

\$20,000,000 LUMBER MERGER.

**Edward Hines of Minnesota Will Head
New Amalgamated Company.**

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 19.—Official announcement of the new \$20,000,000 lumber merger, known as the Virginia and Rainy Lake Company, was made public to-day by Edward Hines, president of the corporation. The new company is the amalgamation of the Edward Hines Company, the Weyerhaeuser interests and the Virginia Lumber Company.

In the amalgamation, what is known as the Duluth, Rainy Lake, and Winnipeg Railroad will become the property of the Canadian Northern Railroad.

A MAN TO RUN THE FERRIES.

**Metz Says He Knows Some One Who
Will Operate Them Without Cost.**

Controller Metz thinks he has solved the ferry problem. He says the city won't have to spend \$12,000,000 to buy the ferries at all and that he has found a man who will operate them for nothing—that is, without cost to the city.

The Metz plan is to run the Forty-second and Roosevelt Street lines with boats the city already has, and the Controller says those lines will be in operation within a week, possibly within a day or two.

The Controller will not tell who the man is, nor will he go into details of the plan. He is confident, however, that it will succeed.

HOW TO BEAT SPECULATORS.

**Take His Money and Keep It, Charles
Frohman Advises the Public.**

Charles Frohman had this notice posted yesterday in the box office window of the Empire Theatre, where Maude Adams is to open in "What Every Woman Knows" on Monday night:

Help us to beat ticket speculators by taking money they give you to purchase tickets for them. Put the money in your pocket and go out of the Fortieth Street entrance. They cannot stop you.

The young man took advantage of this by accepting \$10 from a speculator before the latter knew about the sign. He promptly disappeared through the Fortieth Street entrance, and up to a late hour last night the speculator was still looking for him.

WARSHIPS IN SOMBRE COLOR.

**Visitors to the Navy Yard See Two in
the Navy's New Dress.**

Visitors to the New York Navy Yard yesterday saw two big warships that looked more like British than American vessels. They are the battleship New Hampshire and the scout cruiser Chester, the first American warships to be painted in the dark slate color recently ordered by the Navy Department, the color used in the British Navy for many years.

The next vessels to be painted the slate color are the battleships Idaho and Mississippi, the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina, and the scout cruisers Birmingham and Salem.

The Maine, flagship of the Third Squadron, was painted the new color about two weeks ago. She was the first American vessel in the new dress to anchor in the Hudson.

KILLED BY HEADACHE CURE.

**Woman Dies After Taking Two Doses
of a Patent Drug.**

Soon after swallowing a quantity of headache powder, Mrs. Josephine Staten, a young married woman of 2,331 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, lapsed into coma yesterday and died in spite of the efforts of several physicians to save her.

Mrs. Staten moved to Brooklyn from Manhattan recently to be near her husband, who was formerly employed in a Manhattan department store, but has been a patient in the Long Island Insane Asylum for the last three years. She suffered frequently from headaches. She was seized with one last Thursday while visiting friends in Manhattan, and bought a bottle containing a patent cure for them at a drug store in Park Avenue. After taking one at the time, her headache passed. Yesterday another headache came on and she again took a dose of the powder. As the first dose failed to relieve her, she took a second after an interval of two hours.

Within fifteen minutes after swallowing it she complained to a neighbor that she was feeling ill and was also losing her sight. Dr. Cameron Duncan of 18 Clarkson Street and Dr. Wiberg of the Kings County Hospital worked over her for two hours without reviving her. She was removed to the hospital in an ambulance, where she died without recovering consciousness.