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Tenders for Cabin Work on th Vessel are to Close

Today,

Chinese Crew of Minnesota Ex press Pleasure Their Ship Is so Near.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Tenders for the cabin work on steamer Venture of Victoria, now ly at Vancouver awaiting the result those tenders, will be closed today, w the owners, while be closed today, while the owners, who are represented he by Messrs. John Barnsley & Co., we decide whether, the work is to be do in Victoria or Vancouver. The alter tions to the Venture will be on a considerable coole or d it is to the venture will be on a considerable coole or d it. vork will come to this port. The work will come to this port. The ten ders for the cabin work are, of course entirely separate from the tenders o the machinery, which will also be an other important bit of work. If th work is to be done in Vancouver th job will be rushed to completion as fas as possible, and the steamer brough over to Victoria to be put into servic on the northern British Columbia rur The company owning the vessel are con fident that with their new vessel the can secure a good share of the import and passenger and freight traffic that is done in the northern waters, and t and from Victoria and the norther ports. The Venture when ready fo the route will be a credit to the harbo of Victoria.

WAITING THEIR SHIP.

Minnesota's Chinese Crew Pleased Learn of Her Arrival at 'Frisco.

said that they were already tired of th gentleman's life they have been lead ing, getting fat and lazy under the first class table board dealt out by the genia proprietor of the Hotel Minnesota, Mi Tom Goldsmith. of the Montana. The old sailors amongst the crew ar especially eager to get to work. One o two of them have circumnavigated th globe, one man has doubled the Horr eleven times and some of them eleven times, and some of them has eleven times, and some of them has been on this coast often, one or two them when Victoria was a very sm port indeed. When the question of escape was su

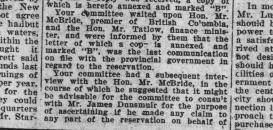
gested to one or two of the men w can talk English very well, they laugh at the idea. They had a good stea Job to go to aboard the Minnesota. W should they attempt to break away from a good thing and run all the risks. at

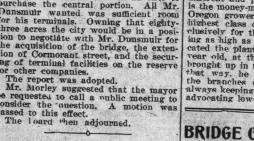
WILL ARRIVE THURSDAY.

Minnesota to Leave San Francisco Monday Bound Hither

Bound Hither. News was received last evening by Mr. Kenneth Burns, agent of the Great North-ern Steamship Company, that the steam-ship Minnesota would leave San Francisco on Monday bound for Victoria and Puget Sound. This should bring the big boat into Royal Roads on Thursday next, the 22nd instant. She will ship her Chinese crew here and proceed immediately to the Sound, according to present arrangements. Naturally great curiosity is expressed by the public over the expected arrival here of the largest steamship by a long odds that ever salled the Pacific ocean, and it is probable that the biggest crowd of spectators ever gathered at the outer wharf will assemble on Thursday should uuring daylight. It is thought that she will not come sion, although there is said to be ample varies even for her, and plenty of manoeu-ver.

PLANNING A WELCOME. Seattle People Preparing to Celebrate Min





New York. Dev. 15.—The frigate Con-stellation, the oldest ship in the Ameri-can may, after thaving been thoroughly overhauled and made taut and trin-narain, was recommissioned today at the navy yard. Brocklyn. Launched in 1797, the ship has liad a memorable career. and those who have examined her in ber refitted conditions, express the opinion that she is good for mother hundred wars. Nhe will be used as a recruiting ship at Newport.

lumber and coal.

AGED FINANCIER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 16.—Ossian Ashley, widely known in financial and railway circles for more than half a century died at his home here today aged 83

The opinion that this child has lived, succoursed by the heasts in Mowgli fash-ion, and is the wild man of today. SAXONIA DUE THIS WEEK. Advices were received on Tuesday by J. T. Steeh, Tacoma agent of the Kos-mos Hamburg-American line, that the stermship Saxonia, 3,316 tons, had criled from San Francisco Monday for Seattle and Tacoma. The Saxonia is for South American Direk to the Sound arge quantity of freight on the Sound for South American ports, chiefly flour, lumber and coal.

H. O. STEVENS. November 10, 1904.

Resota's Arrival. Plans for a gala day in honor of the arrival of the steamship Minnesota will be committee which has the matter in charge tomorrow, says yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer. H. C. Henry, chairman of the committee, made this announcement yesterday. He would have called the com-mittee to meet sooner, but nearly every member except himself has been out of the cliptor several days. James J. Hill will not be present when the Minnesota arrives, which will probably be the day before Christmas, but has promised to make a visit to Seattle while the vessel is in the harbor, if he can pos-sibly find time to do so. When he comes, a banquet will be given at the Washington in honor of the event. The banquet will probably be held anyway because it is understood that if Mr. Hill cannot come himself he will send a high official to rep-resent him. nesota's Arrival.

understood that if Mr. Hill cannot come himself he will send a high official to rep-resent him. The exact date of the Minnesota's ar-rival cannot be fixed until she sails from San Francisco. She may be here as early as Friday, December 23, but it is consid-ered more "robable that she will not reach this port until Saturday, the day before Christmas. If weather does not interfere with her schedule it will be timed to bring the big liner into Port Townsend about the middle of the day. The plan is to have the members of the Chember of Commerce meet the Minnesota in a Sound vessel to be chartered for the occasion to meet the Minnesota at Port Townsend. If she comes into the strait early in the fore-noon the Seattbe crowd can reach Port Townsend just ahead of her. The committee in charge of the arrange-ments will request that everybody in Se-attle having a boat available for the pur-pose shall join the local flotilia which will sal out of the bay to meet the Minnesota a short distance up the Sound and escort her in. It is hoped to make the demon-stration one of imposing proportions.

LONG VOYAGE WITH A TOW.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The maritime world is showing a good deal of interest in the voyage of the Standard Oil tank steamer Atlas, which has just sailed from





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