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MOBILIZATION OF FORCES ON MONDAY

SKIRMISHING IN THE WOODS THIS MORNING

Royal Engineers Make Effort to Force 6th Regiment Back on the Forts—Annual Inspection.

From Monday's Daily.

The mobilization of forces, regulars and militia, took place to-day, between 600 and 700 men being engaged. Last evening about 9 o'clock the 6th Regiment, D. O. C. R., arrived at Langford Plains and camped within a few yards of the railway.

Generally speaking the plan of operations is to protect Rodd Hill and points manned by regulars from an attack at the hands of the Royal Engineers from Work Point barracks. The Vancouver forces are taking the most active part as they are skirmishing in the country in the vicinity of Rodd Hill, and their work is to repel the force of Engineers.

The attacking force numbered about 50 men, and were expected to operate from Albert Head. Capt. McHarg, with a small force, had, therefore, been posted on the Albert Head road, and coming in contact with a force of the enemy had orders to fall back upon a reserve held at the cross road to Albert Head and Metchosin in command of Lieut. Akroyd. Capt. Grant, on the other hand, was ordered to take up a good position on the Metchosin road, and also to retire on the reserve at the cross roads if attacked. Although this was the direction from which an attack was confidently expected no opening was left ungarded. A detachment in charge of Lieut. Dunn watched the Goldstream road and the railway, and another company was stationed in the rear of Rodd Hill to protect the gunners in case of an attack on the fort from that direction. In short the whole country in the vicinity of Colwood was covered with patrols and companies, and it seemed impossible for any number of men to find an opening. A small detachment in company with a number of the officers directed the defence from the Colwood hotel. Major Boulthee is in charge of the regiment.

Everything was quiet up to about 10 o'clock when some firing broke out in the neighborhood of Albert Head. Investigation showed that scouts connected with Capt. Grant's forces on Metchosin road had unexpectedly encountered a section of about fifteen of the Engineers. The latter took one prisoner, an unsuspecting scout, who was riding quietly along on a bicycle quite unaware of the proximity of the enemy. Having given his parole he was allowed to go. For a short time fighting was quite fierce. Firing on both sides was heavy, and casualties (figuratively), must have been numerous. The volunteers retired until coming to the cross roads, where they made a stand. However, the regulars, taking little notice of the withering cross fire to which they were subjected, fixed bayonets and gallantly charged. Each side claimed the victory. Separating, the volunteers retired and took up a good position on the road. The Engineers also fell back on the main attacking force.

Until about 11.30 nothing of any note occurred. Then a scattered fire opened up from the vicinity of the Colwood race grounds. Steadily the Engineers advanced, but as more of the Vancouver forces became engaged the Engineers seemed to be held in check.

Up till noon the 6th Regiment succeeded in holding their position.

In spite of the dusk the Vancouver volunteers pitched their tents in a manner that would have done credit to regulars. Reveille sounded this morning at 5.30, and immediately after breakfast the "fall in" was heard, and the officers were given their orders for the day.

This afternoon about 4 o'clock the 6th Regiment will come in to Russell's station, where they will board the train for Nanaimo to-night at 9 o'clock. In the meantime, until the time of their departure, they will be allowed four hours' relaxation in the city.

The Fifth Regiment were in possession of Macaulay fort to-day to undergo training in various lines of work. This is their last day at Macaulay, for they will strike camp this afternoon about 4 o'clock.

The annual inspection of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., took place on Saturday afternoon at Macaulay Plains. The parade showed 182 men of all ranks present, rather a small showing for such an important parade. The weather was ideal, and quite a company of spectators witnessed the evolutions of the troops. At 3.30 the D. O. C., Col. Holmes, took his position at the saluting base. He was accompanied by Capt. Probyn, R. G. A., who is commanding the regular troops at Work Point during the absence of Major Gurdon. The inspecting officer was received by a general salute, after which the regiment marched past in column company, and then in quarter column. No. 1 company, under Captain Currie, was particularly noticeable for their good work in this evolution. The companies were then inspected in company drill, manual and firing exercises, cleanliness of accoutrements, etc., and both captains and subalterns tested in practical work. The muster roll was also called.

At the conclusion of this work Captain Probyn undertook the inspection of Nos. 1 and 2 companies in field gun work. The target was stationed some distance out in the Straits, and on this the gun team practiced for an hour or two. The marker's report is not yet available.

A MODERN WEAPON IN THE BATTLE FOR HEALTH.—If disease has taken your citadel of health, the stomach, and is torturing you with indigestion, dyspepsia and nervous prostration, South American Nervine is the weapon to drive the enemy from his stronghold "at the point of the bayonet," trench by trench, but swift and sure, it always wins. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—4.

LARGE LUMBER MILL.

San Francisco Firm Reported to Have Undertaken Gigantic Scheme at Nanaimo.

The report comes from Nanaimo that W. E. Wilson, of San Francisco, has secured an option on immense tracts of timber lands about the north end of the Island. The intention is to work these limits at once. The company Mr. Wilson represents has a paid up capital of $75,000,000. The proposal is to erect a mill near Nanaimo capable of turning out 300,000 feet of lumber a day and employing 400 or 500 men.

Mr. Wilson was asked if he would employ Chinese or Japanese at all, and he replied no, they didn't want anything to do with them. His firm believed in working with the latest and most improved machinery, and to get the best work in this way, especially in logging and lumbering, the most intelligent labor had to be secured, and to get the best men they would have to pay the highest wages. He believed in paying good wages and getting good prices.

The logging work will begin about the 1st of August, and be pushed with the utmost vigor. Several portable mills will be set in motion at once, each capable of cutting about 18,000 to 20,000 feet of lumber per day, and while this lumber will be intended for the export trade the new company will not prohibit the sale to local customers if they desire to buy, and Mr. Wilson gives the assurance that the price will be very reasonable.

Jas. Kelly, an architect, of Nanaimo, will begin this week the construction of a large scow 20x60 feet, which will have its own engines and propellers, and when finished will be used for transporting machinery and portable mills to all parts of the immense section of timber country secured by this firm.

GUY MACGOWAN DEAD.

Estimable Young Man of Vancouver Passed Away on Saturday Evening.

Guy Macgowan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. B. Macgowan, of Georgia street, Vancouver, and a partner in the firm of A. H. B. Macgowan & Co., passed away after a brief illness on Saturday evening. He had been ill for about ten days, and underwent an operation for hernia. As he did not show signs of satisfactory progress, peritonitis developing, Drs. Ernest Hall and Davie, of this city, on receipt of a wire went over on Friday night. A second operation was found necessary, which, while in itself successful, was too late to save the patient's life, and he died about 6 p. m. on Saturday.

When the news of his death became known, expressions of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Macgowan and his brothers were heard on all sides. Guy Macgowan was in the prime of his young manhood being only 28 years of age and was the eldest son. He was his father's right-hand man in his business, and was well known and respected as an energetic and reliable business man in insurance and transportation circles all along the coast. Owing to his connection with the White Pass & Yukon railway, at the time his firm acted as local agents for the company, Guy Macgowan was as well known among the businessmen of Seattle as he was in Vancouver. In the social and athletic world he was also very popular, having been an active member of the Vancouver Rowing and other athletic clubs, and he was also a member of the Terminal City Club and of the Knights of the Golden Horseshoe.

He was well known in this city, where the news of his death will be received with deep regret. The funeral took place this afternoon.

LEFT TOWN SUDDENLY.

Proprietor of Invertavish Nursery Leaves For Parts Unknown.

Although not reported to the police, it is understood that the sudden departure from this city on Friday last of E. L. Cockrell, proprietor of the Invertavish nursery, will be keenly regretted by a number of people. Among these are the authorities of Christ Church cathedral, who have been endeavoring for some time past to recover pew rents which have been gathered in by Mr. Cockrell in the capacity of collector. He was collector and verger until two weeks ago, when an advertisement for a new verger appeared in the local press. When he vacated this position he said he would turn in the money on the following day, but failed to do so, and as far as can be learned has not done so yet.

He was also involved in another direction, a local real estate and financial firm having advanced him $700 some time ago for the erection of hothouses. He left on Friday morning, and it is thought went to the Sound.

MRS. BEANLAND'S DEATH.

She Passed Away Suddenly on Sunday Morning at Shawnigan Lake.

The death of Laura Maud Beanlands, wife of Canon Beanlands, of Christ Church cathedral, occurred very suddenly on Sunday morning at Shawnigan. She was a daughter of the late W. A. Hills, barrister-at-law, of Ramsgate, Kent, England. She came direct from England to this city with her husband upon his appointment to Christ Church cathedral.

Mrs. Beanlands was forty-three years of age, and has during her residence in this city, by her exemplary character, made for herself many friends. She leaves a family of four children.

Her brother, Maurice Hills, of this city, is the only other member of Mrs. Beanland's family resident in this country. Three sisters reside in England.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday.

EAT WHAT YOU LIKE.—Give the digestive organs some work to do. These functions need exercise as much as any part of the human anatomy, but if they're delicate, give them the aid that Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets afford and you can eat anything that's wholesome and palatable—60 in a box, 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—8.

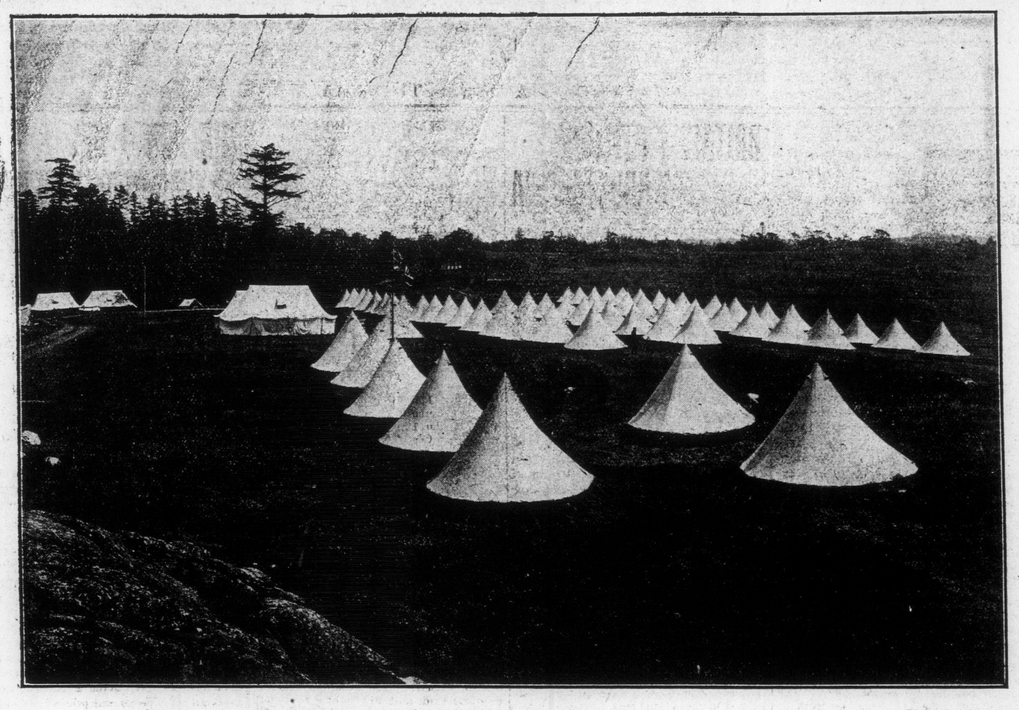

Photo by Langley.

At Camp Macaulay, where the Fifth Regiment has been under canvas for nearly two weeks.

AN ELOQUENT DIVINE.

Rev. Dr. Herridge in the Metropolitan Church Last Night—He Will Lecture This Evening.

From Monday's Daily.

The Metropolitan Methodist church was crowded last evening by an audience anxious to hear the famed Presbyterian divine, Rev. Dr. Herridge, of Ottawa. The congregation were in no way disappointed, but on the contrary had the pleasure of listening to a well thought out and equally well delivered sermon. Without any attempt at sensationalism in the style of oratory adopted, the speaker with an easy flow of language clothes his thoughts in the most chaste and aptly selected language.

He selected as the subject of his discourse from the Book of Revelation, the phrase "There was war in Heaven." The words, he said, might at first seem almost contradictory of the conception of Heaven. He, however, showed that should that which was not pure and holy enter Heaven war must result until the base and impure was overcome.

In the course of the sermon he alluded to the importance of environment in the shaping of lives. There was often not so much difference between the just judge and the depraved criminal he condemned to death. The surrounding circumstances might have accounted in a very large part for the marked difference. But while environment played a very important part it was not all. That which debased and which depraved character should be battled against and kept from mingling in the life. In this way preparation was made for the pure enjoyment of Heaven.

The design of Heaven was not that of an escape from torment. It was rather the design of God that it should be a place of purity, and as such preparation must be made. It was not then so much to reach Heaven as it was to prepare for that abode. The aim should be then to begin the Heavenly in this life as the only method of being prepared to enjoy the pure delights of that home.

He closed with a strong appeal, especially to the young men, to live lives which were white and pure and preparatory to the future abode.

WILL NOT RUN.

Smith Curtis Retires From the Field—Some of the Likely Ones on Mainland.

In an interview given in Rossland Smith Curtis has reiterated his intention of remaining out of the field at the election. He says: "Important private business demands all my time, hence my decision to abandon politics at this juncture.

"It is my intention to hold a public meeting next week," continued Mr. Curtis, "provided business arrangements permit. I have to go to the Boundary at once, and may be called East immediately. If these business engagements do not interfere I am anxious to meet my constituents. At this public meeting I propose to discuss politics as they have been during my term in the legislature, and as they are at the present moment.

"Now that the province is to divide on party lines, I do not see that it is necessary to reiterate my attitude. I have always stood for Liberal principles, and I stand there to-day. My position and my attitude on all important issues that have arisen from time to time in the House will be gone into at the public meeting, which I hope to convene as already stated."

There is a rumor in New Westminster that J. C. Brown instead of contesting New Westminster against Thos. Gifford, may run for Richmond. J. B. Kennedy and F. W. Howay are mentioned in addition to Mr. Brown among the probable candidates in New Westminster as likely to oppose Mr. Gifford. The News-Advertiser is authority for the statement that Mr. Howay will not enter the fight.

In Dewdney, the contest, it is reported, will be between Premier McBride and T. F. Paterson.

James was at the window, and saw for the first time a man driving a street sprinkler. He watched for a while, then turned as if disgusted and said:

"Merdie sake! How dat ting leaks!"

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

Entertainment Held Last Friday Under the Auspices of Victoria Camp Woodmen of the World.

An ice cream social was held on Friday under the auspices of Victoria Camp No. 52, Woodmen of the World. There was a large attendance of both members and friends, and the entertainment, which was in honor of the installation as officers of Messrs. Gregg and Murray, was in every way a success. After the transaction of necessary business an excellent impromptu programme was given. Mr. Aaronson sang a vocal selection, which was followed by a recitation entitled "The Christening," by Miss Pottinger. The latter was loudly applauded and gave an encore, which was equally appreciated. Sovereign A. Lindsay gave a reading on the early history of British Columbia, illustrating in a humorous manner the ups and downs of the life of miners in this province years ago. Sovereign Kirkindale gave a recitation, followed by an exhibition of phrenology by "Prof." W. H. Pennock.

Undoubtedly the feature of the programme was the recitation work of Miss Pottinger. Her pronunciation shows the results of careful training and considerable ability, and is almost beyond criticism. Miss Underhill, from whom Miss Pottinger is receiving instruction, has in her a pupil of whom she should be proud. W. Jackson acted as accompanist in first class style. The chair was occupied by Sov. J. Randolph, who performed the duties of that office with a grace which excited the admiration of all present. After the concert refreshments, which included quantities of excellent ice cream, was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant social manner.

The committee responsible for the arrangements was Messrs. Pottinger and Randolph.

REGISTRATION.

To the Editor:—I took several applications for resignation to Mr. Coombe on Saturday, and he very properly looked them over before receiving them. I had not examined them myself, and did not know that in one of them there was an erasure not initialled, and in the jurat of another a blurred word. If these defects had existed in an affidavit to be read in court it would have been necessary to remedy them, and Mr. Coombe very kindly returned the applications to me. I mention this matter for the purpose of drawing attention to the necessity for the exercise of care in filling out the applications. There is a possibility that by and bye some one may scrutinize all the applications and object to those in which slight defects occur, in which case the collectors of votes might feel compelled to stand by the rules adopted in Supreme court practice. As the right to administer the oath is conferred upon a great variety of officers, some of whom cannot be expected to have professional knowledge, the importance of great care cannot be too strongly emphasized.

CHARLES H. LUGRIN.

A SHORT SEASON.

The Hydraulic Mines Around Barkerville Have Done Well.

A dispatch from Barkerville to the Vancouver Ledger says:

"The present season will not prove a long one in any part of Cariboo. The snowfall was not a heavy one, and the warm weather set in early. After many of the mines had begun piping a cold spell again came on and the water failed. When the thaw started the snow went very fast and water was wasted. However, so far as your correspondent can learn all of the mines around Barkerville have done well considering the shortness of the run, and the output will be fair. The mines on Keithley creek are paying regular dividends and there is a good future for that camp."

—The infant son, aged 3 years, of Mrs. Hicklins, died last evening at the residence of Mr. Estes, Quadra street north. The mother, now being very ill at St. Joseph's hospital, makes the case a sad one. The body of the child was removed to the parlors of W. J. Hanna.

FIRST ARRIVALS FROM FAR NORTH

REACHED CITY ON THE PRINCESS MAY

List of Fatalities Reported From Dawson—Difficult Feat Performed by Athenian's Skipper.

Reports brought to Vancouver by the steamer City of Seattle of passengers and gold aboard the steamer Princess May were exaggerated. The steamer arrived on Saturday afternoon. There were 80 passengers on board when the ship reached Vancouver, seven being for the Terminal City, four for Victoria and the others for points in the United States. Amongst the crowd it is estimated that gold dust and draft were brought out to the value of $100,000. This is the first gold that has been brought from the northern interior this year, and the passengers were the first arrivals from Dawson of the season.

Before these people left the northern Mecca the golden harvest time had set in in earnest. Never before in the story of banking in Dawson had there been such heavy purchases of gold. During the first days of the clean-up over a million dollars of gold drifted into the banks. As usual, with the opening of navigation, there has been the customary series of accidents.

Saturday night, May 18th, Bud Harkin, proprietor of the Windsor restaurant; Lelia Wallace, a waiter girl, and Alphonse LaRose, passed through White Horse rapids. Their Peterboro canoe capsized in a whirlpool below the rapids. Harkin and the girl were drowned. LaRose got to shore. The body of the girl was found on a sandbar Sunday morning. Harkin's body has not been found. He was about thirty years of age, was born in Wisconsin and went north in '98 with the Charleson party via Teslin lake and down the Hootalinqua. In 1900 he ran the little steamer Lorelei between White Horse and Dawson, and last year conducted a road house at Ogilvie. The girl was 18 years old and a native of Michigan.

News of the death by drowning of another well known Dawson man was received by the Princess May. Mr. W. B. Copping, formerly owner of the Copping house near the head of King street, being the victim.

According to a telegram received by Major Cuthbert from Constable Jackson, stationed at Sewart, Copping was drowned on May 5th at a point on the river about 40 miles above Stewart and between Kirkman creek and Shafer's roadhouse.

Last fall Copping was bringing two laden scows down the river and was caught by the freeze-up at the point above mentioned. He left Dawson some time in March and went up to look after the cargoes, and it was while he was unloading them and transferring the goods to the bank of the river to prevent their possible loss by the breaking up of the river that he was drowned.

William B. Copping was a native of Rawdon, Quebec, where his mother and other members of his family still reside. He was 31 years of age and unmarried.

Murdock Cameron and Charlie Leskatos were drowned on the 17th of May in the Pelly river, near the Ross river. The boat ran into a cake of ice and upset. There were four men in the boat. Two of them, Kumanderos and Shutter, clung to the cake of ice and were picked up by the Parsons party, which was a few minutes behind. Charlie the Greek had considerable money on him. The bodies have not been found. Cameron was from Vancouver, B. C.

John McCornell, Mat Ogulin and R. McMillan left lower La Barge on a raft bound for Dawson on May 19th. One and a half miles above Yukon crossing the raft was struck by floating ice, which broke it up. McCornell landed on a large cake of ice and pulled the other two from the wreckage. A few moments later the ice broke up. The men jumped for large cakes of ice. McMillan was rescued by the local police, Ogulin was rescued by John Falls, the White Pass stableman, and Charles Lauktree, the lineman.

McCornell failed to secure a footing on the floating ice and was drowned.

Advices from Dawson state that there will be little opposition on the White Pass run this year, and that the rate of fares of $40 and $50, now charged, are likely to be maintained during the coming season.

Important repairs are to be made to the Canadian telegraph wire between White Horse and the Alaskan boundary within the next several weeks. A special force of men will leave White Horse soon, and traverse the entire stretch of line northward to the Alaskan boundary, where the Canadian service is merged into the American. The crew doubtless will be a great part of the summer in performing the work.

An Atlin dispatch says Atlin miners are on strike owing to the action of the hydraulic mining companies in reducing wages to $2.50 per day.

DIFFICULT UNDERTAKING.

Capt. Robinson, who was recently appointed to the command of the steamship Athenian from the position of first officer on the Empress of China, performed an aquatic feats off the outer wharves Sunday that few navigators have ever attempted. The Athenian arrived from the Orient on Saturday night. She landed her Victoria mails and passengers, and had just pulled out from the wharf on her way to Vancouver when it was found that kelp choked up one of the pipes connecting with the steamer's condensers. This opens into the sea beneath the water line, and it was thought that only a diver could free the passage. One had accordingly been sent for and the ship's anchor was dropped to wait his arrival. But Capt. Robinson was becoming impatient over the delay. He looked to see if the diver was coming a couple of times, and not seeing him in sight divested himself of clothing. Descending to the opening mentioned, which is beneath a section of the ship, he proceeded to clean it out. He rose once to the surface to get air and then going down again accomplished the work, finishing it just as the diver came in view. This done the vessel proceeded to Vancouver, the feat being the subject of comment for the remainded of the day along the front.

The Athenian had an uneventful passage from the Orient. She has 15 Chinese for this city. Among her saloon arrivals were the members of the Pollard company, who, after touring the Orient, are returning to Victoria under a week's engagement.

It will be remembered that the Athenian was once before detained in port under similar circumstances. On that occasion, however, the incident occurred at William Head, where a diver had to be sent from the city.

DANUBE FROM NORTH.

The rather uncommon experience for this time of year of being twice befogged was the luck of the steamer Danube on the trip completed on Sunday. The ship was held at Metlakahtla and on the Skeena by thick weather, but notwithstanding made better time than on her former voyage by at least a couple of hours. She had as passengers O. T. Thornfell, A. N. Brown, H. L. Clifton, W. Meade, R. Cunningham, F. H. Stace, F. Roberts and D. Houston. When she left the north cannery operations were in full swing, fishing having began on the 15th instant. There were indications of a good run, but as yet no big catches were being made.

HOW GREY WAS ADOPTED.

"The color of ships has been always a vexed question, and although home stayers had become accustomed to the black hulls and yellow upper works—not always the same tint of yellow in different ships—the representatives of the White Ensign on foreign stations were differently colored," says the Pall Mall Gazette. "Others powers tried experiments, so did this country; the object in each case being to diminish the visibility of the ship as a target in ordinary weather. Finally a shade of grey was adopted for the British navy and precise instructions were given as to the admixture of black with white paint required to produce it. Apparently the matter must in any case depend largely upon atmospheric conditions. A rainstorm, for example, such as that in which the ships left Spithead on the Monday following the Coronation review last year would suffice to obscure anything. But is it quite sure that the correct tint has been reached? As to daylight, nothing need be said at present, but in the Mediterranean, at any rate, it was found upon a recent occasion that, quite unexpectedly, the hulls of the grey ships showed up with remarkable distinctness when the searchlight was turned on them.

NEW AUSTRALIAN LINE.

R. A. Alley, president of the firm of R. A. Alley & Company, promoters of the new line of steamships shortly to be run to Australia, arrived at San Francisco from Sydney, N. S. W., a few days ago. In speaking of his plans, Mr. Alley said:

"My company has its home office in London, though our principal office will be at Tacoma. Four steamers of 8,000 tons burden have already been chartered and will be placed on the run. I am not at liberty at present to divulge the names of the vessels, but they are well known and have ample freight and passenger accommodations. The itinerary has not fully been decided upon, but it is positive that the line will take in the principal ports of New Zealand and Australia.

"On this coast the steamers will likely call at Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco. I was here several months ago and received encouragement from the merchants. If certain details can be arranged the line will surely call here. Tacoma has been settled upon as our Pacific coast terminus. A tri-weekly or monthly schedule will be adopted, and we expect to have the steamers in operation by the end of September. I have completed all necessary arrangements in Australia and am now on my way to London to start the first steamer on the way."

UMATILLA'S OVERHAULING.

Present indications are, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, that the steamer Umatilla will resume service on June 28th. She has been idle since December 15th, and the Valencia has been taking her place in service. She will come from Puget Sound navy yard having had more than $150,000 expended on her. Her hull is as substantial as new. The whole of the interior is either new or has been put in as near that condition as possible.

In the way of betterments and repairs the Umatilla has had added three new three-furnace boilers, fitted with Houston's patent forced draft system; one new two-furnace donkey engine. Her freight space throughout has been scaled and painted and her auxiliary machinery overhauled and renovated to a large extent; also the freight handling apparatus overhauled and renovated.

The vessel passed twenty days in the Puget Sound navy yard drydock, where she had 22 new shell plates added. All structural work, boiler room space and bulkheads have been renovated and a new high-pressure cylinder incorporated in the main engine room.

The contract for her betterments and repairs is one of the largest ever handled by Moran's. The work done not only increases the speed of the Umatilla, but it makes of her a strictly up-to-date passenger and freight-carrying vessel.

REINSURANCE LIST.

The names of five vessels have been added to the overdue list, and the rate of reinsurance on the Spes, now out 161 days from London for Fremantle, was advanced to 85 per cent. Those added to the list are: Verajean, out 105 days from Bahia Blanca for Sydney, 15 per cent.; Lindisfarne, out 126 days from Liverpool for Melbourne; Kildalton, out 127 days from Glasgow for Dunedin; Whitlieburn, out 77 days from Capetown for Newcastle, Australia, and Julius Palm, out 123 days from Glasgow for Dunedin, all quoted at 10 per cent.

PLANNING CONNECTIONS.

Word has been received in Seattle that J. D. Farrell, president of the Great Northern Steamship Company, will return on the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of China, which is due on June 23rd. Mr. Farrell has spent the spring in the Far East investigating the conditions under which the big steamships of the Great Northern Company will operate, with special reference to the terminal facilities at the ports of call in Japan, China and at Manila. It was also his intention to begin the organization of a coastwise fleet that should collect merchandise from the smaller cities of the coast and from the river cities of the interior and bring it to the ports of call of the big steamers. Since Mr. Farrell has been in the East Dodwell & Co. have been appointed the Seattle agents of the Great Northern steamships.

FIRST SEALER AWAY.

Schooner C. D. Rand, Capt. Searle, has headed the sealing fleet, leaving for cruises in Behring sea. The vessel sailed early on Saturday. She will be followed immediately by the Annie E. Paint, Capt. McKeil; the Jessie, Capt. Byers; the Umbrina, Capt. Haan, and Enterprise, Capt. Whidden. All will pick up their crews on the coast before continuing their voyages northward. Capt. Byers was ready to sail on Thursday, but will now be detained until Monday because of four of his Indians attending the potlatch at Duncans. Others could have sailed yesterday but the superstitious belief about Friday being an ill-omened day for departure haunted some and their voyages were not undertaken.

A dispatch to the Lokal Anzienger, Berlin, from Eilkuhen, says that the revolutionary agitator Gerschunin, has been arrested at Kief. Gerschunin, it is asserted, was the organizer of the murder of M. Bogoliepoff, Russian minister of public instruction, and of M. Sipiaguine, Russian minister of the interior.

In its economic policy and in its political affairs a crisis is approaching in Great Britain the importance of which can hardly be overestimated.