transgressor some great penalty.

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Cause for Alarm. Atlanta Constitution. Penitentiaries—Poor Scribbles is worried. Inkerton—What's the trouble? Penitentiaries—He's afraid he has lost his counting as a humorist. The English magazines are beginning to copy his jokes.

The Little Father. Public Opinion. The Bear did on Wednesday what he should have done a fortnight ago. He received a deputation of workmen. Even poor, however, wisdom does not prevail in high places in Russia. The Bear did not give evidence to the men in order to hear their grievances, but to show them on the wickedness of revolt, and of coming to him as a rebel mob.

Senator Dewey had consented to address a convention of photographers. When he rose, he held up a piece of white chalk. "Do any of you ever make use of this in your business?" he asked. There were affirmative cries from different parts of the table.

Peace Talk Has No Foundation. Embassies at Washington Acknowledge Incorrectness of Reports. Washington, Feb. 23.—At the White House, and at the state department, the British, Russian, French, German and Italian embassies, and at the Japanese legation today, where enquiry was made regarding the rumors of peace between Russia and Japan, the most positive statements were made that either of the belligerents was thinking of proposing peace.

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New South More American. Women of America. The beautiful old civilization has vanished, and in its stead is rising up the new civilization with its promise of a greater, nobler beauty.

Rumors Unfounded. Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, is in the close personal and friendly relations with Secretary Hay, calling at the state department soon after his return from Philadelphia. He placed no confidence in the rumors of peace that Japan had asked anybody to remove. He said he did not believe the rumors and the London government had not called him concerning the reports.

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