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Gerry and Family in 'Frisco.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.-Commodore P. Gerry of New York, accompanied by his wife, son and daughter, have arrived here. The party came here from Portland, Ore., on a special train and will spend some time in visiting points of interest thoughout the state.

#### ESTIMATE OF **POPULATION**

Mayor Suprenant Says City Has Gained Almost 2000 in the Past Three Years.

WRITES CENSUS

Attributes Growth to Develop- At Time of Foundering No Disment of Timbering Industry Here and Advancement Fisheries Interests.

Mayor Suprenant conservatively estimated that Astoria's population has increased 1900 since the government census a little more than three years mayor's figures are too low, but the broke down off Port Townsend and two probabilities are he is within a few hundred of the actual number of new citizens Astoria has acquired during Townsend. The engines were rethe three years.

The estimate made by the the mayor is for official use. A few days ago he received a letter from Director of the Census S. N. D. North, requesting information as to the growth of the city since the time of taking the govprepart who is regarded as very con-Director North's letter:

"In response to your request for information about the commercial and populous growth of this city since the government census of 1900, I have the pleasurable honor to state that the progreater than at any time in its previous aistory. Exact data is not obtainable, but the increase of the different industries and the increase of population is very noticeable.

"Being thoroughly familiar with local conditions through active business connections and the association with all ALEUTIAN GRAZING LANDS interests in my official capacity, I believe that a conservative estimate of the increase of population in Astoria since 1900 is in the neightborhood of those same figures-1900. This is a remarkable percentage of increase for a city established more than 50 years, but it is no exaggeration, as in that time the building of houses has been continuous and rushed, while there is still an increasing demand for homes. Not altogther but to a very great extent this can be attributed to the development of the lumber industry and this city has directly tributary to it the most extensive and finest body of fir and spruce timber in the world. The development of this has only just commenced and while in 1900 the cutting capacity of the Astoria mills was not over 150,000 feet, today they cut 500,-000 feet, with several new mills projected.

"Astoria is the center of the great Columbia river salmon industry that employs thousands of people and, with state and government aid for the propagation of the fish, the industry gives every evidence of increasing in value yearly. The virgin product of the forest and sea constitutes a substantial wealth to Astoria that nothing can check her growth for years to come, as the stimulus of the growing trade to the orient sustains the price of her products and creates improved de-

Places Order For Battleships.

London, Jan. 15 .- The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says that 000 ton battleship.

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of Oregon to reclaim 27,000 acres on work is to be carried out by the Three was shipped in from the states. Sisters Irrigation Company, under the



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#### CABIN BOY SPEAKS OUT

Tells How the Clallam Broke Down a Month Previous to Disaster.

DIRECTOR SAD LACK SYSTEM WAS SHOWN

tress Signals Were Given -No Effort Made to Save Lives.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 14 .- Archie King, a cabin boy of the Clallam, appeared before the coroner's inquest today. He said that about a month before he disaster, the steamer Clallam tugs went to her assistance. Some of the passengers went back to Port paired and the steamer proceeded back

He heard no distress signals being displayed at the time of the steamer foundering, or before. No orders were the capsized boats. No oil was thrown out to caim the water when the boats were launched.

The main deck and upper deck of the wrecked steamer were not brought to Victoria, being still left lying on the beach near Sidney Spit, where the cutter Grant left it.

Russia Strengthens Garrison.

Tien Tsin, Jan. 14.-A telegram to the railway administration here received yesterday from New Chwang, says Russia is increasing the garrison there. In the next few days 2000 more troops are expected to arrive.

## SAID TO BE EXCELLENT

Anent a recent discovery of grazing lands, the Seattle Times has the foilowing to say:

Mr. L. E. Peterson of Palo Alto ounty, Iowa, has just returned from an extensive tour of the Aleutian is- # lands, is most enthusiastic in his praise # of their resources. Mr. Peterson salled with a party, which included Mrs. Peterson, on September 4, 1963. on the Abbie Dearing for Kodiak. It will be remembered that the schooner was wrecked on her passage. Mr. Peterson succeeded in landing on Akun island. Mr. Peterson said:

"After spending the larger part of !! of Oregon and Washington looking for suitable locations for the raising of stock on a large scale, I, with others, decided to investigate the resources of these islands. They surpassed our highest expectations.

"We found hundreds of acres on rearly every one of the larger islands of the finest kind of grazing land, the # grass on which was in many places five ! feet high. This, taken with the climate the coldest weather, according to the reports of the United States weather bureau for the last seventy-five years being six above zero, makes the place ideal for the purpose of raising stock.

"I predict that in a few years Seattie, as well as all Alaska points, will be getting their meat supplies from this section. Several large commercial companies have ben raising stock in the Japanese government as a part of these islands for the last seventeen its program for naval extension has years, and they say that they have placed a contract in England for a 16.- never been required to feed their cattle, simply letting them run the year around.

"There is no doubt but that this is Washington, Jan. 14 .- The president the coming country for stock. The oday approved a contract of the State nearby market is one of the largest in the world. Alaska alone taking more Tomalowa river, west of Bend. The than 50,000 head last year, all of which

> "Outside of their resources as a stock country the islands have many promising prospects, Unimak Island having copper and coal mines as well as a small oil field just opened. We found oil seepage on several of the islands, as well as some of the prettiest native copper that I ever saw.

"We have secured several large tracts of land on Akun island, where and sheep, having already contracted for several carloads, which we will ship from North Dakota about the 15th of the coming June."

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