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JAPAN CURRENT

Kuro siwa (?)

3/30/1944 Japan Current will be called the Pacific Current
if bill in Congress passes. introduced by Homer G.
Argell, Rep. Ore.

JAPAN MARINE DISASTERS

1. ~~Greatest marine disaster. Typhoon (Book 39; pp. 15.)~~
2. Collision-- Jap ferry "Shiun Maru" and car ferry "Udaka Maru" 159 lives lost. 5/11/1955 (Book 39; pp 30)
3. More mention of "Toya Maru" which capsized in typhoon 9/27/1954 (Book 39; pp. 30)

JAPANESE STEAMERS

Troubles, etc.

D.A.Disp. 7/22/1916 Jap. frt. "Anyo Maru" collided in fog just outside Golden Gate, early today, with the U.S.A.T. "Crook" The "Maru" was inbound from the Orient and the U.S. transport was bound from S.F. to Seattle.

D.A.Disp. 10/14/1916 Jap liner "Panama Maru" is aground on Pt. Wilson in heavy fog and another Jap liner, the Frt. steamer "Itsukushma Maru" is aground on West Point.

Book 42; pp. 2. Jap S.S. (1925) rescued by old steam tug "Humaconna" ---

D.A.Disp. 5/23/1918 Jap frt. "Burma Maru" was on fire off the coast of Van. Id. B.C. today. Crew and pass. being transferred to the "Canada Maru". Extinguished 6/1/18

D.A.Disp. 8/3/1918 also (7/31/1918--Aground near S.F. with 176 pass. who were removed to safety at midnight last night. Fog. May float off today.) 8/3---May be lost. No. 1 hold is full and there is 14' of water in #2.

Empire: 8/20/1919 Jap frtrs. "Shirbu Maru" and "Yomei Maru" both aground in fog in Juan de Fuca today. The "Shirbu" floated off rocks of Bentinck Id. but the "Yomei" is in a bad way on Race Rocks.

Empire: 6/1/1920 Jap liner "Suwa Maru" suffered a fire at Seattle last night. Over 100 steerage passengers panicked, but fortunately none were lost.

Empire: 5/3/1921 Jap str. built last year, "Tokuya Maru", took fire 60 miles off Cape Meares, Ore. and was a gutted hulk, still burning today. U.S.A.T. "Buford" picked up pass. and crew. Nine men died of exposure, while 65 others, including women and children, survived.

Emp. 5/4/1921/X The "Tokuyo Maru" has been sunk, says U.S. C.G. "Snohomish"

Emp. 10/28/1921/6 The Jap frt. "Fukui Maru" is believed to have foundered off Cape Flattery last night in a full gale. Crew may have been saved by the frt. "Westivian" The "F---Maru" was a 5500 net ton frt. of the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha Line.

Emp. 12/1/1921/6 Jap str. "Saikai Maru" in trouble off North Head Lt. in a storm

Emp. 12/1/1921/6 Jap sch. "Koun Maru" reported to have foundered in a storm about 200 miles off Cape Flattery (More in paper 12/2/1921/6)

Emp. 1/2/1923/6 Str. "Satsuma Maru" limped into Astoria today. Storm. Broken steering gear. Capt. broke ribs.

JAPANESE STEAMERS

Picts. and info.

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| 1. | "Dairetsu Maru" | Jap. S.S. 1954 | Book 42; pp 21 |
| 2. | "Eizan Maru" | Jap. M.S. '54 pict. | Book 42; pp 41 |
| 3. | "Kazukawa Maru" | Jap. M.S. '54 | Book 42; pp 40 |
| 4. | " Takan Maru" (Talian Maru) | 1934 S.S. | Book 42; pp 15 |

Emp. 7/28/1923 Jap str. "Mansasan Maru" and the U.S. str. "Ranier" collided in fog at 02:00 today, ~~4~~ miles West of Port Angeles. The "Ranier" badly damaged and water-logged, her crew taken off safely by the Jap S.S.

Emp. 11/2/1923 Jap S.S. "Shimkou Maru" drifting with no propeller off Unimak Island. C.G. "Algonquin" to her aid.

Emp. 11/26/1923/2 Jap str. "Shimkou Maru" had to be cut loose from the tug "Humaconna" in a severe gale in the gulf of Alaska to save the tug ---about a mile off Montague Island. 90 mile gale. She (Jap S.S) had a broken crank shaft. She went ashore on Montague Island to become a total loss.

Emp. 11/28/1923 One man lost/ 42 crew and 9 officers saved by tug "Humaconna". More in Emp. 12/3/1923/3

- Emp. 1/7/1924 Jap frt. "Kyosei Maru" abandoned in Pacific Ocean
- Emp. 3/29/1924 Jap frtr. "Ayaha Maru" adrift in Pacific near Atka Island, Alaska with a broken tail shaft.. Has a crew of 40 men. Str. "Tolken" proceeding to her side.
- Emp. 10/15/1925/7 Jap liner "Iyo Maru" is aground in fog on Carmanah Pt. today.
- Emp. 2/19/1926 Tanker "Java Arrow" rescued crew of small Jap. coastal frtr. "Daishin Maru #3" off the Calif. coast. They have been adrift without power for 30 days and have had to eat the ships cat and rats etc. to survive..
- Emp. 3/8/1926/7 Capt. Wm. Logan to try to 'blow up' the Jap Frt. "Horaisan Maru" which capsized while crossing over the Gray's Hbr. Bar last Thurs. Mar. 4th...
- Emp. 8/30/1926/6 Jap str. "Kaiki Maru" hit Ripple Rock and sunk. Crew escaped to shore in lifeboats.
- Emp. 11/2/1927/ Jap fishing boat "Tyō Mei Maru" meaning 'Good and Prosperous Voyage' found off Wash Coast with entire crew dead and evidence that last 2 men ate 8 other men.

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JAPANESE STEAMERS

~~Emp. 11/25/1927/6 Jap frt. "Tenpaisan Maru" is ashore in a storm on the Wash. Coast above Aberdeen. Has crew of 40 and no pass. "Emma" and "Dorothy Alexander" standing by. Not leaking.~~

~~"Hokuman Maru" sinking; Crew rescued by "President Jackson" in Jan. 1935----(Book 44. pp. 13)~~

~~"Miike Maru" Jap. S S. 1935 (pict. only pp. 16. Book 44.)~~

~~"Toya Maru" Jap ferry disaster. Book 39; pp. 15.~~

JAP STEAMERS

and Motorships

1. "Hakonesan Maru" 1954 Pict. & info. Album 43.
2. "Nippon Maru" 1955 Full-rigged ship. Album 43.
3. "Hikawa Maru" Info. on two of name. Album 43.
4. "Samagi Maru" 1955 M.S. Pict. & info. Album 43.
5. "Koshun Maru" aground near Scotch Cap Lighthouse Feb. 21 1930---built 1927 4270 gross tons. Leaking badly.
2/22/1930/2 "Koshun Maru", portland to Yokohama, hit rocks 10:00 Feb. 20th about 200 yds off Scotch Cap. Lite. in Heavy snow. Taking short cut. "Hakushika Maru" is standing by. Pass. removed and crew may have to be taken off too. Feared she may become a total loss.
3/29/1930/7 "Rhine Msru", Jap. frt. ran on Pt. Sur. in fog last night. "Humboldt" took off her crew of 38 men
11/4/1930 "Seiyo Maru" Jap frtr., with 40 men on board, lost her rudder and is in sinking condition S.W. of the Aleutian Islands in heavy seas. Was bound to Yokohama from Portland. Crew believed taken off by the Jap str.
"Shiraha Maru"

JAP STEAMERS

Troubles, wrecks

See card in 5 x 3 file on "Meiyo Maru"

2/12/1929

JAPANESE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S

Story of big outfits. Book 35. Page 40
See card on N.Y.K. for additional.

JAPANESE STEAMSHIP LINES

M.D. Sept. 18, 1965---JAPAN HAS ONLY SIX MAJOR SHIP
LINES. SEP 25 1965

When the Jap. shipowning industry was nationalized by government intervention last year, 6 major companies were left to dominate the world's shipping trades, all of which are regular callers to the Pacific Coast.

A recent survey shows that the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA group is now the largest in Japan, with 245 ships of 3.7 million d.w. tons under its control.

Next is the combination of Mitsui--O.S.K. Lines, which operates 239 ships of 2.7-million tons.

Then comes KAWASAKI group with 140 ships of 2.4-million tons; the YAMASHITA-SHINNIHON combination with 128 ships of 1.5-million tons; and the SHOWA group with 73 ships of 1.2-million tons.

One of the fastest growing of the new combinations is the JAPAN LINE, which had 53 ships totaling 952,107 tons, when it was founded in April 1964, and when present building plans are completed will have 82 vessels of 2.4-million tons. These will include four oil tankers each with more than 100,000 tons capacity and 8 bulk carriers of more than 50,000 tons deadweight capacity each.

JOHNSON LINES

Stockholm, Sweden

M.D. 1/26/1957 Their M.V. "California" (Porthole) arrived in Seattle on her 14th trip this week.

There are 8 fine motorships in the Johnson Line fleet:

"California"	"Seattle"	"Silver Gate"
"Canada"	"Portland"	"Golden Gate"
"Los Angeles"	"Lion's Gate"	

Capt. K.Olofsson commands "~~Los Angeles~~" "California" and Grace Line Inc., is general agent for the Line.

"Golden Gate" was recently in Seattle on her 13th trip

JONES ACT

~~12/20/1941 City Council to Ask Repeal of Jones Act,
Relaxed on B.C. vessels. (NOTE BOOK No. 1. pp 50-51)~~

See CANADIAN STEAMERS this file for more.

7/24/1945/8 Jones Act waived in S.E. for 90 days more.

JOY RIDING

On Government boats .

1/9/1939/6

Order issued---no joy-riding on Gov't. boats.

JUNEAU STEAMSHIP CO.

~~Emp. May, 2, 1916~~ The Juneau S.S.Co. which for 14 years carried mail to Sitka and Skagway, retired from business and has announced plans to sell the "Georgia", Willis E. Nowell has been president and manager of the company for several years.