

Pleiades in Port From the Orient

Engineer of Str. Tacoma Tells of
Trip Made by Himself and
Companion.

More Blockade-Runners—Navigation Opening on the
Yukon River.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Steamer Pleiades, of the Boston
Towboat Company, which arrived yesterday to land 434 tons of local freight from the 3,854 tons of general merchandise below her hatches, brought as a passenger Mr. E. W. Raymond, who was chief engineer of the seized blockade-runner Tacoma. And the engine room crew had an assistant throughout the voyage.

Raymond was one of the two men who went from the Tacoma, where the vessel was held by the ice, to carry a cable for despatch to the owners. He and the chief engineer, Miller, volunteered to go to Punahoa Island to seek a telegraph office. They left the Tacoma on February 24. They made their way over the ice fifteen miles to the time they were directed to a village twenty-five miles away. They tramped for three days over mountain paths before reaching the village, being without food or shelter.

When on the journey they were met by Japanese policemen, who were suspicious of the foreigners, and for a while they were held. The police, however, in Japan is now a Russian spy until he is proven not to be. The police took them to the village where the cable was sent to the owners which told them of the predicament their vessel was in.

Japanese guides accompanied them back to the steamer, breaking a trail for them through the heavy snow. The men suffered from lack of food, and it was a heavy and a piercing wind adding to their discomfort. One of the Japanese guides had a narrow escape from being killed by snowdrifts.

And after all the discomforts and hardships of the arduous winter journey the two men found that the steamer had been freed by the time they returned and had drifted clear of the ice. They were obliged to make the return journey to the village where they were on the island until March 1, when they were taken to Hakodate and the steamer was released. The first officer remained in Yokohama.

The Pleiades, which sailed from Manila on March 25, was eighteen days in crossing the Pacific. She encountered stormy weather. On the 18th and 19th a snowstorm prevailed. The vessel called at Hongkong, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama, sailing from the latter port on April 14. Her cargo of 3,854 tons measurement, 20,723 packages, included: sugar, 1,000 tons; rice, 1,765 tons; gunnies, 245 bales; cement, 1,500 barrels (all for Victoria); raw silk, 72 bales; opium, 12 cases (all for Victoria); rice, 2,490 bags (1,790 bags for Victoria); matting, 2,597 rolls; bamboo poles, 1,372 bales; 329 cases.

HIGHER STEERAGE RATES.
On the steamer Empress of China, which has just sailed out, the revised and increased schedule of steerage rates became effective. The increase only affects traffic from this coast to the Orient. Rates from the other side of this coast are made as conditions over there justify. At present steerage passage from China to Japan to this coast runs from \$35 to \$45, according to ports of departure and destination. For some years past the fare from Vancouver to Japan and Chinese ports for steerage passengers has been \$45. It costs \$51 to travel in this class by the Empress of China. All the companies operating trans-Pacific steamships are parties to the agreement respecting rates. The San Francisco liners, the C. P. R. and the Great Northern have struck a rate of \$51. The Boston Steamship company and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, operating solo vessels, are allowed to make a rate of \$43.50.

THE COLUMBIA.
The missionary steamer Columbia, which is in charge of the mission, will remain at the old customs house wharf until today, when she will leave for Ladysmith and Nanaimo, on her way to the North to engage in her work among the logging camps and settlements of the northeast coast of the island. The steamer will be on view and

TOOK A SEVERE COLD.
It Settled In The Kidneys.
Pain In The Back The Result.

Catching cold and having it settle in the back is often the cause of Backache—the primary cause of kidney trouble. When the back aches it is a warning that the kidneys are liable to become affected. Heed the warning; check the Backache, and dispose of any chance of further trouble.

If you don't, serious complications are very apt to arise. Mrs. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ont., caught cold, and it settled in her kidneys. She used

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS,
and is thankful for the immediate relief it gave her. She writes us as follows: "It is with pleasure that I add my testimony in favor of Doan's Kidney Pills. Some time ago I took a severe cold, which settled in my kidneys. The soreness and pain in the small of my back bothered me greatly. After suffering for some months, and finding numerous remedies fail, I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, and received immediate relief from my sufferings."

Doan's Kidney Pills may be procured at all dealers, or will be sent direct by mail on receipt of price—50 cents per box, or 8 for \$1.25.

TER DOAN KIDNEY PILL CO.,
TORONTO, ONT.

B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS.
141 Yates Street, Victoria.
Ladies' and Gent's
household furnishings cleaned, dyed or pressed equal to new.

CANCER
R. D. Evans, discoverer of the
suffering Cancer Cure, desires anyone
suffering with cancer to write him—
two days' treatment will cure any cancer,
external or internal.
R. D. EVANS,
Brandon, Manitoba.

visitors will be made welcome. Any
offering of provisions, books, or maga-
zines will be gratefully received by those
in charge.

WILL EXTEND LINE.
Pacific Steam Navigation Company
Will Resume Service.

Since the Panama railroad was taken
over by the United States and the
monopoly held by the Pacific Mail
ended, the Pacific Steam Navigation
Co. has decided to resume service on
the Pacific coast, according to advice
from San Francisco. The San Francisco
Call says: "When the Pacific Steam
Navigation Co., at the invitation
of local merchants, invaded the field
monopolized by the Pacific Mail Co., it
was prepared to do almost anything for
the support of the line. It put on a
fleet of fine steamers and heaved rates
to an almost nominal figure. Instead
of supporting the invader, however, the
local merchants used the Pacific Steam
Navigation Co. as a club to beat down
Pacific Mail rates and gave their busi-
ness to the Pacific Mail. The Naviga-
tion company soon wearied of a losing
game. It withdrew and Pacific Mail
rates were promptly elevated to their
former dizzy height. With a chance to
ship across the isthmus and at Colom-
bia connections with another fleet of
steamers, the British concern is going
to try it again. This time its steam-
ers will probably run the full length
of the coast from British Columbia to
Valparaiso."

NAVIGATION OPEN.
First Vessel Now on Her Way Down
the Yukon—Ice Is Breaking.

In the old days of the Klondike boom
the opening of navigation on the Yukon
was widely heralded. Now it is of
interest to fewer people. The river is
again open to winter travel. The
ice which holds it for half a year, the
first craft to leave Whitehorse this
season is a scow in charge of Andy Mer-
cure, and it is the first of the way up
the river to this place loaded with freight.
There are thousands of tons now at
Whitehorse ready for shipment, and it
is probable that the most of it will
start within a week or so, as the river
between here and Labarge is about
ready to break up.

WILL TRY AGAIN.
Russians Will Again Essay to Run
Steamers Through Jap. Blockade.

The Russians are again to try to get
cargoes of contraband to Vladivostok,
according to reports from San Francisco.
The steamer, which sailed from La Perouse
and other northern straits, and
presumably the Muscovites think there
is a chance to beat the blockade. The
underwriters of the steamer, however,
are not so sure. The steamer is now
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HAD NARROW ESCAPE.
Sailor of Str. Edith Caught in Chain
Locker—Narrowly Escapes Death.

One of the crew of the steam collier
Edith, running between British Columbia
colliers and San Francisco, had a
narrow escape from death when
caught in the chain locker. The
sailor, Carl Sundberg, was badly in-
jured; that he was not killed is mar-
velous. He was straitened in the
locker when caught in the whirling
coils. His body was badly bruised.
He continued dancing while the chain
swung as the steamer rolled, and he
regards his escape from being crushed
to death as wonderful.

FIRST SEALER HOME.
Eva Marie Reached Port Yesterday
With Catch of 146 Sealskins.

The sealing schooner Eva Marie,
Captain Victor Jacobson, returned from
the North Pacific yesterday, first of the
homing schooners of the coast sailing
to the North. The schooner has a
146 skins. Schooner Jesse is following
the Eva Marie home. Ten other
schooners hunted off the coast, about
half of which will return to port, and
others, which carry full complements
of white hunters—will go across to the
Copper Islands. The fleet this year is
the smallest for years, and the
schooners are not expected to average
more than 200 skins to the vessel, the
catch will be a very low one.

U. S. TORPEDO DESTROYER.
The Perry Is Visiting This Port and
Will Remain for Some Days.

The United States torpedo destroyer
Perry, which is cruising in Sound
waters, is anchored off the outer wharf
and will probably remain for about a
week. The Perry is a four-gun torpedo
destroyer, somewhat larger than the
destroyers which were formerly at Es-
quimaux. She is identical in appear-
ance to the Paul Jones, which recently
visited this port. The vessel will be
thrown open to visitors during the
afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

MARINE NOTES.
Steamer Empress of China, on her
outward voyage just inaugurated, car-
ries a heavy cargo, as does every out-
going steamer, owing to the desire of
shippers to hurry their goods into
Japan before July 1, when the new war
taxes will be effective. The passenger
list was a small one. It included Mr.
Hashimoto, Wong Chong, S. K. Lyons,
E. W. Muraoka, A. J. Holt, A. W.
Rae, A. E. Duggan, Gray, Mrs. G.
W. Gilbert, Carl Schenker and wife,
E. Cocks and wife, Geo. H. Allen, J. W.
Coyne, W. Bright, J. S. Waterhouse,
and four children. Lieut. G. J. Todd, J. R.
Hopkins, J. G. Turnbull, B. Converse,
and four intermediate passengers.

The steamer Minnesota, which passed
out yesterday from Seattle for the
Orient, is carrying a portion of her
cargo fifty-seven locomotives, which
were shipped by the Japanese, both on Japan
roads and in Manchuria. The engines
are from the Baldwin locomotive works
at Philadelphia, and are of the Japanese
standard gauge, three feet and a half.
Five more are to be sent to the Orient
soon, and the Baldwin people are still
working turning out still others for the
Mikado's lines. These will be forwarded
as fast as they are completed.

D. G. S. Quadra brought back the two
whistling buoys which were to have
been placed on the Coast, one in San
Juan harbor, the other in Barkley
Sound. The weather was too rough to
permit of their being moored satisfac-
torily.

Captain T. Gunns has been appointed
to the command of the steamer R. P.
Rithet, running between this port and
the Fraser river.

A. B. McNeill, the newly appointed
secretary of the pilotage board, has be-
gun his duties, succeeding E. Crow
Baker. The new secretary has taken
office in the premises occupied by
Messrs. Kinham and Drury on Broad
street. Mr. McNeill was formerly on
the teaching staff of the city schools.

Steamer Queen City sailed for Abou-
sah and way ports.

Steamer San Juan has returned to

Seattle from the North, with 135,000
pounds of halibut caught off Dixon en-
trance.

The six hundred and odd Japanese
brought by the steamer Olympia from
Honolulu have been permitted to land
Seattle and are being sent to points
on the Great Northern railroad, where
they will be employed.

It is reported that George Sutherland,
traffic manager of the Great Northern
steamships, will retire shortly and the
agency of the Hill liners will be given
to the agents of the Nippon Yusen
Kaisha line, with which company a
traffic arrangement was made some
time ago.

The crew of the quarantine steamer
Earle waited upon Captain Gove, who
days ago and presented him with a
smoking set as a mark of their ap-
preciation on the occasion of his leav-
ing the steamer, from the command of
which he recently resigned.

ON MANITOBA SCHOOL DISPUTE.
Sbarretti, Delegate at Ottawa, Re-
ports to the Pope.

Rome, May 2.—The Vatican has re-
ceived from Mgr. Sbarretti, the aposto-
lic delegate at Ottawa, a full report
concerning his alleged interference in
the Manitoba boundary extension. Mgr.
Sbarretti gives the most detailed par-
ticulars of the whole affair, denying
emphatically that he had any under-
standing with Premier Laurier or other
members of the Canadian cabinet, and
to have the Catholic school question
connected with the extension of the
boundaries of Manitoba.

He admits that he met Attorney
General Campbell of Manitoba and dis-
cussed with him the best means of
settling the educational system in
connection with Catholics, and also in
the interests of Manitoba, as otherwise
the Territories, where Catholics are en-
titled to have separate schools, would
be opposed to joining Manitoba.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal
legate, has received the report from
the Pope, and they had a long discus-
sion on the subject.

Naval and Military.
The next cruise of the Fourth Cruiser
Squadron under Vice-Admiral D. H.
Boscawitz, will be to Sweden and Nor-
way.

The turbine cruiser Amethyst, Com-
mander A. H. Williamson, has replaced
the cruiser Hermes in the Atlantic fleet.
The Admiralty Council has decided
the extension for another year of the
tentative reduction of from eleven to
ten years of the Royal Engineers, for
promotion to captain in the Royal En-
gineers.

From Caddy to Baronet.
Among the passengers by the Orient
and Pacific Mail steamship Ortona,
which arrived at Plymouth last Satur-
day, were Sir George and Lady Mer-
cure, who had been in the service of
the late Lord Mercur, and who would
title and estates to which they have
succeeded under somewhat remarkable
circumstances. Many years ago when
young, the late Lord Mercur, who was
a family, and left as a sailor. After
roaming about a good deal he found his
way to Australia, where he became a
policeman, and finally a cab driver. At
Hobart he married, and had several
children, but was a widower four
years ago. He had a small property in
Ireland, worth about £200 a year. The
ex-cabdriver determined to return
to Ireland, but before sailing he mar-
ried a lady's companion many years his
junior, to whom he had been paying
court, and the pair came home as third
class passengers in the Ortona. They
proceeded to London en route for Ire-
land.

Bluffing the Kaiser.
The story now being told about the
tactful way in which Vice-Admiral Sir
W. H. Murray rebuffed the Kaiser's curi-
osity during his Imperial Majesty's visit
to the Royal Albert Dock, reads like a
narrated of the Kaiser and a blue-jacket.
The German Emperor has the bump of
inquisitiveness pretty fully developed.
Whilst going over the ship, he asked
some questions of the men he saw at var-
ious duties. "I do not know, Your Ma-
jesty," was the variable reply he would
give. At last the Kaiser, suspecting that
the ignorance was assumed, not real, said,
"I do not intend that I should learn much
about this ship." "I do not know, Your
Majesty," answered the man. Turning
to the officer who accompanied him,
the Kaiser remarked, laughingly: "If
your men can fight as well as they are
dressed, their counsel, they should be
invaluable."

Man Who Caused Boer War Dead.
Mr. A. M. Goetz, the man who was the
cause of the Boer war of 1881, which
ended in British defeat, has died. He
died at his home at Cape Town. Mr.
Goetz was landlady at Potchefstroom,
and in virtue of his office, seized the
property of a Dutch farmer, Piet Beas-
enhou, who had refused to pay taxes
to the British government. This act
precipitated the Boer war.

London's Appetite.
A remarkable return just issued,
deals in some striking statistical details
of London at table. According to this
paper, last year the city consumed 435,190 tons of
produce was conveyed into the markets
during the past year, and the receipts
from all outlying districts to £136,757.
An important fact is that 25.75 per cent
were products of the United Kingdom,
and the balance was of colonial or for-
eign origin. In the fruit and vegetable
section no fewer than 2,699 packages of
watercresses were received, while the
total of all vegetables was 2,229 tons, as
against 1,541 tons in the previous year.
Of the tolls paid at the markets, the
railway companies and carriers contrib-
uted £28,909, salesmen and slaughterers
£7,318, and the weighbridges, £9-
988.

CAMP ON TRAIL OF REED SMOOT.
Senators Dubois, Cannon and Mrs.
Schott Consult.

Philadelphia, May 2.—United States
Senator J. D. Dubois of Idaho and
former United States Senator Frank G.
Cannon of Utah held a conference to-
day with Mrs. Frederick Schott of this
city, president of the National Women's
Societies, and Philadelphia
members of that organization, with re-
gard to outlining further plans to con-
tinue the movement for the expulsion of
Senator Reed Smoot from the United
States Senate. Mrs. Schott, who is
Senator Dubois and Mr. Cannon, will
meet the New York members of the ex-
ecutive committee of the National
action on proposed new plans was
taken today.

Senator Dubois said today that he con-
tinued to believe in the Mormon con-
ference, recently held in Salt Lake City,
to investigate charges that polygamy was
being practiced by apostate Mormons as
equivalent to an admission that the
Mormon church still favors and encour-
ages polygamy.

EQUITABLE LIFE.
Permission to Examine Certain of the
Officials Is Denied.

New York, May 2.—Justice Bischoff
in the Supreme court today declined to
grant the application of the Equitable
Life Assurance Society, for the per-
mission to examine certain officials of
the society before the trial of a suit
brought by him to determine the rights of
the policy holders. The application was
made to allow Justice to amend his com-
plaint. Justice Bischoff refused to sign
the order asked for on the ground that
notice should be given of the application.

News Letter From World's Metropolis

Interesting Budget of Gossip
by a London Corres-
pondent.

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The Chinese are defending themselves
from the charge of being gamblers.
"No," said one of the accused, "I was
merely a friendly game of cards."
Oh, yes, there was a guard at the
door. There was a kiddy too. It was
necessary, said another, to have a
laundryman and he rented the rooms,
but didn't allow gambling. Oh, no.
Y. M. C. A. number of friends in—kind
of a five hundred party, you know. They
were playing dominoes. The buttons
were used as chips, and a small per-
centage was taken to pay expenses, rent,
etc.

No, the doors were not locked—
couldn't say why they were so strenu-
ous, so like the stalwart walls of a cas-
tle. When the policemen came through
the skylight he thought bad men were
breaking in and called to the men to lock
the doors and keep them in.

He didn't think the fact suspicious
that buttons were thrown into the air—
from time to time. As for the boards
placed at the skylights, that was a
prevent cast from falling through.
No—fan-tan was never played in the
house, Oh, no, indeed.

The case was further remanded.
A traveler happened to wander into
the police court yesterday. There were
twenty-three Chinese lined up before
the magistrate. The majority had their
heads bowed and their hands; some had
them dangling.

"Look at those Chinese with their
queens up," said the local man.
"What of it? Why, every Cantonese
knows that to be a mark of disrespect.
If a Chinaman came before a magis-
trate or any court in China with his
queens up he'd be taken out and bam-
boozled."

But then Chinese take many liberties
with customs on this continent which
would never be tolerated in their own
land.

John Hathaway who lives with a
woman in the light district, was
charged with assaulting her in the police
court yesterday. He and the woman
quarreled and he beat her. She secured
his arrest.

He asked for a remand in order to get
counsel to defend him. The remand was
granted.

Mr. Murphy was charged with being
drunk to the point of being in a
"I've been drinking, all right," he said.
"The pin got the best of me this time.
But it's the worst time I've been in since
I was fined \$8, which included costs."

The charge against John Ferguson of
obtaining money under false pretences
was withdrawn by permission of the
attorney-general's department. Ferguson
had sold his share in a business to Geo.
J. Johnson, declaring the business to be
debt free, but there was still money owing
on the safe. Ferguson has since paid
the amount of indebtedness to Johnson,
who then asked permission to withdraw
the charge.

McGILL STUDENTS INVESTIGATE.

Party Under Two Professors Study
Coal Measures.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 2.—A party of
students from McGill university, Mon-
treal, are here, accompanied by Dr. Far-
mer and Dr. Wilson, members of the fac-
ulty. They are making an investigation
of the coal formations of the Wyoming
enclave. The party arrived by a private
car and will make their headquarters in
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Y. M. C. A. number of friends in—kind
of a five hundred party, you know. They
were playing dominoes. The buttons
were used as chips, and a small per-
centage was taken to pay expenses, rent,
etc.

No, the doors were not locked—
couldn't say why they were so strenu-
ous, so like the stalwart walls of a cas-
tle. When the policemen came through
the skylight he thought bad men were
breaking in and called to the men to lock
the doors and keep them in.

He didn't think the fact suspicious
that buttons were thrown into the air—
from time to time. As for the boards
placed at the skylights, that was a
prevent cast from falling through.
No—fan-tan was never played in the
house, Oh, no, indeed.

The case was further remanded.
A traveler happened to wander into
the police court yesterday. There were
twenty-three Chinese lined up before
the magistrate. The majority had their
heads bowed