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ROYAL MAIL SERVICE 1914-PROPOSED WINTER SAILINGS-1915. St. John - Halifax - Liverpool

GLASGOW and BOSTON. Steamer, From Boston. SARDINIAN Thurs. December 24th.

GLASGOW and PORTLAND. Steamer, From Portland. VERDUN Saturday, December 19th.

St. John - Havre - London. Steamer, From St. John. SCOTTISH MONARCH Wed. December 23rd.

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SHIPPING NOTES

London despatch says: This country is enjoying a shipping boom. Port of London has never been busier.

The P. and B. steamer Antia arrived at Halifax from the West Indies last week and reported having met exceedingly rough weather the past four days.

Officials of the French steamship line are worried over the steamer Florida, six days overdue on her run from Havre to New York.

St. John, N.B., December 15.—The C. P. R. new liner Missanable docked here Saturday after her maiden voyage.

The steamers Kroonland and Finland, of the Panama Pacific Line, will inaugurate the coast to coast service from New York to San Francisco via the Panama Canal.

The American-Hawaiian Line has announced a reduction of 25 cents in the rate on apples from the Pacific coast to New York.

James W. Elwell & Co. have purchased the steamer Mae from the Independent Pier Company of Philadelphia.

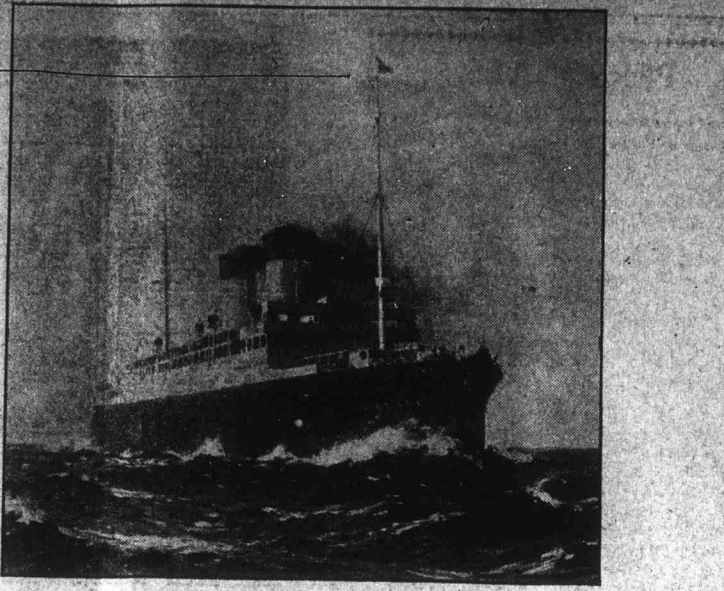
Manager Gueltius of the I. C. R. has promised steamship people at Halifax the north side of the new pier 2 which will be ready for shipping purposes by December 15th.

A Lloyd's despatch from Oporto says that the Dutch steamer Bogor, from Amsterdam for Buenos Aires, is ashore north of Leixoes, on the Portuguese coast, and is a total wreck.

The Bureau of Supplies of the U. S. Navy Department has announced that bids will be opened on December 12 for the transportation of coal from Newport News or Hampton Roads to Mare Island.

According to B. Sproule & Co., of Galveston, sixty-four steamers are booked to carry cotton from Galveston during December and January.

The cost of shipbuilding materials in England has made several advances since the beginning of the war. The English ship-yards are receiving a fairly brisk demand for tonnage and orders just placed will not be affected by the higher material prices.



C. P. R. Liner Missanable, which reached St. John, N.B., Saturday, on her maiden voyage.

NEW BRITISH VESSELS LARGELY EXCEED THOSE FOR REST OF WORLD

There Has Been an Increase in the Use of Steam Turbines and Internal Combustion Engines

Table with columns: British, Other Countries, Total. Rows: No. Tonnage, No. Tonnage, No. Tonnage.

Vessels mentioned in the returns as now being built to the society's classification include 15 vessels of over 12,000 tons, the largest being the Statendam for the Holland-American Line.

WORLD'S RECORD FOR TUNNEL BORING BEATEN BY C.P.R. CONTRACTORS

A new world's record for tunnel boring was established in November in connection with the work being done in the Rogers' Pass for the C. P. R. by the contractors, Messrs. Foley, Bros, Welch and Stewart.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS

Grand Trunk System.—The Grand Trunk of Canada October gross, £721,100; decrease, £130,850.

JAPS NOW PACKING CLAMS.

Importers of Astatic products at Los Angeles are placing a new line of imported baby clams on the market.

DULUTH-SUPERIOR TRACTION.

The gross earnings for the first week in December of the Duluth Superior Traction Company totaled \$23,649.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SURPLUS.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company has undertaken an educational campaign to correct erroneous impressions which it claims the public has gained from its recent report.

ADMIRAL JELlicoe's FATHER WAS PROMINENT IN MARINE CIRCLES

Great Britain Sailor Expresses Appreciation of Reference to His Parent in Columns of Gazette

London, Eng., December 14.—The current number of the Gazette, issued by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild—a copy of which has been forwarded to Admiral Sir John Jellicoe—contains allusion to the interesting fact that the Admiral is the son of one who during his seafaring career ranked amongst the most respected Commanders of the mercantile marine.

H.M.S. "Iron Duke," Nov. 23rd, 1914. Sir—I beg to thank you for your letter of the 18th November, and shall be obliged if you will be so good as to convey to the members of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild my thanks for the copy of the Guild Gazette.

I have read with interest of the valuable work which is being carried out by the Guild, and greatly appreciate the allusion to my father in the personal paragraph on page 11 of the Gazette.

NEW HAVEN SHOPS CLOSE. New York, December 14.—New Haven's curtailing in closing their shops at Readville, Mass., New Haven and East Hartford, Conn., and Valley Falls, R. I., employing all together 3,600 men for the remainder of calendar year was due to the necessity caused by idle equipment.

HARD ON JIM. At a recent dinner at which James J. Hill was guest of honor, the diners sang these words to the tune of "Tipperary":

It's a fine thing to own a railroad, With a nice job like Hill, And it's pleasant to go to Brantley Asking help to foot the bill.

G. T. R. WILL NOT CONSIDER TRACK ELEVATION AT LONDON. London, Ont., December 14.—Work has been commenced on the Grand Trunk freight sheds. The building will be of frame, 400 feet long, the ends remaining the same, as they were not damaged by the fire.

PEACE RIVER RAILWAY. The Athabasca, Grand Prairie and Peace River Railway Company is applying to Parliament for power to build two lines: (a) from Brule Lake, Alberta, on the main line of the G. T. P. and the C. N. R., north-easterly to Grand Prairie, thence north-westerly to the terminus of the Pacific and Grand Eastern Railway in British Columbia; (b) from Grand Prairie northerly to the Pacific, Peace River and Athabasca Railway, crossing Peace River at or near Dunvegan, about 400 miles in all.

GOOD NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING CATCH. St. John's, Nfld., December 14.—The catch of herring off the west coast of Newfoundland will be fairly large, according to reports received here. The catch in a good year averages about 100,000 barrels.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC EARNED 7 P. C. ON \$272,672,406 STOCK. The pamphlet report of the Southern Pacific shows earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914, equal to 7 1/2 per cent. on its \$272,672,406 stock.

NEW YORK COTTON, 11:30 A.M. New York, December 14.—Cottons, old, 6.87, up 7; March 7.26, up 7; May 7.42, up 6; July 7.57, up 6; Oct. 7.86, up 6.

Table with columns: Increase, Decrease. Rows: Gross, Expenses and taxes, Net, Other income, Operating revenue, Fixed charges, Balance, Dividends paid, Surplus year.

As a result of continued drought, Sicily's output of olive's will be only about one-third of a normal crop.

RAILROAD NOTES

Texas roads had a total loss of \$1,154,870 in income during the first three months of the present fiscal year.

The Union Pacific is receiving 1,077 passenger equipment cars, bought at a cost of \$1,600,000, some of them being assigned to service in the Northwest.

Officials of the Pullman Co. report better patronage of their equipment after the worst four months in 30 years, during which in some instances, cars ran empty.

Illinois Central has cancelled its annual contract for printing 1,000,000 time table folders and ordered one-fourth of that number; their distribution to be made only by its own representatives.

Advances in freight rates ranging from five to fifteen per cent. have been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the southwestern roads and will become effective January 5 unless suspended in the meantime.

Trains will soon be running over the upper Snake Valley loop of the Oregon Short Line which opens up thousands of acres of dry farming land in eastern Idaho. The road is 71 miles long and its construction cost \$3,000,000.

Neither the Gould lines nor the Oregon Short Line will make appropriations for construction next year.

Developments suggest that the Salt Lake is planning to begin building at an early date 100 miles of line from San Bernardino over the Cajon Pass to Daggett, practically paralleling the Santa Fe for a distance of 40 miles. It will be the last link of its entrance into Los Angeles over its own rails.

On the 15th inst., the Northern Pacific and the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce will commemorate an excursion and banquet the completion of the railroad company's new water grade entrance into the city which cost \$7,000,000 to build and is only 42 miles long. It will be used by both the Oregon-Washington and the Great Northern, under leases.

An order for 1,050 all-steel box cars has been issued by the Pennsylvania to its own shops their construction to be begun February or March and the new equipment turned out at the rate of 100 cars per month. This is viewed as a partial relaxing of the policy of economy so rigidly enforced for a considerable period and gives much encouragement to these interested.

Philadelphia & Reading has ordered 200 steel car underframes from American Car & Foundry Co., Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis in payment for 4,500 tons of rails from southern roads.

Wages have been reduced and an increase in rates is being considered by the government railways of Switzerland to offset the decreased earnings due to the war. As in the United States it has been found that contracted-expenditures will not suffice to maintain the equilibrium between outlays and income.

Consolidated of the Louisiana, Arkansas & Gulf Railway with the Ashley, Drew & Northern, both operating connecting lines of about 100 miles is announced by J. M. Parker, of Shreveport, receiver of the Louisiana, Arkansas & Gulf. The roads run through southeastern Arkansas, and reach from Monticello to Shreveport, La. Announcement was made that an extension will be built from Monticello to Pine Bluff, forty miles, to connect with a proposed interurban to Little Rock. Receiver Parker, it was said, will be general manager of the two lines and the receivership will be dissolved.

The following executive committee was re-elected: Robert L. Cox, general counsel and manager; J. H. Hurrel, attorney; and John J. Brinkerhoff, secretary.

The Charter Market

New York, December 14.—The charter market was unusually quiet, even for the end of the week, and not a single steamer charter of any kind was reported.

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 14.—Forecasts of the decisions of the Interstate Commerce Commission are "pure guess work," according to an announcement made at the commission to-day.

INCENDIARISM RAMPANT IN N.Y. During the past two or three years incendiary incendiary in the vicinity of Albany, Troy and Catskill.

EDISON INSURANCE ONLY \$258,700. The insurance involved in the Edison fire again comes out for very much less than the \$500,000 announced at the time of the blaze.

PROVINCIAL BANK. The Provincial Bank has declared its quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent, payable January 2nd.

INTER POWER CLAIMS TO BE SOLVED. The International Power Company, declared insolvent and for which a receiver was appointed, has appealed to the court of Chancery from the Chancery decision.

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