

Empresses as Transports

Reported That: They and the Warrimoo Will Be Requisitioned.

British and American Demands Will Demoralize Pacific Lines.

The demands of the governments of Great Britain and the United States are likely to badly demoralize the trans-Pacific steamship service. Already the Colonist has reported that of the three large steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, two—and it may be also the third—have been impressed to carry troops to China by the Japanese government. Now it is reported that the three Empresses, and the Empress of Siam, will not be allowed to leave S. S. Vancouver preparing to sail again for the Antipodes on Friday, are to be taken as troopships.

A special despatch to the Colonist from its Ottawa correspondent last night said: "It is reported that the Canadian-Australian liner due to leave next week and the white Empresses are to be requisitioned by the Admiralty as transport for the Japanese army."

It is understood, however, yesterday, by

Not only are the Empresses to be taken from the Oriental trans-Pacific freight and passenger carrying service, but also some of the vessels of the Northern Pacific fleet. Arrangements are being made by the United States government for the impression of the

Victoria, Tacoma, Olympia, and it may be, also the Glenogle. The first three named are now American vessels, having been placed under the United States flag a short time before they entered the United States service to carry troops to the Philippines. The Glenogle was also in this service. The Athenian, too, now running to Cape Nome for the United States government, is likely to work out her charter carrying troops to

The local agent of the C. P. R., Mr. B. W. Greer, and Mr. McPherson, the general passenger agent of the line, who

of their company were to be taken.
FROM ST. MICHAEL.

**Bristol Makes a Fast Passage—Spoke
Victoria Sealing Schooner—
Manauense Due.**

The steamer Bristol, which arrived from St. Michael, reports that the steamer Rosencrans, which arrived at the Sound yesterday, was sued for \$30,000 by the tug which pulled her off the Yukon flats, where she went ashore. The Bristol took up a cargo of coal from Ladysmith for the whaling fleet, and had a deck cargo for the Alaska Commercial Company. She left on June 17, and after

On Sunday last the Bristol spoke the sailing schooner *Charlotta G. Cox*, at this port, which signalled, "All well." The schooner was on her way to the *Marina Sea*. No other vessels were seen.

On the way down. At St. Michael the Bristol's officers heard of the death of Captain Edward Perkes, of the transport Egbert, formerly master of the collision at San Mateo. His body was taken to the Sound on the Athenian.

The Bristol reports that the quarantine is very strict at St. Michael again. Nome, and when she was there all small boats were hailed and if they had come from the infected diggings were quarantined.

None were all sent to Egg Island for two weeks. There were two schooner and the steamers Utopia (formerly the Victoria-Seattle ferry steamer), the steamer schooner Discovery and the Morning Star in quarantine when she was there. There were a large number of passengers on the Discovery.

The steamer Manauac was to leave St. Michael on the day following the Br...

WILL BE INSPECTED.

Steamers Arriving From Skagway-W
Be Inspected by the Local Medical
Officer on Arrival.

Steamer Amur is due to-day from
Skagway. She will call at Ladysmith
to coal before coming to Victoria.

her passengers will be allowed ashore until they have been examined by city medical officer, a new rule having just gone into force making it compulsory for every steamer from Skagway to be inspected before entering.

MARINE NOTES.

Bark Ivanhoe Goes to Whatcom

The tug Sea Lion arrived from Sound last night to tow the bark I hoe. Capt. Grant, to New Whatcom where she is to load lumber on account of her owners for Caliao.

The steamer Norman Isles, which to have come from the Orient to go the coal-carrying service on the Coast account of Rosenberg & Sons, is not to have her cargo commitments.

The steamer Walla Walla, which was to have sailed from San Francisco for Victoria Friday, will not leave until to-day. The cause of the delay is given.