E POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

Mulock Reduces the Deficit by \$627.000 and Improves the Service.

Postoffice Is Now Practically Selfupporting-Interesting Figures From the Record.

tawa, Aug. 8.—One of the things Postmaster-General set, out to do assuming office in 1896 was to rethe deficit, which year by year had growing larger, and finally to proa state of equilibrium between the ue and expenditure of his departt. It was scarcely reasonable then ppose that this herculean task be accomplished in two years, but eccounts of the department of 1897show that while the deficit has not entirely wiped out, it has been tled down to such insignificant prothat it has practically ceased to When Mr. Mulock took charge department there was a deficit of that was reduced during the tagget to \$586,539, which year 1896-7 to \$586,539, remarkably good showing in view fact that many of the reforms ession on the fixances of the service, actual dencit for 1507-8 cannot yet stated, but a careful and conserva estimate puts it at \$74,063. The s are available for all parts of the recepting the last quarter, so be taken for granted that the appearance occreet. The reexcepting the last quarter., so that ral has reason to be satisfied, and that must give the public confidence s capability as an administrator. evenue and Expenditure Accounts.

he following statement will show in the condition of the revenue and diture accounts during the last 1895-96.

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might have been possible to present avorable financial showing by starythe service for the sake of cutting n expense, but a policy the very op-te to this has been pursued. In all ctions the service has been extended made more useful to the public offices have been opened many of in the most remote parts of the and a reorganization of the rail the direction of a controller is an admitted by all who have any knowe of postal systems. Money has saved, and the service improved by abolition of many useless inspector By the decentralization of etter office the staff of clerks has reduced by fourteen and a conceshas been made to public conveni-Another direction in which the

artment have shown their solicitude nent of the postal note system, which istances show how the postmasteral has increased the epartment and saved the money of eople, but many other could be giv-The adoption of business methods tracts for supplies has been an imrtant factor in reducing the deficit to ing the year ending June 30, 1897 contracts which had been costing 1,237 were put up to tender, and new of the same service for a period being an annual saving of \$103,936, total saving of \$415,747 for the full d of four years. Inasmuch as sevcontracts, they only went into efar, so that the financial effect of the anges was only partially felt upon the department for ar. Their influence has not been fully during the year just closed, and it contributed largely to the satisfac-result which the figures quoted As an example of the which the preceding government sted public money for the benefit of le the number of miles of daily travel corresponding quarter of June, 1896, . Mulock took office, the cost the service for the quarter of 1897 s \$22,000 less. The records of the partment show almost numberless exoles of the application of sound busiprinciples to the administration, the sfactory results of which are now ected in the finances. If the adoption two cent domestic postage rate deupon the wiping out of the poste deficit it looks as if people would have to wait long for that boon. It stimated that a reduction of the rate is of the present volume of business about \$600,000, but with the ineviincrease in the number of letters

e would seem to be no danger of continued shortages from the ex-

comical policy of the master-general

His Wife-How in the world with you ever atch that first morning train? Her Husband-Why, I'll get up the mo-His Wife—But, my dear, you'lt have to set up much earlier than that!

The Editor—We could get big prices for quor advertisements if we could publish them in the Coldwater Gazette. Of course we wouldn't think of such a thing!

His Wife—And yet, surely, there is no

A scientist once put an automatic musical hox on the lawn, and spent many hoars watching the robins, bluebirds and other birds gathering about it. A looking ghas, out up where the label and services the same of but up where the irds can see the selves it, is also very attractive, while a combination of musical box and looking glass pleases the birds more than anything else one could put out for their anyusculent.

HON. MR. BEAVEN EXPLAINS

Some Light on the Dismissal of the Throws Late Administration.

MR. TURNER HAD TO GO

The Interesting Letter Sent by the Lieut.-Governor to Hon. Mr. Beaven.

Work of Cabinet Making.

Messrs. Semlin, Martin and Cotton Sworn in This Afternoon as Members of the Executive.

Asked this morning if he could tell the public the circumstances leading up to his undertaking the task of forming an administration, the Hon. Robert Beaven replied as follows:

"Yes, I can. A week ago I received the following letter from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor: The Government of the Province

of British Columbia. The 8th of August, 1898. At Government House, Victoria, B.C. To the Hon. Robert Beaven, Vic-

Sir:-I have the honor to inform you that by letter of even date herewith, I have relieved the Hon. J. H. Turner and his colleagues from their functions as my advisers, and members of my execin view of the result of the general elections held on the 9th of last month. This is probably the most important period yet known in the development of the resources of the province, and during the month that has elapsed since the said general elections I have deeply felt the need of advisers in whom I could place full confidence, and whose recommendations I could unhesitatingly apn view your long and honorable experiin the administration of its affairs, and sume the task of forming a ministry, and to once more act as chief adviser to the representative of the crown.

(Signed) THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor.

"I at once made an appointment to meet His Honor," continued Mr. Beaven, "and did so. You will observe that Honor states that he had relieved This was the absolute condition of affairs then. At first I took the view that while it appeared as a result of the general election that Hon. Mr. Turner could only hope for the support of a minority in the assembly and that Mr. Semlin and Hon. Mr. Martin were practically in the same position, I was without a constituency or following in the assembly, I considered the best way to hours. have determined the point beyond dispute as to who possessed the confidence of the country was to convene the legislature as soon as the writ from Cassiar

was returnable. "It transpired that the action which resulted in the dismissal of the Turner government was of a cumulative character and that other circumstances than those referred to in His Honor's letter, more immediately connected with ministerial advice and conduct brought about a different condition of affairs, and that the delay which must have occurred from calling a session might result in great injury. This feature of the case is one upon which the

press and general public are entirely in "I understand it is considered contrary to official etiquette to make known the full details at the present time. I can say this much, that in one instance the work, and here a physician is necesalone, had the Lieutenant-Governor accepted Mr. Attorney-General Eberts' advice, and his construction of the Revenue Act, as explained to me by His Honor, an important check which the Constitution Act places on the payment of money out of the treasury would be a dead letter, and the power of the members of the government of the day over the money in the treasury would be practically unlimited. This is a power which the best of governments, to my mind, should not possess, and which the Constitution Act expressly prohibits.

"It was very evident that the relations

Mr. Semlin Succeeds at the | isted for years, but in view of the opposition I encountered it would have brought on political unrest at present and for some time to come. I deemed it best, therefore, not to submit the names of the gentlemen available.

sourse and feel that I have done my duty. I wish I could say that I believe the crisis has been averted by the formation of a cabinet by Mr. Semlin and that the affairs of the province will now prothe management of a firmly established administration."

MR. MARTIN'S STATEMENT.

Although Mr. Semlin has not yet completed the work of constructing his cabinet, sufficient progress has been made in that direction to warrant the statement that it is now only a question of hours before the personnel on the new ministry will be made known. Hon. Joseph Martin will be a member of the new administration, notwithstanding reports to the contrary. Mr. Martin came over from Vancouver last evening and the announcement was made this morntake the attorney-generalship, the portfolio tendered him by Mr. Semlin when utive council. This action I have taken he first commenced the work of cabinet

To a representative of the Times Mr. Martin this morning said:

"After I had refused Mr. Semlin's offer of the attorney-generalship I was waited on by a number of opposition in readiness to sail at short notice. members of the house at Vancouver and they urged me to find some way if possible to meet Mr. Semlin's views, so that the opportunity of the hour might prove. And knowing your thorough not be lost. On arriving here I found at Macias at San Juan the fact that the knowledge of the special needs and re- the situation very critical; and while you portocol had been signed, and to day requirements of the province, and having can quite understand that it is impossible for me to lay bare my position as ledgement of the notification. ence throughout a quarter of a century I understand it, I came to the concle. Miles also sent forward Captain Mickler regarding you, moreover, as peculiarly was to accept Mr. Semlin's offer. In do is personally unsettled whether he will refactions, I hereby call upon you to as sume the task of forming a ministry. Smith processition worshows also them that the position I have taken will be asquiesced in by the other members of the opposition."

CABINET FORMED.

that Messrs. Semlin, Martin and ton would be sworn in at four o'clock as nembers of the executive council, with the following portfolios:

MR. SEMLIN, Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Mr. COTTON, Finance Minister. The other cabinet positions are being ministration will be known within a few

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Aug. 15 .- (Special) .- A naval brigade is to be formed here. Admiral Palliser is now here in connection with the matter. Mrs. Clement, a new arrival from Winipeg, was found dead in the Vermillion lock. There are rumors of suspicious circumstances attending the matter. Her nusband is here.

husband is here.

A curious house breaking case was reported last night. An unknown man went right through a big house on Melville street, the fashionable quarter, and things topsy turvy, yet took nathing.

GREASY NOSES AND LIVERS.

"A greasy nose is a sure sign of a disordered liver," explained a physician to a reporter, "as anything that I know outside of real sickness, and by studying this as a barometer much trouble averted. In these days when a full outfit of medical grainles for liver troubles can be secured at any drug store for 10 cents, there is but little excuse for it, except in rare cases, when 10 cents' worth of medicine won't do sarv. I was much amused at reading in a New York paper recently an article written by one of those modern beautifiers of a preparation that was said to be a sure remedy for a greasy nose. It how much vinegar, spirits of wine and half a dozen other things should be used in a preparation to wash the nose, and after telling all these it wound up with advising that some liver medicin should be used in connection therewith Now, I can assure that the liver medicine would effect the cure without the rose leaves and the other stuff, and, indeed, in spite of it. I don't mean to say that one of those swollen, three times enlarged and fiery red proboscis can be reduced with a little liver medicine, but what is known as greasy nose will be removed by it."—Washington

tion which, I believe, would have ex- gantly achieved. The Globe.

CLAUS CHEATS

The London Times on the Presilent's Part in the Late War. Praise for McKiniey.

PRAISE FOR McKINLEY.

London, Aug. 15 .- The Times this

generous universal recognition of the part which President McKinley played throughout the war between the United throughout the war between the United States and Spain, and says: "If foreign States and Spain, and says: observers might presume to have an opinion upon his conduct it would probably be that President McKinley kept his finger constantly upon the national pulse, and has known how to stimulate and direct national thought without too He Would Not Ascend markedly outrunning its movements. Everything has been done in open, every move has been discussed as a possibility all over the United States before the government was irrevocably committed one way or the other. The result of this cautious, tentative policy is that where he stands at this moment the president has the whole American people at his back. We do not know that there can ly regarded as chivalrous, romantic and mediaeval, have turned first to the financial aspect of the situation, the Ameri-"I am convinced that I took the proper cans, who are usually supposed to be inthe affairs of the province will now proceed peaceably towards progress under only sleeping; whether Bryanism is dead or only sleeping; whether the smaller issues of party warfare are superseded by larger and more worthy conceptions national policy, or only thrown for a time into the background there can be no doubt that the war had, and will have, a profound effect upon American ideas Not only has it renovated the idea of national unity, impaired by the great naval struggle, but supplied, in a the contact of external forces, sense, the contact of external lorces, which is probably one of the most potent influences in favor of maintaining the national spirit."

New York, Aug. 15.-The Rough Riders are home. With Col. Theo. Roosevelt and "Fighting" Joe Wheeler they have reached Montauk Point. They came on the trans-ports Miami; which, with the Gates City, St. Louis, Vigilantia and Matwan, lie at anchor off shore. Col. Roosevelt reports ing that Mr. Martin had consented to that both he and his command are in first-

The Manila Transports. San Francisco, Aug. 15.-Major-General Merriam, in response to his inquiries as to the propriety of permitting the departure of the transports Arizona and Scandia for Manila pending peace negotiations, has received from Adjutant-Jeneral Corbin, at Washington, an order to hold the transports Peace at Porto Rico.

Pence, Island of Porto Rico, Aug. 15. amunicated by cable with Captain-Genercelved from General Maclas an acknowsent in the city, and I am assured by plete and the Spanish troops withdraw. The Peace Commission,

New York, Aug. 15 .- A dispatch to the World from Madrid says: World from Madrid says:

The government is perplexed over the choice of a representative of Spain on the peace commission. The names of those mentioned are: Senor Leon Castillo, the new Spanish ambassador to France, and the peace of the interior:

Tork, b Alien.

J. E. Martin, b Alien.

J. McTavish, not out.

E. A. Futcher, to bat.

Lt. P. Hibben.

Extras Later—Shortly before three o'clock this mentioned are: Senor Leon Castillo, the afternoon the announcement was made new Spanish ambassador to France, and at one time prime minister of the interior: puted author of the first scheme of autonomy for Cuba, which the Cortes rejected; Senor Abarzuza, minister of the colonies in 1894, under Sagasta; Senor Villarantia, Commissioner of Lands and Works.

HON. JOSEPH MARTIN, Attorney-Merry del Val, Spanish ambassador to the Vatican. The Spaniards think the treaty negotiations at Paris will be prolonged and laborious unless America shows a conciliatory disposition. The press notes with disfilled and the personnel of the new ad- appointment that the protocol seems to mit the action of the peace commission in respect to Cuba and Porto Rico to merc evacuation measures and is silent about the Cuban debt and other points which Spain will raise in Paris. Financiers welcome peace, but persist in believing that Spain

sume part of the Cuban debt.

Great Britian to Demand That the Chinese Government Dismiss Him.

Important Chinese Ports Likely To Be Siezed Until China Complies.

London, Aug. 15.—The foreign office, Gr. Gr. Gr. port as yet lacks confirmation, intend to Gr. demand that the Chinese government dismiss Prince Li Hung Chang from Gr. Bone Bombr. W. N. Winsby. demand that the Chinese government Gr. Logan Gr. Geildemeister of the Tsung Li Yamen,

The foreign office, it is also asserted, nas under special consideration the question of seizing the Taku forts on the *Gr. Gulf of Pe Chin, at the mouth of the *Gr. Pekin river, and city of Tien Tsin, port to comply with this demand, holding al until compliance is assured.

A WEIRD MARITAL COMPLICA:

A pretty little marital complication re BORROWED FROM CYCLING.

The circumstances connected with the circumstances connected with the circumstances connected with the correspondence, and as related by the correspondence and the theorems of the relations were the form of the strength of the newest to his unhappy spouse, who, in company with his mother, at tince hurried to the machines of the newest to his unhapp cently happened at Benares, A married gentleman named Nathu had deserted his and fiercely denounced the other gentleman as a rank impostor. But the wife insisted that she had got hold of the right man, and refused to have anything to do with his rival.—Bombay Advocate of India.

In rewarded with a gold chain. R. Keeler won the boys' race; F. Baker, 2nd. The one mile open event was won by H. Henderson in 2.21, with W. F. Penwill 2nd. The latter forged to the front in the next event, a half mile open, followed by his victorious rival in the preceding race. The two mile lap race had s'x starters, but of India.

morning comments editorially upon the The Stikine Murderer Dies From the previous record.

died from the effects of the poison which he had taken the day previously, despite williams, Thurston and others. be any higher statesmanship for a president governing under the constitution of the heroic endeavors of a number of the United States. It is noteworthy that while the Spaniards, who are usual-It is not known how Claus obtained possession of the deadly drug—strychnine—but it is suspected that certain friends of the murderer who have been in the of the murderer who have been in the minutes and twenty seconds. This is said cans, who are usually supposed to be intensely practical, have yet hardly given thought to the financial or economic side of the question. What occupies the American people at this moment is not the cast of the war, the value of their acquisitions or balance of profit and loss account, but the moral result of the struggle. Whether Ryaniam is dead or there was no hope of saving his life he

is reported to have said: "I'll die on Saturday morning early." An inquest is being held this afternoon,

The crime for which Claus was sen-tenced to death was the murder of Burns and Hendricksen, two Chilliwhack men with whom he was journeying into the Klondike gold fields by way of the Stikine river early this spring. Claus crept out of his tent one night as the two were encamped on the Stikine, then coated with ice, and taking an axe backed at the heads of the two unfortunate min weapon lying in the creweapon lying in the cretrail. The ingoing miners seeing him rushing frantically onward thought all was not right and notified the police outhorities. A search was made and the bodies of the victims and the weapon were found frozen in the crevasse. Then the pursuit of the flying murderer began, and he was soon overhauled.

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C. W. Minor again captured the Victoria Gun Club's trophy by a score of 25 birds Gut of a possible 30. W. Bickford and W. H. Adams, the other two champlons, who were contesting for the metal followed with 24 and 22 birds respectively. The scores are as follows:

Victoria Gun Club C instantly killing them. He then and he was soon overhauled. He was captured at Glenora by the Northwest Mounted Police and afterwards brought down to Nanaimo, where the closing scenes in the tragedy were enacted,

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

WITHIN THE CREASE. Volunteers vs. the Navy. The Fifth Regiment cricket team worsted their opponents of the R.M.A. on Saturday on on the Beacon Hill crease. C with a flag of truce to bear the intelligence Schwengers and W. York, of the Fifth sien that the only course I could pursue to the Spanish commander at Bonlfo. He Regiment, made excellent scores, the two

> B. Schwengers, c Lyons, b Barraclough
> Wiff, Wilson, c Wolff, b Kelly.
> C. Schwengers, b Allen
> W. Tork, b Allen Chapman, c C. Schwengers, b York Hall, b York.
> Sawyer, b B. Schwengers.
> Brown, b B. Schwengers.
> Cocland, b C. Schwengers.
> Lyons, c York, b B. Schwengers.
> Fletcher, c McTavish, b C. Schwen-

AT THE RANGE.

The Junior's Competition. The Junior's Competition.

The rifle match on Saturday afternoon for the spoons presented by the Victoria Association and by J. S. N. Williams brought on a very full field of ambitious young shots. The inevitable wind was again in evidence, and disconcerted the younger riflemen more than it would the older shots, who are becoming accustomed to the caprices of the gale at the Point. The first and second class matches will hereafter be fired on Wednesday afternoon, Saturday being reserved for the third class.

The scores made on Saturday afternoon are herewith given: Second Class.

Several competitors did not finish their Н. Гох Gr. Lutbe
Gr. J. W. Speck.
Gr. H. Gartley
Gr. R. C. Trimen.
Gr. G. C. McLean.
Gr. J. Ker

Those marked * d'd not complete their Those market ut not combete their scores at the longer ranges owing to the light failing. By the conditions of the competition, Guiners Green and H. Cox will have to shoot off their tie, they being equal in the aggregate of this week.

THE WHEEL.

Saturday's Races.

only two of the number remained till the finish, Dawson finishing in 2.27 and Christopher following close. Dawson also succeeded in whining the five unic open, his

The Stikine Murderer Dies From the

Effects of a Dose of
Strychnine.

The fast "bike" riders of the Pacific Northwest will be given another opportunity to meet in friendly contest at the Athlette Park, Seattle, on Thursday evening, August 18, under the management of Mr. E. C. Davis. The entries are about all in now, and will be closed early this week to give pienty of time to determine the standing of the competitors and to decide on the handicaps. The events will be a quarter mile, half mile, one mile open, three mile handicap and an exciting match race between Ambery Lester, formerly of Vancouver, and and an exciting match race between Ambery Lester, formerly of Vancouver, and will, no doubt, be a good one. Among some of the fast men who have entered and will, no doubt, be a good one. Among some of the fast men who have entered are the following: Schone, Harrold, Watson, Norton, Dow, Haskins, Christopher, Fink, Strange, Cressman, Miller, Marsh, Williams, Thurston and others.

minutes and twenty seconds. to be a new world's record.

A Fatal Prize Fight Idaho Springs, Col., Aug. 15.—J. Rewark, a local puglist, died to-day from injuries received in a twenty-round contest on Saturday night with Robert Watk'ns, a colored fighter. Rewark claimed to have been the champion of New Mexico at one time. Watking is winder awaret. kins is under arrest

THE OAR. In the Pink of Condition Winnipeg, Aug. 15.—(Special)—The James Bay orew were out for a spin this morning and went over the course quietly. They have been out twice daily and are in the pink of condition. The Argonants are expected to arrive by to-morrow morning from Toronto. The Winnipeg crew are in good form. The race promises to be one of the best ever rowed on the continent.

TRIGGER AND TRAP.

wears she has disdained the American field years she has disdained the American field years or Portland at 32s. 6d. and 35s. respectively, but these figures are about 2s. 6d. above exporters' views. Ships are meanwhole seeking other business. Three vessels, whose owners were dickering for grain charters have May, which arrived here a few cays ago from Vladivostock, presumably to ord grain, goes to San Francisco to oad merchandise for Sydney. There is nothing in the lumber or coal freight market at present to call for comment.

A. H. Cawfhra, who came down from Glenora on the Cutch this morning, is staying at the Wilson house, and brings the latest news from that route. He left Glenora on the 8th of July, and the day previous reports had come in from Taiya lake of rich strikes there, and a stampede was setting in. Mr. Cawthra was inclined to discredit the story, as a rush had taken place to the same point a couple of weeks previously and had proved to be without foundation. Though the trail is still bad, it has been shortened about 45 miles by striking Long lake, building boats at that point, and descending to Teslin lake by the Tes

Steamer Maude left for Esquimalt this afternoon with four cases of machinery for H.M.S. Sparrowhawk. She will sail

for Texada this evening. Steamer Rosalie will sail for Alaskan ports on Wednesday. Steamer Douglas

Little Ah Me dwelt far in the East, Where the people are queerer than queer; Where they cat a raw lobster and call it a Now what would we think of that here? His little black eyes were put in on the His little black pigtail was shiny and straight;
But his tightly bound feet—well, they really defy us,
To give an idea of their pitiful state.

This little Ah Me sat one day on a stone, By the side of the glittering sea, While his fancy went travelling off all For a dreamy young heathen was he!

He boarded a vessel just ready to sail,
To the land where the tea is all sent;
When quite unexpected there blew a great
gale,
And into the ocean he went,

He fell on the back of a huge, slimy whale, Which moved with a willowy grace. And shook all the water that stayed on its Right into the poor little face.

Soon up came a porpolse, a swordfish or two,
A sea llon, with hideous roar;
And minute by minute the company grew,
Till it seemed that the sea held no more!

They stood in the water way up to their And winked with their dull, fishy eyes, Then opened their mouths in most threater ing grins,

Then straight from the water they rise.

And rush right upon that unfortunate child As he sat on the whale's broad back; So he jumped in the sea with a cry weird and wild, And vanished from sight through a crack. Here little Ah Me, as he nods on the shore, Just drops in the water, too. But old Papa Chopsticks, who stood by the Pulled the sleepy boy out by his queuel —Exchange.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Americans in London. A London letter says: The American dra-

A London letter says: The American dramatic invasion of London closed for the season when the curtain fell on "Sue" at the Garrick Theatre to night. Taken altogether, the invasion has not proven so formidable air onslaught upon the native drama as local managers feared. The playhouses of the English actor-managers, irving, Tree, Alexander, Wyndham and Hare, maintain their old-time prominence in the affections of the public.

So far as concerns the legit'mate plays imported from America, they have furnished each a month or two of interesting amusement and been shelved. This year's experiences have taught the American managers that English tastes cannot be solved by any fixed rules, for the conspicuous American success, "The Belle of New York," and the equally conspicuous fallure, "A stranger in New York," were much on the same order of entertainment. Charles Hoyt's Loudon trip proved the most melancholy experience which has befallen him since his early attempts to float melodrama in Boston. Such a vigorous and unanimous condemnation as the critical trip in the constitution of the same order of the constitution of the same order of the same of the critical menticular and the same order of the critical menticular and the same order of the critical the critical and to inspire only solemnity and amazement. Marie Tempest Married.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happelings of a Day Along the Water/Front.

Shipowners are still holding off unwilling to meet the views of grain exporters, consequently few charters are reported. The northern exporters, though, have secured much tonnage, to strive lafe. Another cause for duliness in grain freights is the exalted idea farmers have of the value of their grain. Much business could be done at Tacoma or Portland at 32s. 6d. and 35s. respectively, but these figures are about 10 Marie Tempest Married.

The cabled report that Marie Tempest had been privately married in London was received with interest over here. Cosmos Stuart, named as the bridegroom, is known in New York as a man who has a duke for grainfather, and who went into the treatrical business as an actor and general angel? about five years ago. He is at present understood to be financially responsible for "Lord and Lady Algy." which at London's Comedy Theatre. Miss Temperate in London's Comedy The

consequence, a large number of English seaterms have a military origin. At that time the rank of admiral was unknown, and the chief officer of the squadron was called a constable or justice. The term admiral as now used is derived from the Arabic "amir" or "em'r," a commander (as in "Amir-al-Bahr," commander of the sea). The early English form was "amiral" and is still preserved as such by the French. The title captain is not a naval but a military one. Originally the real captain of the ship was a "Master." A military The title captain is not a naval but a military one. Originally the real captain of the ship was a "Master." A military officer was placed on board, though he knew nothing of nautical matters. Gradually his importance increased, while that of the master diminished proportionately, till at the present day the master's office is becoming obselete. Commodore comes from the Spanish "commendador." The title of lieutenant is borrowed from the French, and meant as a place-holder or one who takes the place of the captain when short-ened about 45 miles by striking Lord shike building boats at that point, and descending to Teslin lake by the Tain river. The mires who are with the troops still at Hudson's Bay post are ronstering yaluable assistance to sick miers by meantaining an improvised hospital tent.

W. R. Bullen will leave for Vancouver to-morrow morning on business in connection with the big marine slip his company are about to build there. When the work of construction is well under way there work will be begun on a slip in the inner harbor here, the site for which has not yet been chosen. The slip will have a cradle sufficiently large to accommodate any of the coasting vessels. The machinery will be run by electricity. The Esquinalt slip will also be enlarged from 2,500 tons, capacity to one of 3,500 tons.

Steamer Nora, of the B. L. & K. Navigation Co., is now running from Bennett to the head of Taku arm two days out of three, carrying miners en route to the scene of the new finds packing over the Skagway trails has jumped from 9 to 36 cents a pound.

Steamer Islander, after being thoroughly overhunded, repaired and renovated, will replace the steamer Charmer on the Victoria-Vancouver route to morrow morning. It is thought that she will attempt to reduce the time usually made by the Charmer for that trip.

Notice is given by the U. S. hydrographic office of the establishemmt of a light, flashing red and white alternately, with the seconds interval, on Point Chehalis, about 1½ miles south-eastward of its extreme northern end, on the south side of the entrance to Gray's Harbenoop. The William H. Macy, 2,092 tous, from Yokohama, off Cape Flattery, yesterday afternoop. The William H. Macy asked to be reported all well.

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Steamer Ning Chow is at Departure bay loading bunker coal. She will sail for Port Blakeley to-morrow to load railway tips and heavy timbers for railway construction purposes for Taku Bar.

the like. The old and well known sea term grog was originated as a term of derision and disgust when Admiral Vernon in 1745 introduced the wise innovation of making in crew drink their spirit ration diluted with water instead of neat, as they had hitherto done! The sallors did not like the watery business, and in revenge nick-ramed the admiral "Old Grog." and his diluted mixture as grog, from the fact, that he generally wore an overcoat of a color

he generally wore an overcoat of a color then known as grogam grey.—Detroit Free "Won't you miss the news and bustle of war in the country?"
"Yo: I'm coing to take Jimmy and Pobhy, and they have only one gan and between them. -Detroit Free