

There was another steamer MEXICO which was a frequent visitor to San Diego. Completed February 12, 1882 for B.M. Hartshorn of New York and A.H. Wilcox of San Diego.. Wooden construction, 275.0' x 36.0' x 20.7', 1797 gross tons - built by John W. Dickie, Alameda, California. Compound engine built by Risdon Iron Works, cylinder diameters 30" & 60" x 54" stroke, 220 NHP and 14 knots.. Owners had her in service out of San Francisco to San Diego and Mexican ports.. Chartered by Oregon Improvement Company April 1, 1886 and kept on same run. Oregon Improvement Company purchased her for Pacific Coast Steamship Company August 13, 1891. Later was transferred to Alaska Service out of Seattle. Wrecked on West Devil Rock, Sitka, Alaska in a dense fog, August 3 4th, 1897.

Forgot to state on January 22, 1907 the Union Iron Works removed the forward stack of SANTA ROSA, replaced her coal-firing Scotch Marine Boilers with new ones and improved her passenger accommodations.

I mentioned the wreck of the VALENCIA January 22, 1906. It so happened the VALENCIA was taken off her run out of Seattle to Southeastern Alaska to take the place of CITY OF PUEBLA which was undergoing extensive engine repairs at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

The Pacific Navigation Company was incorporated in State of New Jersey, September 30, 1910. They chartered the YALE and HARVARD from Metropolitan Steamship Company October 1, 1910 for a 10 year period with option of renewal. Both vessels left New York a few hours apart October 22nd and arrived at San Pedro December 16th. This Company was qualified to do business in California December 27, 1910. The Pacific Alaska Navigation Company chartered both vessels September 1, 1916. YALE was purchased by the Navy March 13, 1918 and renamed USS YALE, HARVARD purchased March 21st and renamed USS CHARLES. Used ferrying troops back and forth across the English Channel. Both vessels were sold by the Navy to Los Angeles Steamship Company June 10, 1920, date this Company was incorporated in California. Very expensive refitting and reconditioning jobs were done on both to refit them for passenger service again.. Both saw very hard usage during the War.. YALE was also used in World War/as the USS GREYHOUND..

The RUTH ALEXANDER ex CALLAO ex SIERRA CORDOBA was purchased by the Robert Dollar Company from the U.S. Shipping Board December 11, 1921. She was named RUTH after the wife of Hubbard Foster Alexander. Dollars turned her over the Pacific Steamship Company for operation on a long time charter basis. The EMMA ALEXANDER ex NANKING ex CONGRESS was named EMMA after mother of Alexander and DOROTHY ALEXANDER ex PRESIDENT was named DOROTHY after daughter of Alexander.

Probably you might have all this what I have jotted down. If not, all is factual, checked and rechecked and the answers come out correct each time.

Sincerely,

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P.S. The Warship laying out in stream on page 38 looks to me to be one of the CLEVELAND-class built in 1905. Sisters - DENVER, CHATTANOOGA, TACOMA, DES MOINES and GALVESTON. Composite-type cruisers, armed with Ten 5 inch guns.

