

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

New Oriental Steamship Service Under Contemplation—Organization of Chinese Smugglers.

Obstructing Fishery Officers—New School Buildings at Nanaimo—Serious Accident.

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 18.—An effort is being made to establish a new steamship service between British Columbia, Puget Sound and Oriental ports.

An Anglo-Canadian syndicate is about to purchase a number of wooden sailing vessels in England with a view to establishing a local lumber fleet.

A prominent C. P. P. official was interviewed and expressed surprise at the report that a new trans-Pacific line being started.

The proprietors of the Ideal grocery have assigned for the benefit of their creditors.

WESTMINSTER, May 18.—Work has been started on the Leader's brewery, and the first coil of stock, 25 per cent, promptly responded to.

NANAIMO, May 18.—A petition is being circulated in the French Creek neighborhood urging Mr. A. H. H. M.P., to do his best towards getting the Dominion government to grant the subsidy of \$2,200 per mile for the extension of the E. & N. railway to Comox.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., May 17.—(Special.)—It is felt by all shades of public opinion that consideration with Canada is impossible on the terms submitted to the legislature.

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at Alworth, \$250; at Kaslo, the building of the Kootenay & Slocan railway will cost \$1,500 a day for the day's work.

George Nowell, who is interested in White Grouse Mountain district, says men are working on the grade leading to the townsite of Davie to the mine.

Porter Brothers, the well-known bridge contractors, formerly of the Great Northern railway, and more recently of the Nelson & Grand Forks railway, arrived in Kaslo on Tuesday.

Grading and clearing of right of ways at Kaslo are now in full blast, the first two miles having been allotted to contractor McDonald.

The Starlight claim on Toad mountain has been bonded by A. E. Humphreys, of Dalhousie.

Both monitors have been got to work at Fort-nine creek, and will run continuously as long as the water lasts.

On the hills to the south of Cariboo creek and southeast of Mineral creek some quartz veins have been found, while three miles west of Mineral creek an ore somewhat similar to that of Trail creek is now being mined.

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CABLE NEWS.

Chaotic Condition of German Politics—Clumsy Handling of Anti-Revolution Bill.

British Royalty—Wintery Weather—Austrian Cabinet—Uncivilized Warfare in Cuba.

LONDON, May 18.—A Berlin dispatch says that things are once more in a chaotic condition in Germany.

Herz von Koeller's handling of the anti-revolution bill is commented on all sides. He displayed a total disregard of this disservice to the nation.

The board of directors of the new company are to be nominated by the Northern Pacific reorganization committee.

The Queen will visit the new building in St. John's on Saturday.

The newspapers of Santiago de Cuba have protested against the undisciplined warfare which has been initiated lately by the insurgents.

On Thursday the mercury, which had registered 70 degrees for several weeks past, suddenly dropped and within a few hours reached 40 degrees.

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PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.

How It Is Proposed to Deal With the Northern Pacific Railway.

The German Committee and the Deutch Bank Agree Upon a Line of Policy.

BERLIN, May 18.—For the past four days meetings of the United German and Northern Pacific committees have been considering the proposal of Mr. Ed. Adams, the representative of the Deutch Bank of Berlin, for the reorganization of the Northern Pacific R.R., and they have finally authorized him to carry out his plan.

The capital and interest of the new bonds are to be guaranteed unconditionally by the Great Northern company by endorsing each bond in return half the stock of the new company.

The floating debt of the receivership will be paid by the assessment of about \$1,000,000 on the stock of the new company.

TORONTO, May 18.—The Hyams murder case still occupies the attention of the court; but the interest in the details of the testimony is lessening.

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MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT for Man and Beast!

Langley & Co., Wholesale Agents for British Columbia.

THE BALTIC FLEETS.

LONDON, May 18.—At the elaborate fetes in celebration of the opening of the North Sea and Baltic canal U.S. Ambassador Bayard will be present on board the Mirror, Sir John Pender's yacht.

The Italian fleet will be commanded by the Duke of Genova. France will only send 13,000 men.

RETURNED HOME. LONDON, May 18.—A dispatch from Shanghai states that Prince Komatsu, commander-in-chief of the Japanese army, has left Port Arthur and returned to Japan.

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BIMETALLISM IN GERMANY.

Its Advocates Claim That It Is Making Steady Progress in the Empire.

Interview With Prominent Public Men—The Government Will Make Further Inquiries.

BERLIN, May 18.—The Bundersath is considering the resolution calling upon the German government to take the initiative in a conference for the international use of both gold and silver.

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