

FROM THE NAAS

The Princess Louise Arrives From Northern Ports—Caledonia Starts Up the Skeena.

Fixing Rates for St. Michael's and Dawson City—Mines in San Francisco Harbor.

Steamer Princess Louise returned from Naas and the way ports and canneries of northern British Columbia early this morning. Among her passengers to Victoria were R. Cunningham and J. A. Mahood, C. E. W. E. Brett, of Nanaimo, J. McPherson and son, of Skeena, T. Given, A. Oakes and Dr. W. C. Hassler, who was a member of the British party. Dr. Hassler, who embarked on the Louise at Port Simpson, says the members of the party have now all left the Skeena. He says the expedition, which is the St. Michael's, intending to go to the Klondike mining country, seven continuing the journey to the Nation river. Dr. Hassler says the expedition did not start from the expedition, which, as is known, failed. He attaches a good deal of blame to Recorder Walls, who, he said, did much to induce the men to go into the country with Grider. The Louise brings news from Port Essington that the steamer Caledonia started up the Skeena on Monday last. The river was higher than it has been for years and running very rapidly. Old residents are of the opinion that the Hudson's Bay steamer will be obliged to return until the river subsides. Mr. Barnes of New York City, who is called on by the coast, started up a few days previous to the sailing of the Caledonia with a party bound to his properties on Louise creek. Two of his canoes got through the canyon, but the third was unable to get through. The party are encamped there awaiting the Caledonia. At the mouth of the Skeena residents are busy fishing for spring salmon for the local market, and they are making big catches. At the different canneries all is bustle and activity, in preparation for the coming fishing season, a big run being anticipated. At Essington a party of about 40 are waiting to go in to the mining country at Kiskadeh. On her way down the Louise encountered a schooner which wrought the main and her paddles. The Willapa will in all probability take her run to Wrangell and northern British Columbia ports on Sunday in order that the Louise may be repaired.

A number of those interested in the Yukon transportation business met at Seattle yesterday to arrange dates. A rate of \$300 from the Sound to Dawson and \$275 from St. Michaels to Dawson was arranged. An association was formed to uphold the rates fixed, the officers of which are President, W. C. Hagen, Secretary, A. J. Hageman. The committee on classification and rates is composed of C. E. Marvin, H. C. Colver and A. E. Gladin. The committee will also decide on the rates to be charged by steam schooners and sailing vessels, which will be arranged in justice to the operators of the smaller steamers and sailing vessels, which cannot give as good accommodation as the first-class steamers. The meeting was composed of A. E. Cronewett, W. E. Mills and John P. Jacobson. The question of rates for Dawson to Seattle was the subject of considerable discussion at the meeting. Sailing vessels have already been advertised to carry freight at \$10 per ton, and there is every prospect for a big cut. The rate decided on by the association was \$10 per hundred from Seattle to Dawson.

Passengers to San Francisco will be reminded that the United States flag for the harbor has been mined in anticipation of the visit of any vessel from Spain. An official notice of the mining of the harbor has just been received by Captain Gaudin, of the department of marine and fisheries, through the British consular office at San Francisco and the Lieut. Governor of this province, which states that torpedoes have been laid, some of which are connected with electric wires, so that they can be fired from shore in case of need. The pilots are the only persons outside of the navy department who know the position of the mines, and all vessels entering and leaving the bay will be guided into the safe channel by them. Vessels will be allowed to come and go by daylight. Five hundred torpedoes have been laid.

Two hundred Canadian regulars will take passage to Alaska on the steamer Islander, which sails for the north this evening. The soldiers, who will be under command of Lieut. Colonel Evans. The Hudson's Bay company will ship their pack trains to Glenora where they are about to establish a station on the Islander. Sixty-six animals will be sent up. A large quantity of general freight has been piled into the P. N. sheds for shipment on their liner and many passengers are ticketed to start from here. She will be loaded down to the gunwales. About two hundred Klondike-bound passengers weighed the big steamer on the roads this morning on her way to Wrangell and Lynn canal points. The cargo carried large cargo of freight northward. The Athenian, her sister liner, is expected to arrive from the north tomorrow morning.

PERFECT MODELS SCARC. There seems to be a scarcity of perfect models of the feminine form. Mr. Merfitt is at work on a magnificent model to be erected in honor of Gounod, says that it is next to impossible to find women whose physical peculiarities and facial expression fit them to serve as models of Sappho, Marguerite Juliette, by whose figures the composer's bust is to be surrounded.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

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The conference opened with devotional exercises, conducted by President Betts. The motion, Rev. Dr. Sutherland, general superintendent of missions, was requested to sit as a corresponding member of the conference.

A communication was received from Mr. M. Turpi, certifying to the seaworthiness of the mission yacht Glad Tidings. Memorials from the Simpson district referring to the churches at Kitzguelia and Clue were referred to the committee on missions.

Rev. A. Hage, from Wisconsin, will in a short time be here to take charge of the Lutheran church. This congregation has been without a pastor since the death of Rev. C. Sanstead.

Rev. A. M. Sanford was appointed secretary of the general Epworth League fund. Chairmen of district committees were authorized to deal with transportation and what was to be done, etc., for the ministers of the conference working along the lines of railways and navigable rivers.

"I would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for its weight in gold," said D. J. Jones, of Holland, Va. "My wife was troubled with a cough for nearly two years. I tried all the best remedies from physicians, all of which did no good. It was at last persuaded to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which promptly relieved the cough. The second bottle effected a complete cure."

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Senor Moret, minister of marine, this morning confirmed that any change in the cabinet would be a sign of weakness. He said: "Recent increase of the war, and the great loss of Admiral Cervera's squadron is not hampered by the resignation of the ministers."

Captain-General Blando of Havana official between the Spanish and American fleets. The blockade is so tight that the two gunboat squadrons are forced to add: "I obtained, namely, to obtain enemy ships as prisoners of war were there are eleven."

The Destroyer St. Pierre, Island of the world, which has been ordered to leave the harbor of San Juan, under command of a Spanish officer, probably leave that port in a few days.

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Honest Help Free! An old clergyman, deploring the fact that so many men are being imposed upon by swindlers, is willing to inform any man who is weak and nervous or suffering from various ailments of the best medicine in the world, a perfect and permanent cure. Having nothing to sell he asks for no money, but is desirous for humanity's sake of regaining health and happiness. Perfect Security assured. Address with stamp, Rev. J. H. McPARRLANE, Frankton, Ontario.

Mr. John Peterson, of Patonville, La. was very agreeably surprised not long ago. For eighteen months he had been troubled with dysentery and had tried the best doctors in New Orleans besides half a dozen or more patent medicines, but received very little relief. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, having been recommended to him, he gave it a trial, and his great suffering was relieved. He immediately effected a permanent cure. Mr. Wm. McNamara, a well known merchant of the same place, is well acquainted with the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He attests to the truth of this statement. This remedy is for sale by Henderson, Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Vancouver, B. C.

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