New Steamers For 'Frisco Route

Pacific Coast 8. S. Co. to Build Two Sixteen Knot Vessels for Next Season.

Steamer City of Topeka Completes Repairs-Queen City Returns.

About two years ago the Pacific Coast Steamship Co, announced its determination to build two new passenger steamers for the San Francisco route, but nothing was done. Now the announcement is again made. Superintendent Wallace, who was in Victoria this week to overlook the repeirs and clearly the Walface, who was in Victoria this week to overlook the repairs and alterations being made at Esquimalt to the steamer City of Topeka, says that a decision will be made within two weeks with regard to the construction of the two liners for this service. The steamers will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,600,000. They will be about four hundred feet long and will have a speed of not less than sixteen knots. Both will be fitted with the most modern furnishings and appliances, and will be in full keeping with the present-day requirements of passenger travel at sea.

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It is understood that the two steam It is understood that the two steam-rs will be built at some point on the acific Coast, although no decision has seen reached in this regard. The company

Steamer Queen City, Capt. Townsend, returned from Quatsino and way ports on the Vancouver Island coast yesterday, with about a dozen passengers and a small freight. Capt. Townsend brought with him one of the skulls taken from the cave discovered by Messrs. Ildstad and Nordstrom at Raft cove, near Quatsino sound. This skull will probably be examined by experts with a view to determining, if possible, if it is that of a white man or an Indian. Three skulls were taken from the cave, in which thir-

One Came Out After The Other.

Suffered with Boils for Six Months.

Mr. Elie Braizeau, Meadowsice Station, Ont., tells of his experience with Boils and

Burdock Blood Bitters.

He says : - " In the Spring of 1889 I was continually troubled with beils-one coming after another for about six months. I suffered terribly, and was in a very bad condition. In August I got a bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters, and began to feel

Blood Bitters for bad blood, boils, pimples, dyspepsia, indigestion, or any trouble arising from the Stomach, Liver, Bowels or Blood. ty-five skeletons were found. One of the skulls, which is in possession of a settler at Quatsino, has a cleft in it which would seem to indicate that it had heen cloven by an axe

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An investigation of the cave found by the prospectors has shown that it is 150 feet deep, and in it lay 35 skeletons, some of which had bones crushed indicative that the men whose bones they were had been done to death with violence. The settlers resident in the vicinity were mostly of the belief that the skeletons, were not those of Indians, and the preponderance of opinion was that the remains were those of a shipwrecked crew. Indians questioned with regard to the affair denied all knowledge of any crew having been done to death, and denied knowledge of the existence of the cave. Among the passengers who arrived by the Queen City was Mr. Josephs, of the lumber company doing business at San Juan. He came to Victoria to receive medical attendance as a result of an accident. He was struck by a broken wire and received painful injuries. Mr. Anderson, who has some iron propertes on Barkley sound, was another passenger.

The steamer brought to port the coast catch of the sealing schooner Carlotta G. Cox, which had put into Clayoquot to land her skins before going to the Copper islands. The Cox took 270 skins off the coast, she and the Umbrina having the highest catches.

IMMIGRATION INSPECTION.

General Investigation in Progress Before Dr. Bryce at Vancouver.

Vancouver, May 13.—(Special)—A general investigation into immigration inspection as conducted by officials of the department of the interior at the port of Vancouver is in progress teday. The inquiry is being conducted by Dr. P. E. Bryce chief medical officer of the lepartment who exprised from Objects variety.

Vancouver with the barge Alexander, now lying at the ocean dock, with 400 tons of cement from the Vancouver Portland Cement Co.'s works on Saanich arm.

The salmon trap at Sooke, operated by Messrs. J. H. Todd & Sons and Wm. Munsie was lifted yesterday with little result, as salmon are not running yet. Steamer Princess Victoria resumed service on the Victoria-Vancouver route this morning.

QUEEN CITY'S RETURN.

Brings One of Skulls Taken From Cave Which Held Many Skeletons.

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A DRIFTING MINE

Seen in Mid-Pacific by a Trading Schooner Which Reached 'Frisco.

Drifting about in mid-Pacific, where it threatens with sudden destruction any vessel which might be so unfortunate as to come in contact with it, is a mine probably detached from its moorings off some Japanese or Russian port. News to this, effect was brought into San Francisco by the little trading schooner Triton, arrived from the Marshall Islands.

According to the story told by officers of the schooner it was on the morning of April 21, in latitude 37 degrees and 21 minutes north and longitude 169 degrees west, that a large object was observed bearing down on the schooner, whose course was changed so as to avoid striking it. At first it was thought to be a buoy adrift, but reloser examination proved that it was a floating mine, from which long pieces of defective wires could be seen projecting.

HER SUMMER SCHEDULE. Arrangments Made for Service Between Victoria-Seattle-Vancouver.

Steamer Princess Victoria, which commenced on the Victoria-Vancouver run on Friday, will begin her service between this port and Seattle in addition to the Vancouver service on June 1. The schedule has been arranged so that the steamer will leave this port daily for Seattle, with the exception of Wednesday, at 6:45 p. m., arriving at Seattle at 10:45 p. m. Leaving the Sound port at midnight, the steamer will arrive here about 4 a. m., and will lie over until 7:30 a. m. when she will sail for Vancouver, which port will be reached about 12 noon. The Princess Victoria will then leave at 1 p. m. on her return trip to Victoria, arriving about 5 p. m., sailing again at 6:45 p. m. for Seattle.

FLISTER WANTED "SISTOM."

Los Angeles Times. Blood Bitters, and began to feel better after taking it. I kept on until I had used five bottles, and can truthfully say that I was cured, and have remained so ever since. I have not had the least sign of a boil."

Los Angeles Times.

At a certain coal mine down in New Mexico the superintendent was greatly annoyed, from time to time, by employees moving into and out of the company's houses without due notification of their frequent changes of domicile. It becomes quite impossible to keep the rent accounts straight on the office books, and finally the superintendent, in his exasperation, resolved upon stringent measures. He therefore posted the following notice, which is given verbatim—orthography, syntax and all:

Now Imminent

Issue of the Campaign Depends **Upon Outcome of Expected** Naval Battle.

Experts Watching Situation Expectant of First Test of Battleship.

The crisis approaches in the RussoJapanese war. At sea Japan and Russia await the meeting of rival fleets;
on land Japan is launching a blow to
make victory final if Togo plays his
part. The whole issue of the campaign
lies between Togo and Rojestvensky,
with the advantage more or less evenly
balanced. On paper Russia has the
ships and armament, but is inferior in
practice and training; Japan has a
squadron less strong, but has bases nearby and the advantage of a year of naval
war. A review of that year shows
much that Russia has lost. Had Russia more commanders like those men
of the Bayan and Novik the issue of
the war would have been certain; it
would have been Russia that would
have won without doubt. But the Russian admirals lost their advantages;
they gave Japan a chance of remaining
in command of the sea; a chance to
contest this with Rojestvensky. Had
they fought the Port Arthur squadron
during other weeks similar to that week
of mid-May when Captain Wiren, of the
Bayan, sunk the Hatsuse and Yoshino
with his mines, and probably also accounted for the Yashima and the armored cruiser Azuma, Rojestvensky
would have come to meet a squadron
that could not have given him successful battle. The Port Arthur squadron would probably have been lost as
surely as 'its now, but the Japanese
would have suffered more than they
could stand to

Ensure Final Victory.

Of course, there is a question regard-

have for years longed to see the ar-mored battleship tested; particularly the Britishers, for Great Britain possesses battleships on which over two hundred and fifty millions of dollars have been expended, and so far there has been little actual test of these great fighting machines. It is to the expected engagement between Togo and Rojestvensky that experts look to justify the battleship or not.

Old Floating Batteries.

'Twas in the days of the Crimea that armored ships came into existence not considering the turtled-back rownot considering the turtled-back rowing galleons of early Korea and Japan.
Iron, four inches thick, was placed on
French vessels, which were practically
floating forts that steamed before the
Russian shore batteries. These vessels
were the parents of the present day
battleship. Then came the Monitor and
Merrimac, armored monitors which
fought one of the greatest engagements
ever fought by armored craft. In 1866
the Austrian and Italian fleets fought
one of the hardest fought see battles ever fought by armored craft. In 1866
was fought the battle of Lissa, when
the Austrian and Italian fleets fought
one of the hardest fought sea battles
known to history in the Adriatic.
Twelve iron-clad battleships of Italy
were engaged in a futile blockade of
the Austrians, with a weaker fleet, came and gave battle in line.
Three Italian ships were absent when
the Austrians gave battle, and Persano,
the Italian admiral, had just previously
transferred his flag, causing some mirup among his vessels. Tegetthoff, the
Austrian admiral, rammed an iron-clad
and his olden wooden ships came bravely into battle, fighting desperately. Two
Italian ships went down, the line was
broken and Persano sailed away with his
ships, defeated, though he had the considerably stronger fleet. As with the
Japanese, in the opinion of many, it was
the personality of the fighters that won
the battle, and though the Russians
may have the stronger fleet on paper
in the coming fight, they have, seemingly, the weaker personality.

The Supreme Test.

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As yet, however, the battleship has not been tested. In the China-Japan war and the present campaign the Japanese have, of necessity, used considerably their torpedo fiotilias. They have few battleships and cannot replace those lost; therefore, they must needs be careful of them. It is on this account that many experts believe they will seek to destroy part of the numerical superiority of the Russian battle fieet with torpedoes before giving general action to Rojestvensky. It is for this reason that the previous battles of the war may have been mostly battles of torpedo boats and long-range fight-



A little Sunlight Soap will clean Notice to all employes aney Person or Persons that Mooves into A house Without My Consent shall be Put out Without aney Ceremony.

Dam it i Must and Will have some Sis. Soap will wash other things than cut glass and other articles until

ing. Now, however, it seems that the trial of the battleship must come, for the Japanese will have, perforce, to fight with their backs to the wall. The expected battle will, therefore, be no mere duel, or a fight of armored ships against unarmored ones. It will be a fight of strong ships against strong ships against strong ships and the outcome of the war ships—and the outcome of the war hangs upon the issue of the battle.

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STATIONARY ENGINEERS Elect Officers for the Province and Transact Annual Business.

The second annual meeting of the British Columbia Association of Stationary Engineers was held in the rooms of Victoria Lodge, No. 2, on Friday evening. The delegates in attendance were: From Vancouver, No. 1, W. R. McClellan, C. A. Berry, Joseph Parks, Robert Graham and G. W. Anderson; from Victoria, No. 2, M. Hutchison, A. M. Aitken, F. M. Jones and P. Gordon; and from Nanaimo, No. 3, G. W. McKenzie.

The news officers of the grand lodge Yladivostok, having left Admiral Rojest Grand chief, C. W. Ross, Victoria; jestvensky some days ago and having

P. Gordon; and from Nanaimo, No. 3, G. W. McKenzie.

The news officers of the grand lodge are: Grand chief, C. W. Ross, Victoria; grand vice chief, G. W. McKenzie, Nanaimo; grand treasurer, W. Reese, New Westminster; grand secretary, W. A. Robertson, Vancouver; and grand door guard, Robert Graham, Coquitlam.

The retiring officers were: Grand chief, W. H. Paddon, Vancouver; grand door guard, T. H. Rankine, Nelson; grand vice chief, C. W. Ross, Victoria.

A long and important session was held, when many matters pertaining to the welfare of the association were dealt with.

The Victoria lodge entertained the visitors to a banquet in the Victoria hotel on Saturday evening, which was much enjoyed.

The delegates left for their respective homes on Sunday's boat

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

NEAR CLIMBERIAND

AS TO RACE SUICIDE.

Canadian Associated Fress that collowing:

"London, April 9.—The Tablet says that when the results of the last Canadian census were published some surprise was expressed at the fact that in spite of all the immigration from Protestant countries the percentage of Catholics in the Dominion had increased. The explanation was not far to seek. The birth rate is dwindling in Protestant provinces and is extraordinarily high among the Catholic popula-In rotestant provinces and is extraordinarily high among the Catholic population. In Ontario for instance, what President Roosevelt recently denounced as 'race
suicide' is evidently a constant habit."

In case the foregoing creates any undue
alarm anywhere, it may be of interest to
quote the Dominion census returns since
Confederation, which indicate a curious
constancy in the proportions of the main
religious elements of the people:

Roman Per cent.

NOT SURPRISED.

ALLOWER SERVICE A LOVE TO BE SERVICE OF THE FOOL

General Horace Porter told the following:
"In the mountains of New Hampshire I met one of the colored troops, who was still fighting nobly, driving a stage on a country route, and asked him, What is your name? "George Washington, sah."
"I said: That is a name that is well known to everybody in this country."
"I reckon, sah, it ought to be. I'se been drivin' heah ever since da wah."

For Vladivostok

Report That Cruisers From the Baltic Fleet Have Made Port.

from those who have been permanently cured by Hem-Roid. If you are not cured you get your money back. \$1 at Druggists or The Wilson-Fyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Out.

HAS OPTION ON ALASKA S.S.STOCK

Interesting Story From Seattle Respecting Alleged C. P. R. Deal.

Rumors have been afloat in the city fo some time past to the effect that the C. P. R. had acquired the Victoria end of the Alaska Steamship Company's business, including the steamer Whatcom, color being given to the story from the circumstant that the two companies had made an ar shared, the steamer Whatcom continuin shared, the steamer Whatcom continuing on the route alone and arriving at and departing from the C. P. R. docks. Inquiries made locally failed to confirm the statement that the Whatcom had passed into the hands of the C. P. R., but the following despatch from Seattle, dated May 4, bears out what has been the popular impression respecting the merging of interests for some time:

"An outlon on 51 ner cent of the stock."

"An option on 51 per cent. of the stock of the Alaska Steamship Company, of the city, is reported to have been given to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and Temiskaming Herald.

That a cat has nine lives has often been stated, but it remained for Ino. Foreman to demonstrate it as a fact. Some tires in weeks ago he brought home severed loads of hay and pilled them away in his barn. The other day he was taking some out to feed his cows and heard a cat meowing somewhere. One of the boys instituted a search, and found the poor animal stowed a search, and found the poor animal stowed as a search, and found the poor animal stowed as way under the hay, long and lean, but still a cat and able to "yowi."

"It was aliev all right," says Mr. Foreman, "but it was on its ninth life."

SOME SUPERLATIVES.

Buffalo Commercial.

"The highest street in the world," said a globe-trotter, "is Mahn street in Denver. The richest is Fifth avenue in New York. The widest is Market street in Philadels phia. The shortest is the Rue Blue in Parils. This street is only twenty feet long. The dirtlest street is only twenty feet long. The dirtlest street is Tehangtsi, in Nanking. The cleanest is the Rue Blue in Parils. This street is 50 mily twenty feet long. The dirtlest street is forey wenty freet long. The most aristocratic is Grosvenor Place, Condon. The most

KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK KAK SINFUL HABITS IN YOUTH

MAKE NERVOUS, WEAK, DISEASED MEN.

THE RESULT of Ignorance and folly in youth, overexertion of mind and body and future kappiness of thousands of promising young men. Some fade and wither at an early age, at the blossom of manhood, while others are forced to drag out a weary, fruitless and melancholy existence. Others reach matrinary in all stations of life—the farm, the office, the workshop, the workshop of the trades and the professions. Narvees Debitity and Seminal Weskesses are guaranteed cured by our New Wethed Trestment or New Pey, You run no risk 25 years in Detroit. Bank security.

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"I am 33 years of age and married. When young I led a gay
life. Early indiscretions and later excesses made trouble for me,
I became weak and nervous. My kidneys became affected mid I
feered Bright's Disease. Married Life was unsatisfactory and
treatment from Drs. Kennedy & Kergan. Their New Method
like a man in every respect. They treated me six years ago. They are lonest,
can be cured by reliable dectors."—W. A. Beiten.

CURES GUARANTEED OR NO PAY. Consultation Free-Books Free-Question Blank Free for Home Trentment, Drs. Kennedy & Kergan, 148 Shelby Street, Detroit, Mich. KEK KEK KEK KEK KEK KEK

Obtained Jewelry By False Pretence

Serious Charge is Laid Against John Helder Who "Expected" Remittance.

that he was going to the Dallas, where he lived. Instead, he went straightway to the steamer Charmer and left for the Mainland.

He registered at the Vancouver hotel on Thursday morning. On Thursday several of the creditors of Helder learned that he had gone to the Mainland and they became anxious. The Vancouver police were asked to keep an eye on him, and, if he attempted to leave for elsewhere than Victoria to arrest him on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. On Friday Mr. Shakespeare telegraphed to him and he replied by wire that he would come back to Victoria to him and a rrange everything.

Instead he went to New Westminster and was boarding a Great Northern train when arrested. Detective Macdonald went to the Mainland and brought him back yesterday evening. He was charged with obtaining jewelry to the value of \$60 from W B. Shakespeare on Dec. 23 by false pretences.

He expresses himself as confident of clearing up his difficulties. He believes that money will be sent him and he will be able to pay his creditors. Meanwhile he is held on the charge preferred against him.

Chicago May 13.—The strike of the

Chicago, May 13.-The strike of th camsago, may 13.—The strike of the teamsters is expected to spread rapidly during the next week. At a meeting held tonight between the teamsters joint council, which is the governing body of the local unions of teamsters, and representations. and representatives of the team own-ers' association, the latter informed the representatives of the teamsters that the conditions of their business made it the conditions of their business made it necessary for them to make deliveries to houses which had been boycotted by the unions, and that they would do so next week heedless of the fact that a strike existed at such places. The council was urged to agree to this procedure and avert a general strike. After an extended debate among its members, the teamsters' council decided that it would not agree to the delivery of goods to any of the boycotted houses by union teamsters, and that strikes would be called whenever a man was discharged for refusing to deliver goods.

Will Tie Up Hearses

larger scale than on any previous day since the teamsters' strike began. Wagons moved along the streets with smaller police protection than heretofore. At all the larger retail stores, however, as well as on wagons throughout the city, armed deputy sheriffs were much in evidence.

REACHING THE LIMIT.

And the standard problem of th

of Kind Reported. St. Paul, Minn., May 13.—A special from Oskaloosa, Iowa, says a despatch from Hocking, Ia., says that Mrs. Wm. Darby, who was mysteriously shot in the head last Monday, and who has given has given has given been unconscious ever since, has given birth to a child which is perfect in every respect. Doctors say it is the first instance of the kind known to science of medicine.

DOCTORS ARE SURPRISED. lemarkable Birth Claimed to Be First

FIND OF ROMAN ANTIQUITIES. lewelry of Great Artistic Value Unearthed at Pompeii.

Rome, May 13.-Excavations Pompeii have resulted in the finding of a human skeleton and near by four solid pearl earrings, a pair of large oriental pearls earrings, two golden necklaces set with pearls and emeralds, and two emerald rings. The articles being of the Roman Pompeien epoch are of great artistic value.

GOOD DIGESTION.

If you can keep your digestive system in proper condition, the body will be we'll nourished, and you need have little fear of disease. By regulating the kidneys, liver and bowels, Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills ensure a healthful condition of the organs of digestion, and for this reason are indispensable as a family medicine.

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U. S. INSPECTO Vienna, May 17.-American inspector threatening a police says he discovered is ing with his mail, he today with United Storer, who is prepared the case which he wington

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ANTI-JAPANES Buffalo, N. Y., I tural building trade session adopted a r the alliance to petit Canadian governmentibiting Japanese at tering the United St committee was also a report on immigreport from that all stricted immigration

RAILROAD IS Jury Finds No One Harrisbu

Harrisburg, Pa., er's jury today retuerating the Pennsy from any blame for burg disaster last 22 lives were lost persons were injured.
The jury finds the accident was the reair-brakes to the fitto stop it so that with the shifting energy with its train. crew with its train track," the verdict the jury can learn negligence.

"The jury finds the property of the pr plying the air-braker two cars of the said contained 20,000 po

blasting powder, we westbound track ju and Cincinnati expl ward and ran into Fire from the engi train set fire to the a terrible explosion, fire from some unk all passenger and P jury says that the fr passenger cars from