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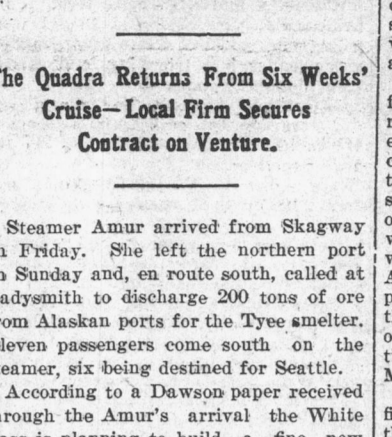
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THE CITY OF SEATTLE.

Saturday evening it is expected that the repairs on the steamer City of Seattle will be complete, and that the ship will be ready to return to the Sound to enter upon her new run between Seattle and Vancouver.

DOWN FROM CARIBOO.

J. K. Baker, one of the Cariboo pioneers, is in the city a guest at the Oriental hotel. Mr. Baker has had an interesting career in northern British Columbia. He is now 80 years of age.

NOT YET LET.

A Montreal dispatch of Saturday's date says: "Sir Thomas Sloughness, president of the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company, said to-night that the report that the company had contracted for the building of three large and fast steamships by the Fairfield Company of Glasgow, was incorrect.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

The steamer Minnesota will leave "Prisco" for Victoria probably Saturday, in which event she should appear at the wharf on Tuesday. A St. Paul dispatch of December 14th says: "The official party which will greet the big steamer Minnesota, of the Great Northern Steamship Company, at Seattle, will include most of the heads of departments of the Great Northern railroad, but owing to the change in the state administration few of the state officials will have the opportunity to hail the big ship. James J. Hill will probably be there, and L. W. Hill, vice-president of the road, who is in Montana, will certainly attend the ceremonies.

THE REDUCTION OF ESQUIMALT STATION

Admiralty Unable to Maintain Efficient Fleets at Outpost For Economic Reasons.

In view of the pending redistribution of the British navy and the contemplated reduction of the Esquimalt station, a communication received from the Navy League headquarters in London by J. Plowson, secretary of the local branch of that association, is of special interest.

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times) Cumberland, Dec. 15.—Miss Ruth Denton, who has now been about six months at the hospital, underwent an operation some days ago for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Doctors Staples, Gillespie and Mallard, and was the first of the kind ever undertaken in the hospital here. It was quite successful, and Miss Denton is now doing nicely.

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