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See file card on Pacific S.S. Co.

D.A. Disp. 9/9/1916 pp. 2 says they acquired the steamers "Harvard" and "Yale" and also on this page is a good complete history of this steamship Co. H.F. Alex. Pres.
6/12/1940/8 P.A.F. will operate seven canneries this season in Alaska. Nahnek, Nushagak, Port Moller, King Cove, Squaw Harbor, Alitak and Petersburg. Their cannery at Nornek will remain idle and the one at Kasaan has been leased by Alaska Packers.
1. Trade is no longer profitable. (1956)
   (NOTE BOOK No. 1. pp 20)
12/22/1941  Jap sub fires torpedo at Standard Oil tanker "H.M. Stork" off Pt. Arguello about 45 miles off. Missed However the U.S. tanker "Emidie" was torpedoed 20 miles off Blunts Reef Lightship. Tanker "Agwiworld" also fired on 100 miles S. of S.F. but escaped injury.

12/23/1941  US tanker "Larry doheny" fired on about 6 miles off Esteros Bay, Calif. 4300 tons net. She was hit and lifeboats are seen coming ashore. Owned by Richfield Oil Co. Shots fired at Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo before dawn today. The 440' tanker "Montebell" was attacked and sunk off Calif Coast. Four lifeboats made shore---no casualties.

12/26/1941/6  U.S. Frt. "Absaroka" torpedoed off Calif Coast lumber laden, off S.F. Stayed afloat and was towed to port by tugs. Witnessed by many fishermen etc.

2/24/1942  Refining plant near Santa Barbara shelled last night by enemy sub. Fired 25 rounds of 5" shells.

Empire: 2/24/1955  S.S."Coronado" has been bought by the
P.C.S.S.Co. for the S.E.Alaska trade.
Emp. 8/2/1928/6  P.C.S.S.Co. has chartered the S.S. "Eastern
Coast" for a trip to Alaska.
Had the following steamers operating to Alaska in 1899

- Cottage City
- City of Topeka
- Queen
- Alki
- Spokane (later)

State of California in 1901

Had following steamers advertised in ALASKAN (Sitka) 3/2/1899:
- "Idaho"
- "Ancon"
- "Geo. W. Elder"
- "Olympian"

ALASKAN (Sitka) 3/30/1899 says P.C.S.S.C. bought out the West Coast S.S. Co. and their steamers "City of Pueblo" and "Pomona". The latter Co. was owned by Milton Griffith and Capt. J.K. Knowles and were planning to run in opposition to P.C.S.S.C. that summer. Sale amounted to $700,000.
M.D. 5/12/1956—Currently operates fleet of 21 vessels, 12 of which are company owned—remainder are chartered. Four of these owned by the Co. are Mariner type vessels, five are O2-type cargo vessels and three are Victories. The chartered fleet is comprised of six fully refrigerated cargo vessels, plus two O3-type vessels and one Mariner. The Co. was organized July 19, 1946 under laws of State of Delaware and began operations in Aug. 1946 with 6 chartered vessels. By end of year they had 20 chartered ships and owned one. The Co. also acts as Calif. agent for the Coa twise Line which has 9 vessels in the coastwise and Alaska and transpacific service.
PACIFIC PACKING & NAVIGATION CO.

D.A. Disp. 4/27/1903 and 3/16/1903 V.G. Plan to reorganize the big company... The have 23 canneries in Alaska-- (Listed by location in this issue)

D.A. Disp. 3/7/1903 Company is considering placing their str. "Newport" on the Juneau-Skag. -Sitka run.


D.A. Disp. 4/27/1903 More about reorganization of the Co.
PACIFIC SALVAGE CO., LTD. B.C. Concern.

1. General info. Book 40; pp. 52
Names of tugs changed: (VG. (N.B. 21; pp 76.)
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

P.C.S.S.Co. and 'Admiral Line'

D.A.Disp. 5/29/1917 pp.6; Pac. S.S.Co. may acquire the steamers, "Great Northern", Northern Pacific", "Beaver", and "Rose City".

Emp. 2/24/1915 The P.C.S.S.Co. has bought the S.S."Coronado" and will place her in the S.E.Alaska trade.

See card in this file on American Mail Line for link between this company and the P.S.S.Co's. 'Admiral Oriental Line'.

Emp. 3/30/1927/2 P.S.S.Co. now has 28 vessels in its fleet. Just bought the 5000 ton steamers "Mary Weems" and "Esther Weems" in Baltimore for their Pacific Coast trade.
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
(Adm. Line)

Had the following vessels in Alaska trade in 1919

"Adm. Evans"  "Adm. Farragut"  "Adm. Goodrich"
"Adm. Sebree"  "Adm. Watson"  "Catherine D"
"City of Seattle"  "Curacao"  "Senator"

D.A.Disp. 1/14/1914  Pacific S.S.Co. of Portland, Ore, will be on the run by Mar. 1st. 1914

D.A.Disp. 10/31/1915  The Pacific Alaska Nav. Co. (Adm. Line) has purchased the Great Lakes steamers "Rutland" and "Ogdensburg" on the Lakes and will soon bring them to the Pacific Coast. These will be named the "Adm. Clark" and "Adm. Sebree"

D.A.Disp. 3/17/1916 pp.6;  Pac. Alaska Nav. Co. (Adm.Line) recently purchased the str. "Aroline" and may name her "Adm. Porter" or "Adm. Dahlgren". They also have the str. "Wellesley" under charter. The Pacific S.S.Co. bought the "Ravalli" in S.F. and she departed for
her first trip to Alaska on Feb. 18th. They have also purchased the str. "Curacao" and are planning to place their str. "Umatilla" on the Nome run this season again.

"Queen" unloads first shipment of Diamond-Portland cement ever to come to Juneau. This is Alaska cement and was made with Dall Island lime etc. Harry G. Walmsley trucked the first load to the whse. and Emil Krause stacked it.

10/5/1932 P.C.S.S.Co. sold all their property from the old cable Office at juncture of Front & Main Sts. to and including the old P.C. wharf (Earrol Wharf) now housing the Juneau Motor Co. garage, to R.L. 'Los' Bernard and Frank McCafferty.

10/8/1932/8 P.C.S.S.Co. offers to donate the street between Winter & Pond and Sweeney's Corner to the City.

10/23/1918/6 "Catherine D" of P.A.F. has been chartered by P.S.S.Co. to handle cannery cargos and take pass. south---for 4 months at least.
PACIFIC TOWBOAT CO.  Subsidiary of Foss Co.
Anacortes, Wash.

1. Gets new tug (Lg. G.S. File under TOWBOAT COMPANIES)
PADDLE-WHEEL VERSUS SCREW PROPELLER

See article under PROPULSION in Lg. G.S. Marine files.
Story of the "ALECETO" versus a screw steamer--the "ALECETO lost in a tug-of-war."
U.S. had 151 pass. ships in 1939 and now (1957) has only 43! Etc.
11/27/1940 P.E. Harris Co. buys canneries at Port Althorp, Kake, Ketchikan, and Rose Inlet from the Alaska Pacific Salmon Corp.
PETRIFIED SHIPS

On the Porcupine Riv.
Alaska 1902

1. See DAILY ALASKAN 6/26/1902 (Found about 65 miles from Rampart.)
1. See articles in NOTE BOOK No. 24; pp 123.
2. Tugs under Pilotage Laws. (N.B. 21; pp 66)
3. History of P.Sd. piloting. BOOK 44; pp 50
Modern times. Story of the "Chained sailor"
Book 37; page 60

D.A.Disp. 8/20/1918 A gig husky 'sealer' seaman on the Whaler "Star III" beat the skipper up. He was arrested by Henry Bahrt at Sitka. Says the Capt. took too much authority....

See card on tender-tug "ACME" in 3 x 5 troubles file.
The pirate's black flag, with its skull and crossbones, was designed to strike terror into old-time merchant sailors. Much more terrifying, however, was another pirate flag less well-known today. Compared to it, the black ensign was friendly, for hoisting the "Jolly Roger" came to be a signal that if the prize surrendered peacefully, nobody would get hurt. Those who resisted were apt to see a plain red flag go up—"dipped in blood" reputedly—that meant murder. It claimed many a victim. Jean Lafitte was rumored to have died under his own red flag while battling a British sloop-of-war.
2. See "Blue Star"
3. See "Venturi" (Picts. & Info.) Album 43. pp. 11.
In ancient days of Greece and Rome, ships carried a shrine, which usually was located aft. Little doll-sized images called "pupi" (from which we get "Poop") were placed in the shrines of Roman ships. Sailors coming aboard would bow to these shrines...
D.A. Disp. 4/16/1913 Sec. of the Navy Joe Daniels has abolished the terms 'port' and 'stbd.' (---will be right and left from now on to avoid confusion.)
1. D.A. Disp. 2/28/1914 Their str. "Rochelle" arr. in Juneau on Feb. 29th, 1914 on her first trip to Alaska in the service of this company.

2. D.A. Disp. 3/10/1914 The Portland Co. has added the strs. "Thomas L. Wand." "Quinault", and "J.B. Steteon" to the Alaska run this month.

3. "Thomas L. Wand" arr in Juneau last night on initial trip to Alaska. This marks first Portland-Alaska service since 1897. Capt. Fred Herriman and Pilot A.C. Jansen Capt. Chas. McGregor will have the "J.B. Stetson" Capt. Buck Morgan will run the "Quinault"
PORTLAND TUG & BARGE

Alaska Frt. Lines.

Have quite a file under ALASKA FRT. LINES in this file and in Lg. G.S. File under proper heading. (AFL)

Tugs.    "SHINN"
         "TETON"
         "OSAGE"
         ""

1/16/1941/8 Power scows being built 84' x 26' with two Murphy diesel engines of 135 h.p. each. by the Maritime Shipyards for Kodiak Fisheries at Port Bailey, Alaska.

4/4/1946/3 Earl Forsythe's BSP arrived from Seward. 105' with twin 135 h.p. Cat diesels, etc.

See "SKARSTONE"
"MIDAS"
"SANDRA LEE"

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S.S. "Europa", large German liner, proves it matters not in which direction screws turn so long as they have plenty of push. Her two forward ones turn counter-clockwise and the two after ones clockwise.

MARINE ENGINEERING Aug. 1956 pp. 89—Right and left hand propellers: Propeller nomenclature is such that when looking from aft to forward a propeller which turns clockwise is "left handed". Normally, all starboard and center-line propellers are right hand, and all port propellers are left hand.

VG on Changeable Pitch prop. (PWB July 1958 pp 16) New Types Lg. G.S. File under ENGINES, ETC.
5/14/1932/4 Explosion on the Seattle ferry "Crossline" killed the engineer and disabled her for two hours before she was picked up by tugs and towed back to Seattle. Her passengers were transferred and arrived at Bremerton many hours late.
PUGET SOUND BRIDGE & DREDGE

1. "Santa Maria" and Navy's "LST-306" of Pt. Wells 3/10/55
   Book 39; pp. 27
In 1919 Capt. F.E. Lovejoy chartered the small frt. "Chaco" from the Island Trans. Co. for a year with option to buy. Her gas engine was a headache from the start and in Jan. 1920 he mortgaged his soul and bought her and installed a new semi-diesel eng. from then on the venture was a success. Ran on the Seattle-Tacoma route then in Oct. 1920 Olympia, Wn. was included in the schedule.

In 1923 (Jan.) the new "Rubiayat" was launched
In 1924 the "Capitol" was commissioned
1926---Acquired Percival Dock in Olympia
1928---The Frtr. "Mohawk" was purchased from Otto Lorenz of Tacoma.
1929---The company purchased the Merchants Trans. Co. of Tacoma from F.H. Marvin and added 4 more frtrs. to the fleet
1935---Bought Citizens Dock in Bellingham. Started an auto frt. service from Olympia to Grays Harbor in conjunction with their Puget Sound water fleet.

OVER
1931 the "Indian" was built and in 1936 the new "Warrior" was built.

The last unit to be built was the new frtr. "F.E.Lovejoy" built at Reliable Welding Works in Olympia early in 1946.

M.D. 3/3/51

MORE: SEE BOOK 36; Pages 23--38
VESSELS OF PUGET SD. FRT. LINES

1. Chaco - 1919 to 1924.
2. Rubyiat - 1923
3. Capitol - 1924
4. Mohawk - 1924 (steamer)
5. Seal - 1924 (motorship)

(sold in middle '40s)

1948 FLEET

1. Indian
2. Warrior
3. Skookum Chief
4. Sea-Tac
5. Belana
6. F.E. Lovejoy
Due to fog, snow, etc.


9/12/1933 "Adm. Chase" ran aground in heavy fog North of Everett, early today in soft mud. Not damaged and should float off on the tide.

2/19/1934/3 Strs. "Grays Hbr." and "Pt. Lobos" both grounded in fog on P. Sd. during night and both refloated today. The "Grays Hbr." is loading lumber and the "Pt. Lobos" is being inspected for damage.

4/26/1934/6 "Pacific Enterprise" aground in fog off Skamokawa, Wn. on the Col. River (Transfer to correct Card)

8/25/1936/6 Lg. Reardon Smith S.S. "Atlantic City" 6236 tons, is aground on Race Rocks in fog and leaking badly. "Salvage King" standing by.

8/26/1936/2 "Atlantic City" refloated and towed to Esquim.


11/19/1955 "Hope Range" Br. frt. off Cathlamet (Book 39; p41)
"Grays Hbr." Aground near Everett 2/20/1934 (Book #9; p 62)
"Point Lobos" 2/20/1934 (Book 39; p 62)
Continuation of History of the Company. Book 37; p. 68

See VG list of all vessels from start in Lg. G. S. File under PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION CO.

More info. BOOK 44; pp 21.
For some history of this company see page 10 in June 1937 Pacific Motor Boat Mag.

Info on some of their tugs. Book 41; pp. 55

Good history of the company. Album 48; pp. 3.

PWB. Feb. 1955; pp. 31/ The tug "Tyee" of P.Sd. T. & B. has been towing the ore barge "Taku" ex "Princess Maquinna" between Howe Sound and Tacoma. Roy Hough is on the top-side and Jake Seibel is in eng. room.

M.D. 7/14/1956--New tug started in Jan. '56 will be launched in Portland July, 17 says John Lee, Pres. & Gen Mgr. First all new tug constructed in N.W. in several yrs. 100' 6" long and with 26' beam. Powered with a model 38 F.M. diesel of 1280 h.p. 8 cyl. opposed piston same as in the "Wando" (Earl Davis will get her and I believe he told me when in Juneau in July on the "Pulaski" that her name would be "Neptune".)
VG picts. and article on "Hercules" & "Monarch" in S&S Fall 1957 pp 24.

VG. picts. and info. on tugs "Titan" and "Trojan" etc. (N.B. 21; pp 48.) 49.) 50.) 52.) 59.)

P. Sd. T & B. tugs to tow to Japan ("Hercules" and "Monarch") (N.B. 21; pp 54.) More pp 58.)

"Neptune" (1956) undergoes trials. (N.B. 21; pp 56.)

Tugs tow to Nicaragua. (N.B. 21; pp 80.)

Emp. 5/17/1947 USS "Oklahoma" sinks at 04:35 today, 540 (540) miles out of Honolulu in tow of the "Hercules" and "Monarch" of P. Sd. T & B. Co. Nearly lost both tugs...

M.D. 6/5/1963 (Also P.I.) Rebuilt navy tug taken over and named "GOLIAH" to perpetuate the name.

1/14/1899 -- "Andelena" sunk in Tacoma Hbr. loss of 17 lives.
(Book 39; pp. 29)