consul at San Francisco having been informed, he immediately telegraphed to the authorities in Victoria to delay the steamer until further developments. The passengers waited anxiously for further word, expecting confidently to be released next day; but the next dispatch brought word that the case was, without a doubt, small-pox. The health officer telegraphed to the Government at Ottawa concerning the case, and a reply came advising him to quarantine the vessel. When he came on board and pronounced a quarantine of twenty-one days from the time of leaving San Francisco, a few of the passengers broke out crying, some swore at the doctor and the Chinamen, while others went so far as to say that if a Chinaman did break out with small-pox they would throw him overboard. The vessel drew up her anchor, after a short time, and proceeded to the quarantine grounds, which lay about two miles from Victoria and half a mile from Esquimalt. It was now only four days since we left San Francisco, and we looked forward with dread to the remaining seventeen days that we were to be held prisoners. Our position however was not so unbearable as might be imagined, for there was always something to take up our attention. A theater troupe with a brass band helped materially to pass the time, and card-playing whiled away many an hour. There was a concert every evening in the saloon, which hastened the march of time, and novels were in great demand. The chief trouble was that the passengers couldn't communicate with friends by letter, and seldom by telegraph, for the telegraph-operator wouldn't send messages C. O. D., and no money could be accepted from off the boat. Those telegrams that were sent had to be dictated to people in small boats, and everything that the passengers procured from Victoria was taken on credit. A few days after the Mexico had taken her position in quarantine, a British man-of-war, stationed at Esquimalt, sailed out into the sound, and began a torpedo practice. The torpedoes were blank ones, and were shot along the top of the water, a steam launch belonging to the Britisher giving chase, and bringing them back to the latter. It was quite interesting watching the monster dashing around at a great rate of speed, frequently quite near us, and at times nearly out of sight. Another source of interest was the wonderful mirage which was visible a large part of the time. Several very tall and jagged islands, about five miles from us, often appeared like level plains, while the phenomenon had the effect of raising islands into view that were usually out of sight. About a week after we went into quarantine, a number of passengers made an effort to steal ashore. It was planned to seize one of the ship's boats at midnight on a certain date, and row to shore, leaving the small boat on the beach. The plot, however, was in some way discovered, and when the party went to put the plan into execution, two or three sailors rose up in each of the boats, and the baffled passengers were compelled to return to their staterooms. A few days after this occurrence, the health officer came out and examined the Chinese carefully, to see if any disease had broken out among them, and finding none, he reduced the time of quarantine from twenty-one to sixteen days, to our infinite delight. The fruit that was on board had now begun to spoil, and one of the Victoria dealers sent word to the vessel to sell his lot to the passengers for what it would bring. They quickly took advantage of this offer, and for a time lived largely on fruit. The limit of quarantine expired on the second of July, and no sickness having appeared, the vessel drew up to the wharf at Victoria, at seven o'clock that morning, and we experienced the gratification of being once more on dry land. For about half an hour we watched the Chinese landing, and it was a sight worth seeing. The higher class were arrayed in skin-tight silk pantaloons of various colors, and indigo-colored coats of finest texture. A black skull-cap with a red knob signified their rank, and the whole gave to the Mongolians the appearance of veritable dudes. There were several women among them, and they were attired in gorgeous vestments. Their faces were painted very artistic-