

TOSA MARU HERE FROM THE ORIENT

Japanese Liner Brings News of New Steamer for This Route

EMPRESS AND ANTILOCHUS SAIL

Brigantine Blakeley Is Sold to Mexican Owners—Rumored Improvement to the Empress Line

Steamer Tosa Maru, Capt. Kato, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, reached port Wednesday after an uneventful passage of 14 days from Yokohama, bringing four stow, fifteen intermediate, and 169 steerage passengers.

News was brought by the Tosa Maru that the Hitachi Maru, the new vessel built for the Yokohama-Victoria and Seattle route of the N. Y. K., had a trial trip shortly before the Tosa Maru sailed.

AN OCEAN RACE

Manchester, Port and Franklin to Speed to Europe.

Steamer Manchester, Port and steamer Apollo, the latter one of the vessels to be placed on the British Columbia Mexico route by G. V. Syme & Co., passed yesterday morning from Portland to Comox, seeking bunker coal.

THE CONSUL'S PRAISE

Writes to Washington Regarding Mrs. Patterson's Heroism.

In a report to the state department at Washington concerning the wreck of the bark Coloma on Dec. 7 off Vancouver Island, the United States consul, Hon. A. E. Smith, wrote as follows:

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good enough since the advent of the new Pacific Mail liners and the new Japanese turbine liners which are to be placed in service next summer.

TO IMPROVE SHIPYARDS

Mr. Bullen to Go to England to Buy Additional Machinery.

THE BLAKELEY SOLD

Brigantine Which Hunted Treasure Bought by Mexican Parties.

STEAMER FOX MISSING

Reported to Have Gone Down in Northern Waters.

Word has just reached Portland and the "outside" that the little steamer which was plying local waters until recently, went down off the Alaska coast a couple of weeks ago, says the Portland Telegram.

BUYS TWO TUGS

J. H. Greer Purchases at Seattle for Local Company.

ANTILOCHUS SAILS

Big Blue Funnel Liner Leaves With Cargo Valued at Over \$1,000,000.

Steamer Antiochus, of the Blue Funnel line, arrived yesterday from Tacoma and sailed three hours later for Liverpool via ports of the Orient and the Straits canal, carrying a cargo valued at \$1,002,120, and 100 steerage passengers.

TRAMP KILLS FARMER AND DRINKS HIS BLOOD

Mob Is Now at Work Battering Down Jail to Lynch Fiend

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DAILY REVIEW OF THE LOCAL MARKETS

RETAIL MARKETS

Meat and Poultry Hams, per lb. 25 to 27 Bacon, per lb. 23 to 30 Beef, per lb. 12 to 18 Pork, dressed, per lb. 12 to 18 Mutton, per lb. 8 to 12 Lamb, per quarter \$1.25 to \$1.75 Veal, dressed, per lb. 12 to 18 Turkeys, Eastern, per lb. 20 to 25 Turkeys, Western, per lb. 20 to 25 Geese, dressed, per lb. 20 to 25 Ducks, dressed, per lb. 20 to 25 Chickens, per lb. 15 to 20 Chickens, broilers, per lb. 20 to 25 Pigeons, dressed, per pair 60c. to \$1.00 Rabbits, dressed, each 60c. to \$1.00 Hare, dressed, each 75

Delicacies, per lb. 22 to 25 Cod, salted, per lb. 12 to 15 Halibut, fresh, per lb. 8 to 10 Halibut, smoked, per lb. 8 to 10 Cod, fresh, per lb. 8 to 10 Flounders, per lb. 8 to 10 Salmon, salt, per lb. 12 to 15 Salmon, fresh, per lb. 12 to 15 Salmon, smoked, per lb. 15 to 20 Clams, per lb. 5 to 8 Crabs, Olympia, per pint 5 to 8 Oysters, Top Point, doz. 20 to 25 Shrimps, per lb. 20 to 25 Herrings, kippered, per lb. 10 to 12 Smelts, per lb. 10 to 12 Herring, fresh, per lb. 8 to 10 Finnan Haddies, per lb. 20 to 25

Canadian, per lb. 20 British Columbia, per lb. 20 Kentucky, each 20 Cream, local, each 20 Butter 20 Manitoba, 14-lb. boxes 44.00 Manitoba, per lb. 30 Best dairy, per lb. 30 Victoria creamery, per lb. 40 Cowichan creamery, per lb. 40 Delta creamery, per lb. 40 Chilliwack creamery, per lb. 40

Vegetables Cabbage, each 10 Potatoes, Island, per sack \$1.00 and \$1.25 Cauliflower, 2 heads 25 Carrots, per sack 12 to 15 Artichokes, per lb. 12 to 15 Celery, per bunch 15

Oranges, navel, per doz. 25, 35, 40 Oranges, Japanese, per box 75 Lemons, per doz. 8 to 10 Figs, cooking, per lb. 25 Figs, Smyrna, 3 lbs. 20 to 25 Figs, table, per lb. 25 Grape fruit, 4 for 25 Raisins, Valencia, per lb. 15 Raisins, table, per lb. 20 to 25 Sultanas, California, best 10 Sultanas, medium 10 Currants, new cleaned 10 Apples, Jonal, per box \$1.50 to \$2.25 Bananas, per doz. 25 Prunes, best, 3 lbs. 25 Prunes, seconds, each 3

Walnuts, English, best, per lb. 25 Brazil, per lb. 30 Pecans, per lb. 30 Almonds, Jordan, per lb. 75 Almonds, Cal., paper shell, per lb. 30 Cocomis, each 30

Foodstuffs Oats, per ton 490.00 Wheat, per ton 435.00 Barley, per ton 330.00 New hay, per ton 414.00 to 416.00 Hay, Island, per ton 118.00 Hay, Fraser, per ton 114.00 Straw, per bale 35 Corn, whole, per ton 33.00 Corn, cracked, per ton 33.00 Feed, cornmeal, per ton 33.00 Oatmeal, per 10 lbs. 40 Rolled oats, per 7-lb. sack 35

Flour, Hungarian, Ogilvie's 11.50 Flour, Hungarian, Lake of 10.50 Royal Household, per sack 11.50 Family Flour, per sack 11.40 Snowflake, per sack 11.40 Feed 11.55 Middlings, per bag 100 lbs. 11.25 Bran, per 100 lbs. 10 to 15 Pork, per lb. 10 to 15 Veal, per lb. 10 to 15 Lamb, per quarter \$1.25 to \$1.75

Wholesale Markets Vegetables Lettuce (hot house) per crate 11.50 Beans, per sack 11.25 to 11.50 Carrots, per sack 11.00 Cabbages, lb. 4 to 5 Cauliflowers, lb. 4 to 5 Silver skin onions, per lb. 2 Potatoes, per ton 117.00 Garlic, per lb. 34 Sweet Potatoes, per lb. 34 Turnips, per sack 11.00

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American wheat, per ton 322.00 Manitoba feed wheat, per ton 322.00 Oats, Island, per ton 324.00 Barley, Manitoba, per ton 325.00 Sweet potatoes, per lb. 34 Citrons, per lb. 34 Peppers bell, per box 11.75 Turnips, per sack 11.00 Parsnips, per sack 11.00 Parsnips, per sack 11.00 Cracked corn, per ton 30.00 Hay, Island, river, per ton 11.00 Hay, Fraser, per ton 11.00 Feed, cornmeal, per ton 30.00 Chop feed, best, per ton 37.00 Whole corn, best, per ton 32.00 Middlings, per ton 25.00

Bananas, per bunch 43.00 to 53.00 Lemons, per box 43.00 to 45.00 Oranges, navel, per box 43.00 to 45.00 Apples, Jonal, per box 1.15 to 1.75 Prunes, per dozen 44.50 Produce Eggs, local, per doz. 43 Butter, best, creamery 18 Comb honey, per lb. eastern 18 Comb honey, local, per lb. 35

Meats Veal, per lb. 12 to 15 Pork, per lb. 12 to 18 Beef, per lb. 8 to 12 American hams, per lb. 22 to 25 Bacon, rolled 15 American bacon, per lb. 25

Entrance Exams Board Now Passing on Papers From All Over the Province.

Wrecked in Midwinter Midway Island, Pacific ocean, Dec. 26.—The bark Carrolton, of San Francisco from Newcastle, N. S. W., struck the south reef of Midway Island early this morning. All the crew were saved. There is no hopes of saving the vessel. She had been sent to leeward by recent gales and was leaking and short of water. She shaped her course for Midway intending to anchor but in coming in she ran aground.

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On Sale Today

Values 50c and \$1.00 Goods comprise Fancy Work Boxes, Jewel Cases, Picture Frames, Puff Boxes, Pincushions, etc. 25c Values \$1.00 to \$2.50 Goods comprising Fancy Ornaments, Cuff and Collar Boxes, Jewel Cases, Brass Candlesticks, Picture Frames, Book Racks, Music Cases, Sewing Sets, etc. 50c Values \$2.50 to \$5.00 Goods comprising Fancy Candlesticks, Brass Candlesticks, Royal Vienna Fancy Plaques, satin lined Jewel Cases, Smoking Sets, Cigar Boxes, Book Racks, Manicure Sets, Chess Men in Box, Shaving Mirrors, Fancy Clocks, Bridge Sets, Shaving Outfits, etc. \$1.00

Note the display in our windows today of the above splendid goods.

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SPENCER'S GLOVE SCRIP although in vogue but a few hours proved "A Great Hit" for presenting THE Christmas or New Year's Gift that personal choice would select. The Scrip was admitted on every hand to be just the very thing. Spencer's Glove Scrip is redeemable at par anytime, anywhere, within twelve months of issue. In a newspaper it would be impossible to reproduce a facsimile of the scrip as it appears, showing the printing in color, gold seal, etc., but below is given a representation sufficiently illustrative.

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Present a Scrip for the New Year! A Double Pleasure is Obtained by so Doing!

The Tea of the Connoisseurs--Mem Sabs Tea

The Tea From High Altitudes--One of the choicest productions from the Eastern tea plantations. It is warranted pure India tea, blended by the most skillful tea men, and is specially imported for David Spencer, Limited. Sold in packets 25c N.B.—It is remarkable how Mem Sabs Tea has been appreciated by hosts of customers who have refreshed in our Oriental Tea Rooms, where it is exclusively used. Our Tea Store is adjacent to the Tea Room.

Be Sure to Refresh Yourself in our Oriental Tea Rooms, Third Floor. Keep before you Our Calendars and New Year's Cards

We have THE LARGEST stock of NEW YEAR'S GIFTS to be obtained in the Province! At THE STORE'S Qualities and Prices!

of ice against the side of the vessel was like a rolling mill in full operation, and every minute as we looked at towering pinnacles of ice, we feared they would topple over on us. "When we got out in open sea we took one of the spars of our deck and rigged a jibboom. When we got out of the ice we were leaking badly. The donkey engine kept us free, and we rounded the Horn."

Weekly Weather Synopsis. Victoria Meteorological Office. 1901 to 23rd Dec, 1900. The weather during the greater portion of this week was overcast, rainy in this vicinity, and on the highest lands of this island and on the lower mainland snow and sleet was reported, as well as considerable rain. Until Monday the 24th, a series of low barometer areas either hoisted on the coast or passed eastward across the northern portion of this province. These conditions caused a large proportion of easterly and southerly winds, with on the coast a gale was reported on the 22nd, and fresh to high southerly winds on the Straits of Juan de Fuca and Georgia.

Forces for Morocco. Toulon, France, Dec. 26.—The transport L'Anive left here today for Morocco, where she will embark 1,000 men and 200 horses, and take them to Tangier, Morocco.

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