

TALITHYBIUS REACHES PORT

Largest Liner, Plying to Victoria, Belonging to Blue Funnel Service, Here on First Voyage

A question arises as to the disposition of the smaller and slower ships of the North German Lloyd fleet. The probability is, a German ship man said tonight, that these ships will go into service between Bremen, San Francisco and the Far East, by way of the Panama canal. Philip Heineken, head of the North German Lloyd company, was on this coast several months ago and spent most of his time looking over facilities for docking ships on the Pacific and inspecting the Panama canal.

RAINBOW TO CRUISE AROUND THE ISLAND

Canadian Warship Expected to Leave Esquimaut Today—Will Make Calls at Many Points

H. M. C. S. Rainbow is expected to leave Esquimaut today on a cruise around Vancouver Island. Calls will be made first at Chemainus and Ladysmith, and many other places on the island will be visited. The gun layers' tests will be carried out on board the vessel during the cruise.

C. P. R. PRESENTS BOWLS TO WARSHIPS

Donates Silver Services to Japanese Warships Aso and Soya For Services to Empress of China

Advices were brought by the steamer Talithybius of a presentation by the C. P. R. to the Japanese training cruisers Aso and Soya at Yokohama on March 28, following the return of the two warships from a training voyage to Australia. Admiral Salto went on board the Aso, flagship of Admiral Kato, accompanied by officials of the navy department, and presented the vessels with two handsome silver bowls presented by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as an expression of thanks for services rendered by these vessels in taking off the passengers and mails from the M. S. Empress of China of that company when she stranded off Shirahama last July.

UMATILLA'S SLOW TRIP

Pacific Coast Company's Steamer Reached Port Yesterday Many Hours Late

The steamer Umatilla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, reached the outer wharf yesterday afternoon after a slow passage from the Golden Gate. Head winds were encountered, and the vessel was about twelve hours late. The Umatilla brought a large complement of passengers, including the Victoria Baseball Club, and landed 300 tons of cargo at the outer wharf.

LUCERIC FOR ORIENT

Weir Line Passed Out Yesterday On Way to Manila and Way Ports

The steamer Luceric, of the Weir line, passed out yesterday en route to Manila and way ports of the Far East. The Weir steamer took out a large cargo, including big shipments of lumber and forage consigned to Manila for the United States government. The vessel had ten saloon passengers, among them Mrs. L. S. Rader, Paul Rader, Earl and Ruth Rader, bound from Miami, Fla., to Manila, where Mrs. Rader and her children will join her son, Lieut. Ralph E. Rader. The Luceric will touch at Yokohama, Kobe, Moll and Hongkong.

FORERUNNER OF A NEW SERVICE

Steamer Indian at Tacoma First of Vessels to Be Operated From Copenhagen

TACOMA, April 12.—As forerunner of the permanent service to be established with the opening of the Panama canal, the Danish steamer Indian, Capt. Jensen, of the Danish East Asiatic line, arrived in port yesterday noon from San Francisco. The steamer brought general freight to San Francisco from Antwerp and other European ports, and is expected to load here for the Orient.

GIANT STEAMERS FOR GERMAN LINE

North German Lloyd to Build 54,000-Ton Vessels—Smaller Vessels For Pacific Line

NEW YORK, April 12.—After the Hamburg-American line had announced the building of a ship, the Imperator, of greater dimensions than the giantess Olympic of the White Star fleet, the Cunard company began planning a still bigger steamship, the Aquitania. The Imperator is designed to be 900 feet long and to measure 50,000 tons gross, and the Aquitania, while no longer, will be of greater tonnage.

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Chinese Passenger of Steamer Monteagle, Who Contracted Disease Died When Four Days Out from Japan

A wireless despatch from the C. P. R. steamer Monteagle, Capt. Davidson, which will reach William Head today from Hongkong and way ports of the Orient, states that a Chinese passenger, who was found to be suffering from smallpox, died on board the steamer when four days out from Yokohama, and was buried at sea. The quarters in which deceased had been quarantined were disinfected, and no further outbreak took place. The Monteagle will reach the quarantine station about noon today, and will be held for disinfection and fumigation.

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PRISONER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

NELSON, B. C., April 11.—Jack McConnell, an old-time settler, under arrest at Whilmer, charged with a serious crime, and who was to have been tried this morning before Judge Thompson, of Cranbrook, made a desperate attempt at suicide today. After eating breakfast, McConnell plunged a table knife deep into his throat, penetrating the jugular vein. He was taken to the hospital and may recover.

TASMANIAN DEMAGOGUES

NEW YORK, April 11.—President Taft charged tonight that many of those persons who advocate the recall of judges or the recall of judicial decisions are insincere demagogues, acting without sufficient knowledge of need for the preservation of the constitution or its guarantees.

IMPROVING PHEASANTS

Much has been done to improve the native pheasants. Experiments along much the same line as those under way in Great Britain are taking place here, and so far seem to have been very successful. The first bird introduced to this section of Canada was the ring-necked pheasant, but of late years, deteriorated, and it was judged that new blood was required. So the government promptly took the matter up and has been liberating the Mongolian pheasants in practically all the open districts of the province.

WYOMING WAPITI

A report has been circulated that the provincial warden was taking steps having in view the importation of wapiti from Wyoming to British Columbia. Mr. Williams says that he has done nothing in that direction. Hearing of the pitiful fashion in which these animals have been dying off for want of food across the border, he expressed the opinion that it would be a splendid thing if some could be brought into this province. He did not go any further, and adds that he doubts whether such a scheme would be practicable. Not only is there the great, almost insuperable, difficulty involved in transportation—a task which, if possible, would be very expensive—but there is the problem of obtaining the consent of the United States authorities. Mr. Williams is doubtful if that could be secured. In fact, he does not think that the suggestion could be carried out, and certainly nothing definite has been done towards that end.

AN OLD B. C. FIRM IS RE-ORGANIZED

Pither & Leiser Becomes Limited Liability Company, British Capital Introduced—Outline of Changes

With a capitalization of \$2,000,000, the firm of Pither & Leiser, one of the commercial landmarks of British Columbia, established 20 years ago, has been reorganized. It has been formed into a limited liability company, and will continue under the old name, with the requisite addition, namely, Pither & Leiser Co., Ltd.

The first board of directors was elected last week, the details connected with the transfer, which have occupied some months, having been completed. Mr. Luke Pither and Mr. Max Leiser are the directors, being among the largest holders of stock, and will continue to take an active interest in the company. With them are Mr. W. J. Geoghegan, of Dunbar, Mr. A. E. Goodbody and Mr. Jas. Hunter.

The latter, who has been appointed managing director and general manager, and who also holds stock in the new concern, is well-known to old-time Victorians. He left here seven years ago, and since has been with the Vancouver branch of Pither & Leiser. Mr. Geoghegan, one of the representatives of the newly introduced old country capital, was at one time head brewer for the Guinness firm, one of the wealthiest corporations of its kind of Great Britain.

Both in Victoria and Vancouver the personnel of the staffs will remain the same, that in this city being under the management of Mr. George A. Gardner, while that in the Terminal City will be in the charge of Mr. George N. Joy. While no definite plans have been arranged, it is the intention of Pither & Leiser Co., Ltd., to extend its busi-

INQUIRY INTO COST OF LIVING

Dominion Government May Take Part in World Wide Investigation in Co-Operation With United States

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