Operating Half Plants

The Packers Secure Many More Workmen and Establishments Grow Busy.

WISSEMODO Both Sides Preparing For Test of Strength at Chicago.

Strikers Announce Organization of an Independent

Chieco, July 16.— Daty racid and properly control of the control o

been informed that Lieut. A McCaller, the American attache who succeeded in reaching Port Arthur on the last train entering that city, has declined the offer of the Japanese admiral to give him safe conduct from the besieged city and has decided to remain until the city falls or is relieved. It is understood that the French attache and Lieut. McCalley are the only foreign attaches left.

HARL AT IT. Chicago, Ill., July 19.—A speci

THE PAUSE CONTINUE New Chwang, July 18.—Th

Washington, D. C., July 18.—The insular bureau of the war department to-day issued a circular inviting proposals for the sale of \$300,000 of Philippine four per cent. one-year bonds. The bids will be received until 2:30 p.m. August 22nd, the proceeds to be applied to the retirement of outstanding \$3,000,000 of Philippine bonds.

FINAL ASSAULT THIS WEEK. Chefoo, July 18.—No news whatever has come out from Port Arthur recently, but the belief that the final assault will be this week is growing. Newspaper correspondents are arriving here from Japanese and Chinese points and are ready to get over to Port Arthur immediately after its fall.

Keller Loses One Thousand

In Sunday's Attack on Motion Pass Russians Lost Heavily.

Sharp Practice Not Likely to Cause Trouble to Black Sea Fleet.

War Put End to First Steps Towards Anglo-Russian Treaty.

St. Petersburg, July 18.—Genera Kuropatkin reports that Lieut.-Genera Count Keller lost over 1,000 in killed and wounded in the attack on Motien pass July 17th. Russia does not forcest him.

St. Petersburg, July 19, 6:30 p. m. The United States has informed Russia that she will be glad to join Great Britain in the protection of the seals of the Kommander islands. This act doubt-less will make the because of the less will make the because of the Romander islands.

The Government Grants Every Washington, D. C., July 19.—What the American state department has undertaken to do in connection with the protection of seal life in the waters of the Kommander islands is simply by means of United States revenue cutters.

RAVAGES OF CH'OLERA.

Baku, Russia, July 19.—Refugees a rom Teheran tell terrible stories of the ravages of cholera. They say that on some days the mortality reached 900. The Europeans are abandoning their household effects and are fleeing to camps in the mountains. The quarantine stations are almost without food. The Russian government has ordered the closing of the frontier for the purpose of preventing the introduction of the disease. BAGGAGE ROOMS FILLED. New York, July 18.—As a result of the strike of the drivers of the New York Transfer Company the baggage rooms of the Pennsylvania, Erie, Jersey Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Lehigh Valley & Ontario and Western railroads are crowded with trunks. The roads made no attempt to send out wagons today. Up to the present time none of the other companies had been affected. The strikers held a meeting today and appointed a committee to confer with the company's officials concerning a possible settlement of the strike.

ANOTHER PLYMOUTH TRAGEDY Plymouth, Eng., July 19.—Tragedy again marked the homeward voyage of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II. On the arrival of the vessel here today, almost at the hour that an inquest was heing held over the body of F. Kent Loomis, it was announced that a second-class passenger, Mrs. Lipschitz, had committed suicide by jumping overboard when the ship was one day out from New York. Hundreds of passengers witnessed the suicide and watched the efforts of a lifeboat to rescue the woman. No trace of the body was found.

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THE HOT WAVE.

Rochester, July 19.—The hot wave

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Nine Hundred Deaths a Day in Persia's The Day at The Capital

Dominion Rifle Association Issue a Record Breaking Prize List.

Royal Assent Given to Sixty Bills Including Some B. C.

Premier Announces that Voter's List For Province Not Yet Received.

Ottawa, July 18.-Major Winlock,

kiao.
On account of the Japanese preparations the military possibilities during the rainy season have become the subject of mathematical interest.

RUSSIAN MAIL CAPTURED.

Tokio, July 18.—The Japanese torpedo destroyer Hayatori has captured a junk conveying mail from Port Arthur to Chefoo. Letters dealing with military and naval conditions at Port Arthur have been seized. Much valuable information was contained in the letters. Those which did not deal with military topics have been forwarded to St. Petersburg.

A REALISTIC CHARGE. Tacoma, Wash., July 18.—During the United States army manoeuvres at Steilacoom, after Troop E, with cavalry (colored) had been ruled out of active the color of t alry (colored) had been ruled out of action by the umpires, they charged on the Washington troops and 19th infantry on their front, and with drawn sebres slashed right and left among the infantry, creating a reign of terror for a few minutes. During the melee three members of the Second Washington and one regular were seriously injured. The victims of the charge were only slightly cut.

REPORT SALES ARE DENIED

Alleged Transfers of Real Estate

Port Simpson, B. C., July 18.—The "hot air" report published by a Vanouver paper a short time ago that thousands of dollars in property in Port Simpson with the idea that it would be the terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, has no founda-tion whatsoever. The fact is that no bree insignificant deals, has been trans-

ferred in this town. There have been a great many people here during the past year looking over the country, but as to investments, there has been nothing of the kind to speak of; nobody caring to invest until the place for the terminal is selected.

The Hudson Bay Company's river boat Mount Royal was in port over Sunday and started for the Skeena Monday. She has made five trips from Wrangel to Telegraph creek on the Stickine river this season, and the officers of the boat report that travel to the Cassiar tills season has been considerable. She will wake several trips on the Skeena from Essington to Hazleton and then make her way back to Victoria to rest until next season.

Miss Deville of Victoria and Miss McOullough of the Nass are guests for a few days at the Flewin home. Miss Paul and Mrs. Harding, teachers in the schools in Port Simpson, are visiting friends and relations in Victoria.

New York, July 19.—Capt. Brewis and 3 men of the crew of the British steamer inflorough, which went ashore at Fortune sland on July 6 and became a total loss, were brought here today on the steamer lital from the West. Indies. The Aldborugh left Daquirle Bay July 5 for Baltinore, with a cargo of 3,000 tons of iron re.

Princess Victori Slightly Dama

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Now In Esquimelt Drydoc dergoing Rush Repairs

Strong Force. At noon on Sunday, as the ship Princess Victoria, from Y to Vancouver, was passing P point, the Narrows, Burrard in tide at that time being unusua and running out with the fore mill race, she suddenly sheered to board and ran on to the rocks just of Prospect point. She struck considerableforce stemn on, an the current swung her stern roun to bring her broadside on the with the result that her starboa peller suffered, two of the blades twisted.

The whole affair took place s denly and was done so quickly there was hardly time to signal gine room or port the helm. To steamer escaped with damage so considering the circumstances, i velous. The damage is confined forefoot and a little aft of the and to the propeller blades on the board side.

Captain Troup, manager of the R. steamers, when seen by a C reporter yesterday afternoon, sain he did not expect the execut the repairs would take much than ten or fourteen days. It has reported to him that just at the summent, as the Victoria was in the strong off-shore current at Pr point several sailboats appeared ing around the point, and that to avoid collision with those small that the steamship's course was a trifle, with the result that the oning tide got a full sweep at he ward port quarter with the result she was deflected from her cours sent in upon the rocks.

Captain Troup said that a the investigation would be held by the pany into all the circumstances co ed with the accident. The ship when the following the difficult being the old steamer er, which lay so long near Siwash not far from Prospect point. That tion of the Narrows even to smalling craft, well manned with so arsmen, is most dangerous on the running tides.

The steamer was so slightly in that after backing off the rocks proceeded to Vancouver under he steam and landed passengers, and freight. The Princess Victori Wancouver under her own steam of Victoria at 5 o'clock is the noon, on her way to Esquimal dock, where she was placed or stocks last evening. A strong will attend to her repairs, and hoped she

SHAWMUT SAILS.

Big Liner Leaves Sound For Well Loaded. The Oriental liner Shawmut, of Boston Steamship line, sailed for Far East Saturday night, carryin full cargo, about 15,000 tons. The tal passenger list numbered fifty persons.

The destination of the passe as follows: Sixteen, Manila; kong; 2, Singapore; 2, Kobe, and 5 to Yokahama. Among the steerage passengers fourteen Chinamen who are being ported by the immigration inspe-for being illegally in the country. The first class passenger list

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Manila—J. E. Kirtland, J. F. Ma. R. W. Neil, Roy Painter, L. B. Ha. u. Mrs. J. F. Kirtland, Mrs. J. Mánus, Mrs. Elen Earl, Mrs. En Ostrand. Miss Nina E. Haight, Con Earl, Miss Kirtland, Miss M. Earl; Hongkong, F. J. Morse, H. Boone; Kobe, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Lellan; Yokohama, O. S. Downs, M. Michi Kawai, Mrs. Agnes Elkins, M. Elizabeth T. Elkins. COAL COMBINE.

Interesting Report From Califo Concerning B. C. Companies. Concerning B. C. Companies.

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It is reported from San Franci that for the purpose of stimulating more general use of coal and lessen the increased demand for the light fuel, coal oil and gas, two of the latest coal companies have merged the interests and will hereafter be known as the Western Fuel Company.

R. Dunsmuir's extensive plant in the city has been taken over by the reconcern, which will also act as western agents of the Dunsmuir prefty. The new regime will begin Tuesday morning of the ensuing we when it is expected that the price fuel will take a perceptible drop.

The merging of these interests give the Western Fuel Company a ctrolling power of more than 50 per coff all the coal handled in San Freisco, and its officers state that whe lessened competition a reduction price is the logical result. In discuss the matter Mr. Smith, vice president the new concern, said:

"The public will be benefited by the new change for the reason that the pense of operation will be reduced that will enable us to reduce the price fuel. We have taken a five-year leon the local holdings of the Dunsm company in order that we may han the increased business. All the Wington coal from the Ladysmith collic to be consumed on the coast will he after pass through our hands. By the move we will be able to run the steamships to this port and the foundirect to Oakland. I predict a great duction in the price of coal and belie that both the public and ourselves we be benefited by the deal."

The British ship Wavetree has a rived at San Francisco from Newcast England, after a stormy trip. Off Ca Horn the vessel was caught in a su cession of southwest gales, which co tinued for twenty-one days. To weather was intensely cold and the vailors were so budly frostbitten the they were confined to their bunks of the remainder of the trip. When comit to an anchorage off Black Point in Sanchorage off Black Point in Sanchorage off black and forty-five fathoms of chain.

EXCURSION TO SIBERIA. Steamship Victoria to Visit the No eastern Siberian Coast.