

NEW SURVEY OF THE BAR

Tug Mendell Ordered to Make Soundings at Mouth of the Columbia River.

ENGINEERS VERY SKEPTICAL

Believe Statements of Pilots As to Depth to Have Been Exaggerated—Storm Still Raging Along North Pacific Coast.

Some time during the present week, if weather conditions are favorable, the government tug George H. Mendell will begin the work of making a survey of the bar. The vessel has been detailed for this duty by Major Langfitt. It is hoped that she will be able to make the start in a day or two.

The determination on the part of the engineer department to survey the bar seems to be the result of a difference of opinion between the engineers and the pilots. The latter have lately been quoted as saying that, since the big dredge Chinook commenced operations, the depth of water in the south channel has increased two or three feet. These reports have appeared in the newspapers of Portland and Astoria and have attracted much interest among the engineers, who are, according to a Portland source, inclined to be skeptical, and to regard the statements of the pilots as "exaggerated."

For the purpose of determining the exact status of affairs at the mouth of the Columbia, the survey has been ordered. The Mendell will make complete soundings and her work will show the depth of water on the bar at all points. Locally, the impression prevails that the statements of the pilots will be borne out by the Mendell's work. The south channel has opened up again this winter, while the channel to the north, which was open last year, was closed. The pilots have been greatly concerned in the work of the dredge, and since she began operations they have reported better depth. The opinion is general here that they know what they are talking about, and, while the right of the engineers to assume a skeptical attitude is frankly acknowledged, the result of the Mendell's work is awaited with interest to bear out the pilots in what they have to say.

GALE IS STILL RAGING.

Centers Off Cape Flattery and is Moving Eastward.

The big gale which has been raging along the north Pacific coast for some days moderated somewhat on Sunday and there were several movements in and out of the harbor. However, the moderation did not long continue, and yesterday the wind again howled along at a high rate of speed. The bar was very rough and shipping was completely tied up. Last night the glass fell and the velocity of the wind reached more than 50 miles an hour. At latest reports it was increasing, and indications were favorable for a heavy blow.

Last evening Weather Observer Ellis received a message from the district forecaster at Portland stating that there was a moderate disturbance off Cape Flattery, moving rapidly eastward. The disturbance will result in a high southwest wind along the Washington coast, and brisk to high winds on inland navigable waters. As a result of the notification of the forecaster, storm warnings will be displayed at Astoria, the straits of Fuca and at the mouth of the Columbia.

The steamer Aberdeen, which had been outside since Friday night, ran into port Sunday. When she arrived at the Heads Friday the wind was howling along at a high rate of speed and she could not cross in. She kept well off shore and weathered the gale in good shape.

Yesterday's storm prevented the Alliance from getting to sea. She has a cargo for San Francisco. On Sunday Captain Hartwick tried to get out, but the waves were running so high on the bar that his vessel began thumping. The prospect was not encouraging and he returned to his dock. Yesterday the bar was even rougher than on Sunday.

ONE OF HUME'S SHIPS LOST.

Clarence S. Bement, From Philadelphia for Frisco, Burned at Sea.

The fine American ship Clarence S. Bement, owned by George W. Hume, of San Francisco, has been burned at sea, according to advices to Lloyds from Fort Stanley, Falkland islands. The Bement sailed from Philadelphia August 19 and from Newport News

September 22 for San Francisco. Captain Grant and his crew have, according to the advices reaching Lloyds, arrived at Fort Stanley and reported the burning of the vessel at sea. There were no fatalities.

The Bement was a three-masted iron ship of 1727 tons net register. She was built at Philadelphia in 1884 and carried a crew of 25 men. She had made this port in the past and her master is well known on the coast. Only the mere fact of the burning of the vessel has been received.

Transport Meade Ordered Out.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—The government has ordered the transport Meade, which has been lying up for the last year, to be got ready for sea. While her hull and machinery are in good shape, she will need, it is said, a big overhauling to get her in seagoing condition and even with rush orders it will be some time before she can go into commission.

CHAMBER NOT SATISFIED.

Will Take Further Action in Matter of Local Harbor Lines.

At last night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the matter of the proposed readjusted harbor lines was thoroughly discussed. General dissatisfaction was expressed with the showing of the blue prints received from the office of the engineers and it was agreed that protest should be made to secure such readjustment as would afford all parts of the harbor the necessary depth.

The lines, as shown on the blue print on file at the chamber, cut off the eastern portion of the city from the channel, and there has been much complaint in consequence. The new lines are properly located below the Hawthorn cannery, but eastward afford no relief whatever. As the big export mills will be built above that point lumber shipments will be seriously interfered with.

The chamber referred the entire matter to the committee on commerce and navigation, which has been instructed to place itself in communication with Major Langfitt and petition for relief in the eastern portion of the city. Settlement of the matter will be effected soon if the chamber will be able to accomplish the work.

Marine Notes.

The schooner Glendale cleared yesterday at the customs house for San Francisco. She takes 370,000 feet of lumber, which was loaded at the Hume mill.

The barkentine Gardiner City arrived Sunday from San Francisco. She goes to St. Helens to load lumber.

The steamer G. F. Lindauer arrived Sunday from San Francisco. She will load lumber at Portland.

The steamship Columbia arrived Sunday from San Francisco. She will take on freight, but no passengers, at Portland, and on her arrival at the Bay City, will be laid up for repairs. Captain Bailey, of the bar tug Tatoosh, will take the Columbia down the coast, Captain Dorin having been transferred to the Oregon, now in port. During Captain Bailey's absence the Tatoosh will be in command of Captain M. D. Staples.

The Italian ship Ninfa arrived down the river Sunday. She has a cargo of lumber for South Africa.

The steamer dispatch, which had been weather bound for several days got to sea on Sunday.

MYSTERIOUS MAN IS DEAD.

Niels Peter Hansen, Klondyke King No More.

New York, Jan. 11.—Niels Peter Hansen, a rather mysterious character has been found dead from accidental asphyxiation in a splendid apartment which he occupied in East One hundred and fifth street during the past year.

He is supposed to have accumulated a fortune in the Klondyke gold country and to have a brother living in California but nothing is known outside of the fact that he came here 14 months ago. On the dressing table was found a splendid collection of various articles, including many diamonds and several bank books showing large deposits. Scattered through the rooms also were valuable pictures, ancient silverware and expensive clothing, but no reference to the dead man's family.

Price is Advanced.

New York, Jan. 11.—Carpet manufacturers today will advance their price on tapestry, velvets and certain grades of axminsters, half per cent. The increased cost of raw material, notably wool, and the advance which has followed on carpet yarns, is held to be responsible for the change.

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Will They Fight?—The people of

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Adelina Patti in Portland, Oregon.—The World's greatest singer, Adelina Patti, together with her excellent company of artists, will give a grand concert at the Armory building, Tenth and Couch streets, Portland, Or., Thursday evening January 14, 1904, at 8:15 o'clock. This will be the grandest musical and social event in the history of the state. Excursion rates will be made on all railroads leading into Portland. The advance sale of seats will open Monday morning January 11. Out of town money orders accompanied by check and addressed to Mr. Calvin S. Hellig, Marquam Grand theater will receive prompt attention.

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