

# STEELE WANTS GOVERNMENT OWNED STEAMSHIPS

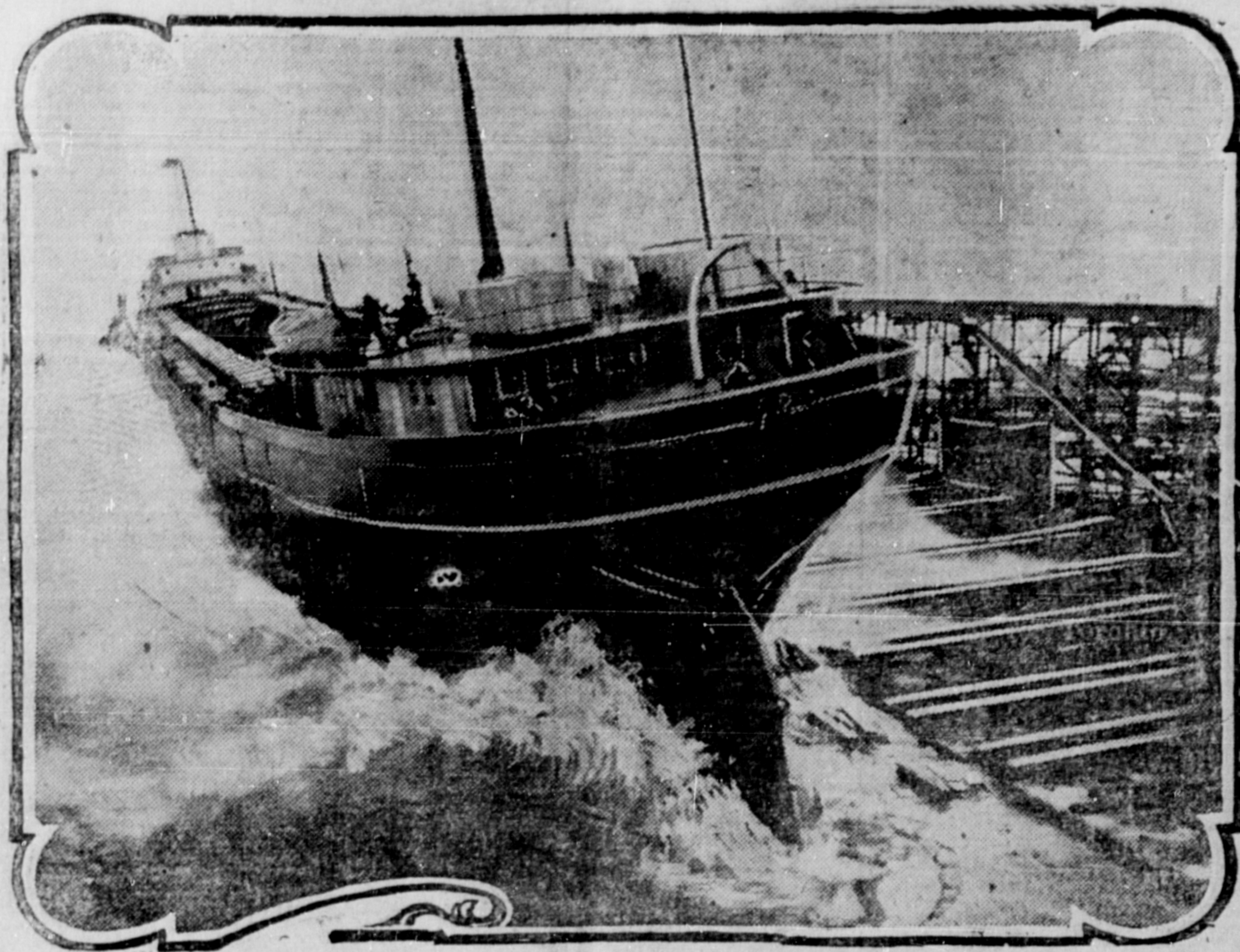
## U. S. CONSUL HAS ARRIVED AT VERA CRUZ—BRITISH ENGINEERS THROWN INTO MEXICAN JAIL

### MEXICAN FEDERAL TROOPS FIRE ON UNITED STATES CITY

SEVERAL KILLED AND WOUNDED AND MUCH DAMAGE DONE TO PROPERTY—U. S. TROOPS DID NOT CROSS BORDER

Laredo, Texas, April 24.—Three Americans were killed and several wounded by forces of Mexican federal troops from across the Rio Grande river in Nuevo Laredo, on the Mexican side. These forces fired pointblank into the American city at noon. Following that, the federal troops began to blow up their own city of Nuevo Laredo across the river. The post office, telephone office, roundhouse, and most of the rolling stock of the railway there, the municipal buildings and numerous costly residences were destroyed by dynamite by the federal forces. The American consulate was burned to the ground. An artillery force barricaded behind the ruins commenced to sweep the approaches to the Mexican end of the two bridges that joined the places. The railroad bridge, a costly steel structure, has been mined on the Mexican side ready to be blown up at the first sign of activity on the part of the American troops at Fort McIntosh.

A rifle fire was directed towards the heart of the American city by the Mexican regulars, which constituted the first warning of trouble. A hail of bullets on the unsuspecting crowds of Americans was sent from the opposite side of the river. A border patrol was called out, and, without waiting for orders, poured a deadly fusillade into the Mexican ranks. Reinforcements from the barracks hurried to the river's edge, and only the orders of the officers, who were awaiting instructions from Washington, prevented the eager soldiers from rushing across the bridge on to Mexican soil and dealing out punishment.



THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FREIGHTER, BUILT IN CANADA

This picture shows the plunge of the gigantic freighter carried W. Grant Morden, as she took to the water at the Western Drydock & Shipbuilding company's slip at Port Arthur. Her bow towers higher than many ocean liners. The vessel is over 600 feet long, and is the largest freighter in the world.

### NORTH ATLANTIC RATES HIGH SUGGEST GOVT. COMPETITION

DELAY IN CONTROLLING RATES CAUSES DISSATISFACTION—PRIVATE COMPETITION ONLY SOLUTION

(Special to The Daily News)  
Ottawa, April 25.—During the consideration of steamship subventions in the commons, Dr. Steele expressed dissatisfaction with the proposal to delay action on the North Atlantic rates until the Dominion trade commission enquired into the matter. An effective method would be to put government-owned boats into commission, which would effect cheaper transportation and control of rates.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster said if the government went into the business of carrying agricultural products they would have to do the same for other Canadian industries. While it was comparatively easy to control the coastwise trade, it is a different matter to control the sea-going commerce. The ultimate hope is to control by private competition.

### PANAMA CANAL ZONE PLACED ON WAR FOOTING

(Special to The Daily News)  
Panama, April 25.—Colonel Goethals has issued orders placing the canal zone on a strictly war footing.

### AMERICAN PRISONERS MAY BE EXECUTED

(Special to The Daily News)  
Vera Cruz, April 25.—Seven Americans who were taken prisoners by the Mexican soldiers are held at Cordoba. Four at least are in danger of execution.

### NAMESAKE COMPANY SHOULD BUILD HERE

(Special to The Daily News)  
Vancouver, April 25.—The Vancouver-Prince Rupert Meat company has taken out a permit for the construction of a six-story building, which will be used as a cold storage plant. The cost will be \$50,000.

### Ran on a Bar

On the last trip of the Prince Albert she ran on a bar coming out of Comox and for 24 hours was held up there. The beacon light was out and the Albert ran her nose into the sand. One hundred tons of coal had to be taken off to lighten her. Before proceeding south from this port the Albert was inspected by the harbor master, who found her to be undamaged.

### From the South

Passenger list of the Prince George, arriving this morning:  
D. P. Urquhart, Mr. Dravenstott, Mr. Hoberg, S. A. Offerson, Miss Stocumb, Miss Boston, Mr. Stocumb, Miss C. F. May, Mr. Pidgeon, J. B. Matthews, Mrs. C. H. Handasyde, Jr., Mrs. Knouse, Miss F. Brown, G. C. Hartley, Mr. Gabutti, M. Hewer, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Palmer, Master Palmer, Mr. Cookson, Mr. Monckton, H. C. Magee, S. Camozzi, Mr. McGilton, Mr. Peachey, W. J. Scott, Capt. Brownrigg, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Watrin, E. Heal, J. Connolly, Gordon Black, J. C. McLellan, M. G. Smith, G. Bell, Rev. E. Smith, Mr. Nichols and wife, J. C. A. Long, A. M. Gottstein, Mr. Heinack, Mr. McConnagan, Mr. Graves, Mr. Anderson, W. R. Strachan, L. S. Mankin, Mr. Harper, Mr. True, Mr. Fortier, Mr. Bech and wife, L. M. Fuller, Mrs. Coppersmith and child, Mr. Guek, Miss Gleason, W. S. Green and wife, B. A. Crowe, A. J. Crowe, A. Kops, B. McDavit, J. McDavit, J. Baring and J. A. Cunningham.

### Mail Matters a Barometer

"We now have seven mail boats a week coming into this port, and every one of them brings a big shipment of mail." This was the remark of a man whose business calls him to the waterfront. "The mail bags are a good barometer of the growth of population and commerce in the district of which Prince Rupert is the distributing centre, and I must say the development in the past year has been phenomenal." A. J. Kelch of Kitselas has just undergone an operation in the hospital for appendicitis. He is improving very nicely.

### PORT ESSINGTON JAIL FULL OF PRISONERS

White Men Charged With Furnishing Booze to Indians

Port Essington jail is full. This is a result of the police finding several Indians full in another way. The Indians have been getting a lot of booze and the police have traced the source of it. The sequence was the arrest of half a dozen or more well known residents of Port Essington, who are now crowding the capacity of the jail there. Several other residents are said to be nervous, and it is whispered that only the lack of accommodation prevents others from being put into confinement. The trial is taking place today before Indian Agent Chas. Perry, who went over this morning. The town is quite excited over it.

### Up-river Firm Assigned

The firm of Chetleburg & Sinclair, a well known up-river business firm, has assigned. This firm has branches in several of the interior towns. They are dealers in agricultural implements. The Continental Trust company are the assignees.

### Notice to Contractors

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until April 27th, 6 p. m., for the construction of an apartment house. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of James Gilmore, architect, Second avenue. 91-97

### Presbyterian Services

Rev. E. Smith of Macleod, Alta., came in on today's boat and will supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian church for the next five Sundays. Before coming west Mr. Smith was located in the maritime provinces, where he held several important charges. Services will be held tomorrow as usual.

### Scottish Football League

Hamilton Academical 2, Third Lanark 1.  
Queen's Park 0, St. Mirren 0.  
Kilmarnock 1, Aberdeen 2.  
Falkirk 2, Motherwell 0.

### Baptist Services

Sunday school and morning worship at 11 a. m. Mr. Linzey speaks on "The Yoke of Christ" at the young people's meeting at 7. At 7:30 our evening worship when the pastor will speak on "Preparation for Harvest."

**FRESH**  
**Strawberries**  
—at—  
**FRIZZELL'S**  
**MEAT MARKET**

### BASEBALL BOYS ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

Will Have Good Team if the Grounds Are Made Ready in Time

The baseball fans got the spring fever last evening and decided to organize a baseball club and then go after the grounds. There are many ball-players in the city and the boys think a little enthusiasm will bring them out. They are going to organize a joint committee of the athletic organizations to urge the city council to get that recreation park ready. In the meantime the boys expect they will be able to practice on the newly graded Market place. The officers are:  
Hon. pres.—Wm. Manson.  
President—V. A. Cole.  
Vice-president—W. D. Vance.  
Sec.—treasurer—J. A. Edwards.  
Manager—Fred Henning.

### Fine New Launch

A very fine boat, 65-foot keel, built during the past winter at Coal Cove, is almost completed, and in a few days will be ready for launching. Her engines, which are of 100-h.p., were made in Sweden, and are expected to arrive in another week. These engines are crude oil burners and being imported very much less than the cheap fuel problem, which means so much for the success of small craft shipping in this harbor. If they come up to the expectations of the owners many more engines of this type are likely to be brought here, as they will mean a saving of much more than half in the price of fuel.

### Dancing Academy

Dancing lessons will be given every Monday and Friday evening in McIntyre Hall. Hall for rent. M. M. Cooper, instructor. 93-95

### ODDFELLOWS ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

The Oddfellows will attend Divine Service on Sunday evening, April 26th at 7:30 p. m.  
All Oddfellows in the city are requested to assemble at the local lodge room (Helferson Block) at 6:30 p. m.  
G. G. THORNE, Noble Grand.  
W. G. BARRIE, Rec. Secy.

### WRESTLING AND BOXING M'INTYRE HALL APRIL 25

Good Program of Athletic Contests Promised by Local and Imported Talent

Tonight at the McIntyre hall, Third avenue, a wrestling match will be staged between Pete Sigurdson of Prince Rupert and Bert Caldwell of Rock Springs, Wyoming, which should prove an interesting bout, both men according to report being evenly matched. Sigurdson, who hails from Winnipeg, is well known in Prince Rupert, being the holder of the middleweight title of Manitoba. Caldwell, a recent arrival from Saskatchewan, is a middleweight wrestler of good reputation, having followed the game both in Canada and the United States for the past twelve years.

Both men have been training faithfully at the Windsor hotel, and appear to be in good condition. Frank Smeathers, who is handling the exhibition, states that if any faking is attempted by either wrestler, the referee will declare "no contest" and the patrons will be refunded their money.

Three good preliminaries will precede the wrestling match, including Ray and Thomas, who made a good impression at the last smoker. The other contestants are Gilmour and Nalpy and Sanders and Talbot of Vancouver.

### DIDN'T BEAN ANYBODY JUST KEPT 'EM HOPPING

Portland, Ore., April 24.—C. L. Pruitt, a 200-pound right handed pitcher of the Oakland Coast league baseball team, entered a gaiety theatre here and proceeded to dispel the gloom and monotony of a rainy and dismal afternoon by catapulting birdshot from his teeth with a toothpick at the dancing chorus girls. His delivery was excellent. Nobody walked off Pruitt's delivery—indeed, everybody was kept hopping—as one chorus girl told an investigating officer. "Pitcher Pruitt was arrested. 'Aw, I didn't bean anybody,' he protested. "It would have been easier if he had," declared a tearful chorus girl. "Our heads are protected; but these stockings—they're thin." Disorderly conduct is the charge against Pitcher Pruitt. We do upholstering and repair work for spring cleanups. Geo. D. Tite, the furniture dealer, Third avenue. 74tf

### ORGANIZED RAMBLERS' CLUB LAST EVENING

Purpose Taking Outings to Study Flora, Animals and Rocks

A number of interested persons gathered at the court house last evening and organized a Ramblers' club.

A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, who started the movement, was chairman. He explained the idea was to make trips into the country and study the flora, the animals and the rocks. There was much to be learned from them and the study is a pleasure.

Rev. Canon Rix in supporting the idea suggested starting a collection of curios and botanical specimens. Some valuable curios could be picked up and if a collection was started it might be quartered in one of the city's permanent buildings. The proposed new high school would be a good place.

Officers were elected as follows: Hon. president, His Honor Judge Young; president, Mrs. Roberson; vice-president, H. C. Hemmell; secretary - treasurer, Mr. Howitt; committee, Miss Jenns, Miss Du Vernet and Miss Enoch.

Arrangements will be made at an early date for the first outing of the new organization.

Do not follow others, be with the leaders; invest in Port Edward before the industrial development.

### SACRED CONCERT

At Westholme Theatre 9 P. M. Sunday

Chorus, "Alberwyth"  
Chorus, "The Last Day of Pompeii"  
Solo... C. D. Jones  
Ladies' solo, Mrs. Hemmel  
Chorus, "Killarney"  
Solo... G. Waddell  
Quartette, "Star of Love"  
Solo... Mrs. Hemmel  
Chorus, "Destruction of Gaza"  
Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau.

Collection taken.

### YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL

**Northwestern**  
Victoria 6, Tacoma 5.  
Vancouver 9, Seattle 2.  
Portland 2, Spokane 4.  
**Coast**  
Oakland 2, San Francisco 0.  
Venice 2, Portland 2.  
Sacramento 6, Los Angeles 2.  
**National**  
Philadelphia 8, New York 2.  
Brooklyn 8, Boston 1.  
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 4.  
Cincinnati 1, Chicago 2.  
**American**  
New York 6, Philadelphia 7.  
Boston 5, Washington 3.  
Detroit 5, St. Louis 6.  
Chicago-Cleveland, rain.

## EMPRESS THEATRE ...TO-NIGHT...

6—A FINE SIX-PART SHOW—6

**PART 1—PATHE'S WEEKLY REVIEW** of world events, including interesting views in Mexico.  
**PART 2—3—"THE SUNKEN TREASURE"** in two parts—A fine Kleins Cines feature.  
**PART 4—"ART FOR A HEART"**—An unusually fine Comedy.  
**PART 5—"MYSTERY OF GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK"**—A late Kalem release.  
**PART 6—"WHEN FATHER HAS HIS WAY"**—A Comedy.  
**15c—ADMISSION—15c 10c—CHILDREN—10c**  
Matinees every Wednesday Thursday Afternoon at 2:30.  
**COMING—Mary Pickford in "A GOOD LITTLE DEVIL"**—Five Parts.