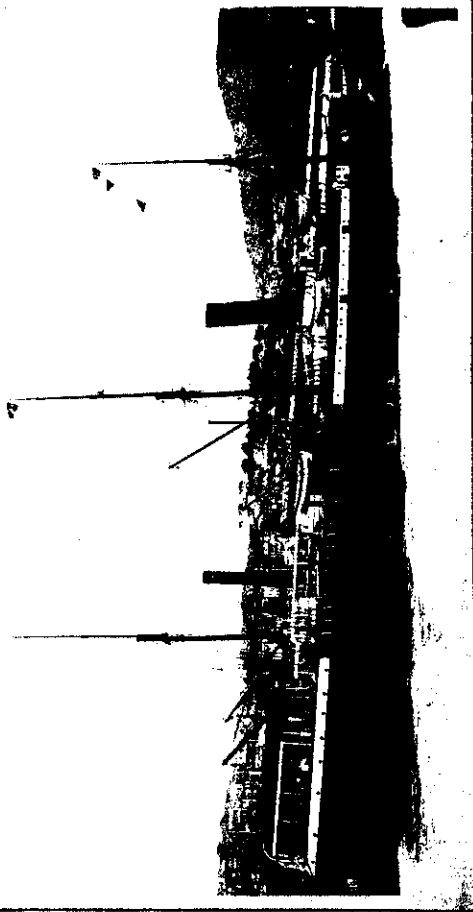
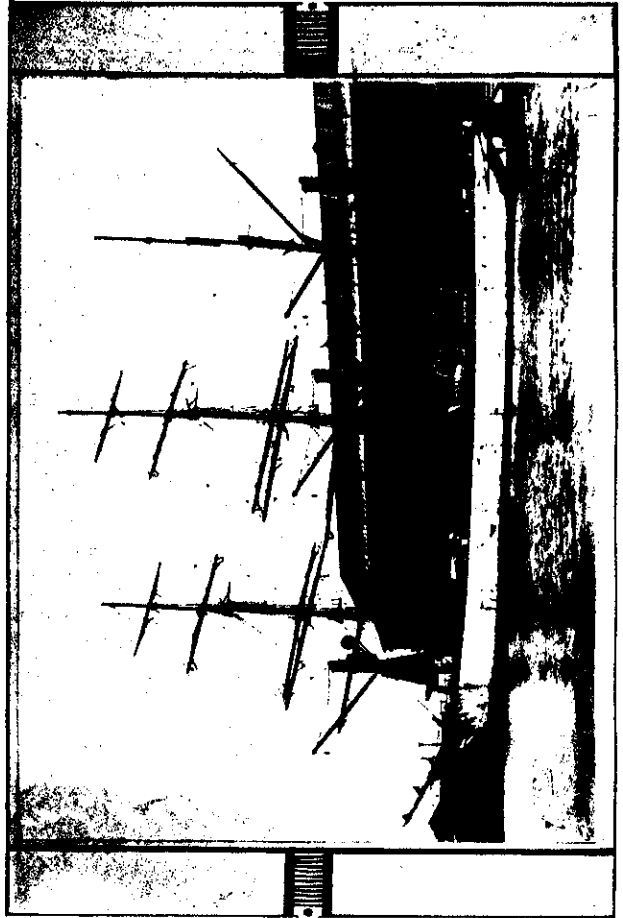


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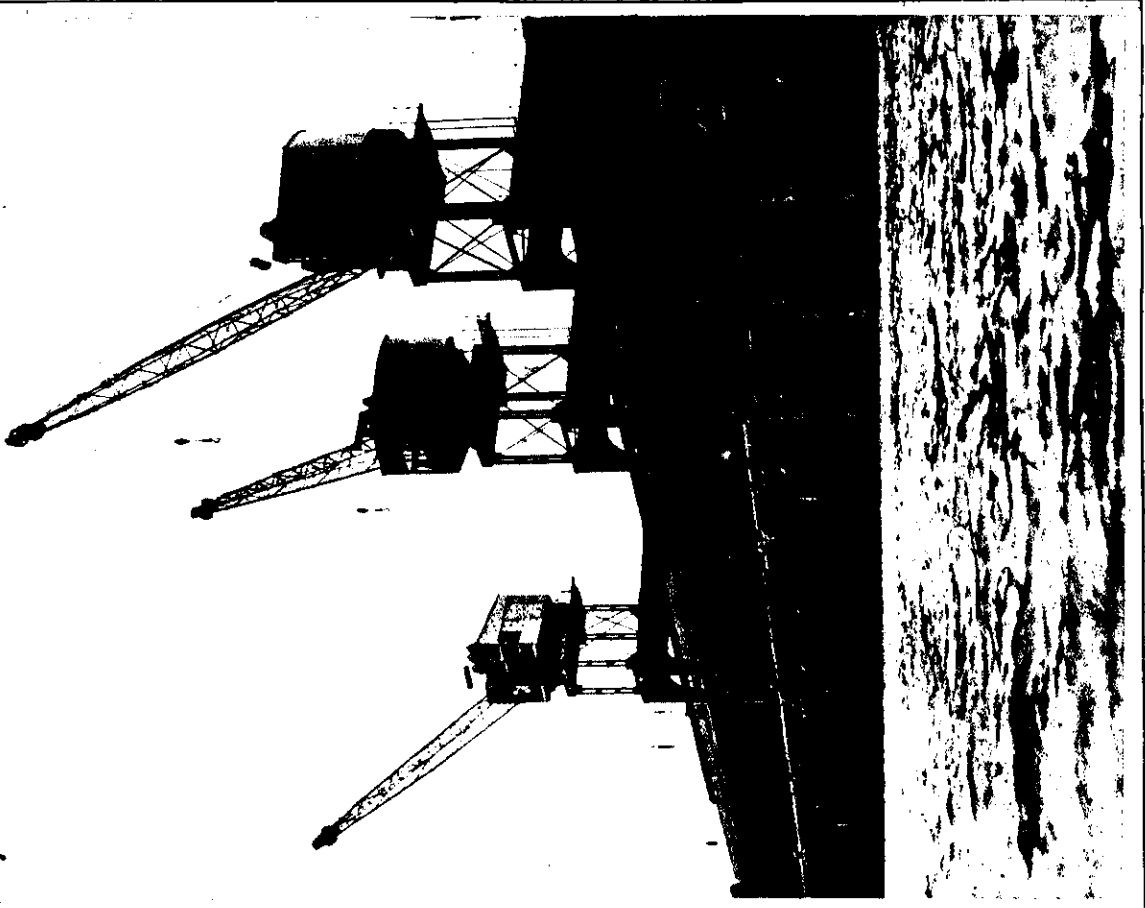


THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW SERVICE. At 12.30 p.m. on Saturday the Union Company's steamer *Armagul* (shown in the photo, alongside the wharf at Wellington) left Auckland on her first voyage of trade, and is expected to reach San Francisco on November 11. The service is a monthly one, and the next dispatch will be the *Malita*, leaving Auckland on November 24.



A STORM-BATTERED BARQUE REACHES WELLINGTON. The Norwegian barque *Gleonslep* which left Liverpool on July 26, reached Wellington last week after a very trying experience. A succession of gales culminated in a hurricane with mountainous seas, during which the vessel was severely damaged. Her starboard masts were badly smashed for a length of over 20 feet, and four masts were smashed and six boats carried away.

NEW ELECTRIC CRANES IN AUCKLAND.



MODERN MACHINERY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT

The equipment of the new Railway Wharf at Auckland includes the erection of twelve of Messrs Babcock and Wilcox Ltd's electric cranes, eight of the semi-portal and four of the portal type. Four of the cranes are completed and two more are nearly ready. Our illustration shows the manner in which the cranes are placed, each being operated by one man. A current of 400 volts supplied by the City Electric Department is the motive force. The lifting power of each crane is five tons, the height from the top of the jib to the wharf level is about 90 feet, and the radius of each jib is 44ft. 6in.