Special Agent May Come to Victorie to institute

of the following self-explanatory letter:

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25, 1906.

Dear Sir—The newspaper press of the East has given rather vague and incomplete accounts of the wrecking of the steamer Valencia at Cape Beale, Vancouver Island, on the 23rd inst., which indicate that many persons lost their lives. In order that the Carnegle Hero Fund commission may know the exact extent of this disaster, I take the liberty of addressing you in the matter.

to the scene of the accident to investigate.

Any report which you will be kind enough to make to me, covering these two points, with as much detail as you have at hand, accompanied by your local newspaper accounts of the disaster, at the earliest convenient date, I shall very much appreciate. Also any advice that you may have to give as to whether or not there is anything in connection with this disaster that is within the scope of the fund that should receive attention at our hands, I shall be glad to receive. I believe that you will be in dioser touch with this matter than anyone else, and thanking you in advance for whether courtesy you may extend, I beg to remain yours very truly, F. M. WILMOT, Manager.

Discuss West Coast Dangers

any surplus that accrues beyond providing for heroes and their dependents (which provision must never be abandoned), to such other modes of benefiting those in such other modes of benefiting those in such cher modes of benefiting those in their own, their own the their own th

phone.

J. L. Beckwith thought that a modern fog horn could be put in at Cape Beale at once and it appeared to him that the neglect of securing aids to navigation along our coast was a cause of many disasters.

Committee to Report

Coast Dangers

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Swidespencer Lide WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE

Annual White Sale TODAY

And Balance of the Month

Ladies' Drawers

Ladles' Drawers, full size, 5 inch frill, with 3 rows of hemstitch-ing, made of heavy cotton. Price, 25c. (open or closed.)

Ladles' White Cambric Drawers, full size, frimmed 3 clusters of tucks, 3 rows in each cluster, also 4½ inch frill of open embroidery, open or closed; twelve new de-signs. 50c.

Ladies' White Cambric Drawers, trimmed one cluster each with 5 and 10 rows of tucking, 5 inch frill of open work embroidery; open or closed. 50c.

Another style in White Cambric, 7 inch frill, 3 rows of hemstitch-ing, edged embroidery; open or closed. 50c. Ladies' White Cambric Drawers, trimmed 17 rows tucking, deep frill of fine embroidery; open or closed. 75c.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed 3 cluster of tucks, 4½ inch frill of fine lawn embroidery; open or closed; twelve new styles. 90c. pair.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed tucks and open embroid-ery in fine lawn. \$1.00 pair. Ladies' Fine White Cambric Drawers, extra wide, trimmed insertion and embroidery, tucking, 8 inch frill; open or closed. \$1.15. Ladies Fine Natisook Drawers, trimmed three clusters of tucking and 5 inch frill of baby embroid-ery; open or closed. \$1.15.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, trimed 6 inch frill, openwork em-broidery; open or closed. \$1.15 Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed 7 inch' lawn frill, edged fine Nainsook embroidery; open or closed. \$1.15 pair.

Ladles' Fine Cambric Drawers, extra wide, trimmed hemstitched tucking, shell tucking, 8 inch friil, edged fine embrodery. \$1.50 pair.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed hemstitching tucking, insertion and lawn embroidery; open or closed. \$1.50 pair.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, trimmed tucking, also 7 inch frill of lawn embroidery; open or closed. \$1.75 pair.

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Drawers, trimmed beading, ribbon, insertion, hemstitching, and fine embroidery; open or closed. \$2.50 pair.

Ladies' Gowns

Ladies' White Cambric Gowns, trimmed hemstitching, "V" yoke, also lace. 35c. each.

Ladies' Heavy Cambric Gown, yoke trimed cluster tucks, double frill on front, also frill on collar and out. 50c. acch. and cuffs. 50c. each.

Ladies' Nainsook Gown, yoke trimmed 6 clusters of tucking, collar, front and cuffs, trimed hemstitching. 75c. each

Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Gown, front trimmed glouble frill of embroidery, one row of insertion, collar and cuffs trimmed embroidery. 75c. (12 new openwork designs.) and cuffs. 50c. each.

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Ladies' Eine Cambric Gown, yoke
trimmed hemstitched insertion,
collar and cuff trimmed frill or
lawn hemstitching. 75c.

Double width Spot Muslins. Thursday,

Figured Muslins, 54 inch wide. Thursday,

500 yards White Vintage Net. Thursday,

Fringes, value 25c to 75c a yard. Thurs-

Lounge Fringes, Drapery Fringes and Wool

day, yard10c

Curtain Fringes, All at, yard......10c

yard15c

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, yoke trimmed 30 rows of tucking, 2 rows of insertion, front trimmed 2 frills of embroidery, 1 row of insertion, collar and cuffs trimmed embroidery, \$1.00.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, yoke trimmed 4 rows cluster tucking and 4 rows of Torchon lace, the collar and cuffs trimmed Torchon lace.

Ladies' rine Cambric Gown, a mass of tucking, also trimmed embroid-ery, collar and sleeves trimmed embroidery, \$1.00. Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Gown, yoke trimmed insertion and tucking, front, collar and cuffs trimmed insertion and embroidery.

Ladies Fine Nainsook Gown, yoke trimmed 28 rows hemstitching, edged with 4 inch trill, with 3 rows of hemstitching, collar and cuffs trimmed hemstitched frills. \$1.25.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Gown, empire style, collar and yoke frimmed embroidery and ribbon. \$1.25. Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Gown, trimmed hemstitched tucking, insertion and embroidery on collar, yoke and sleeves. \$1.25.

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Ludies' Nainsook Gown, yoke trimmed all over embroidery, collar and cuffs trimed embroidery, collar and cuffs trimed embroidery. \$1.25

Ladies Fine Cambric Gown, front trimmed 8 rows of hemstitching, collar, front and cuffs trimmed fine lawn embroidery. \$1.50.

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gown, low neck and short sleeves, circular yoke trimmed insertion and solid mass of tucking, yoke and sleeves trimmed embroidery. \$1.50.

Ladies Fine Cambric Gown, the new vest front, trimmed tucking, allover insertion and embroidery. \$1.50.

Ladies' Fine Lown Cloth Gown,

Ladies' Fine Lown Cloth Gown, yoke trimmed lace, insertion and embroidery, collar, yoke, front and sleeves trimmed lace, pleated back, \$1.75.

back. \$1.75.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Gown, circular yoke, trimmed insertion and tucking, yoke, front, sleeves, cuffs, trimmed hemetitched frill. \$1.75.

Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Gown, trimmed 1/2 inch tuck, hemetitched front, frimmed two frills embroidery, collar and cuffs trimmed one frill. \$1.75. Ladles' Nalnsook Gown, circular yoke, trimmed insertion, tucking and embroidery, also trimming on sleeve and collar. \$1.75.

sleeve and collar. \$1.75.

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Gown, "Princess" style, trimmed insertion and embroidery. \$2.50.

Ladies' Nainsook Gown, yoke trimmed allover embroidery, deep frill trimmed Val insertion and lace, also hemstitching, collar and cuffs trimmed Val lace on deep muslin frill, also trimmed ribbon. \$3.00.

Ladies' Nainseok and Long Cickle Ladies' Nainsook and Long Cloth Gowns, trimmed Val lace and fine embroidery frills, in many new styles at \$0.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00.

Ladies' Underskirts

Ladies' Cambric Underskirts, 7 Inch
flounce, fine openwork embroidery,
12 new designs, head of flounce
trimmed with 2 clusters of tucks,
also under frill, all sizes. \$1.15.
Ladies' Fine Cambric Underskirt,
11 inch flounce, trimmed 3 rows
of shell tucking, edged with 4
inch frill of openwork embroidery.
\$1.15.

WHITE MUSLINS

IN THE WHITE GOODS SALE

Hundreds of pieces of White Muslins of various kinds go On Sale Today.

STOCK TAKING OVER

And going through every article in every department brings many things to light that

should not be in the store at this season of the year.

The store that clings to its old lines of merchandise for the profit which failed of realization

in the proper season is making a great mistake. There's just one thing to do-sell the

surplusage for what it will bring and buy newer lines to take their place.

Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Underskirt, 9 inch flounce of fine openwork embroidery, headed with 3 rows 1 inch tucks, also under friil. \$1.25.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Underskirt, 12 incn flounce, trimmed 3 rows of hemstitching, 1 row fine cambric embroidery, also under frill. \$1.25. embroidery, also under frill. \$1.20.
Ladies Cambric Underskirts, 61/2
inch flounce, openwork embroidery, 2 rows cluster of tucks. \$1.25.
Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Underskirts, 12 inch flounce, trimmed 3
rows of hemstitching, edged 5
inch frill and lawn embroidery.
\$1.50.

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Ladles' Cambric Underskirts, 10 inch flounce, trimmed 3 rows cluster of tucks, also edged 7 inch embroidery, \$1.15.
Ladles' Fine Long Cloth Underskirt, 10 inch flounce, trimmed 2 rows cluster tucks, also 7 inch lawn embroidery. \$1.15. Ladies' Lawn Underskirt, 13 inch flonnce, trimmed 3 rows 1 inch tucking, also 10 inch openwork

embroidery. \$1.75.
Ladies Fine Lawn Underskirt, 19 inch lawn flounce, trimmed 15 rows 1-4 inch tucks, hemstitched, also 6 inch frill, fine lawn embroidery. \$8.50. Ladies Fine Lawn Underskirt 20 inch lawn flounce, trimmed rows insertion, cluster tucking, rows beading, Val lace. \$4.50. Ladies Fine Cambric Underskirt, 17 inch flounce, trimmed 6 rows hemstitching, 2 rows insertion, edged fine openwork pattern embroid, ery. \$4.00.

Corset Covers

Other designs, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Dainty Corset Covers, trimmed 1 inch Torchen lace, open pattern, all sizes. 35c. Fine Lawn Corset Cover, arms and neck trimmed 1 inch Val lace, edged beading; all sizes. 35c. edged beading; all sizes. Covers, trimmed arm and neck with 2 inch friil of fine Cambric embroidery; all sizes. 50c.

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Corset Covers, front trimmed 2 rows 2 inch insertion, neck and sleeve trimmed 1½ inch fine lawn embroidery. 75c.

Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, neck and sleeves trimmed fine lawn embroidery, small design; all slæs. 50c.

Ladies' Fine Nainsook Corset Cover, neck and arms trimmed I 1-4 inch lace, with beading; all sizes. 75c. Ladies Allover Embroidery Corset Cover, trimmed ribbon; all sizes.

Ladies' Fine Long Cloth Corset Cover, shaped front, trimmed 2 inch insertion, neck and sleeve trimmed I inch Torchon insertion. 75c.

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Ladles' Fine Nainsook Corset Cover, front trimmed 6 rows Val lace, arm and sleeves trimmed Val lace and beading. \$1.25.
Ladles' Long Cloth Corset Cover, medium weight, front trimmed allover embroidery Cambric. 90c.
Ladles' Lawn Corset Cover, allover embroidery, trimmed ½ inch silk ribbon; all sizes. \$1.15.

Cream and White Scrims. Yard......

36c and 50c Colored Muslins. Thursday,

In this lot are Figured Organdies and Striped Madras Muslins.

Cream Madras Muslins, 46 inch wide.

Table Covers of Tapestry, 2 x 2 1-2 yards,

Varied Lot of Articles on Rotunda tables

value \$2.50. Thursday.....\$1.00

at......10c

Thursday, yard.....

......10e, 15c and 25c

CHINAWARE

97 piece Porcelain Dinner

97 piece Porcelain Dinner Sets with violet decoration, regular \$13.75. Friday.....\$8.50

40 piece Tea Set with border designs, assorted colors. Friday\$9.75

40 piece Tea Set with fancy decoration, assorted colors. Friday\$8.40

ured decoration, regular 50c. Friday 25c each Japanese Tea Plates with

China Plaques, assorted designs, regular 25c, 50c.

Japanese Cups and Saucers, assorted shapes and decorations, regular 25c. Friday......15c each

Saucers (4 dozen odd), assorted sizes, regular 50c, 75c and \$1.25. Friday.

Cauldron decorated Plates (6 dozen odd), assorted sizes, regular 50c, 75c and

and sizes, regular 25c and 50c. Friday 10c, 25c each

Pressed Glass Water Jugs,

blers. assorted patterns, regular 10c. Friday 5c ea Fine Glass Tumblers, ass'ted

Glass Rose Bowls, fancy patterns, regular 15c.

regular 60c dozen.

Nickel Bath Soap Dishes, regular 65c. Friday...50c

10 piece Toilet Sets, decorated patterns, with square basin, regular \$10. Friday.....\$6.75

Sets with rose and forgetme-not decoration, regular \$12.75. Friday \$6.90

Japanese Dessert Plates, fig-

scenic design, regular 25c. Friday..... 10c each

Friday......10c, 25c each

Cauldron decorated Cups &

\$1.00. Friday35c

Cupid Vases, ass'ted shapes,

regular 25c. Friday .. 10c Pressed Glass Water Tum-

decorations, finely polished, regular \$1.50 dozen. Friday......\$1.00 dozen

Friday.....10c Fancy Glass Berry Dishes. Friday.....35c dozen

TOILET SETS

10 piece Toilet Sets, bright colors and designs with large basin, regular \$7.50. Friday.....\$5.75

VOL. XLVIII., **Inquiry Has** Been Open

Investigation Into Cause o encla Wreck Opened Yesterday.

Testimony Given by Numb Those Who Were Present Last Hours

A Large Number of Witne

Summoned Who Wil

Testify Shortly.

*HE investigation into the cistances of the Valencia was begun yesterday mornithe court house. Capt. J. G. the court house. Capt. J. G. agent of marine, Capt. J. G. Cor Capt. Newcombe of the C. G. S. trel, sat as commissioners. and M. H. Lugrin, as counsel for the Don government. Mr. J. Lawson of well & Lawson appeared for the fic Coast Steamship company, b was restricted to the cross-examin of witnesses whenever any state considered derogatory to the steam company was made. Capt. Gaudi plained the investigation was in no a prosecution, merely an investig prosecution, merely an investiby the Marine Department to ase the circumstances of the disaster. W. M. Allan of R. P. Rithet & agents for the Pacific Coast Stean company, who had charge of the ness of the steamship company, the first witness. He said he had pected the Valencia from San Fra co on the night of the 22nd or mo of the 23rd, and had been advised o wreck on the 23rd. He immedi-notified the Seattle office and on ar of the steamer Queen from Seattle

notified the Seattle office and on an of the steamer Queen from Seattle ephoned to Mr. Pharo who ordered Queen to leave her passengers here proceed to the wreck. He was tol Capt. Yandin, the steamer Salvor also proceeded, and thought that, the Salvor and Queen there every would be done that was possible to lite. Steamer City of Topeka had ceeded from Seattle without waitin discharge cargo. Tug Czar had gone. The Valencia was not on regular run. She replaced the disa steamer City of Puebla.

Second Officer's Evidence. Pierre Peterson, second officer of Valencia, said his duties were to after the bridge, taking part in the gration, and look meter frequency of the proceeding of the corrected the compass by po Did not see Cape Blanco. On Mo. 22nd, at 6 p. m. they began sout to ascertain their position. The hofficer cast the lead. At first sout he reported 240 fathoms and no bo Soundings were made every half. The steamer was slowed down, was going dead slow when she states and the steamer was off Umatilla reef, ing the lightship had perhaps gone and shifted the course for Tatoo N3.2 W. At 10.45 the leadsman 70 fathoms, and soon afterward red 60 fathoms. The weather was with rain. Couldn't see more that a mile. They had towed a log, a Mendocino had noticed that imiles run the log overran about 4 a mile. They had towed a log, Mendocino had noticed that in les run the log overran about 4. The last sounding before the st struck was 24 fathoms. The course changed to NW by N, the steaming dead slow. In 3 or 4 minut struck. It was black over the board bow when she struck, like The steamer was going 4 or 5 mi hour, but the sea was settin ahead. Ten minutes before she 30 fathoms was reported. Whe steamer struck they thought the hit somewhere near Flattery on American side instead of Van Island.

American side instead of Vanc Island.

Mr. Peterson said he had been ning for five years on this coast had not noticed a northerly set. had noticed a southerly one. Ther a strong southerly wind and swell when the steamer struck and had made an allowance for overry with the log. It was not loggy, hazy and dark. After 11 p. m. i very thick. They had no idea they so far north. The passage sout quicker than that north. The Va was well equipped, with six life and a working boat, and all applit She was inspected at San Fra about January 3rd or 4th. The he had seen was all right, plug everything in place.

Last Order of Captain
The last order he heard Capt.

Last Order of Captain

The last order he heard Capt.
son give was "Hard-a-starboard."
the steamer struck she backed
full speed astern, and then a fe
water was reported. Quickly oth
ports were made until in six minut
feet was reported. All hands
called on deck, and boats were o
out, the intentions being to lower
to the rail of the saloon deck. Th
was heavy. The vessel has struck
amidship. He went to his boat s
and found three or four who
have been there did not come.
the boat was swung someone lowe
and he was left swinging to the ra
assisted on board. That boat so
from the ship's side. He didn't
any saliors got in it. The boat wa
saved. There were 7 or 8 men ar
men in the boat, but it could hav
20 people. If all those boats had
kept at the rail instead of being lo
at once there would have been a
chance for some of the people to
the following morning.

The captain remained on the
Witness did not know what he
he had run right aft to his boat.
he went back to the bridge the c
was there. All boats were awa
cept a working boat, that in whi
boatswain tried to make a landing
a party of seamen who voluntee
take a line ashore. They took a
passengers to the saloon and star
give them something to eat. Th
gan setting up rockets. Some
staterooms forward soon star
break. All the passengers had g
preservers.

One of the sallors had got on

One of the sailors had got on and was on the cliff. He had a of about 20 feet to walk about, because was rising. He did not known