

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

JAPANESE SENDING THEIR OWN VESSELS

Oriental Buyers Procure Steamships Flying Flag of Their Country Rather Than Patronize American Lines.

FOUR BOATS ALREADY PUT IN FLOUR TRADE

Claim They Can Land Shipments Cheaper at Yokohama and Other Ports by Furnishing Transportation to Millers.

RATHER than patronize American vessels in the transpacific trade, several of the big wholesale merchants of Japan are chartering vessels and dispatching them to Pacific Coast ports for flour and wheat.

At the present time the Oriental merchants are importing thousands of tons of flour and wheat from the millers of Oregon and Washington.

Recently a number of the American lines discovered that large quantities of the flour purchased by the Oriental mills were being shipped by the Japanese flag and an investigation led to the discovery that tramp vessels were on their way from Japan.

It is not believed that the vessels are subsidized by the Japanese government, but are boats available for charter as a result of the large number seized by the American navy during the war.

Local Oriental shippers believe that the chartering of the tramp steamships by the Japanese merchants will not prove such a very great saving to them.

The sending of the Japanese tramp steamships to Pacific ports for flour and wheat cargoes, which is another new zone in American bottoms or vessels chartered by American shippers, is significant at this time.

U. S. Department of Agriculture. All observations taken at 3 a. m. (75th meridian time).

STATIONS.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Rel. Hum.	State of Sky.
Atlanta	50 SW	12.0	100.0	Clear	
Boston	20 N	50.0	30.0	Clear	
Buffalo	20 E	25.0	100.0	Snowing	
Chicago	50 W	12.0	100.0	Clear	
Cincinnati	50 W	12.0	100.0	Clear	
Denver	18 SW	10.0	100.0	Clear	
Detroit	30 E	14.0	100.0	Rain	
Edmonton	20 W	10.0	100.0	Clear	
Helena	5	6.0	100.0	Clear	
Honolulu, 3 pm	7 S	40.0	100.0	Cloudy	
Kansas City	20 W	10.0	100.0	Clear	
Los Angeles	40 N	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Miami	10 E	10.0	100.0	Clear	
New Orleans	30 E	10.0	100.0	Clear	
New York	30 E	10.0	100.0	Cloudy	
Philadelphia	10 E	10.0	100.0	Clear	
Pittsburgh	50 S	10.0	100.0	Cloudy	
Portland, Or.	30 W	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Sacramento	20 W	10.0	100.0	Clear	
St. Louis	30 E	10.0	100.0	Clear	
San Diego	40 E	40.0	100.0	Clear	
San Francisco	40 E	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Seattle	20 W	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Spokane	20 W	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Tacoma	40 E	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Tatooch Island	40 E	30.0	100.0	Clear	
Victoria	20 W	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Walla Walla	20 E	40.0	100.0	Clear	
Washington	40 N	40.0	100.0	Clear	

The atmospheric pressure has increased over Northwest, owing to the movement of a high pressure area from the northeast, which is now central in Alberta.

Fair tonight and Saturday; gentle northeast breeze.

G. N. SALISBURY, Official in Charge.

Tides at Seattle Tomorrow: First high water 7:27 a. m.

TATOOCH—Weather cloudy. Wind east, 30 miles an hour.

Notice to Mariners: The following notice to mariners has been issued from the Coast and Geodetic Survey office at Washington.

SEAMAN SHOT BY CAPTAIN DEED. ASTORIA, Ore., Friday, Dec. 14.—George Deed, the seaman on the schooner Annie Larsen, who was shot by her master, Captain Forest, is dead.

TO KEEP VLADIVOSTOK OPEN DURING WINTER. Steamship Company Plans Use of Ice-Breaking Steamships to Maintain Passage for Vessels.

VLADIVOSTOK, Friday, Nov. 30.—Steamship service in this port usually closes about December 15, and remains closed to traffic for five months or more.

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