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See Std Oil vessels in G.S. file ("Sugar")
Ships with same names in B.C. ports at same time causes confusion: ("AVRA") See LIBERTY SHIPS (G.S.File)
NAUTICAL MILE

See "Knots"

1. VG. explanation: See pp 122, NOTE BOOK No. 24.
4/8/1937/6 Navy to build seaplane float at Sitka.
12/8/1937/2 Navy takes over large area at Kodiak...
12/17/1937 Naval Defense Bases in Alaska begin at Kodiak and Sitka.
9/10/1941/8 Dutch Harbor Base now in Operation.
3/28/1903/1 Forts to be built at Sitka, Unalaska, Dutch Hbr. in The ALASKAN (Sitka)
Q.----How close can a navigator at sea establish his position?

Ans.--The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey tells us that he can determine within one minute of latitude and of longitude, which is one nautical mile.

May, 1955 TRUE
1. Position at turn of century complicates things.
Page 18; Sept. '53 S.& S.
NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

1. New aids developed. (V.G. info.) Album 43.
On Jan. 8, 1906 while the Fleet under Rear Adm. Evans was putting out to sea from New York, the battleships "Kearsage" and "Kentucky" ran aground. Shortly afterwards the "Alabama" which was following the two lead ships in company with another battleship, collided with the "Kentucky" and badly holed her. A later investigation absolved all concerned of any blame.

7/13/1945 3rd Fleet of U.S. Navy lashed by 138 m.p.h. winds and 100' seas. 21 craft damaged--some seriously.
1. Stbd. broad, half-bredth plan. (Mag. cut)
2. group of 5 different Navy tugs--V.G. with some info. and story of sow sale to foreign countries. See page 40 and 41 in May 1952 Ships & Sailing)

9/18/1940/6 Pict. of Navy tug "Navajo" (Has two sisters all just built. 205' Others are "Seminole" "Cherokee"
NAVY SYMBOLS

Designations, etc.
Y, YTL, YT, YN etc

Ship letter designations. See Book 36; Page 48

BOOK 32; Inside back cover.
"Rocket" LCI (Landing Craft Infantry) Album 28.
Long Hull Destroyer Escort Album 28.
"Pittsburgh"—Longest ship in the Navy—heavy cruiser, lost 104' of bow in typhoon... S&S Spring 1955 pp. 12.
7/16/1945 New cruiser "Juneau" launched July 15, 6000 tons.
Christened by Mrs. Bob Bartlett.
VG PICT. Battleship refueling at sea. BOOK 34; pp 5
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1. "Bennington" Carrier---exp. Book 39, pp. 9,

See file card on "Bennington" coincidence! (Old U.S.S of the same name exploded in 1905 and killed 60 men.)
NOMENCLATURE and Ship jargon, etc

1. Steamboat glossary (No. 1. STEAMBOAT BILL July 1957)
2. Steamboat glossary (No. 2. STEAMBOAT BILL Sept. 1957)
May 28, 1900 Nome papers say the Alaska Exploration Co., Alaska Commercial Co. and the Empire Line have consolidated to become the Northern Commercial Co.

S.S. Companies to operate in 1903 at Nome:
- North American Trading and Transportation Co.
- "Roanoke" and Str. "Tampico" and "Meteor" chartered from Globe Nav. Co.

Northern Commercial Co.
Added the "Eureka" and "Aztec" with the "Centennial"

Pacific Packing and Nav. Co. S.S. "Nome City"

Pacific Coast S.S. Co. S.S. "Senator"

Empire Trans. Co. "Ohio", "Indiana", "Connemaugh"

White Star Line "Oregon"
Alaska Commercial Co. - "Portland"

**S.S. COMPANIES IN 1902**

Pac. Coast Co. "Senator"
N.A.T. & T. Co. "Roanoke"

White Star Line (Unit of N.W. Comm CO)

NOME NEWS 3/22/’04 says the Northwestern Comm. Co. purchased the "Victoria" and the "Tacoma" (ex "Batavia" and the "Olympia" ex "Dunbar Castle"

N.A.T. & T. Co. was organized in 1892. In 1903 (7/10/’03) Company’s strs. "Roanoke", "Tampico", "Connemaugh" and "Meteor" were due at Nome
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The North American Trading and Trans. Co. sold all their river steamers to Mr. Omar J. Humphrey, but the "John Cudahy" 7/8/1904. Mr. Humphrey was formerly with the Pacific Steam Whaling Co. at Nome but later of St. Michael. Strs. taken over are; "Will H. Isom", "John J. Healy", "--Barr" "--Powers", "--Hamilton", "--Weare", and "Klondyke". He will also use his own two steamers the "Rideout" and "Pilgrim".
Emp. 11/23/1921/6 Northern Commercial Co. of Alaska formed by Volney Richmond and others. Will take over the holdings of the old Co. of that name. Will be the N.C.Co. as of Jan. 1, 1922.

Emp. 12/30/1921/2 More on N.C.CO. --- changes hands etc. V.G. history of the Co.

Emp. 5/26/1928/3 "Enseê" new river tug for N.C.Co. is at Ketchikan, enroute to the Yukon. Powered with two 75 h.p. engines. Will be used from St. Michael to haul pass. frt. and tow barges around the lower river.
M.D. 1/26/1957 Operates in a joint service with the HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE.

Vessels of the N.G.L. operating to Pacific N.W. are:

"Tannstein"
"Bodenstein"
"Neckarstein"

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. Ltd. Pac. Coast Agents. for both.
1. To build new vessel. (1933) See Book 41; pp 17.
Emp. 12/28/1927/6  M.V. "Bellingham" of N.T.Co. is due at Juneau Cold Storage to load out fish.
M.D. 12/29/1934  N.T.Co. bought the ex German liner "Saxon-onia" now know as the "Savannah" Book 44. pp.9.
Gets Mail contract to Alaska. (Book 44; pp. 21)
11/7/1928 N.T.Co. consolidated under Citizens Light & Power Co. of Ketchikan with 3 other companies, all owned by W.B. Foshay. Wm. Semar will remain Pres. of Co. Will continue to operate "Norco" and "Bellingham"

7/10/1929 "W.B.Foshay", new M.S. of the N.T.Co. will be launched July 20th at the Lake Wn. Shipyards. She is 168' long and powered with two 550 h.p. Washington Diesels of 8 cyls. each. Carries 60 pass.

7/29/1929 "W.B.Foshay" launched at Seattle today. Cost $450,000.

10/19/1929 "Norco" hit an ice-berg at 22:00 last night near Sukai Island. Is at Petersburg in leaking condition. Southbound.

11/1/1929 William B. Foshay Co. valued at 20-million in 30 States goes into receivership.


2/20/1930 Good pict. and complete info. on "Northland" new M.S. Capt. Leonard Williams.

7/12/1930 "Norco" & "Northland" operate on new service-- alternate on weekly service.
7/28/1930/7 "Norco" arrives on first trip for her new owners-the Northland Trans. Co.

10/21/1930/7 N.T.Co. goats win contract to carry mail. Have the M.V.'s "Norco" and "Northland"


12/29/1932/8 N.T.Co. vessels will carry mail! Sitka to benefit...

2/6/1933/8 Plans being prepared for a sister-ship to the "Northland" by N.T.Co. Ask one-half million from the U.S.Shipping Board.

5/13/1933/3 N.T.Co. to buy frt. "Nosa Duke" a South-American frt. Girdwood Shipping Co. handled the deal. She was owned by the Nosa Line, a subsidiary of W.R. Grace & Co. 1456 net; 298' x 40'.

7/22/1933/6 A.S.S.Co. protests N.T.Co. sister ship to the "Northland" to U.S.Shipping Bd. and bids are held up!

8/1/1933/6 N.T.Co. gets $450,000. and O.K to build ship.
8/11/1933/7 Lake Wash. Shipyards wins bid to build new N.T. Co. vessel. Sister to "Northland" 231.2' x 40.6' x 16'. Powered with two 1000 h.p. diesels and to be ready by next spring.

9/1/1933/6 Keel of new sister ship of Northland" has been laid at Lake Wn. Shipyards.

9/15/1933 A.S.S. Co. protests halt work on new N.T. Co. vessel.

9/21/1933/6 N.T. Co. buys "Perry L. Smithers" from Booth Fisheries Co.

9/18/1933/6 Ketchikan City Council backs N.T. Co.---want two steamship lines to Alaska....

10/24/1933 N.T. Co. gets loan from Gov't. to build the new motorship.

4/21/1934/8 S.S. "North Wind" of N.T. Co. here on her initial trip for the Co. Capt. E. Thompson and crew of 29. She will replace the "Norco" which is being remodeled.

8/22/1934/6 N.T. Co. charters "Texas Shipper" from McCormick S.S. Co. for trip to Alaska in cannery trade.

10/2/1934/6 N.T. Co. vessels to carry mail after Oct. 1st.
1/29/1935/6 N.T. Co. bought the "Adm. Peoples" and plan to renovate and repair her and place her on the Alaska runs by April first.

4/20/1935/3 "North Sea" arrived on maiden voyage today. Capt. A.W. Nickerson at 07:30 today. Stopped at Douglas at 05:30 then moved over here two hrs. later.


12/3/1935 Northland T. Co. gets mail contract.

2/26/1937/8 Northland Trans. Co. buys str. "Doylestown" from Nelson S.S. Co. She was previously under charter to the Iniskin Drilling Co. of L.A. and the latter Co. has purchased the old "Commodore" to replace her. (sch.)

6/9/1937/3 N.T. Co. "North Wind" back in port at S.F. after 8 months in Pacific as a weather station and supply vessel for Pan American Airways.

10/25/1937/4 Capt. J.A. Beck now on "North Wind" which is under charter to P.A.A. in S. Pacific.


12/14/1937 "Carabobo" has troubles on East Coast. Sent out SOS but later reported herself O.K.
5/14/1938/6  S.S. "North Coast" to run to Westward towns. Not only is she a new unit of the Co. but this is the initial run for any of the company's vessels across the Gulf.
6/9/1938/6  "North Wind" arr here today.
6/15/1938/6  "North Coast" new unit, due tomorrow on her first trip.
9/29/1938/3  NTCo. ships to carry mail after Oct. 6 on winter schedule.
1/21/1939/8  Henry Green succeeds Harold Knight as agent in Juneau for N.T.Co.
3/4/1939/5  N.T.Co. moves to new office on City dock. Was in Burfords on Seward St. Henry Green agent and Ken Kimball assistant.
5/2/1939/6  N.T.Co. will carry mail through June.
9/2/1939/4  N.T.Co. wants to lease City Dock.
9/18/1939/8  N.T.Co. gets mail contract from Seattle to S.E. Alaska ports to June 30th.
10/19/1939/6  "North Haven" on East Coast and will return to Pacific Coast soon.
2/26/1940 City rejects N.T.Co. bid of $300. per mo.
to rent City Dock.
2/27/1940 City Council reverses stand and decides to
rent the City Dock to the N.T.Co. for 5 years.
4/20/1940 N.T.Co. to take over City Dock Sun. 21st.
12/30/1941 Government takes over "North Coast", North
Haven" and "North Wind".
See card on STRIKES (Steamship) for more 1946.
5/1/1946 N.T.Co. to operate the "Sailors Splice" to
Kuskokwim under lease from WSA. The old "North Pacifi
has been laid up in Seattle.
5/3/1946 "Square Sinnett" of N.T.Co. leaves Seattle for J.
11/27/1946 "Lucidor" here to take frozen fish south.
4/19/1947 "Sailors Splice" held up. Crew wants division
of wages that would have been paid a steward who
did not make the last trip.
4/29/1947 "Coastal Rider" assigned to NTCo. along with the
"Flemish Knot".
5/20/1947 Has 4 dry cargo ships and 2 reefers assigned by
5/19/1948/2 NT.Co. sues U.S. Government for loss of their "North Sea" which had been requisitioned by Gov't.

Northland Trans Co. recently bought the Liberty ship----
"Chief Washaki" from the Maritime Comm. and has chartered the "Sailors Splice"

10/20/1948 ASSCo. and NTCo. to merge. To take effect after strike is settled.

10/26/1948/2 N.T.Co. "Palisana", Capt. H.L. McDonald, here. Has been packing fish to Pr. Rupert, but will return to Seattle for indefinite tie-up.

Lots of info. Co. and vessels; BOOK 44; pp9/12/13/21/46
ROYAL MAIL LINES LIMITED (British)
HOLLAND-AMERICAN LINE (Dutch)
M.D. 1/26/1957

Vessels of Royal Mail Lines in the joint service:
"Loch Garth"
"Loch Avon"
"Loch Gowan"
"Pardo"
"Paraguay"

Below are vessels of Holland*America Line in the service:
"Dalerdyk"
"Dongdyk"
"Diemerdyk"
"Abbedyk"
"Dinteldyk" (On her maiden voyage 1/26/1957)
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NORTHWESTERN S.S.CO.  Old Alaska.

1. D.A.Disp. 3/9/1906 says this company bought the Strs. "Orizaba", "Saratoga", and "Yucatan" from the New York & Cuban Mail Line and all were due soon from the East Coast. They also purchased the Gas. Sch. "Oakland" for use on the Siberian Coast.

2. Had S.S."Northwestern" in 1909 as a unit. Also the Str. "A.G.Lindsay"
See more on this Co. on file card STEAMSHIP LINES under
caption of North West S.S.Co. etc.

7/17/1934/6 Northwestern S.S.Lines, Arne Vesoja, treasurer;
will go on regular schedule this week. Their first
boat will be the "John C. Kirkpatrick."

12/28/1934/6 "Evelyn Berg" of Northwestern S.S.Co. has
been sold to satisfy debts!

1/31/1935/6 Berg & Co. of Ketchikan buy "Evelyn Berg"
at Marshalls Sale for $5600. at Seattle.

2/7/1935/6 "John C. Kirkpatrick", wooden vessel of N.W.S.S.
Co. sold to John H. Mulkey, head of Pacific Alaska Trading
Service for $10,700. to satisfy creditors.

For more on these two boats go on to card on the KETCHIKAN
STEAMSHIP CO. which bought these two.

NOTICE I think the Ketchikan S.S.Co. became the Alaska
Transportation Co. See card on latter for more info.

2/12/1936/6 "John C. Kirkpatrick" sold at auction for
$5000. to David R. Girdwood. Built 1919 for $7700000
$250,000. Claims against her total $8000.
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<td>VG pict.</td>
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1/22/1936 A new law under the Anti-smuggling Act requires that all U.S. small boats be re-numbered!
General information of the company. Book 36; Page 21