Shipping News and Gossip of the Water Front

British Ship Altair From Rotterdam Reaches Port Battered and Leaking

The British ship Altair, Captain Hughes, which arrived here yesterday 144 days from Rotterdam, encountered more than one ship's share of heavy weather and came into port battered and leaking. The Altair's cargo consisted of 12,000 casks of cement and 1,522,000 kilos of coke. The Altair is a steel ship and that the leak did not prove more serious was due largely to the good judgment and resourcefulness of Captain Hughes. The Altair sailed from Rotterdam April 7 in heavy weather. The wind increased in fury until April 29, and from that date until May 4 the Altair was battered by northwesterly gales. The decks were swept repeatedly and the tarpaulins were washed off No. 4 and No. 5 hatches. Steam pipes were broken and general havoc wrought about the deck, but the most serious damage was caused by the loss of the bolts from the horseshoe plate around the stern. On May 6, in latitude 49 north, longitude 7 west, the ship was found to be leaking, with nine inches of water in the hold. By means of the pumps the leak, which could not be located, was held in check. The horseshoe plate was sealed on the inside with cement and the pumps reduced the water in the hold to six inches.

On June 23 a terrific squall from the northwest blew away six sails and inflicted other damage. On June 29 a heavy sea came over the starboard quarter and carried away one of the ship's chronometers. The fore and aft bridge was swept out on July 1, and on July 6, in a southwest gale the compass bridge was also carried away.

Another gale was encountered July 9. During the storm the foretopgallant yard got adrift and chafed the foretopgallant badly before it could be secured.

The Altair will require many repairs before starting upon another voyage.

Nearly in Collision off the Horn

The big American ship W. P. Frye, Captain James Murphy, which arrived yesterday 139 days from Baltimore, encountered bad weather off Cape Horn and during the worst of it narrowly escaped collision with an unknown ship that was running under bare poles. The Frye had a few sails set, but both ships were at the mercy of the storm, and swept by each other with a margin that would have been narrow, says Captain Murphy, in the bay, and that was close enough in that Cape Horn hurricane to make his hair stand on end.

Captain Murphy formerly commanded the Shenandoah, and probably is the best known of the old school of Yankee masters. The William P. Frye brought 5,106 tons of coal for the United States navy.

Peru Arrives from Isthmus

The Pacific Mail company's liner Peru, Captain Mackinnon, arrived late yesterday afternoon from Panama and way ports with 35 passengers, 1,476 tons of cargo and treasure valued at $1,522. Captain Mackinnon reports conditions along the coast unchanged, with preparations for the war season still going on. At San Jose de Guatemala the Peru's passengers were not allowed ashore, the Guatemala authorities evidently fearing spies from the more southerly hostile republics. The Peru was searched at Corinto for arms and ammunition that might be consigned to Salvador.

The Peru's passengers included: Mrs. Charlotte Sheville, Alex McDonald, Desmond E. Maturin, Lindsay D. Beale, Charles Hall, S. H. Burton, E. F. Boyle, F. J. Buchanan, O. Petterson, Miss A. Hall and Mrs. E. C. Burton.

Dauntless at San Diego

The Spreckels tug Dauntless, Captain Michael Downey, arrived yesterday at San Diego from the Columbia river with a log raft in tow. This is the third big raft that the Dauntless has towed this summer between Portland and San Diego.

Crew Sick with Beri Beri

According to a cablegram from London received yesterday at the Merchants' exchange the bark Foohng Suey, from Eleole, for Philadelphia, is at San Juan with the crew ill with beri beri. The vessel will sail again as soon as possible.

Big Cargo of Cement

The French ship David d'Angers, which arrived yesterday 185 days from Hamburg, put into Hobart short of water and provisions. The D'Angers brought to this port 15,000 casks of cement.

Water Front Notes

Receipts of lumber yesterday by sea amounted to 1,620,000 feet.

The army transport Thomas sailed September 17 from Honolulu for Manila.

Shanghai cabled yesterday that the Japanese steamer Taifu Maru was on fire three miles off Chingkiang and that many passengers and some of the crew were reported to have lost their lives. The Taifu is a vessel of 2,836 tons and was built in 1900 at Osaka.

The United States cruiser Milwaukee, which has been in Central America for the protection of American interests, arrived yesterday from Salvador and went direct to Mare Island.

COAST SHIPPING NEWS

Items of Interest to Mariners of the Pacific

SAN PEDRO, Sept. 18.—The steam schooner Lakme, Captain Preble, has arrived at Redondo from Eureka with 800,000 feet of lumber consigned to the Santa Fe railroad company.

The steamship Roanoke, Captain Dunham, arrived this morning from Portland via Eureka and San Francisco with 900 tons of freight and many passengers. The Roanoke will sail tomorrow for Portland via San Francisco and Eureka.

The steam schooner Fair Oaks, Captain Peterson, arrived this morning, 4½ days from Grays Harbor via San Francisco, and is discharging 875,000 feet of lumber consigned to the Clark railroad company.

The steam schooner South Bay, Captain Halvorsen, completed the discharge of a lumber cargo and cleared today for Eureka via San Francisco to reload.

The barkentine Punko, Captain Peterson, will clear tomorrow in ballast for Newcastle, N. S. W., to load coal for San Francisco.

The steam schooner Marshfield, Captain Dettmers, was fumigated at this port last night under the direction of the local officers of the marine hospital corps and all the rats on board were destroyed.

The schooner Americana is out two days from Portland, carrying 900,000 feet of lumber consigned to wholesalers here.

ASTORIA, Sept. 18.—The oil tank steamer W. S. Porter with the oil barge Roderick Dhu in tow arrived from the river today and sailed for Port Harford.

The schooner Andy Mahoney left for the river today to take on a cargo of 750,000 feet of lumber for San Francisco.

The Norwegian steamer Elsa, which is under charter to load lumber at St. Johns for Shanghai, arrived in this morning from San Francisco and left for the river to load.

The steam schooner Cascade arrived this morning from San Francisco. It will load 550,000 feet of lumber.

The oil tank steamer George Loomis arrived today from Port Harford with a cargo of oil for the Standard oil company.

PORTLAND, Sept. 18.—Two sailing vessels were chartered today to load wheat at this port for the United Kingdom. One is at Santa Rosalia, the British ship Glenelvan, which arrived there a couple of months ago with a general cargo from Europe. It is a medium sized carrier of 1,800 tons net register. The other is at Valparaiso, the German ship Ostara, also of 1,800 tons net register. It arrived at the South American port from Europe during July with general cargo. The Norwegian steamer Elsa arrived here today from San Francisco under charter to the Pacific export lumber company to load lumber for the orient. It will receive a cargo at the mills of the St. Johns Lumber company. The steam schooner Excelsior arrived today from San Francisco and is loading lumber at the Portland lumber company's mills. The British schooner Newcastle is expected to leave tomorrow for Europe with the first cargo of new crop wheat. The British ship Yola is loading lumber at the mills of the North Pacific lumber company. It will go to South Africa.

Army Transports

The Burnside is at Seattle.

The Buford arrived September 13 at Manila.

The Crook left Nagasaki September 8.

The Kilpatrick is at Newport News, Va.

The Dix arrived September 13 at Manila.

The Logan arrived September 1 at Manila.

The Meade is at New York. Out of commission.

The Ingalls is at Newport News, Va.

The Sheridan is at Mare Island undergoing repairs.

The Sherman arrived September 16 from Manila.

The Warren arrived September 14 at Manila.

The Thomas sailed September 17 from Honolulu for Manila.

The Overdue List

Norwegian bark Guiana, out 183 days from Mobile, for Bahia Blanca, 80 per cent.

British bark Crossington, out 155 days from Iquique, for Falmouth, 6 per cent.

British ship Celtic Chief, out 152 days from Hamburg, for Honolulu, 6 per cent.

French bark La Teur d'Auvergne, out 109 days from Rochester for San Francisco, 8 per cent.

French bark Rochambeau, out 153 days from Rochester, for San Francisco, 8 per cent.

British ship Jessomene, out 161 days from Wallaroo, for Falmouth, 10 per cent.

British ship Rajpore, out 150 days from London, for San Francisco, 6 per cent.

Swedish bark Medea, out 201 days from Stettin, for San Francisco, 15 per cent.

British bark Simla, out 148 days from Port Pirie, for Falmouth, 21 per cent.

British bark Mozambique, out 190 days from Newcastle, Eng., for Portland, Ore., 8 per cent.

British bark Iverison, out 131 days from Wallaroo, for Falmouth, 6 per cent.

British ship Thomaslina, out 139 days from Port Pirie, for Falmouth, 6 per cent.

British ship Haddon Hall, out 137 days from Geelong, for Falmouth, 6 per cent.

American ship Kenilworth, at Rio de Janeiro, for San Francisco, 10 per cent.

British ship Craigisla, out 104 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Mollendo, 10 per cent.

British ship Silberhorne, out 98 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Pisagua, 10 per cent.

NEWS OF THE OCEAN

Chartered for Grain

The Japanese steamer Kaifuku Maru and the British steamer Woolwich, both on Puget sound, are chartered for grain and flour to the orient.

The British ship Mozambique, on Puget sound, is under charter for wheat, thence to Europe, at 27s 6d, and the Norwegian steamer Tellus, at Oyster harbor, is engaged for grain from Portland to the United Kingdom. The former was chartered prior to arrival.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

ARRIVED
Thursday, September 18.

Stmr Hoquiam, Reinertsen, 4 days from Hoquiam.

Stmr Raymond, Johnson, 82 hours from Grays Harbor.

Stmr City of Panama, Nelson, 82 hours from Portland, via Astoria 49 hours.

Stmr Peru, McKinnon, 25 days 22 hours 17 minutes from Ancon, via Mazatlan 5 days 22 hours and 55 minutes.

Stmr Atlas, Badger, 3 days from Astoria., with barge Ninety-one in tow, Point Richmond direct.

U S stmr Milwaukee, Gove, 9 days from Salvador.

Stmr Coos Bay, Zeh, 10 hours from Monterey.

Stmr City of Topeka, Gielow, 21 hours from Eureka.

Stmr Navarro, Hoffman, 37 hours from Crescent City.

Stmr North Fork, Nelson, 36 hours from Eureka, with bktn Aurora in tow.

Ship William P Frye, Murphy, 139 days from Baltimore.

Fr ship David d'Angers, Gueguen, 185 days from Hamburg, via Hobart 78 days.

Br ship Altair, Hughes, 144 days from Rotterdam.

Ship Santa Clara, Sparr, 13 days from Cooks Inlet.

Bark Edward May, Jorgensen, 22 days from Makawell.

Bark Amy Turner, Warland, 25 days from Honolulu.

Bktn Aurora, Samuelson, 36 hours from Eureka, in tow stmr North Fork.

Schr Santiago, Farley, 12 hours from Monterey, in tow tug Relief.

Schr Alvena, Johnson, 7 days from Astoria.

Schr Gotama, Delehanty, 10 days from Tillamook (Oakland).

Barge Ninety-one, Stannard, 3 days from Astoria, in tow stmr Atlas, Point Richmond direct.

CLEARED
Thursday, September 18.

Stmr Pomona, Swansen, Eureka; P C S S Co.

Stmr State of California, Thomas, San Diego and way ports; P C S S Co.

Nor stmr Hornelen, Nilsen, Nanaimo, B. C.; Western Fuel Co.

Bark Annie Johnson, Nilson, Hilo; J D Spreckels & Bros Co.

SAILED
Thursday, September 18.

U S stmr Chicago, cruise.

U S stmr Raleigh, Peters, cruise.

Nor stmr Hornelen, Nelson, Nanaimo.

Stmr South Coast, Paulson, Caspar.

Stmr Wasp, Wehman, Astoria and Grays Harbor.

Stmr Arctic, Olsen, Fort Bragg.

Stmr Hanalei, McFarland, San Pedro.

Stmr Tamalpais, Anderson, Grays Harbor.

Stmr Whitesboro, Winkel, Point Arena.

Stmr Argo, Hansen, Eel river.

Stmr Pomona, Swanson, Eureka.

Stmr Wellesley, Lundquist, Everett.

Stmr Point Arena, Fredericksen, Monroe landing.

Fr ship Duquesne, Roze, Liverpool.

Brig Geneva, Smith, ——.

Schr James Rolph, Olsen, Columbia river.

Schr Bainbridge, Englebrettsen, Port Townsend.

Schr Santiago, Farley, Monterey, in tow tug Relief.

SPOKEN

Per Br ship Altair—Sept 14, in lat 34 24 N, lon 132 W, Br bark Ventura, from Hamburg, for Puget sound.

Per bark Edward May—Sept 17, in lat 38 10 N, lon 124 W, schr H D Bendixsen, from Willapa, for San Pedro.

TELEGRAPHIC

POINT LOBOS, Sept. 18—10 p. m.—Weather hazy; wind NW; velocity 8 miles an hour.

DOMESTIC PORTS

SEATTLE—Arrived Sept 18—Br ship Mozambique, from Newcastle, N.S.W.

Arrived Sept 18—Stmr City of Seattle, from Skagway; stmr Santa Clara, from Valdez.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Redondo, for Astoria.

NOME—Arrived Sept 16—Stmr Northwestern, from Seattle.

VALDEZ—Sailed Sept 17—Stmr Yucatan, for Seward.

JUNEAU—Sailed Sept 17—Stmr Portland, for Valdez.

WRANGELL—Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Humboldt, for Skagway.

EVERETT—Sailed Sept 18, 5 p m—Stmr Harold Dollar, with barge Sonoma in tow, for San Francisco.

PORT BRAGG—Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Coquille River, for San Francisco.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr National City, for San Francisco.

SAN DIEGO—Arrived Sept 18—Tug Dauntless, with lograft in tow, from Astoria.

POINT REYES—Passed Sept 18, 1 p m—Stmr Atlas, with barge Ninety-one, from Astoria, for San Francisco.

Passed Sept 18—Stmr Raymond, from Grays Harbor, for San Francisco; three masted ship, four masted schooner.

Passed Sept 18, 7:30 a m—Stmr City of Topeka, from Eureka, for San Francisco.

EUREKA—Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Eureka, for San Francisco.

Arrived Sept 18—Schr Taurus, from San Diego.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Aberdeen, for San Francisco.

ASTORIA—Arrived Sept 18—Stmr George Loomis, from Seattle; Nor stmr Elsa, hence Sept 15.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr W S Porter, for San Francisco.

SOUTH BEND—Arrived Sept 18—Stmr Daisy Mitchell, hence Sept 15.

Sailed Sept 18—Bktn Makawell, for Sydney.

Arrived Sept 17—Schr Luzon, hence Aug 27; stmr Mayfair, from Port Los Angeles.

GRAYS HARBOR—Sailed Sept 17—Schr Espada, for San Pedro; stmr Coronado, for San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO—Arrived Sept 17—Stmr South Bay, from Redondo; stmrs Chehalis and Fair Oaks, from Grays Harbor; stmr Tiverton, from Fort Bragg; stmr Roanoke, hence Sept 16.

Sailed Sept 17—Schr Endeavor, for Port Townsend; schr Henry Wilson, for Grays Harbor. Sailed Sept 18—Stmr J B Stetson, for San Francisco.

Arrived Sept 18—Stmr Whittier, from Port San Luis, with barge Santa Paula in tow.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Marshfield, for San Diego.

PORT SAN LUIS—Arrived Sept 18—Stmr Argyll, hence Sept 17.

EASTERN PORTS

NEW YORK—Arrived Sept 18—Stmr Oceanic, from Southampton.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.—Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Herm, for San Francisco.

ISLAND PORTS

HONOLULU—Sailed Sept 17—Stmr Nevadan, for Kahului; U S stmr Thomas, for Manila.

FOREIGN PORTS

VICTORIA—Arrived Sept 18—Jap stmr Shinano Maru, from Yokohama; stmr Indiana.

Sailed Sept 18—Jap stmr Tosa Maru, for Yokohama.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr President, for San Francisco.

Arrived Sept 18—Jap stmr Shinano Maru, from Hongkong; stmr Indiana, from Honolulu.

SYDNEY—Arrived Sept 18—Ship Sintram, from Redondo.

HONGKONG—Arrived Sept 17—Jap stmr Nippon Maru, hence Sept 15, via Yokohama and Honolulu.

Sailed Sept 3—Jap stmr Tango Maru, for Seattle.

Arrived Sept 18—Stmr Nippon Maru, from San Francisco, via Honolulu and Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA—Arrived Sept 18—Stmr Empress of India, from Vancouver; stmr Tolosan, from Tacoma.

SAN JUAN—Arrived Sept 18—Bark Foohng Suey, from Honolulu, for Delaware breakwater.

VALPARAISO—Arrived prior Sept 17—Ger stmr Abessinia, hence June 8, for Hamburg; Br stmr Charcas, from Coronel; Nor stmr Taurus, from Norfolk.

CADIZ—Sailed Sept 14—Ger stmr Amasis, for San Francisco.

MOJI—Sailed Aug 15—Ger stmr Marcellus, for San Francisco. Sailed Sept 5—Jap stmr Koan Maru, for San Francisco.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Belle of Ireland, from Dalny, for San Francisco.

Sailed Sept 18—Stmr Marcellus, from Yokohama, etc., for San Francisco.

ANTOFAGASTA—In port Aug 19—Br stmr Strathearn, for San Francisco.

PERIM—Passed Sept 17—Br stmr Bellerophon, from Tacoma, for Liverpool.

ALGIERS—Sailed Sept 17—Br stmr Seneca, for New York; Br stmr Gibraltar, for Boston.

CALCUTTA—Sailed Aug 31—Br stmr Seminole, for San Francisco.

CALLAO—Sailed Aug 31—Br stmr Fitzclarence, for San Francisco.

NEWCASTLE, Aus.—Sailed Sept 6—Bark S D Carleton, for San Francisco.

Arrived Sept 16—Chil bktn Andromeda, from Manzanillo.

ST. LUCIA—Sailed Sept 13—Br stmr Earl of Carrick, for Philadelphia.

ACAPULCO—Sailed Sept 14—Stmr Newport, for San Francisco.

DISASTER

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18.—The Jap steamer Taifoo Maru is on fire 3 miles off Chin Kiang. It is reported that many passengers and crew have been lost. (Vessel was formerly the Taing Maru.)

Memoranda

Per Br ship Altair, from Rotterdam Sept 18—Sailed from Rotterdam April 7; had strong W to SW winds after leaving; from April 29 to May 4 had a succession of gales from NW to SW, with a high sea washing the tarpaulins off the Nos. 3 and 4 hatch; broke the steam pipes and lost the bolts out of the horseshoe plate around the stern; on May 6, in lat 49 N, lon 7 W, found the ship to be leaking and 9 inches of water in the hold, which we kept reduced to 6 inches with the pumps, but could not find the leak; on June 23, in lat 33 S, lon 46 W, had a terrific squall from the NW; blew away six sails and did other damage; had heavy weather to lat 50 S; on June 29 shipped a very heavy sea on starboard quarter and broke one of the ship's chronometers; on July 1, in lat 46 S, lon 49 W, had a strong WSW gale, with a high sea, filling decks to the rail and carrying away the fore and aft bridge; on July 6, in lat 50 S, lon 54 W, had a SSW gale, with terrific squalls, the seas going clean over the ship and carrying away boat covers and the compass bridge and doing other slight damage; on July 9, in lat 52 30 S, lon 54 W, had a heavy SW gale and the fore topgallant yard got adrift and chafed the fore topgallant mast badly before it could be secured; was 58 days from Cape Horn to San Francisco and 22 days from the equator to port.

Per Fr bark David d'Angers, at San Francisco Sept 18, from Hamburg—Put in to Hobart for fresh water and provisions.

LONDON, Sept. 18.—Cape Town telegraphs that Br ship London Hill, from Liverpool, for Victoria, previously reported put in there in distress, while lying at anchor smashed windlass; must dock for repairs.

LONDON, Sept 13.—San Juan cables that bark Foohng Suey, from Eleele, for Philadelphia, has put in with crew sick with beri beri; will sail at earliest possible moment.

Per ship William P Frye—Sailed from Baltimore in tow May 1; passed Cape Henry May 2 and crossed equator June 5, 34 days out; had 12 days of doldrums from lat 6.40 N to lat 2.20 S; crossed 50 S in Atlantic, lon 63 W, on July 3; crossed 50 S in Pacific in lat 81 W, July 19; 16 days from 50 to 50; had very heavy weather off Cape Horn; had many N gales from 40 S to 34 S, delaying us greatly; crossed equator in Pacific Aug 23, in lon 105 W, 113 days out; had fine weather to port.

DREDGING AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 18.—The dredger Monarch, owned by the North American dredging company, which has the contract to widen and deepen the cut across the outer bar to a uniform depth of 30 feet at low tide, began work this morning. It is attended by three scows, one a large one to be used for carrying the sand out to sea; the other two for holding oil and fresh water. The contract calls for the removal of 50,000 cubic yards of material, and it is expected that it will require from six weeks to two months to complete the work.

Supervisors' Committee May Condemn Lands for Building

Property Is Needed for a County Jail and a Hall of Justice

The supervisors' building committee has requested of the city attorney an opinion as to whether the board had the right to expend an amount in excess of $172,000, the sum set aside in the bond issue for the purchase of sites for the county jail and hall of justice. Offers for five pieces of property have been received at prices largely in excess of the appraisement and the committee was disposed to bring condemnation proceedings against the owners.

The committee directed Building Superintendent Barnett to endeavor to make arrangements for the removal of the county clerk's office to the hall of records. Action on the offer of A. Meyer to lease premises in Turk street at $300 a month will remain pending to await the result of Barnett's negotiations.

The committee will visit the eight rooms in the Red Men's hall desired for the superior courts before closing a lease for the same. It is expected that the courts will move by October 1.

DROPS MONEY ON HIS FOOT

J. E. Casey, a mint employe living at 245 Pierce street, while at work yesterday dropped a sack containing $40,000 on his foot, spraining it badly.

BOARD BLOCKS MOVE AGAINST AGED PAVER

Works Commission Refuses to Adopt Broderick's Plan to Oust Man

DESIRE EXAMINATION

Civil Service Body Fails to Furnish Candidates for City Labor

The board of public works refused yesterday to adopt the recommendation of Patrick Broderick, superintendent of street repairs, that Peter Lydon, a paver, be dropped from the roll on account of incompetency due to old age. Lydon is 80 years of age and the board will endeavor to find some lighter work for him to do, claiming that it was not right to deprive him of his living because he was old.

J. E. Benton complained that the civil service commission had not held an examination for experienced clerks since 1900 and as the eligible list was exhausted the board had appointed noncivil service men to the positions. The board held that it had no other alternative and the only relief Benton had was to induce the civil service commission to hold another examination.

The same commission disapproved the demands of two brick layers, one hod carrier and eight laborers because they were not taken from the civil service list.

Commissioner Eagan was delegated to compel the United Railroads to reconstruct its tracks in Sixth avenue between A and B streets, as C. S. Harney had been unable to complete the paving of the block against which complaints were filed. Eagan said that he would force the corporation to relay its roadbed or else close the street to traffic.

Bids were ordered invited next Wednesday for the building of sewers in Drumm, Commercial and Steuart streets to connect with the Market street sewer at an estimated cost of $21,000 and to be completed in 45 days. Bids will also be invited for the paving of Fillmore street.

Permission was granted to the Southern Pacific company for the opening and macadamizing of Sixteenth street from Kentucky street to Illinois. The board ordered the sidewalks in Second street from Market to Mission reduced to 15 feet.

The permits issued heretofore to persons to sell flowers on the sidewalks were revoked and two applications for the same were denied.

The Southern Pacific company will be asked to improve Gould street between Paul street and Thirty-fourth avenue and to repair the culvert in Railroad avenue near Twenty-seventh avenue.

President Casey will attend to the request of the Merchants' association that temporary sidewalks four feet in width be ordered in all streets in the downtown district.

The position of cashier of the chimney inspection bureau was abolished and the inspection will be done by the building bureau.

The board laid off 71 civil service street sweepers, as the work will be done by contract.

The board recommended the paving of Fourth street from Howard to Freelon at an estimated cost of $6,500 and ordered a sewer built by public contract in Sacramento street from Sansome to Battery.

Property Owners Complain of Unsanitary Conditions

Works Board Is Accused of Failing to Clean Sewers

Property owners called the attention of the mayor and supervisors in a communication yesterday to the fact that the city had not been cleaning cesspools and choked sewers for several years, thus causing unsanitary conditions. The communication continues:

"One of the many instances of the neglect of the board of works regarding clogged sewers is at Brazil avenue and Mission street, where the catch basin and main outlet sewer are allowing the sewage of a settlement of 25,000 people to flow on the surface. Although the board of works finally took notice of the insistent demands of the people of that section its employes retired after a few days' work without finishing the cleaning and repair of the sewers, and have failed to return.

"San Francisco, like other large cities, should have a system for inspecting and removing the sand and debris from catch basins and choked sewers.

Auditor Horton Reports on the Finances of the City

Taxation and Indebtedness Is Shown in Total Amounts

Auditor Horton filed with the board of supervisors yesterday his financial report for 1907, containing the following data:

Assessed value of real estate, $260,689,806; improvements, $66,815,201; personal property, $68,381,156; money and solvent credits, $33,746,680; value of railroads assessed by state board of equalization, total assessed valuation, $429,866,600.

Value of mortgages, trust deeds and other debts including university mortgages, $65,055,866; state tax rate, 44.5 cents; county tax rate, $1.415; total $1.86.

Bonded indebtedness outstanding, $3,867,100; cash in the city treasury applicable to payment of indebtedness, $78,375.72; net debt, $3,788,724.28.

DIVORCES GRANTED—The following divorces were granted by Judge Hebbard: Manuel Francis King from Trine King, extreme cruelty; Otie Fairchild Spiro from J. U. Spiro, a chauffeur, the wife charging that her husband beat her.

MEETINGS—Lodges

MISSION chapter No. 70, R. A. M. Stated meeting (THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Mark Master degree. By order of the H. P.
R. S. ALLEN, Secretary.

CALIFORNIA lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. Special meeting THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, Sept. 19, at 7:30 o'clock, in Golden Gate Commandery building, 2135 Sutter st. Third degree.
FRANKLIN H. DAY, Secretary.
110 Sutter st., room 408.

DORIC lodge No. 216, F. & A. M.—Third Degree THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING at 7:30 o'clock, Golden Gate Commandery building, 2135 Sutter st. Master Masons cordially invited. By order of the senior warden.
J. R. GOLDSMITH, Secretary.

PRESIDIO lodge No. 304, F. & A. M., King Solomon's hall, 1739 Fillmore st.—Special meeting THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, 7:30 o'clock. First degree. Craftsmen cordially invited. By order of W. M.
B. L. HESSELTINE, Secretary.

FIDELITY lodge No. 120, F. and A. M.—Celebration of fiftieth anniversary on Sept. 26; members who have not received invitations should communicate with me at 115 Pierce st.
FREDERICK BARRY, Secretary.

FIDELITY lodge No. 120, F. & A. M.—Special meeting THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING at 7 o'clock. Third Degree. Master Masons cordially invited. By order of the W. M.
FREDERICK BARRY, Secretary.

S.S.S. REMOVES BLOOD HUMORS

When the blood becomes infected with unhealthy humors the effect is shown on the skin in the form of pimples, rashes, eruptions, or some other type of skin disease. These humors circulating in the blood, come in contact with the delicate tissues and fibres of the skin and produce irritation and inflammation, and often excessive itching and burning. Trying to cure skin troubles with external applications is treating the effect instead of the cause. Such treatment perhaps allays some of the itching and discomfort, but does not reach the blood where the real source of troubles lies. A thorough cleansing of the blood is the only cure for humors in the blood. S. S. S., a gentle acting, safe blood purifier, is the proper treatment. It goes down into the circulation and neutralizes the humors and removes them from the blood. S. S. S. supplies the blood with the fresh, healthy properties necessary to sustain the skin and keep it free from disease. S. S. S. cures Eczema, Tetter, Acne, Salt Rheum, pimples, boils, rashes, and all other skin affections and diseases; because it purifies the blood and removes the humors which are responsible for the trouble. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Movements of Steamers

TO ARRIVE

From	Steamer	Due
Portland & Astoria	City of Panama	Sept. 19
Nanaimo	Tordenskjold	Sept. 19
Humboldt	Eureka	Sept. 19
Point Arena & Albion	Pomo	Sept. 19
San Pedro	F. A. Kilburn	Sept. 19
San Diego & Way Ports	Santa Rosa	Sept. 19
San Pedro & Way Ports	Bonita	Sept. 19
Humboldt	Vanguard	Sept. 20
Seattle & Tacoma	Chas. Nelson	Sept. 20
San Pedro	J. B. Stetson	Sept. 20
San Pedro	Nome City	Sept. 20
Seattle & Tacoma	Yosemite	Sept. 20
Coos Bay	M. F. Plant	Sept. 20
San Pedro	Santa Monica	Sept. 20
Puget Sound Ports	President	Sept. 20
Humboldt	Pomona	Sept. 21
China & Japan	America Maru	Sept. 21
Calder, Alaska	Delhi	Sept. 21
San Pedro	Roanoke	Sept. 21
Mendocino & Pt. Arena	Sea Foam	Sept. 22
Eel River Ports	Argo	Sept. 22
Humboldt	City of Topeka	Sept. 23
Bellingham	Rainier	Sept. 23
Portland & Way Ports	G. W. Elder	Sept. 23
Portland & Astoria	Costa Rica	Sept. 23
San Diego & Way Ports	State of Cal.	Sept. 23
San Pedro	Hanalei	Sept. 23
Japan via Honolulu	Amiral Olry	Sept. 23
Willapa Harbor	Daisy Mitchell	Sept. 24
Portland & Astoria	Cascade	Sept. 24
Seattle & Tacoma	Buckman	Sept. 24
Grays Harbor	Coronado	Sept. 24
Hamburg & Way Ports	Assuan	Sept. 24
New York via Ancon	Newport	Sept. 24
Grays Harbor	Centralia	Sept. 24
Philadelphia	Governor	Sept. 25
Puget Sound Ports	Spokane	Sept. 25

TO SAIL

Destination	Steamer	Sails	Pier
September 19—			
Grays Harbor	Norwood	.....	....
Grays Harbor	Tamalpais	10 am	2
Los Angeles Ports	Samoa	10 am	2
Coquille River	Elizabeth	3 pm	16
Eel River ports	Argo	9 am	10
Point Arena	Sea Foam	4 pm	2
San Diego & Way Ports	State of Cal	10 am	11
Puget Sound Ports	City Puebla	11 am	9
September 20—			
Humboldt	City Topeka	10.30a	9
Humboldt	North Fork	5 pm	20
Grays Harbor	S. Monica	4 pm	2
San Pedro & Way Ports	Bonita	4 pm	11
September 21—			
Humboldt	Vanguard	5 pm	2
Humboldt	Eureka	9 am	13
Astoria & Portland	Northland	5 pm	21
Portland & Way Ports	Roanoke	1.30p	13
Los Angeles Ports	F. Kilburn	4 pm	10
Point Arena & Albion	Pomo	6 pm	2
New York via Ancon	City Para	12 m	40
Seattle & Tacoma	Watson	1.30p	20
Astoria & Portland	City Panama	11 am	24
September 22—			
Coos Bay	M. F. Plant	4 pm	8
San Diego & Way Ports	Santa Rosa	10 am	11
September 23—			
Humboldt	Pomona	10.30a	9
Hilo	Enterprise	5 pm	10
Astoria & Portland	Yosemite	.....	....
Los Angeles Ports	G. W. Elder	6 pm	13
September 24—			
Los Angeles Ports	Cascade	10 am	2
Los Angeles Ports	Centralia	10 am	10
China & Japan	Korea	1 pm	42
Puget Sound Ports	President	11 am	9
September 25—			
New York via Ancon	Peru	12 m	40
Los Angeles Ports	Hanalei	4 pm	10
September 26—			
Honolulu	Hilonian	2 pm	10

TO SAIL FROM SEATTLE

Destination	Steamer	Date
Skagway & Way Ports	Dolphin	Sept. 20
Skagway & Way Ports	City of Seattle	Sept. 20
Skagway & Way Ports	Dirigo	Sept. 20
Nome & St. Michael	Hyades	Sept. 20
Skagway & Way Ports	Farallon	Sept. 23
Nome & St. Michael	Edith	Sept. 23
Skagway & Way Ports	Washington	Sept. 23
Nome & St. Michael	Ohio	Sept. 24
Valdez & Seward	Saratoga	Sept. 24
Nome & St. Michael	Olympia	Sept. 25
Valdez & Seward	Bertha	Sept. 25
Nome & St. Michael	Lyra	Sept. 25
Skagway & Way Ports	Cottage City	Sept. 27
Nome & St. Michael	Yucatan	Sept. 28
Valdez & Seward	Jeanie	Oct. 1
Valdez & Seward	Pennsylvania	Oct. 1
Nome direct	President	Oct. 1

Sun and Tide

United States Coast and Geodetic Survey—Time and Heights of Tides at Fort Point. For city front (Mission street wharf) add 25 minutes.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Sun rises .....5:54 Sun sets 6:12

Sep	Time L W	Ft	Time H W	Ft	Time L W	Ft	Time H W	Ft
19	3:10	—0.3	10:12	5.3	3:21	2.3	9:24	5.6
20	3:58	—0.2	10:48	5.5	4:13	1.8	10:20	5.6
21	4:41	0.0	11:23	5.6	5:02	1.4	11:15	5.6
22	5:26	0.4	11:57	5.6	5:50	1.0	.....	.....
	H W		L W		H W		L W	
23	0:08	5.4	6:07	0.8	12:32	5.5	6:38	0.8
24	1:00	5.2	6:46	1.3	1:07	5.4	7:25	0.8

Time Ball

United States Branch Hydrographic Office, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco, Cal., September 18, 1907.

The time ball was not dropped today on account of wire trouble.
J. C. BURNETT,
Lieutenant, U. S. N. in Charge.

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J. C. BURNETT,
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MEETING NOTICES—Lodges—Cont'd

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO lodge No. 212, F. & A. M.—Special meeting THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING at 7:30 o'clock. Second degree.
C. ALVIN MULLER, W. M.
WILLIAM J. B. WARNER, Secretary.

HARMONIC lodge No. 15, Knights of Pythias, Native Sons hall, SW cor. Geary and Gough sts.—Quarterly convention THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING at 8 o'clock. Members are requested to attend. Visitors cordially invited.
HENRY WILLWEBER, K. of R. & S.
WM. LOUIS BOLTON, C. C.

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MEETINGS—Special

NOTICE

A general meeting of the Civic league will be held at 8 p. m. on Thursday, September 19, at 1531 Devisadero street. Business of great importance will be transacted. All delegates are requested to attend and all organizations working for the improvement and betterment of San Francisco not already members of the league are invited to send their representatives.

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