

ATTERSON DISCHARGED

ON A VERDICT

Says if Majority Favor, the Proceedings Dropped.

Even in the face of the deliberations would not after 10 o'clock persons remained all night to hear the verdict.

INCIDENTS OF A NOTABLE VOYAGE

OF SHIP ATTRACTING WORLD'S ATTENTION

The Minnesota's Troubles - Her Behavior as Seagoing Craft and Some Interesting Features.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

With the arrival of the steamship Minnesota an important epoch in the commerce of the Pacific has been reached.

The day having been stormy, as was the preceding night when the ship dropped anchor in the Royal Roads, many Victorians, anxious to see the huge craft, were disappointed.

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Just Fruit.

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Fruit-atives

or Fruit Liver Tablets

all is the great size of the steamer. Although the largest carrier the Minnesota, however, falls short of the length of the Baltic.

The Great Northern Steamship Company in operating the Minnesota steamer will demonstrate to the world the enormous possibilities of the Orient.

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HOLY CITY OF THE CONTINENT

VICTORIA IS SOURCE OF GENERAL SUPPLY

Beautiful Decoration Plant Has Been Shipped to All Parts of America.

Victoria, thanks to the advertisement it has received in late years, is now known throughout the continent as the "evergreen city."

Holly has been shipped to Eastern Canada, several firms having sent large quantities as far East as Quebec.

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LINER ARRIVED FROM AUSTRALIA FRIDAY

The Aorangi Had the Heaviest Cargo Ever Brought From the Antipodean Colonies.

The R. M. S. Aorangi, Capt. Phillips, arrived from Australia on Friday with a very heavy cargo aboard.

The voyage was a successful one with good weather until near Cape Flattery.

The saloon passengers for Victoria arriving by the Aorangi were: Mrs. Broadbent and son, Mrs. E. G. Giesler, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hughes, Mrs. Ritchie and infant, Miss M. Murray, Paul Bernhardt, W. Reid, H. B. Cameron, Miss E. Martin, J. Cassel, J. Martin, J. Craverton, Mrs. Forberg and son, J. O. Pevialia, Mr. Osterode, Mrs. Osterode and family of three, Mrs. Urquhart and daughter, Mr. Bunting, Mr. G. G. Riley. She had also thirty Japanese on board.

Capt. J. A. Stewart, Balmain, 15th Hussars, private secretary to the Governor-General of Australia, is returning to England on leave from His Excellency's staff, to present himself for examination for higher rank.

The steamer brought the largest cargo ever carried across the Pacific from Australia for Canadian and United States points.

The steamer had 2,230 railway sleepers of Australian hardwood, which will be landed at Vancouver.

P. E. Bellmane having resigned his position as purser in the service, has retired. His place has been taken by P. Corbett.

A TONSORIAL DISPUTE

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WOUNDED MAN HAD A VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Had Wound Been Trifle Deeper He Would Have Been Almost Instantly Killed.

Had the knife with which Wm. MacLachlan received a nasty cut on the neck on Saturday evening gone a quarter of an inch deeper, the wounded man would not have been able to tell his story before the magistrate in the police court this morning.

The wound was inflicted in the Ontario saloon, Government street, between eight and nine o'clock on Saturday night.

This is the substance of the account of the affair given by MacLachlan and several witnesses who were present on the morning when the case was called Hamilton, the accused, elected to be tried by the magistrate.

The trial of the case was completed this morning. His Honor ruled that he had sufficient reason in the evidence given for finding these men to a long term of imprisonment.

EIGHT CHINAMEN ACCUSED TUESDAY CONSPIRACY CASE IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Judge Harrison Said He Could Not Convict the Prisoners on Evidence Given.

The eight Chinamen accused of conspiring together to effect the conviction of Wong Gou and Wong On, charged with murder, have been acquitted by Judge Harrison.

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IN GRASP OF BLIZZARD.

Wind and Showstorm in the South-western States.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—This portion of the southwest to-day was in the grasp of a genuine blizzard, the first severe cold weather of the winter.

In New York Also. New York, Dec. 27.—Rain all night, following the heavy snowfall, have played havoc with transportation facilities and the telegraph service.

In addition to the delay caused by the heavy snow, the weather was so foggy so dense that it was almost dark at 7:30 a.m., and ferry boats bringing the thousands of people employed in the city from Jersey City and Brooklyn picked their way slowly from slip to slip in constant danger of collision.

THE CHRISTMAS MAIL

Teams Hired to Facilitate the Work of Delivery on Saturday and Monday.

That Victorians received their Christmas mail as promptly as they did is due in no small degree to the excellent arrangements made for the season by Postmaster Noah Shakespeare.

The completion of the conspiracy case leaves the way clear for the new trial of Wong Gou and Wong On for murder. This will be tried at a special assize, to sit early next month.

G. T. Boulding, of Richmond avenue, who came here last spring from the Northwest, after a stay, there extending over twenty-one years, with the intention of paying Victoria a visit for his health, was so much pleased with the climate and general conditions of this city that he decided to remain, and has built a very beautiful residence on the corner of Richmond avenue and Leighton road.

Mr. Boulding states that he knows of many families desirous of settling here, and has not hesitated to recommend this city as a most desirable place to settle. He expects as a result of his country, during his twenty years' sojourn here, he will definitely decide to come here and make Victoria his future home.

Mr. Boulding originally came from Quebec, Ontario, and in twenty-two years ago located a homestead near Regina, also took up land in the vicinity of what is known there as the valley country. During his twenty years' sojourn here he did his share in raising the wheat crops for that section of the country, now so justly famous. His average crop for the whole time was 19 bushels of wheat to the acre.

Mr. Boulding is a firm believer in the future of the great Northwest, but thinks that Victoria will be the Mecca for those who have made their pile and wish to spend the remainder of their lives in a less rigorous climate. He and Mrs. Boulding grew up in the Methodist church, and have joined the Methodist church in this city. Mr. Boulding, as a resident of Regina, commanded the full respect of all the citizens, and his settling here is a distinct gain to Victoria.

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Our Christmas Greeting In Acrostic

From the Pens of Empire-Builders

Compiled for this issue by Agnes Deans Cameron.

A great Empire and little minds go ill together.—Edmund Burke.

MAY God forbid that we should ever be so intolerant as to make conformity to our own opinions the price of our assistance to others in their efforts for national independence.—Canning.

EXCELLENTLY well I know that I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart of a king, and of a king of England, too; and I think foul scorn that Parma or Spain, or any prince of Europe, should dare invade the borders of my realm.—Queen Elizabeth.

RIGHT warm work is it, and this may be the last to any of us at any moment; but mark you, I would not be enslaved for thousands.—Nelson (at Copenhagen).

BEST assured, the true glory of a nation does not consist in the extent of its dominions, but rather in the moral and intellectual pre-eminence of the people.—Sir John Lubbock.

YET we must realize that it is not the United Kingdom only, but the whole British Empire which needs consistent and united organization for defence.—Sir Charles Dilke.

CHANGE is life, and to be perfect is to have changed often.—Cardinal Newman.

HEAVEN'S rich gift comes down on every one—American, English, Turk—who will help to heal this open sore of the world?—Dr. Livingstone.

RAPINE and assassination have never changed the history of the world.—Beaconsfield.

IF it be a duty to respect other men's claims, so also is it a duty to maintain our own.—Edmund Burke.

SO peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.—Milton.

THE world belongs to him who has seen it.—Sir John Lubbock.

MOREOVER, there is nothing so safe as great meetings. Come together, look each other in the face.—John Bright.

AND it is the boast of the British Empire that it rests on men.—Lord Rosebery.

SLOWLY but assuredly during his brief journey from nothingness to nothingness, each man may add his pebble to the slowly-rising foundations of an ideal world.—A. J. Balfour.

FOREVER the breath of liberty, like the word of the holy man, will not die with the prophet, but will survive him.—Henry Grattan.

REALIZE that slaves cannot breathe in England; if their lungs receive our air, that moment they are free.—Cowper.

O while the German grows fat and the Frenchman withers, the Englishman plays lawn tennis under a tropical sun.—Lord Curzon.

MOST great Empire and little minds go ill together.—Edmund Burke.

THE penny post is an institution through which you seriously offer a man a penny for his thoughts.—Thoreau.

HUSH! Never the lotus closes, never the wild-flower, but a soul goes out in the East wind that died for England's sake.—Rudyard Kipling.

ENVENOMED bigotry may survive persecution; but it can never survive toleration.—Henry Grattan.

THE old order changeth, giving place to new.—Tennyson.

I contend, a man always is to be himself the judge how much of his mind he will show to other men.—Carlyle.

MURMURING, "Here, and here did England help me; how can I help England?"—Robert Browning.

EVER keep the plough in the hands of the Owners, and not mere hirelings.—King Henry VII.

SO it is essential for the greatest success of a country that in every part of it men should take a real interest in national affairs.—John Bright.

GOLF COMPETITION.

Results of Mixed Foursome Contest Held Yesterday Afternoon at Oak Bay.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes H. Hulon, H. L. H. Hulon, J. A. Bell, etc.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Steve Jones Invests in Terminal City Property—Well-Known Contractor Injured.

Yancouver, Dec. 23.—Steve Jones today paid \$45,000 cash for a lot on the northwest corner of Hastings and Homer streets, owned by David Spencer, Victoria.