# Rojestvensky's Squadron and its Colliers Under Steam as Viewed From Deck of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamer Poona April 11th.

FROM THE SOUTH CHINA MAIL Hongkong, April 19—It was starting powers that reached us on Saturday afforms on April 8. The colony was given been asked politory for the starting of the property of the pro

### Yukon River

### Now Free of Ice

Through Bills of Lading Given Between Victoria and Yukon Polats.

Venture and Tees Return From Way Forts of Northern B. C. Coast.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Advices were received yesterday from Dawson that the Yukon river is now open from Lake Lebarge to the mouth of the Tanana, save for a few lee jams. The first small boats, scows and steams are similarly to the Tanana, save for a few lee jams. The first small boats, scows and steams are similarly to the Tanana markets. No steamers have been crushed by the breaking ice. The Tanana river is entirely open and steamers are running. The first steamers are running. The first steamers leave Dawson en route for the Tanana next week. One will probably go today. All of the freight space has been taken and more is wanted. One hundred and fifty peoples are going to the track of the trac Advices were received yesterday from Dawson that the Yukon river is now

Vancouver. The injuries received were not serious. The steamer is expected to be launched today. The new government snagboat, built on Turpel's ways, the machinery of which has been installed by the Victoria Machinery Deinstalled by the Victoria Machinery Depot, is now about ready for service. The finishing touches are being made to the vessel, and she is expected to be ready to enter commission this week. The new government tug, which is being built of steel at the Victoria Machinery Depot, is in frame and ready to be put together. The crew of the present snagboat, Samson, which is to be replaced by the new craft, are expected to arrive tomorrow from the Fraser river to enter service on the new Fraser river to enter service on the new

R. P. RITHET'S REPORT. Local Firm's Monthly Resume of Ship-ping Market for April.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rithet & Co., Limited, for April, just issued, says: "Advices from San Francisco report the grain market April, just issued, says: Acquired and Prancisco report the grain market as dull, and chartering business is less active than it should be. Owners refuse to accept the union rates, and although the only fixture that has been made above these rates is the Magdalene at 23s. 9d., an early advance is probable. The situation in the North is still unchanged. In lumber the course of freights is upward and quotations have taken a sharp advance, as noted below. We quote freights as follows:

Description:

The Song of the Cradle.

Bya byel Hope rises high:
There's a sweet little cradie hung up in the sky:
A dear little life that is coming to bless;
Two soft chubby hands that will pat and carees; that will pat and carees; and all afternoon.

One of the

"Grain—San Francisco to Cork, f. o. 22s. 6d.; Portland to Cork, nominal; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, nominal. "Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 35s. to 36s. 3d.; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 40s. to 42s. 6.; to Port Pirie, 40s.; to Fremantle, 47s. 6d. to 50s.; to Shanghal, 36s. 3d. to 37s. 6d.; to Kiao-Chau, —; to Taku, 37s. 6d. to 38s. 9d.; to Vladivostok, —; to West Coast, S. A., 33s. 9d. to 37s. 6d.; to South Africa, 50s. to 52s. 6d.; to United Kingdom or continent, 50s. to 52s. 6d."

FROM NORTHERN PORTS.

Steamers Tees and Venture Return From Naas and Northern Ports.

Steamers Tees and Venture arrived from Naas and way ports on Sunday, the latter returning from her first voyage since she was reconstructed. The steamer made a very creditable performance. Although both vessels had large numbers of passengers on the northbound trips, there were few arrivals by them. Travel is brisk north at present. On the Venture there were several prospective settlers in Bulkley valley district who had been in to the valley to spy out the land. Other passengers were T. A. Oliver and Ashdown Green from Kitimaat. Steamer Tees, on her northbound voyage, went to the head of Portland canal to land Mr. White-Fraser and his staff of surveyors who are to survey the Alaska boundary line, commencing at the southern borders of this province. There was a small complement of passengers on the southern trip. The cargo of the Tees included 224 cases of spring salmon put up on the Skeena river and a shipment of clams. News was brought from the Skeena that the steamer Mount Roya', which had made several successful trips on the Skeena, was waiting to connect with the steamer Princess Beatrice. due at the Skeena today, when the Mount Royal will start on her last trip up the

river. The Venture will sail north again tomorrow. The Tees will sail north on Thursday evening.

TRAINMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Buffalo, May 16.—At today's session of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen it was announced that the committee on constitution was considering the question of selecting one city as a permanent meeting place for conventions. The committee on laws and legislation has taken up the various state laws relating to railroad men and the recommendations of the various lodges, and will report later. Insurance rates will be another matter to claim attention. There is some agitation in favor of higher rates, but this is being opposed by many delegates.

UNJUST TRADE ADVANTAGES. President of Armour Car Lines Acknowledges Secret Contracts.



### RAILROAD CONDUCTORS. Portland, Ore., May 16.—Memphis, Tennessee, was selected as the conven-ion city for the Order of Railway Conluctors two years hence.

NAN PATTERSON'S RETURN. Said to Have Signed Contract of Appearance in Music Hall.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 16.—The Enquirer tomorrow will say that Nan Patterson was in this city today and signed a contract to appear in a New York music hall. It is said she arrived here in the afternoon and returned to Washington immediately after the negotiations had been closed.

NELSON ASSIZES. Jury Fails to Agree in Perjury Case Atkinson's Trial Today.

### To Cut Supply Of the Russians

Nogi With Light Marching Force Said to Be Making Long

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MARTHA DAVIS BURNED.

According to advices from Honolulu According to advices from Honolalu the American bark Martha Davis caught fire in Hilo harbor last Saturday night and was totally destroyed. The portion of her cargo consigned to Hilo had been mostly discharged, but that intended for the island plantations was lost. The origin of the fire is unknown. The bark Martha Davis was of 780 tons net capacity. She was commanded by Captain McLoen and was built at Boston in 1873. Her managing owners are Welch & Co., of San Francisco. She carried a cargo of general merchandise:

just as accessible: His wife went back to Fertile to visit a sister that winter, and when she came home to Altamont eight other families came with her. Intelligence of good farmland does not fly like the tidings of a good strike, how-

ever, and these principles if let alone Seld to Be Making Long
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CONTRACT AWARDED.

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