

Valuable Gargo From China

Empress of China Brings the Largest Silk Cargo on Record.

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The R. M. S. Empress of China completed her forty-first houseward voyage yesterday, with the largest and most valuable cargo ever brought to America, its approximate value being upwards of a million and a half dollars.

Steamer Utopia broke her propeller yesterday, and will miss a trip. The propeller was broken at the entrance to the Sound.

The German ship Breha arrived in the Royal Roads last evening in the Lorne, 43 days from Chai Kaio Chou, the new German port of the Shantung peninsula.

Steamer Cutch arrived from Vancouver yesterday, to go on the Esquimalt way for a cleaning and packing. She leaves Port for the west coast tomorrow evening.

M. S. Warapite left yesterday for Comox on target practice. She will be followed to-day by the Virago, leaving only the uncommissioned Sparrowhawk in the harbor.

Steamer Cottage City touched at the outer wharf early yesterday morning, and after taking on Alaskan mails, proceeded to the north coast.

It would seem from the many small steamers in port yesterday that now the fishing season is over there will be no more of such vessels.

Steamer Oscar came in yesterday from Anacortes, with 40 tons of American hay.

Victorians will have lots of time to examine her.

Port Angeles Proposition Encounters Opposition and Is Deferred.

The Hack Stands Again-Fort Street Paving--Public Works.

Last evening's meeting of the aldermen board was one of the longest in recent months, the reason of the protracted proceedings being discussion upon the submission of the Port Angeles ferry connection by-law, the so-called "hack-stand nuisance," and the delay complained of in the progress of paving works on Fort street.

The council does not appear to be a unit by any means as to the desirability of submitting the ferry by-law to a vote of the ratepayers, and it was intimated by the Mayor as quite possible that an entirely new and still more advantageous proposition looking to direct railway connection will be brought forward in the near future.

The long-voiced subject that from time past reckoning has been known as the "hack-stand nuisance" was re-introduced to the council in a letter from the assistant manager of the Bank of British Columbia, E. A. Wyld, who asked the early removal of the stand at the corner of Government and Fort streets.

A radical change was suggested by the Mayor, who suggested that the express wagons standing in the centre of the street be removed, and that the various stands be moved down below Langley avenue.

Ald. Humphrey referred to a petition in circulation on Yates street looking to the removal of the express wagons from that thoroughfare. He held that something would have to be done in this matter, for it was evident that the hacks and express wagons were causing a nuisance.

It might possibly be well to appoint a special committee to revise the arrangement of the hack-stands, said the Mayor. He suggested that a meeting of the full council, for a conference with a delegate from the Port Angeles representatives by the hackmen. The matter should be gone into thoroughly, and finally disposed of.

This proposal was immediately referred to the Mayor, who endorsed the motion. Ald. Brydon looked upon the hacks as a not infrequent menace to the public safety, and he suggested that a by-law be passed to the effect that the hacks should not be allowed to stand on the street.

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