

BARRACOUTA BRINGS CONFIRMATION OF RUIN IN GUATEMALA

THE Pacific Mail Company's steamship Barracouta, which arrived here yesterday from Panama and way ports, encountered a terrific storm on Wednesday afternoon, which tried the veteran liner to the limit. Big seas swept over her decks and those passengers that had hitherto escaped the mal de mer joined the ranks of the bilious and lost all interest in life for the time being. Chief Officer Marino was knocked down by a sea and flung with considerable violence against a bulkhead. He was rendered insensible for an interval and yesterday complained of a sprained back.

The Barracouta's passengers brought no new details from Guatemala. Dr. Gustav Eisen, who was in the republic at the time of the eruption of Santa Maria, confirms all that has been told of the desolation and loss of life and expresses the opinion that little of the ruined land can ever be redeemed. It is covered to a great depth, not only with ash, but with huge boulders of pumice and other solid substances, upon which neither rain nor time will do much, if any, destructive effect. The soil, he says, might be assimilated the ash and been improved by it, but there is so much rock and stone scattered over the surface that much of the former coffee land will never produce even grass.

Shortly after the first eruptions the President sent out two expeditions to investigate the extent of the damage. They found complete destruction as far as they went and when at La Sabina were enveloped in a shower of mud and ashes. The ground of the Hotel de Primero they report covered to a depth of twenty meters with stones, cinders and ash and at La Sabina the only evidence of previous occupation was a howling dog, which was too weak to follow the expedition to a place of safety. Their report was published in Guatemala City and was handled to make the damage appear as trivial as possible. There were enough facts in the report, however, to officially confirm everything that has been written about the visitation, which in a few days virtually swept out of existence the most fruitful half of the republic.

George Downey, a passenger from Salvador, reports the activity of Isakco. The steamer had sent a party of scientists to investigate the volcano. They found a new crater, but reported that in their opinion there was little danger of any serious eruption. According to Downey there are three candidates for President at the coming election in Salvador. President Regalado, the incumbent, is not seeking re-election, but has declared his intention of preventing with Government troops any attempt to start up the regular post-election revolution with which the defeated candidates usually note their exception to the choice of the people.

The Barracouta brought 800 tons of cargo and treasure valued at \$101,000. Her passengers included: Frank F. Pressman, Mrs. Frank Pressman, J. F. Hobart, E. W. Hammett, T. H. Bowa, J. C. Cresson, Clarence C. Boudon, D. J. Barrett, Alberto Quasada, Bolivar Montero, George Downey, Mary D. Driscoll, J. M. Stewart, Gustav Eisen, Carlos List, Mrs. List, R. Turner, L. Rawlings and Mrs. W. F. Arbuckle.

Sierra to Leave This Morning. The late arrival of the British-Australian mails prevented the Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Sierra from sailing yesterday according to schedule and she will not get away until 8 o'clock this morning. She will carry 100 passengers and a full cargo, which includes a big shipment of breadstuffs. Among the passengers to Honolulu will be H. W. Lake, the former manager of the Baldwin Hotel in this city. Lake has been East purchasing the furniture and equipment for the new Alexander Young hotel in Honolulu, of which he is to have the management. Mr. James Rennie and her two children will be passengers as far as Auckland. Mrs. Rennie is the wife of Captain Rennie, commander of the steamship Mariposa.

The passengers that will leave on the Sierra include: Hon. Honolulu—J. K. Burkett, Miss J. Connel, Thomas Constance, Miss Constance, Mrs. J. M. O'Connell and two children, C. K. Davis, M. A. Davis, P. Davis, C. M. Davidson, Mrs. Davidson, George Day, H. F. Dillingham, Miss Clara Dudley, H. E. Fisher, J. H. Givens, C. G. Givens, H. G. Givens, Mrs. von Hamm, Mrs. Palmer, Elmer F. Paxton, E. Poler, Mrs. C. F. Peterson and child, Mrs. K. L. Redmond, Miss Estelle Redmond, G. M. Rolph, C. F. Scholl, Mrs. Scholl, Judge R. Hillman, J. P. Spindle, Mrs. C. A. Hawkes, R. Horn, J. F. Humber, Mrs. Humber, T. B. Hutchins, Miss Hutchins, A. T. Kinney, H. W. Love, E. J. Martin, F. McKewen, C. N. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson and child, E. J. McKeeney, H. E. Palmer, Mrs. M. P. Spindle, H. P. Sturdevant, Miss Vander Horst, Mrs. R. B. Walbridge and child, C. Weidner, Dr. F. Welch, Dr. T. H. White, Mrs. White, G. N. Wilcox, G. P. Wilcox, Mrs. J. E. Berry, Mrs. D. Childs, J. G. Cleveland, James Dean, C. E. Dempsey, G. S. Gargrett, A. Glein, G. N. Glein, Mrs. M. S. Jensen and child, M. Johnson, C. Kaufman, Miss E. Kellous, Mrs. M. Kennedy, O. Landucci, Miss Nettie Lathrop, Mrs. F. E. Lee, Miss F. Lee, Miss M. Lee, Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. White, Mrs. W. E. Warren, W. E. Woodcock.

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Agent Kerrell Laid Up. A. G. D. Kerrell, passenger agent for the Pacific Mail, Occidental and Oriental and Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship companies, slipped a few days ago on the marble floor of one of the Olympic Club bathrooms and seriously injured both knees. He is confined to his bed and will be out of commission, it is thought, for a week or so.

Logan Coming Home. The army transport Logan left Manila December 15 for this port. She is bringing home 1007 discharged soldiers, 12 sick, 74 casuals, 18 insane and one company of infantry.

Kept Christmas Ahead of Time. Captain Fritchard of the British ship Blythwood gave his officers and crew a Christmas dinner last night and entertained on board a number of San Francisco friends. The Blythwood sails to-day for Australia.

NEWS OF THE OCEAN. The French bark Marguerite Dolfus is chartered for wheat to Europe at 10s 6d and the bark General Fairchild for lumber from Puget Sound to Fremantle at 40s.

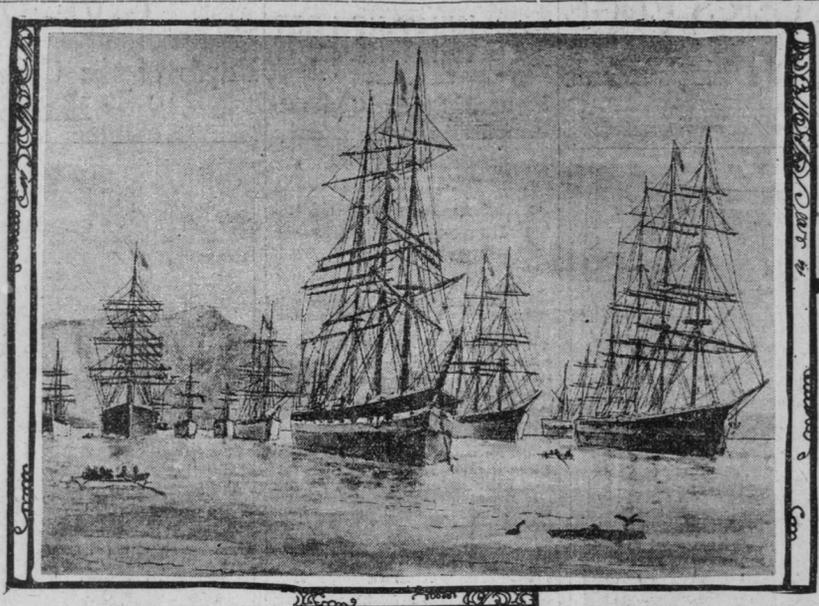
A Cargo, for Hilo. The ship Falls of Clyde sailed yesterday for Hilo with an assorted merchandise cargo, valued at \$48,524 and including the following: 40 bbls flour, 24 1/2 cts barley, 10 cts wheat, 20,621 lbs bran, 1020 lbs corn, 17,331 lbs middlings, 2300 bales hay, \$36,017 lbs fertilizer, 331 lbs bread, 750 lbs salt, 15,000 lbs rice, 447 lbs shrimps, 480 lbs coffee, 238 lbs mill-stuffs, 710 lbs sugar, 33 pkgs groceries and provisions, 53 cs canned goods, 25 bbls salt and onions, 80 bxs fresh fruit, 1142 gals wine, 209 cases bottled beer, 6 pkgs drugs, 28 pkgs machinery, 200 cs coal oil, 58 pkgs wagon material, 30 bbls lime, 12 pkgs bicycles and sundries, 67 kegs nails, 58 pkgs paper, 3250 gals laced oil, 35 cts sewing machines, 5 cs shoes, 1000 lbs tobacco, 205 tons coal, 8 horses and 6 mules.

Exports to British Columbia. The steamer Umattilla sailed on Wednesday for Victoria with an assorted cargo consigned to various British Columbian ports, valued at \$18,104. The cargo included the following: 82,550 lbs dried fruit, 5600 lbs raisins, 233 pkgs fresh fruit, 61 pkgs fresh vegetables, 2377 lbs nuts, 1947 lbs coffee, 20,082 lbs oil cake and 240 lbs meal, 624 lbs chocolate, 295 lbs ham, 587 bxs paste, 481 lbs cheese, 1118 lbs bread, 200 lbs shrimps, 29 pkgs drugs and medicines, 58 cs canned goods, 14 pkgs groceries and provisions, 397 gals wine, 31,334 lbs wood pulp, 33 cys gas, 44 sheets steel, 1400 pigs lead, 209 tins matches, 12 cs arms and ammunition.

Barley for Europe. The Italian ship Francesca Clappa was cleared yesterday for Queenstown, for orders, with 57,013 cts barley, valued at \$76,968 and 19,000 ft lumber as dunnage, valued at \$304.

Breadstuffs for Australia. The French bark Edouard Detaille cleared for Sydney on Wednesday with 68,345 cts wheat, valued at \$90,100 and 20,000 feet lumber, valued at \$390.

Shipping Intelligence. Thursday, December 18. Arrived. Stmr Rainier, Hansen, 87 hours from Whatcom. Stmr Point Arena, Hansen, 13 hours from Mendocino, via Point Arena 10 hours. Stmr City of Puebla, Jensen, 99 hours from Victoria and Puget Sound ports. Stmr Corona, Nonander, 20 hours from Eureka. Stmr Samoa, Madsen, 17 hours from Caspar; bound for Redondo; put in to land passengers. Stmr Barracouta, Trask, 22 days from Panama and way ports. Stmr Santa Rosa, Alexander, 40 hours from San Diego. Stmr Arctic, Reiner, 28 hours from Eureka. Stmr Eureka, Jensen, 24 hours from Eureka. Stmr Gipsy, Leland, 21 hours from Monterey. Nor stmr Tellus, Pedersen, 98 hours from Ladysmith. Schr Ida A. Campbell, 5 hours from Point Reyes. Cleared. Thursday, December 18. Stmr Sierra, Houdette, Honolulu and Sydney; J. D. Sreckels & Bro Co. Stmr George W. Elder, Randall, Astoria; O R & N Co. Stmr Aztec, Harding, Tacoma; Pacific Mail Steamship Co. Danish stmr Wyefield, Watson, Nanaimo; John Rosenfield's Sons. Ship Falls of Clyde, Matson, Hilo; J D



FLEET OF FOREIGN SAILING SHIPS NOW TIED UP AT SAUSALITO.

valued at \$107,222 and carried 23,000 feet of dunnage, valued at \$345. SPOKEN. No date, lat 1 N, lon 10 W, Br ship Black-brass, from Antwerp, for San Francisco. Nov 15, lat 2 N, lon 28 W, Br bark Bank-leigh, from Liverpool, for Vancouver. Per bktn Willie R. Hume, at Vancouver Dec 15—Dec 9, lat 44 N, lon 127 15 W, bark James Nesmith, from Port Gamble, for Cape Town; all well. TELEGRAPHIC. POINT LODOS, Dec 18, 10 p m—Weather cloudy; wind SW, velocity 4 miles per hour. DOMESTIC PORTS. SAN DIEGO—Sailed Dec 18—Br ship Tasmalia, for Portland, Or. TACOMA—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Santa Ana, from Valdez; stmr Mackinaw, from San Francisco. Sailed Dec 18—Schr Lyman D. Foster, for Geraldton; stmr Melville Dollar, for San Francisco. Sailed Dec 18, 10:15 a m—Stmr Santa Ana, for Seattle. REDONDO—Sailed Dec 18—Stmrs Iaqua, Signal and Santa Monica, for San Francisco. PORT BRAGO—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Coquette River, for San Francisco. Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Brooklyn, hence 17th. CASPAR—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Ruth, hence Dec 17. MENDOCINO—Passed Dec 17, 15 miles NNW—Dug Defaced, with Fr ship Daniel in tow, from San Diego, for Astoria. GRAYS HARBOR—Sailed Dec 17—Stmr Centralia, for San Francisco. Arrived Dec 16—Stmr G C Lindauer, hence Dec 13. EUREKA—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Pomona, hence Dec 17. VENTURA—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr George

Loomis, hence Dec 16, and sailed for San Francisco. PORT ANGELES—Sailed Dec 18—Ship Jaber Howe, for Sydney. SHATTLE—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Santa Ana, from Tacoma. Dec 17—Jap stmr Rionan Maru, from China. Arrived Dec 18—Stmr John S Kimball, hence Dec 14. PORT LOS ANGELES—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Greenwood, for San Francisco. SAN PEDRO—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Newsway, hence Dec 14; stmr O. A. Biehler, hence Dec 16. Sailed Dec 18—Stmrs Ramona, Santa Barbara and Newbury, for San Francisco. PORT TOWNSEND—Passed Inward Dec 18—Br ship Glenelg, from Hamburg, for Seattle. WHATCOM—Arrived Dec 18—Ship Spartan, hence Dec 14. TATOOH—Passed in Dec 18—Br ship Edmond, from Townsville, for Port Townsend. PORTLAND—Arrived Dec 18—Schr John A. from San Francisco; ship Emelia, from Antwerp. EASTERN PORTS. BALTIMORE—Arrived Dec 17—Br bark Orifal, from Nouma. HONGKONG—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Tacoma, for Tacoma. VANCOUVER—Arrived Dec 18—Br stmr Forster, from Suva. COLAN—Arrived Dec 16—Stmr Finance, from New York. Sailed Dec 16—Stmr Alliance, for New York. MALTA—Passed Dec 17—Br stmr Lowther Castle, from Shanghai, for New York. VANCOUVER—Arrived Dec 18—Br ship Pengwen, from Tacoma. CAPE TOWN—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Inverl, from Tacoma, via Montevideo.

OCEAN STEAMERS. NEW YORK—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr La Touraine, for Havre. LIVERPOOL—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Teutonia, from New York. Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Victorian, for New York; stmr Sagamore, for Boston. NANTES—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Hesperia, for New York. GLASGOW—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Carthage, from St John, N F, and Philadelphia. BROWHEAD—Passed Dec 18—Stmr Haverford, from Philadelphia, for Liverpool. LONDON—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Minnehaha, for New York. Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Virginia, from Boston. QUEENSTOWN—Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Celtic, from Liverpool, for New York. Sailed Dec 18—Stmr Haverford, from Philadelphia, for Liverpool, and proceeded. GENOA—Arrived Dec 18—Stmr Lahn, from New York, via Gibraltar and Naples.

Time Ball. Branch Hydrographic Office, U. S. N., Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, Cal. The Time Ball on the tower of the Ferry building was dropped exactly at noon to-day, i. e., at noon of the 120th meridian, or at 9 p. m. Greenwich time. J. C. BURNETT, Lieutenant, U. S. N., in charge. Sun, Moon and Tide. United States Coast and Geodetic Survey—Times and Heights of High and Low Waters at Fort Point, entrance to San Francisco Bay. Published by official authority of the Superintendent. NOTE—The high and low waters occur at the city front (Mission-street wharf) about twenty-five minutes later than at Fort Point; the height of tide is the same at both places. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19. Sun rises 7:20 Sun sets 4:51 Moon rises 10:25 Moon sets 6:15

Table with 4 columns: Time, Ft., Time, Ft. showing tide data for various locations.

addition to the soundings of the United States Coast Survey Charts, except when a minus (-) sign precedes the height, and then the number given is subtracted from the depth given by the charts. The plane of reference is the mean of the lower low waters.

Movements of Steamers. TO ARRIVE. Table with 3 columns: Steamer, From, Due.

TO SAIL. Table with 3 columns: Steamer, Destination, Sails, Pier.

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Large advertisement for 'RIPANS' medicine. Text includes: 'The wonderful medicine, Ripans Tabules, cured me in three weeks after having suffered for five years. My trouble was dyspepsia, and as I believe came from eating too much sweet stuff. At Druggists'. The Five-Cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cents, contains a supply for a year.'