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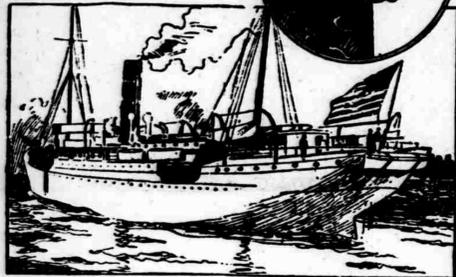
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UNITED STATES CABLE SHIP BURNSIDE.

The United States cable ship Burnsides, launched last week at the Heath shipyards, Tacoma, Wash., is by all odds the largest steamship ever constructed at any of the Tacoma shipyards, and members of the Chamber of Commerce and the business element of the city were present in large numbers to witness her christening. The vessel is due at Sitka early in June to commence work on the Alaskan cable.



MOVE OF RUSSIA

IT PUTS UNCLE SAM IN AN ANGRY MOOD.

RE-OCCUPATION OF MANCHURIA

Troops Put Back Into New Chwang—Secretary Hay is Confering with Wire with President Roosevelt About the Matter.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The state department has received official confirmation from its agents in China of the increase of the Russian garrison in New Chwang, Manchuria, and there is reason to believe, if President Roosevelt approves, that it is preparing to take vigorous steps in the matter.

Secretary Hay is in communication with the president in California, and upon the latter's decision, the secretary's course will depend.

It is stated that the department has had its patience taxed by the course of events in Manchuria and that it now contemplates a more radical step than any which has heretofore marked the negotiations between the powers on this subject.

The proposed step contemplates joint action by Japan, England and the United States.

Preceding negotiations have been hampered by the inability of this government to act jointly with other nations, without violating its traditions, but it is now hinted that some plan of cooperation with England and Japan may be devised which will have the effect of convincing the Russian government of the united determination of the three nations to insist upon Russia's evacuation of Manchuria, while not actually committing the United States to a formal alliance.

This program is subject to the approval of the president. If it is not looked upon with favor by him, the state department may fall back upon its former method of individual representation to Russia and ask another explanation to the happenings in Manchuria.

In such an event the Russian answer is already forecasted by the officials here. According to advices to the powers the troops were to have been withdrawn from New Chwang just one month ago Friday. It is understood that as a matter of fact a portion of the Russian force was withdrawn from barracks in the city to tents outside. It is presumed from Peking advices that these troops have returned to the city. However, it is pointed out that Russia employed a saving clause in the promise to withdraw from Manchuria, the language being "provided, however, that the action of other powers shall not stand in the way."

Russia it is understood, now claims that this provision was a violation by Japan when she mobilized her fleet and otherwise showed signs of military preparations, which were construed as a menace to Russia.

Find Clues, but Not Men.
HONG KONG—The United States gunboat Calico, which was dispatched to the nearest point up the river from Canton, to aid the engineers recently attacked by a mob, reports having found the broken instruments and the books belonging to the engineers and the empty drifting house boat.

Twenty Hurt in Collision.
CHICAGO, Ill.—Twenty persons were injured, a few seriously, in a collision between two southbound Halsted street electric cars at Forty-third street Thursday. One woman was taken from the wreck and carried into an adjoining store. It is believed her injuries are fatal. The conductor on the rear car, H. S. Lockwood, was thrown through the window and badly injured.

Forty-One Years on Same Farm.
SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Foster T. Wheeler, a pioneer settler of Charles Mix county, has made a remarkable record, residing on the same farm for forty-one years. He settled on the land in 1862.

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PORT VICTORIA, Seychelles Islands—Mwanga, the former king of Uganda, is dead. His death was caused by the rupture of aneurism.

PROBE GOES DEEP

PAYNE WILL INVESTIGATE THE LARGER POSTOFFICES.

DETAILS NOT YET FORMULATED

Present Administrative Methods Years Old—For Fourteen Years Few Changes Have Been Made, Though Business Has Troubled.

WASHINGTON—A far-reaching extension of the present investigation of the Postoffice department to include most of the large offices in the country is in contemplation. This statement was made by Postmaster General Payne.

Mr. Payne said the increase of \$5,000 in the appropriation for the contingent expenses of his own office had been made to allow the investigation of the department along these lines, but he admitted that it was not at that time anticipated that the inquiry would prove so sensational.

The details of the proposed general investigation have not yet been formulated, but it has been decided to include all first-class postoffices whose annual receipts aggregate \$500,000. Mr. Payne said that the present administrative methods of the postal service were established by former Postmaster General Wamamaker, fourteen years ago, since then the business of the department has troubled. It might be that some of the methods were faulty and the practices irregular, consequently the investigation would be made in the hope of instituting new and better methods as well as to correct abuses.

Inspector Laughlin of the Indian bureau has been ordered to the Utah reservation in Utah to negotiate with the Indians, who own the reservation, for the allotment of a part of their lands and the cession of the remainder to the government. The law authorizes the authorities arbitrarily to open the reservation in case of failure to reach an agreement.

Major Robert L. Howse, charged with cruelty to the Philippines during his service in the Philippines, has submitted his reply to the charges to the secretary of war. All the papers in the case have been submitted to the judge advocate general for a report.

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APPEAL TO FEDERAL COURTS.

A New Turn in the Strike On at Omaha.

OMAHA.—On petition of a number of complainants, including the principal transfer and delivery companies involved in the teamster's strike, Judge Mungler of the federal court Wednesday evening granted a temporary restraining order enjoining the officers of the Team Drivers' International union, local 71, J. E. Crews, president; R. S. Wilcox, treasurer, and Edward Sumner, secretary, together with all members of the union, from doing certain acts calculated to interfere with interstate commerce, and commanding them to appear in court May 20 to show cause why a temporary injunction should not be granted.

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