THE MERGER SUIT.

## How Penelope's Mishap Occurred

Return of Officers and Crew From Clallam Bay Sunday.

Stress of Weather Put Her Ashore-Gallant Res-

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Electricity Has Doused the Glim that Comes from Coal.

From Electrical World and Engineer.

The public is accustomed to think of gas as still the leading illuminant, but while this is probably true in Europe, in the United States the sceptre of light has definitely passed to electricity. The figures just issued from our census office are, indeed, startling. Gas had nearly 75 years' start over its competitor, but it now appears to be decidedly in second place. Yet there is no denying the fact that the introduction of the brilliant electric light has stimulated greatly the use of gas. There are now close upon 4,000 electric light central stations in America, but by the census in 1900 there were then only 877 gas plants, and the number was not growing perceptibly. The gas plants were earning an income of \$75,000,000. Last year the central stations earned \$85,000,000. Gas employed 22,400 men and electric light 23,300.

But this is only half the story. It is

Earthquake is Felt In the City

Victoria Visited By a Seismical Disturbance Last Evening.

Considerable Alarm But no Damage to Property Is Re-

"An Outpost Of Empire"

New York, March 16.—Lawyers representing the various interests in the Northern Securities Company were in conference with President Hill and other officials for a considerable time today. Later Mr. Hill said: "We are waiting for the order of the court. Nothing can be done till we receive it. I would like to say, however, there will be no autempt to evade the judgment of the court. We haven't any definite plan or plans under consideration. There has been altogether too much guess work by outsiders. They have tried to make a mountain out of a molehill, and there is not even a molehill." Tourist Association Issues New Handsome Booklet of Picturesque Victoria.

Splendid Booklet Conceived With

OUT IN STANDARD OIL. Pittsburg, March 12.—For the third time in three weeks the Standard Oil Company today cut the price of high-grade petroleum three cents a barrel, Pennsylvania being quoted at \$1.71.

ANOTHER SHIP STOPPED. Alexandria, Egypt, March 16.—The British steamer Elswick Torrer, which arrived here today, reports having been stopped by a Russian warship, which was cruising fifteen miles outside of Alexandria.

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C. P. R. to Carry Briish Troop

Reported From Toronto That Imperial Government is Preparing For Contingencies.

Ben. Manager McNichol Hints

## **New Quarantine** Station Tende

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Yesterday morning the Colonist pulished an item of great importance the people of Victoria, namely, the day patch from Ottawa to the effect that thandsome sum of \$70,000 had be placed in the Dominion estimates for the sole use of the Wilha steamer for the sole use of the Wilha Head Quarantine station, in place of the present craft, the Earl.

A Colonist representative called yeterday afternoon upon Captain Gaudi of the department of marine and fishe ies, and enquired if the plans for the new vessel had been drafted or whether anything was known there about the proposed new vessel. Captain Gaudi courteously assured the Colonist that yet the matter was in the hands of the government, and that he did not experiment, and that he did not experiment, and that he did not experiment to this, but to Mr. Henderson department, the public works.

The officials express satisfaction at the news from Ottawa, it being quite we understood here that the present quarantine steamer is totally madequate for the important service which she is called upon to perform. There is good ground for believing that plans for the new steamer will be received in Victoria and tenders called for within a few weeks It is understood that the vessel will be built in Victoria where the facilities for turning out first-class craft are unsurpassed in the province. The several articles on the subject of the quarantine boat which have appeared in the Colonist of late years were not untimely. It is believed that the new vessel will be thoroughly equipped for her peculiar functions in all respects and will be able to take the sea in any kind of weather—an important consideration in itself.

PROFITABLE GERMAN BOATS. Kosmos Line Between Victoria and Ham-

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The net profits of the Hamburg-American line of steamers for the past year were \$5.500,000. The company has half a hundred steamers and runs lines on nearly every profitable route in the world. The total tonnage of the steamers owned and chartered by the company is 1,727,948. These figures are taken from the annual report of the company published in Hamburg this week.

The Hamburg-American, or Kosmos line, operating to Victoria and Puget Sound, has made wonderful growth since it was first started a few years ago. At first only one steamer a month called here, and the steamers on the route were the smallest owned by the company. Then, about a year ago, extra steamers began coming to the Sound and now every two weeks. When the route was first established the steamers sent to this coast were the smallest owned by the Kosmos people, while now they are among the largest plying on the Pacific coast. The Anubis, which sailed from Victoria this morning, is a steamer of over 3,000 net tonnage and has a carrying capacity of about 7,000 tons of freight.

THE PUEBLA AGAIN.

Yesterday the steamer City of Puebla reached port, eighty hours out from Puget Sound ports or an entire day behind time, says the San Francisco Chronicle of Monday. The long trip was due to terrific southeasterly gales that were encountered soon after the steamer got into the Pacific from San Juan de Fuca strait, in spite of lying to, to avoid the full force of the storm, the Puebla had several windows broken on her port side, and sustained other minor damage. At 4:30 o'clock p.m. on March 11th the Puebla passed the ship William H. Macey, under a fore lower topsail and storm spanker, with all other salls blown away. The Macey sailed from Oyster Harbor on March 1st for San Francisco with coal.

MACEY IN IT.

Well-Known Ladysmith-Frisco Collier Sus-Laboring desperately in the midst of a terrific hurricance, with salls blown away and bare poles resisting the fierce force of the blast and with an ominous list to starboard, the ship William H. Macey was sighted off the Oregon coast last Friday afternoon by the steamer City of Puebla, was any the San Francisco Examiner of Monday. The location of the ship was in latitude 44:19 N. longitude 124:50 W. No sign of the men who manned her was noted by those on the Puebla, and it is presumed that they were below trimming the cargo, which, undoubtedly, would have been necessary in view of the pronounced list of the vessel. The ship displayed no signals of distress, and evidently her master deemed assistance unnecessary. The William H. Macey is en route to San Francisco from Oyster Harbor, having sailed on March 2nd.

ONLY GASOLINE WHALER.

The gasoline schooner Monterey, which has recently been fitted with new engines and two propeller blades, was given a trial trip in San Francisco Bay, says the Examiner. The result of the trial was highly successful and a speed of ten knots was attained. The Monterey, which will soon leave for the far north on her cruise, enjoys I the distinction of being the only gasoline schooner engaged in the whaling trade. DANUBE GOES NORTH.

The C. P. R. steamer Danube, Captain McCoskrie, salled at an early hour Wednesday night for the Naas and other Northern British Columbia ports, from Vancouver. She took up a large number of passengers, as the northern cannerles will shortly commence in earnest preparations for the coming season's work. The Danube also carried a full cargo of general freight, principally cannery supplies. Included in the latter were 100 tons of tin plate ex. the China Mutual liner Ping Suey, consigned to one of the northern canneries. OLD GLORY AGROUND.

Taking Over the Northern Pagific Steam

the ship Glory of the Seas, Captain Pending, which arrived from Ladysmith the Thresday night, was anchored too close to the beach off Black Point, San Francisco Bay, and the ebbing tide left her hard and fast on the beach. Signals of distress were hoisted at daylight, and the tug Sea Rover was despatched to the Glory's assistance. Fowerful as the Rover is, the land had a grip on the ship that all the towboat's tug sing could not loosen, and until high it late in the afternoon the Glory of the Seas was a fixture. She was floated off apparently little worse for her misadventure, but will be drydocked for further inspection after discharging the 3.195 tons of coal with which she is loaded. No vessel is beter known and, for her age, more highly considered than the Glory of the Seas, and it was with grave concern that old-timers heard yesterday that the ship with the good, old-fashloned name was ashore in the harbor.

OLYMPIA'S INVENTORY.

An inventory of the furniture and fittings of the Northern Pacific steamer Olympia is being taken at Tacoma, and it is likely that the transfer of the vessel to her new owners will be made today. Officers of the Northeastern Siberia Company were in the city yesterday afternoon with