

ON THE WEST COAST

The Steamer Tees Brings News of Trouble Between Sealing Captains and Indian Hunters.

Steamer Cleveland Makes a Further Reduction in the Fares to San Francisco.

From Friday's Daily.

The steamer Tees steamed into the harbor shortly before noon today from the West Coast. She brings news of the renewal of the old trouble between the Indian hunters and the sealing captains. The Sivasbes shipped on the schooners lying at Kyquoot, now that the schooners are ready to leave for Behring sea, refuse to go on board unless paid more than the price agreed upon per skin when the agreement on which they shipped on the various vessels was made.

The British ship Pass of Balmaha, which was stranded in the straits of Macellan in April last while on a voyage from Liverpool to Vancouver loaded with general merchandise and stores, has been towed into the port of Montevideo. She will be partially repaired there and then return to England in ballast and with the damaged portion of the cargo. The remainder of the cargo, which has not suffered during the ship's mishap, will be transhipped to another vessel and forwarded to its destination.

The steamer Maude is busily engaged removing the coal and debris from the steamer Wilapa, preparatory to that steamer going on the ways for repairs. The Maude will leave this evening on her usual weekly trip to Texada, calling at Nanaimo on the way North.

The German bark Seestern arrived at Selaverry Bay on May 20th, and took on a cargo of sugar for the British Columbia refinery. The Seestern has been chartered to load salmon for England.

From Saturday's Daily.

The steamer Danube returned from the north this morning, bringing news of the northern canneries. The canneries on the Skeena are hard at work, and the sockeye salmon are being packed up. The sockeye salmon are being packed up, and judging from the present prospects the outlook is none too promising. The Skeena canneries do not anticipate a large run. They are prepared for an average of about two-thirds of that amount. Boats are now out fishing, but that the salmon are not running very thick may be seen from the fact that they are only getting from 10 to 15 a day. Fishermen are scarce on the Skeena, they having migrated to Rivers Inlet, where the fishing is not so difficult as it is on the Skeena, and in consequence more money is to be made. The Danube brought down 155 cases of spring salmon from Cunningham & Sons' cannery, on the Skeena. At Rivers Inlet there are more fishermen than will be needed by the Danube having brought down 900 Sivasbes fishermen from Skeena on her way down. Sivasbes fishermen are daily going into the Inlet from all parts of the coast. They have left Queen Charlotte Islands in a body, and in consequence the oil factory at Skidway has been compelled to suspend operations for the time being, as they cannot get enough men at the works to put up the oil. The canners at Rivers Inlet, like those on the coast, do not expect a large run of sockeye salmon this year. The Indians of that district, whose opinion is one that is worth receiving, concur with the canners in the belief that a small pack will be taken this season. Fishing has also commenced there and at Alert Bay. The price being paid for sockeye salmon is on the Skeena, 7c per fish, and at Rivers Inlet 6c per fish. The passengers who came down on the Danube were Messrs. Desars, J. Holland and F. Buttermore, carpenter, who made the round trip; Mrs. Moore, the school teacher at Bella Coola; Mrs. Nash, who made the round trip in order to see the spot where her husband jumped from the steamer City of Topeka while on his way from Alaska last year; Miss Ross, a northern missionary; Miss Hall, the school teacher at Port Simpson; L. B. Hamilton, C. E., and a number of carpenters who have been working on the new canneries at Rivers Inlet.

The steamer City of Topeka arrived from the north at six o'clock yesterday evening, and after a brief stay of about two hours at the outer wharf, she went on to the Sound. She had about forty passengers. As no one has come out from the Yukon gold fields recently, she brings no news from that part of the country. The City of Topeka brings the news that the Italian Prince Luigi and his party have left Sitka by schooner for Yakutat Bay, from where they will journey inland to Mount St. Elias, which mountain they propose to scale.

There are many sealing schooners that will not set sail for the Behring Sea this year. At least 15, if not more, will be tied up in the inner harbor for the season. The many restrictions placed upon sealing and the low prices realized for the skins are the cause of these vessels being tied up. The schooners that will set to sealing are given as follows: The Annie C. Moore, Carrie C. W. Lewis Olsen, Libbie, Diana, Idetta, Venture, Ocean Rover, Mascot, Oscar and Hattie, Kate, Nancy Lass, Walter L. Rich and Kilmeny.

A BRILLIANT SCENE

The Ball Given to the Navy Yesterday Evening Was a Great Success.

The Splendor of the Decorations—Assembly Hall Gorgeous—ly Arrayed.

From Saturday's Daily.

To say that the ball given to the navy at Assembly Hall last evening was a success would be putting it very mildly. It was a brilliant success, a far greater success than any of the committee ever dreamed of. The arrangements of the various committees were superb, and everything went along smoothly, without the slightest hitch to mar the enjoyable occasion. On entering the ballroom one would imagine that he was entering into fairyland, so great was the transformation that had taken place in the hall. The walls were gaily decorated with many-colored flags, lent to the committee by the admiral, who, entering fully into the enthusiasm displayed by the committee, who had worked night and day, arranged for a ball, almost unlimited supply of bunting, sent a squad of bluejackets to put them up and assist in putting up the other decorations. The work of decorating was done under the supervision of Mr. J. C. Richards, and to him much credit is due, for the decorations were admired by all. A very pretty effect was given by the strings of many-hued and many-shaped Chinese lanterns, again arranged by the committee, which ran diagonally across the room, intersecting one another. Then at the head of the entrance to the ballroom there was a portrait of Her Majesty the Queen, which was framed in several festoon of flags. They were very prettily grouped. Close by, suspended from the ceiling, was a frame with the letters "V.R." set in a circle. The remainder of the ceiling was decorated with the Chinese lanterns, in the centre of the hall was a large crown, from which bunting streamed in all directions. The way in which the walls were decorated, though, was a real masterpiece. Both representatives of the committee and the guests were thought of as called into service to add to the beauty of the scene. Here at a little space made for them amidst the flags was a cluster of bayonets, there a little group of golf clubs, again at another space there were a number of paddles prettily grouped. Every sort of sport had its representation. For the tennis player there was the panel made with rackets, for the hockey player the tennis sticks, the tennis of every pastime were to be seen. And to enhance the picturesqueness of the ballroom a large "Pereborro" canoe was suspended from the ceiling, which was a real masterpiece. The corners of the hall were closed in with flags, and here the disciple of Terpsichore, when he or she, as the case may be, tired of the giddy whirl—they usually being very young—again at rest, the music of the good time they were having, or used the beauty of the decorations as a topic for conversation. These havens of rest were naturally very much appreciated, for the concert, under the musicians' the Fifth Regiment orchestra under Bandmaster Finn—were stationed there was a splendid scene. The musicians' stand was more like a garden than a band stand, and it was a garden in the profession of flowers which covered the stand. For a roof they had a large Japanese umbrella. The music throughout the evening was very good, the selections chosen by the band being very happy ones. In another corner, hidden behind the flags, was made a tent over the tables, where the refreshment booth, where cool and refreshing beverages were served to the guests.

The ball began shortly after nine o'clock, the set of honor being as follows: The Mayor and Mrs. Dewdney, Admiral Haller and Mrs. Redfern, Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Turner, Captain Barker, U.S.N., and Mrs. Macdonald, Capt. Finnis and Mrs. Pooley, Col. Muirhead and Mrs. Croft, Justice of the Peace and Mrs. Ingham, Hon. C. E. Pooley and Mrs. Drake. The scene on the floor as the crowds of dancers whirled to the strains of the opening waltz baffles description. It seemed to be a realization of the childhood's dreams of fairies and their bounteous realms. The ladies with their handsome gowns were as charming a scene as anyone ever conjured up in the mind of an artist, and to intensify the brilliant effect there was the galaxy of officers in their bright uniforms. The naval men with their dark blue cloth and profusion of gold braid and shining buttons, the army men in their bright facings, the marine officers in red and the militia officers with the bright and extremely pretty uniform of the Canadian artillery, all made up a group the grandeur of which it was glorious to look upon.

There were nearly four hundred present at the ball and it is safe to say that they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It would indeed be strange if anyone did not amid such surroundings. The officers of the U.S.S. Oregon turned out in full force and assisted in the entertainment. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the ball were very thoughtful. For those who did not use that badly-worn expression—"trip the light fantastic," they had a card and smoking room, where the gentlemen were allowed to indulge in the soothing weed, play cards, or discuss matters, as men will do when they come together. It was not alone in the ballroom that the decorations had been at work; the entrance to the hall was also a scene of attention, and it was as gaily arrayed as was the ball room. The tables which were arranged very tastefully, were also decorated, not only with flowers, but with various viands which go to refresh the palate, or woman when the most unromantic feeling of hunger makes itself felt. The dining room was most comfortable, and as regards the refreshments, all that could be desired. The committee in charge of this part of the arrangements deserves great credit.

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S. S. ARIZONA COMING

Former Greyhound of the Atlantic to Run on the Northern Pacific Steamship Line.

Now Being Refitted and Re-engined at Glasgow—Company's Fleet Increased to Five.

The steaming Arizona, of 5,104 tons register, which held the record for speed on the Atlantic ocean twelve years ago, is being refitted at Glasgow, Scotland, at an expense of \$500,000, for service on the Tacoma-Hongkong line, says the Tacoma Ledger. She has been chartered by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company and will leave Hongkong on her first trip to this port in May next. Her improvements will include new engines and boilers and new accommodations for fifty first-class passengers. The Arizona will increase the Northern Pacific Company's fleet to five regular steamers, the largest number operated by any trans-Pacific line.

This interesting news was made public yesterday by Mr. George B. Dodwell, of Dodwell, Carvell & Co., general agents of the Northern Pacific Steamship Co. The Arizona formerly belonged to the Gulf line of steamships, plying between New York and Liverpool, and while running on that route became the greyhound of the Atlantic. For a long time she succeeded in crossing the Atlantic in less time than any other steamer, but was finally distanced by newer steamers, fitted with later and consequently more powerful machinery. Her old machinery has now been entirely taken out, as have also all her upper works. Powerful engines of the latest design are being put in as well as new boilers. Her passenger accommodation will be located amidships, as on the finest Atlantic liners. The new dining saloon will be placed in a steel house on deck, the evening's performance. Mr. S. Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, who has an appearance and forbade the removal of any of the company's goods from the Caledonia grounds until a bond for amounting to \$250, was paid. He is ready to hold trusts belonging to the members of the company, but they have covered the amount of the account Mr. Voss, of the Queen's, also has a bill of \$260.75, for which he also holds a number of trunks. It appears that a large amount was advanced to the company by Mr. Spencer, of Portland, who held an assignment for the receipts Mr. Jamieson, who held the money, paid Mr. Spencer's claim and all other bills, with the exception of the hotel bills. None of the performers have been paid, they agreeing to come over if their bills were paid, they to get wages if there was anything over.

The company have an engagement of nine performances in Seattle, commencing next week, and it is expected that sufficient money will be advanced to satisfy the claims of Messrs. Jones and Voss. In this meaning the company have agreed to allow those concerned to hold the goods.

THE LYONS MURDER

Referring to the estate of the late Michael J. Lyons, who was murdered at Eldersville, Klappan county, Wash. Friday night, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "Mrs. Nellie M. Howard, the widow of the late Michael J. Lyons, yesterday filed in the probate department of the superior court an application for letters of administration upon the estate of her husband. The petition recites that there are ten children and heirs to the estate, Nellie M. Howard, Michael Francis Lyons, Mary Lyons, Annie Lyons, Maud Lyons, Josephine Lyons, Pauline Lyons, Addie, Katie and Daniel. Of these all but three reside in Seattle. Mary is in St. Anne's convent, Josephine is in St. Anne's convent, Addie, Katie and Daniel. No other children are made as to the value of the estate. The hearing of the application was set for July 9.

The preliminary examination of the murder of Lyons, will be held at Port Blakely next Monday. The prisoners have secured the services of attorneys, and the hearing of the case will be fought as to the celebrated Wilcox case.

HOTEL BILLS UNPAID

Although the steamer Rosalia was several hours last night for the city of Madrid, people, their scenery and baggage, only two members of the company got away on her. At the close of the party at Oyster Bay, Mr. S. Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, who has an appearance and forbade the removal of any of the company's goods from the Caledonia grounds until a bond for amounting to \$250, was paid. He is ready to hold trusts belonging to the members of the company, but they have covered the amount of the account Mr. Voss, of the Queen's, also has a bill of \$260.75, for which he also holds a number of trunks. It appears that a large amount was advanced to the company by Mr. Spencer, of Portland, who held an assignment for the receipts Mr. Jamieson, who held the money, paid Mr. Spencer's claim and all other bills, with the exception of the hotel bills. None of the performers have been paid, they agreeing to come over if their bills were paid, they to get wages if there was anything over.

TO CONVERT THE CANNIBALS

The Morning Star, with its captain and crew of Christians, is ready to start for San Francisco on another tour among the cannibal islands in the Behring sea. The vessel will be manned with men who will preach the gospel to the natives. Two young ladies will also go out as missionaries. They will make their headquarters on the coast of the little islands where they will continue their work for life. The Morning Star is a barkentine steamer vessel, with auxiliary steam engines, and is owned and manned by the board of missions. The ladies in the party are Miss Logan, who will attend to the boarding school on Kosale, of the (Pacific) group, and Miss Reish Logan, who will attend to the boarding school in Buffalo. Miss Logan will join her mother on the same line group and take up kindergarten work among the natives.

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THE LIBERAL CLUB'S PROPOSAL TO GRANT AUTONOMY TO THE ISLAND.

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CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The British ship Cairnmore, Captain Brown, the last of the British Columbia fleet to leave Victoria, she having left on December 21st, arrived in England on June 11th.

Purest and Best for Cattle and Dairy. No adulteration. Never cakes.

AT A GAR

Sir Wilfrid and the Guests of the Princess.

The Petes and the Canadian.

London, June 25.

Wilfrid and Lady garden party given by Princess of Wales. Among the invited were the Petes and the Canadian. The garden party was given by the Princess of Wales at the residence of the Duke of Devonshire. It was a most successful affair, and the guests were most entertained. The Petes and the Canadian were most conspicuous in the party.

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