

LOCAL PORT NEWS AND SHIP ACTIVITY

Capt. F. H. Spurr, Of Tanker From San Pedro, Reports Sequake.

Capt. F. H. Spurr, of the tanker William H. Doheny, from San Pedro, reported that at 8 P. M. August 9 the ship experienced a seaquake of such force as to cause the vessel to vibrate sharply, the effect being similar to that of striking heavily over a rocky bottom. Wind at the time was west-southwest with force and with small west-southwest swell. The barometer marked 29.86.

No change was apparent in the surface of the sea during the period of the quake nor following it. The position of the Doheny was in latitude 7.37 north and 82.48 west.

Reports On Exports.

An official report of the export of flour and grain for the month of August is given by the Maritime Exchange as follows: 71,111 barrels of flour, 2,070,317 bushels of wheat, 79,746 of barley, 50,872 of oats and 1,524 of malt.

Collector C. H. Holtzman reported the value of exports for the week ended Saturday at \$1,401,515, an increase of \$24,308 over the business of the preceding week. Imports were valued at \$1,935,366, a decrease of \$9,794. Imports were represented by \$1,197,074 free of duty and \$738,366 dutiable.

War Prize To Load Scrap.

To be loaded with scrap at Newport News, the Boston Iron and Metal Company sent down in tow the former steamer Olivant. It was originally one of the German merchant steamers interned in Cuba, and later became the property of the Cuban Government. She was operated a while by the Cubans as a passenger and freight steamer. It is understood the Boston Iron and Metal Company is arranging to buy another now in Cuba.

Bids To Recondition Seneca.

Bids to recondition the United States Coast Guard cutter Seneca, now out of commission at the service depot in Curtis Bay, were opened in New York. Every shipyard of importance bid on the work. Todd Dry Docks, of New York, was the lowest bidder, at \$140,800. The Seneca spent several seasons on the ice patrol in the North Atlantic, in which she met with considerable rough treatment.

Port Paragraphs.

Maintenance repairs to the steamer Conehatta were awarded by the Shipping Board to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation.

Capt. W. E. Payne, from the steamer Juniata, yesterday took command of the Alleghany, of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation fleet. Capt. M. B. Blake, who has been in command of the Alleghany temporarily, left for Norfolk to take the Volusia.

The lighthouse tender Mayflower arrived at Washington yesterday to place buoys to mark the course to be used by the Corinthian Yacht Club, of Washington, in its regatta this week. The Maple yesterday removed the buoys in Spring Gardens to mark the speedboat course of the regatta which ended Monday. The tender Laurel is in the James river on buoy work.

The schooner Ella Pierce Thurlow yesterday began loading phosphate rock at Tampa for Baltimore.

J. J. Dugan, manager of John T. Campbell & Co., steamship agents, has become a member of the Maritime Exchange.