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

On her first voyage to Victoria the steamer Talthybius, of the Blue Funnel ine-largest of the liners plying to this port-reached the outer wharf yesterday from Liverpool via the Suez and ports of the Orient with a heavy cargo of general merchandise, totalling over f1.000 tons, of which about 2000 tons vill be discharged here.

The steamer made a slow passage from Yokohama, encountering strong head winds. After landing 268 Chines here the vessel proceeded to Tacoma to unload the overland cargo, including a big shipment of raw silk for New York and will return here early next week. The new 9000-ton steel steamer is fresh from the yards of her builders, and is in command of Capt. H. L. Allen, formerly of the steamer Ning Chow. Mr. Black, formerly of the Keemun, is chief officer and Mr. Walters, who was chief steward of the Titan, is on board the new steamer in the same capacity.

The Talthybius is the biggest of the Holt fleet. She is 525 feet in length, 20 feet longer than the company's steame Protesilaus, and like that vessel she equipped to carry a limited number of saloon passengers. There were five passengers in the saloon, Mr. Eils Gethings wealthy Liverpool man who is making a round trip; Mr. D. M. Johnson and wife, and Messrs, A. B. Blason and W M. McEwen, both of whom came from the Orient to take up their residence in British Columbia. Cabin accommodation for eight passengers is provided and age passengers. It is expected that the vessel will carry a large number of pligrims from Strait Settlement ports to Jeddah en route to Mecca on her homeward trip.

Siam's Abortive Revolt

Advices were brought by the Taythy bius from ports of the Straits Settle ments showing how the recent republi-can plot in Siam to emulate the achievements of China's mutinous troops failed. The progress of the plot was know to the authorities from the beginning owing to reports of sples who gained membership in the band, and th movement was allowed to develop, while those at its head were watched and arrested when preparing for the climax. It was announced that docu ments giving details of the plot and names of those concerned were found on some of the prisoners, and a hurried fight of many naval and military men followed the afnouncement. One of the prisoners, a lieutenant of cavalry, sui-cided after being arrested, snatching a rifle from a guard and shooting him-

## TOTAL WRECK OF MADELEINE RICKMERS

German Steamer Goes on Vries Island Close to Where the Liner Adato Was Lost

News was brought by the Talthybius Madeleine Rickmers, since given up a total loss, on Vries Island, off the entrance to Tokio Bay. A Japanese who returned from Vries Island says the steamer is lying on a rock under the cliff between Senzu-mura and Hagino-ura, about two cho from the spot where the British steamer Adato was wrecked in November, 1908. As the vessel is only about eight yards from the land, communication between the steamer and shore is easily maintained. The steamer has a list of more than 20 degrees. The first and second holds and the engine room are The Rickmers having run on the

rock at full speed, her hull is badly damaged. There are two large holes near the bow-one in the region of the keel and the other on the port side. stern remains intact. Bad weather was experienced on the 17th and 18th. Captain Oed remained on board until 4 p.m. on the 17th, when he proceeded to Hagi-no-ura, where all the members of the crew are now quartered.

Several Japanese marine engineers, including the representatives of the Uraga dockyard and of the Yamashina Marine Engineering Office, of Tokio, have already arrived at the island, but their men have, so far, been unable to commence salvage work owing to the ered a heavy snowstorm on the night of the accident, and apparently was carried out of her course by the strong currents. Her position is considered better than that of the Adato when she first ran ashore.

## 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 storm defier, the Aquit-The Imperator is designed to be 900 feet long and to measure 50,000 tons gross, and the Aquitania, while no

onger, will be of greater tonnage. Today a cable came to Ocirichs & Co., general agents of the North German Lloyd line in this country, saying that a new colossus had been ordered from the Schichau Shipbuilding company, of Danzig, and that she will be completed not later than August, 1914. Her

The new ship will cost \$10,000,000 Belsteads will be substituted for berths in all rooms.

tion of the smaller and slower tion of the smaller and slower ships of the North German Lioyd fleet. The probability is, a German aid 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 com pany, 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

## RAINBOW TO CRUISE AROUND THE ISLAND

anadian Warship Expected To Leave Esquimalt Today—Will Make Calls At Many Points

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

Arrangements are being made for H. M. S. Algerine to proceed shortly to the range at Comox for gun practice. Her sister sloop, H. M. S. Shearwater, is being repaired slowly at San Francisco, and is not expected at Esquimalt until

## C. P. R. PRESENTS **BOWLS TO WARSHIPS**

Donates Silver Services To Japanes Warships Aso and Soys For Services to Empress of China

Advices were brought by the steame raithybius of a presentation by the C. P. R. to the Japanese training cruisers Aso and Soya at Yokosuka 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 depart-nient, 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 R. M. S. Empress of China of that company when she stranded off Shirahama last July.

## UMATILLA'S SLOW TRIP

Pacific Coast Company's Steamer Beach-ed Port Testerday 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 Vic-toria Baseball Club, and landed 300 tons toria Ras of cargo at the outer wharf.

## LUCERIC FOR ORIENT

Weir Liner Passed Out Yesterday On Way To Manilla and Way Ports

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

#### FORERUNNER OF A NEW SERVICE

Steamer Indien At Tacoma Pirst of Ves

sels To Be Operated From Copenhagen

TACOMA, April 12.-As a forerunner of the permanent service to be estab-lished with the opening of the Panama canal, the Danish Steamer Indien, 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

It was reported that the Indien was already chartered to load here for the Orient, but it seems that the negotiations have not yet been completed.

The vessel is expected to receive a cable from her owners this morning closing negotiations for her next voyage, which, it is likely, will be from Pacoma to the Orient with flour and cotton. The owners of the Indien will operate a service from Europe to this port when the canal is opened, and, like the Harrison line, will send their first steamers here by way of the Strait of Magellan in order that the ine may become well established the time the canal is in service.

New Liners Ordered

The Danish East Asiatic Steamship company of Copenhagen has a number of new liners ordered, to be equipped with Diesel engines, the gas-propelled vessels of this type having proved sat-isfactory on recent trials in the Atlan-tic. It is expected that the first motor-driven freighters to be seen on the Pacific coast will be sent out by this company. H. F. Ostrander, formerly of Jebsen & Ostrander, is acting as agent on Puget Sound for the nev

After a smooth trip up from San Francisco, the Indien arrived in port yesterday afternoon and dropped anthor in the stream to await loading orders. The Indien left Antwerp Nov-ember 18 and arrived at San Francisco March 23. She is a vessel of 4091 ne tons, according to the registry of tonnage given her recently at San Francisco, and is owned by the "Ostasiat-iske Kompagni, Aktieselskab Det," or,

company, Ltd. She was originally a British vessel, being built at Belfast by Harlad & Wolff, and launched in October, 1889. She is 400 feet in length, 46 feet beam and 28 feet depth.

# BURIED AT SEA

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

A wireless despatch from the C. P. R teamer Monteagle, Capt. Davison, which will reach William Head today from Hongkong and way ports of the Orient, states that a Chinese pass who was found to be suffering from smallpox, died on board the steamer when four days out from Yokohama, and 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 noor today, and will be held for disinfection

The first news regarding the fact that a smallpox case had occurred on board the Monteagle was received from the Japanese government by the authorities at Ottawa, who in turn communicated with the C. P. R. officials and Dr. A. T. Watt, superintendent of quarantine at Villiam Head. The wireless messages from the Monteagle were heard by a warship at Sasebo naval station, and reported to the Admiralty at Tokio.

LOS ANGELES, April 12.-Tomm Ryan's touted middleweight world beat-er, Howard Morrow, and Bert Fagan he shifty San Francisco 158 pounder will meet in the Vernon arena tomorrow afternoon in a 20-round bout. The winner has been promised a match Eddie McGoorty, the eastern middleweight.

Woman Boot Black

LONDON, April 11 .- A woman bootclack will shortly start in business at one of the street corners in the busiest parts of the West End, where she will do for women the work that the boy boot-black has so long done for men. In an interview this pioneer said:

"I think it is high time that wor should be able to get a quick shine in the street. As things are now, unless women resort to the usual trick of cleaning the toe-caps of their shoes by friction on their stockings, they are often compelled to go about with muddy shoes. I have already bought my outfit, and shall begin work very soo shall wear no uniform, but a long hol-land overall to preserve my dress; a pair of gloves and a becoming toque. Of course, I shall not accept men cus-tomers, so that those who are already in the business need not be afraid of my competition. I shall only work for women, children and boys up to the age of ten, if they are with their mother or their nurse. It will be an honest, clean and useful career, which should be generally taken up in time; in fact, I think its development will entitle me to be considered a public benefactress.

New Machines For Sewer Work-Th three new air-compressor machines re-cently ordered by the city through lessrs. Maysmith & Lowe have arriv ed and will receive their initial test on Monday. The machines, the newest of their kind, will greatly facilitate the excavation of rock in sewer work, each peing capable of drilling and removing feet of rock per diem as against the thirty feet per day being taken out under the present system of hand-blasting. The machines cost \$2200 each, but the saving which will be effected will, it is stated, mean a great in sewer construction machines were manufactured by the Chicago Pneumatic Tool company and delivery was made from the east within twenty days. The first work on which they will be put will be the sewer construction in Craigdarroch subdivision.

New Building Bylaw—The committee onsidering the new building bylaw has not yet completed its labors, and no inlication is given as to just when this measure, which when passed will be the most voluminous of any on the civic statute books, will come before the council. The comprehensiveness of the measure is such that much considera-The bylaw contains some 396 sections, covering every possible phase of building work, and incidentally repeals all existing measures relat-ing thereto. The claim has been made by some of the aldermen that the bylaw will prove too advanced for a city of the size of Victoria, as many of the provisions have been copied from regulations in force in cities of over half a million population.

Mr. Macdonald Delayed-Mr. W. T. Macdonald, of the Pullman agricultural and experimental station of the state of Washington, who has been appointed livestock commissioner of British Columbia, is not likely to take up his new duties as soon as was expected. The intention was that Mr. Macdonald should be here by the end of the present week, but he has written to say that the authorities of the Pullman are averse to his leaving before the end of the academic year, in May. This delay in his arrival will not be any seriou detriment to his work here for son, as the important part of his dutie would not commence until June in any event. Like many of those who have earned a continental reputation of late years in agricultural work and science, Mr. Macdonald is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural college at Guelph. Since leaving that institution in 1903 he has has large experience in live stock matters, having been for some time superintendent of the college farm of the Iowa State College of Agri-culture, and afterwards head of the department of animal husbandry and dairying at the state college farm of Oklahoma. Since 1908 he has been connected with the station at Pullman. Ernest Thomas, a well known Ladysmith lad, died last week as a result of injuries sustained in a runaway acci-

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Elmer midt, who says that he is a nechanic, was arrested here today on a fugitive from justice warrant from Salt Lake. He is accused of the murler of Marcia Groff in that city.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 12 .-Mrs. Marcia Groff was found dead in her bedroom on the night of January 20. She had been strangled. A few days later the police sent broadcast a description of a man known as Wilam Schmidt, an inventor. Witnesser had been found, the police said, who had seen Schmidt with Mrs. Groff shortly before the murder and had heard him threaten to "get even" with her for a fancied wrong. Chief of Police Grant has received a description of the man arrested at San Francisco and says it answers that of the man wanted.

American "Florence Nightingale WASHINGTON, April 12. - Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and one of the most wide known women of her day, died this norning at 9 o'clock in her home, Red Cross, in Glen Echo, Md. She was 90 years old. Miss Barton suffered an attack of pneumonia in February, 1911, had a relapse, and the case became phronic. She went last summer to her old home in Oxford, Mass., and re-turned to Glen Echo in feeble health last autumn. Muscular weakness of the heart developed, and for weeks her ndition has been such as to cause grave concern. Her mind was un-dimmed almost to the last, and her ready wit made her sick room a place of cheer. Miss Barton will be buried where she was born, in Oxford, Mass. The funeral take place from the Glen Echo home on Sunday,

Conservatory Mystery

NEW YORK, April 11.—The mystery strrounding the identity of the woman found in the home of Professor Louis P. Parma, musician, after his death from cerebral hemorrhage on Monday. was cleared up yesterday when friends called ot Bellevue hospital and identified her as Clara Conner, a native of Indiana, She is 41 years old, and it was said that for 20 years or more she has been a pro tege of Professor Parma.

Aftermath of Pight

NEW YORK, April 11 .- An hour or more after being beaten by a Chicag's youth, whose identity the police did not learn, in a preliminary bout here last night, John Goldberg, aged 21, fell into a coma and was removed to a hospital in a serious condition. It is believed he is suffering from a fractured skull or a blood clot on the brain.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., April 11.— The government intends sending a con-tingent of 20 senior cadets to compete at Toronto exhibition this year.

## CLUSTER LIGHTS EACH SIDE HARBOR

Board of Trade Takes Up Actively the Scheme for IIlumination of Approach to

The project for a scheme of decorative illumination at the "gateway" to the city came before the board of trade at the quarterly meeting held yesterday afternoon, and was most enthusiastically received. It was decided to have the matter referred to the council of the hoard, and a committee will be named to co-operate in the movement which promises to result in securing a great advertisement for the beauties of the capital city at small cost.

The matter was introduced by Mr. C. H. Lugrin, who presented the following explanatory letter he had received from the manager of the light and power de partment of the B. C. Electric Railway

"April 12th, 1912 "Dear Sir:—With regard to a pro-posed scheme of ornamental and general illumination for the Causeway, and the surrounding buildings, which has been favorably commented upon in your columns recently, I would state that est extent in a matter of this kind.

"The temporary lighting efforts in the past, such as when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was here, the coronation day and of various other occasions, were very well spoken of by many people, and I have no doubt that the fact of adopting a scheme of permanent outline lighting would prove of immense advertising value to the city. In the past we have been held back somewhat on account of lack of power, but, with a second unit river, we shall have ample current to take care of any additional load, such as would be occasioned by a display as suggested.

"Mgr. Light and Power Dept." Sight Never To Be Forgotten

Mr. Lugrin added that he himself, while he approved entirely of scheme of illumination as outlined, felt that it did not go quite far enough. His own ambition was to see a series of cluster lights installed on both sides of the harbor. The provincial govern-ment would no doubt co-operate in this but that was a matter of detail. If this were done steamers on rounding in from Macaulay Point would pick up these harbor lights and the impression on the minds of people coming to the city would be as imperishable as it would be pleasing. He thought that Victorians were too indifferent to the impression which things of this kind would make on themselves. These schemes of beau-tification would afford an incalculable amount of pleasure to the people of rictoria, and on that ground alone were

The motion to refer the letter of Mr. Hall to the council was seconded by Mr. D. R. Ker and carried unanimously.

Mongolian Pheasants Being Distrubuted in All Suitable Sections - Not Importing Wyoming Wapiti

If British Columbia does not be ome the greatest big and small game centre of the American continent with in a few years it will not be be of lack of endeavor on the part of the authorities. A campaign for the replenishing of the varieties of native stock which the north Pacific possesses, and for adding to these as ets foreign game adapted to the conditions here, has been under way for several years. Aided by adequate and stringently enforced game laws, Provincial Game Warden Bryan Williams has gone about his work with all the enthusiasm of the born sportsman, and already he is beginning to see the re-sults of his labor in the rapidly interior and the successful propagation of a number of varieties of imported feathered game.

Prominent among the new birds which have been introduced to British Columbia under this policy is the Hungarian partridge. It was released both on the mainland and on Vancouver Island. The way it has prospered is astonishing. Old-time hunters can scarcely believe their eyes as, in cover-ing the fields of the districts wherever the partridges have been placed, they flush covey after covey of heautifully-conditioned birds. They find it hard to credit that these newcomers not only have found the somewhat strange conmuch at home as to multiply to a surprising extent

Improving Pheasants Much has been done to improve the native pheasants. Experiments along much the asme line as those under way n 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 ringneck. It flourished, but, of late years deteriorated, and it was judged that new blood was required. So the gov-ernment promptly took the matter up and has been liberating the Mongolian

as fast as possible until now birds are in practically all the oper districts of the provin-Mr. Bryan Williams, who was in the city yesterday, states that the good work still is in progress. The Saan-

ich and the Cowichan districts already have been fully cared for, some recently have been released on Salt Spring Island, and St. James Island, it is understood, is to get some as soon as convenient. There has been some dif-ficulty to supply the demand. so in-sistent have been the inquiries of residents of different districts. But the Mongolians are represented practically everywhere now, and it is confidently believed that the mixing of the old and the new stock will produce a bird as fine from the sportsman's stand-point as is to be found in any country. Wyoming Wapiti

A report has been circulated that the provincial warden was taking steps having in view the importation 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. 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 Ida bility Company, British Capital In-troduced—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

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 Leise are on the directorate, being among the largest holders of stock, and will continue to take an active interest in the business. With them are Mr. W. P. Geoghegan, of Dublin; Mr. A. E. Goodoody and Mr. Jas. Hunter.

The latter, who has been appointed managing director and general manag-er, and who also holds stock in the er, 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 Van-couver branch of Pither & Leiser. Mr. of the newly introducd old capital, was at one time head brewer for the Guinness firm, one of wealthiest corporations of its kind of

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-

ness, keeping pace with the develop-ment of the province as it has done in the past. It now boasts of being one of the largest establishments of its kind in the Dominion. There will be no change in the conduct of its affairs, the infusing of British capital in no sense necessitating any alteration in the methods which have marked its managements since its inception. The head offices will continue, as before, in Victoria and Vancouver.

NATCHEZ, Miss., April 11.—The levee at Aspland, Miss., broke today. Thirty-six hundred acres in Jerrson county will be flooded.

C.N.R. Shops At Port Many TORONTO, April 11 .- Officials of the

that survey work having practically been completed, the building of two C.N.R. shops at Port Mann will undertaken this spring. Millionaire for Penitentiary SAN FRANCISCO, April 11,-The U. S. Circuit court of appeals made an order here today, committed Clarence D. Hillman, multi-millionaire promoter

Seattle, who is to take him to the pen-

to the custody of the U. S. Marshal in

NELSON, B. C., April It. Jack Mc-Connell, an old-time settler, under arrest at Wilmer, charged with a serious crime, and who was to have been tried this morning before Judge Thompson of Cranbrook, made a desperate at-tempt 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. "Insincere 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.

Great Worthern Rumor

ST. PAUL, April 12.-A report that the Great Northern, through J. J. Hill had purchased two miles of lake front near Fort William, Ont., as a transfer, steel works, and eastern terminus for a new line of railroad through Western Canada, was current here today but could not be confirmed.

LONDON, April 11 .- A dispatch from Constantinople says the powers have agreed to renew the attempt to ascertain the terms on which Turkey would be willing to make peace with Italy.

Architects' Convention LOS ANGELES, April 11.-The ser and annual convention of the architecural league of the Pacific Coast closed here today with the election of officers and the selection of Portland as the meeting place for 1913. The time will

To Stimulate Sheep Raising-A seres of five meetings have been arranged by the department of agriculture with a view to encouraging the breedwill be held at Metchosin. April 15; Union Bay, April 16, at 1 p.m. and Comox at 8 p.m.; Duncan. April 17, and at Ladner and Chilliwack on dates which are yet to be fixed. These meetings will be addressed by Dr. W. T. Rich sheep commissioner of the Dominion department of agriculture, and by Mr. G. McCrae, of the Dominion live stock turing on this subject in the prairie provinces.

Park for the Delta-Mr. F. J. Mackenzie, member-elect for Delta, during proached the government with a scheme for the establishment of a provincial park for the Delta district on the old Yale-Cariboo road, about three and a half miles from New Westmin-ster. The tract which Mr. Mackenzie has in his mind's eye is a mile square and is heavily timbered. It is held under timber lease, and the land is the property of the Dominion government, these difficulties would not prove for taken in hand by the provincial authorities. He received considerable couragement in his idea both from the premier and the minister of lands. It is possible and probable that Col. Thomson, of Seattle, who has been em-Thomson, or Seattle, who has been employed by the province to lay out a scheme for the opening of Strathcona Park, will also be asked to give his opinion as to how this land in the Delta would shape up for park pur-

Police Mare Raid-In a raid made this morning at 1 o'clock by the police on the house at 120 Niagara street, Chan, a Chinaman; a white woman whom he claims to be his wife: Alice Blake, a young girl recently from Se-attle, and three other Chinamen, were arrested and locked up at the police station. Chan and his wife will be charged with keeping a disorderly house, Blake girl with being an inmate and the three Celestials with being frequenters. Deputy Chief Palmer, Inspector Walker, Sergeants Clayards and Harper and Constables McGregor, Ireland and Sutton made the raid. The house has been under police surveilance for the past week, but not until last evening did the police consider the time for making a raid had arrived. All the prisoners will be arraigned in the police court this morning. Chinaman Arrested Wong Hing, un

til two days ago a domestic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Battery street, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Mann and Secret charged with stealing jewelery valued at \$250. valuables were found in a trunk in his room at 1707 Store street. Wong Hing left his employment two days ago and after his departure the fact that the jewelery, which consisted of rings, bracelets and a necklace had disappearsearch warrant was obtained search of his room disclosed the jewel-ery, which was intact. He will be ar-raigned this morning.

## INQUIRY INTO COST OF LIVING

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

OTTAWA, April 11 .- The departm Canadian Northern Railway Co. stated f labor is in communication with United States government with possibility of co-operation in the eral study of conditions underlying the increased cost of living. United States idea appears to be

world-wide inquiry. Richard Grigg, the new commissioned of commerce, is preparing a report fo the minister of trade and commerce the condition and usefulness of Canadagencies in the United Kingdon and the countries of Europe. It is pro oable that the investigation, which has already included these agencies, wil se extended to cover those in the out Orient. Upon Mr. Grigg's report will lepend the future status of Canadian trade agents. Pending a decision this respect, several important posts remain to be filled, including those at Amsterdam, Glasgow, Berlin, Havana and Shanghai.

## REPRIEVE OF MURDERER

Death Sentence On Grovanni Portulio Is Commuted To Life Im-prisonment

OTTAWA, Ont., April 11.—The cabet today decided to commute to life mprisonment the sentence of Giovanni Portulio, who was to have been execut ed at Calgary on the 17th for the murder of a fellow countryman. shown that he acted in self-defense Portulio, a short time ago, lo hope of executive elemency, cut throat and hearly died.

### NOT GUILTY

Simployer Exonerated From Charge Killing a Machinist's Union

PORTLAND, Ore. April II.—The jury n the case of Burt Hicks, on trial for the alleged killing of W. A. Wortman, a machinists' union picket on November 2, 1911, returned a verdict of not guilty late today. The jury retired for deliberation at 10.39 o'clock this morning and brought in the verdict of "Not guilty" at 4.50 o'clock this afternoon.

Hicks was the owner of a small machine shop and his plant had been pick-sted for several weeks prior to the kill-ing of Wortman. Several of Hicks' employes, it is alleged, had been attacked and beaten, and threats of violence had been conveyed to Hicks. The evidence adduced showed showed that on the night of the shooting nearly two score of pickets were in the vicinity of the shop when the employees left the plant. Some of the employes were escorted to the street cars. Hicks himself, unaccompanied, walked up the street and was followed by Wortman and several other men who jeered Hicks. I man engaged in a scuffle. The shooting followed, Wortman dying almost immediately. The evidence was somewhat conflicting as to which of the contestants was the aggressor.

## PROTECT WILD FLOWERS

Natural History Society Makes a Timely Appeal To the Flower-Lowing

Last year an appeal was made to he public by the wild flower committee of the Natural History Society to conserve the wild flowers to be found in the vicinity of Victoria, but which were tapidly becoming scarcer until there was but too much reason to fear their total disappearance. With the neturn of the flowering season it may be well to recall what was then said. It was pointed out that plants do not grow apontaneously. Many propagate their species by seeds or bulbs alone, and it they are deprived of the power of faproduction through those means, those plants will surely sconer or later disappear from the face of the earth. The lily for instance, should be broken or cut off, not pulled up, and the leaves should be left, otherwise the bulb will surely perish for want of them. The ladies slipper has a very elight hold in the moss where if is found, and that flower, therefore, should also be broken off, so that the bulb and leaf may be left.

To attempt, to transplant a flowering plant at the time of its blooming is only courting failure. This should be flowe at a season when the foliage has died down and the plant is resting. The effect residents here can remember when Beacon Hill was a sheet of white while the white lily was in bloom, and the surrounding woods were fragrant with ladies slipper.

BILBOA, Spain, April 11 .- Violent rioting occurred here during an attempt by Carlists to break up a Radical dem-onstration. Civil guards charged both parties, one man was killed and a dozen

Killed by Police Chief

BLACKFOOT, Ida., April 11,-An unidentified Mexican was shot and killed yesterday by Chief of Police Smith in a field near here. The men exchanged shots at some distance. The shoeting was begun after Chief Smith had chased the Mexican for some distance in an attempt to arrest him for breaking up the chief's bicycle with an axe in revenge for the arrest of a partner for

## Scattle's Telephone Rates

SEATTLE, Wash., April 11 .- Suit to prevent the increase in rates to subscribers of the old independent telephone system which was recently taken over by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, was begun by the city yesterday when it obtained a court order requiring the Pacific comtemporary injunction should not be is

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