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MERCHANDISE AND GLOVE CERTIFICATES



MAY PUT FOG ALARM ON KELLETT BLUFF ing Discovery island.

U. S. Government May Establish Aid Capt. J. W. Troup Recommends Its Establishment

The United States lighthouse board may establish a fog alarm station on Kellet bluff at the southeast of Henry island, near San Juan, where the steamer Indravelli, of T. B. Royden & Co., now being repaired by the British Columbia Marine Railway company, struck during fog in November, when inbound from Moji for Vancouver, and where, seventeen years ago H.M.S. Amphion struck and made a historic trip back to Esquimalt with but few seconds' margin between the inrush of

dry dock.

Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C.P.R. coast steamship service, whose steamers pass Kellet bluff daily, who is also a member of the Dominion lighthouse board, has been urging the establishment of a fog alarm station at the bluff for some time. Other communications have also been received by the United States lighthouse board at Washington and the matter is now being considered. In case the light-house board reports favorably upon the project it will be recommended to congress and a bill will then be introduced by the ditsrict representatives authorizing an appropriation for the

Kellett bluff is the nearest land to the boundary line in the Gulf of Georgia and steamers pass within a short distance of it. When the steamer In-drayelli was bound to Vancouver she collided with the face of the bluff which rises clear out of the water, but which, owing to fog, could not be seen from the steamer's bridge, even when the vessel was pressed close against On the occasion of the Amphion's accident she was carrying Lord and Lady Stanley to Vancouver. The well known Esquimalt hotelman, John Day, was steward of the criuser. It seems an altercation had arisen as to which of the stewards, the officer of the warship or of the Stanley household should take precedence in the wardroom, and the Amphion's captain had been called from the bridge to settle the dispute when the vessel struck against Kellet bluff. Collision mats the wardwere put over and after some figuring it was decided to hurry back to Esquimait. The vessel, whose iron hull was crumpled up like a closed concertina,—a piece of it now being in the provincial museum, reached the dock just in time to prevent foundering.

That a fog alarm at Kellet bluff would be extremely useful local mariners are unanimous. It is to the bluff the director.

Story With a Moral.

A recent number of "Simplizis-imus" the Eritish shipbuilders will also be invited to tender. The original idea was to build a steamer similar in style and type to the fishery protection cruiser Canada, which is in service on the Atlantic coast.

Attempted Suicide.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Andrew Johannsen, a Swede, attempted suicide pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They conclude to make a pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They conclude to make a pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They conclude to make a pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They conclude to make a pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They conclude to make a pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They love and type to the fishery protection cruiser Canada, which is in service on the Atlantic coast.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Andrew Johannsen, a Swede, attempted suicide on board the Empress of Ireland on Tuesday night, during a storm by cutting his throat. He will likely recover. He was on his way to visit a son in Winnipeg. ould take precedence in the ward-

Not a Passenger. Halifax, Dec. 20.-The Empress of Ireland arrived last night, Hon. Clif-ford Sifton was booked to come by her, but was not among the passen-

UNITED STATES CROPS

ormous Value of Grain Harvested By the Farmers in the Season Just Past

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.-The Department of Agriculture today issued a report giving final estimates was concerned. of acreage, production and value of the water and the time she entered the dry dock.

Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of 409,442,000 bushels; value per bushel, 88.2 cents. Spring wheat acreage, 17, 079,000; production, 224,645,000; value 86 cents. Corn acreage, 99,931,000 production, 2,592,320,000; value, 51. se cents. Corn acreage, 99,931,000; production, 2,592,320,000; value, 51.7 cents. Oats acreage, 31,870,000; production, 754,443,000; value, 44.3 cents. The average weight per bushel is shown by the reports received by the department to be 56.9 pounds for spring wheat, 58.9 pounds for winter wheat. It was announced that the value of the farm products of 1907 covered in today's report was \$3,404,000,000; an increase of \$428,000,000 over 1906. The farm value on Decemover 1906. The farm value on December 1 of the four crops already men-tioned follows: Corn, \$134,446,000; winter wheat, \$361,217,000; spring wheat, \$193,220,000; oats, \$234,568,000.

**GOOD OPENING FOR** TRADE WITH MEXICO

Coast Steamship Co. Tells of Trip

Joseph K. Smith, general manager of the British Coast Steamship com-pany, arrived in Victoria yesterday after a trip to Mexico on the com-pany's chartered steamer the Transit, hich is now at Tacoma loading a full cargo of ranway ties for the return royage to Mexico. Mr. Smith succeed-ed in making several important reight contracts while in the south

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pany's chartered steamer the Transit, which is now at Tacoma loading a full cargo of railway ties for the return voyage to Mexico. Mr. Smith succeeded in making several important freight contracts while in the south and looks to see a large trade built up between the southern republic and British Columbia and Puget sound gorts. He found the financial condition in Mexico unaffected by the stringency which is at present so severely felt in the United States.

The Transit brought north a full cargo of half ground salt from Carmen island and Mexican oranges. These oranges, Mr. Smith says, are superior to California oranges, which at this time of the year are sour while the Mexican product is sweet. Mr. Smith made a contract with Mexican orange growers to bring north 20,000 cases of this fruit, equally 1,000 tons in weight, for transhipment at Vancouver for eastern Canadian points. Mexican oranges have quite a market in eastern Canada, but heretofore they have been shipped all rail through the freight charges, due to the goods having to pass over so many lines, almost prohibiting trade. The cost by the water route will be much less and will mean an increased profit for the producer and at the same time reduced prices for the consumer.

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During his trip Mr. Smith also made a number of lumber contracts for the British Coast Steamship company, and also secured orders for several cargoes of coal. The Transit is now loading a full cargo of ties at Tacoma for the Canea-Yaqui railway which connects with the interior Mexican lines and on her return voyage will bring a full cargo, consisting of salt, from the island which Mr. Smith leased during his trip, and a large consignment of oranges. ed during his trip, and a large con-signment of oranges.

In addition he made arrangements

Mr. Smith is very well pleased with the showing of the Transit during her recent trip. She is, he says, admirably fitted for the fruit trade, her speed being an important consideration in this connection. She made the trip north from Guaymas to the sound, a distance of 2,500 miles, in 9 days and 6 hours, which is considered remark-ably good time.

In regard to Mexican trade possibili-In regard to Mexican trade possibilities, Mr. Smith said that no one who had never visited Mexico could realize the opportunities that that field offered. There was a large and increasing demand for goods such as Canada could supply. Mexico consumed every conceivable kind of modern staples and supplies, including canned goods of every description and furniture and hardware such as is in general type in the constant of the control of the that the steamers bound north through the Gulf of Georgia steer after rounding Discovery island.

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Mexico, Mr. Smith said that business men there were at a loss to understand why Mexican dollars should be worth only 48 cents in the United States under existing financial conditions in the latter country. They say that San Francisco merchants are trying to do a cash in advance business with them under existing financial condition at present, asking as a concession that money be remitted to them before goods leave the warehouse. There is, Mr. Smith says, no financial depression or stringency in Mecico so far as the domestic monetary situation

PLANS READY FOR

R. L. Newman Completes Designs for Proposed Government Steamer

cruiser to be built for the fisheries protection service of the Dominion government, have been completed by R. L. Newman, the local designer and engineer, who returned a few days ago from England and Scotland, where he A Question of Names.

On one occasion a bishop who prided himself on never forgetting either the name or face of any elergyman in his diocese, happened to be traveling somewhere by rail, when, at a certain station, a elergyman got into the same carriage in which the bishop was. The bishop recognized the man's face, but could not remember his name, and not wishing to acknowledge his forgetfulness, leaned forward, and, with a charming smile, said: "Excuse me for forgetting, but how do you spell your name?"

"J-o-n-e-s, my lord," was the reply—Illustrated Bits.

Illustrated Bits. went on a mission for the government the British shipbuilders will also be invited to tender. The original idea was to build a steamer similar in

FEARS OUTBREAK OF STRIKING MINERS

General Manager of British The Governor of Nevada Gives Reasons for His Call for Troops

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—From his bed today, Governor Sparks, who is very sick, made a statement in explanation of his action in asking President Roosevelt to send troops to Goldfield. He said in part:

"Throughout this whole controversy

prevailed. I found that the business men were afrait of violence and that the women were in terror. Dozens of women have left the camp because they feared trouble. I found that there was organized a band of 'High-Graders' and that the sheriff is absolutely unable to secure a conviction of any ore thieves. I learned that there are over a thousand rifles in the possession of the miners, and that the spirft of the miners, and that the spirit of many of the men is such as to warrant me in believing that those rifles would be used on small pretext.

"While General Funston was there I conferred with him frequently. He told me that it was his opinion that the troops had arrived none too soon.

unwisdom of his act.
'I have given no thought to issuing a special call for the legislature. If I thought I could accomplish anything by so doing, I would not hesitate In addition he made arrangements with the Mexican Coastwise Steamship company for through bills of lading from Victoria, Vancouver and Puget sound ports to Salina Cruz and Panama. This, Mr. Smith, says, means that the Mexican company will furnish the Eritish Coast company with large saipments of coffee as well as other tropical products, for northbound trips of the latter's vessel.

Mr. Smith is very well pleased with the showing of the Transit during her second. I shall do all in my power to maintain order, however."

Goldfield, Dec. 21.—No communicaing this small company, however, must fall on the mine owners, whose Dowleng of the association is still in favor of abandoning the mines for year to starve out the strikers.

The members of President Roose-velt's commission left today for Los

AGAINST HOTELS

Angeles, whence they will proceed Washington.

quire Into Statements Made In Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.-In consequence of reports that in certain hotels in the city liquor has been "doped" and men cobbed while under the influence of "knock-out drops" it was learned to day that the provincial government has decided to take action, which will have the tendency to minimize such dangers in future. It is understood from enquiries made that competent officers of the government have come to the conclusion that hotel owners themselves are not guilty of the act, but the fault lies with a few bar-tenders of doubtful character. Instructenders of doubtful character. Instruc-tions have been issued, it is under-stood, to make every possible enquiry, and if any "doped" liquor is found that the license of the hotel be can-celled at once.

It is said that the government, so

FISHERIES CRUISER

It is said that the government, so as to get at the bartender difficulty, has practically decided to introduce a measure during the next session of the bouse providing for the licensing of

all bartenders in the province.

The new law will require all bartenders to be properly licensed and guaranteed as to character. A bartender without a license will not be allowed to be employed in Manitobalit is thought that such a measure will keep out a number of the undestrable. Plans for the new fishery protection keep out a number of the undesirable class. It is said three drops "doped" liquor is sufficient to put a man out of business for some hours. Two meetings were held by the ex-ecutive of the licensed hotelkeepers association of Manitoba. At each of these the charges of administering "knockout drops," made at a recent board of control conference, were considered. It was the feeling of the neeting that the charges should be investigated and punishment meted out if adequate proof could be ob-tained. Both Mayor Ashdown and Mrs. Margaret Scott have been requested to furnish the association with full details of any cases of disthem the association will ask the government to take the matter up. Should no definite charges be forthcoming, the association will take steps of its own to find out what the ablest the allestions.

truth is behind the allegations.

Lipton, Sask., Dec. 20.—A deaf and dumb couple, residents here, are plunged in grief over a most distressing occurrence. They awoke in the morning to find that their infant child had been smothered during the night in some manner. Both parents being deaf, the noise, if any made by the little victim could not arouse them. The Spirit of Christmas

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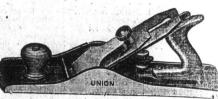
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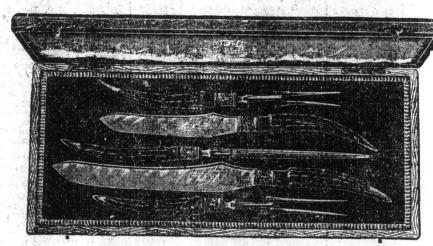
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