RATE IS OPPOSED DEROULEDE IS CONDEMNED CHILDREN BURNED BULLER'S LOSS WAS HEAVY

Shippers Appeal to the Interstate Commission.

THE MAIN PLEA IS FOR MORE TIME

New Freight Schedule is Too Suddenly Applied-Transportation Companies Claim Enhanced Prices Makes the Advance Necessary.

A hearing was begun Thursday at Washington by the interstate commerce commission in the matter of changes in freight classification and advances in freight by carriers using the official classification. Many complaints have been filed with the commission alleging that discriminating changes in freight classification by carriers has been agreed upon to take effect January 1. 1900. To determine this question the hearing of today was held. Many of the most prominent railway freight officials in the eastern part of the country attended the hearing and representatives of large shipping interests in the same section were also present.

At the opening of the hearing C. E. Gill of New York, chairman of the official classification committee, said the railroads were without knowledge of the persons who had requested the hearing, and asked that they be called upon to state wherein the proposed changes were unjust.

He maintained that the proposed advance in freight rates ere due to the increased cost of railroad plants and maintenance and the advances had been applied to classes of freights that could well afford to pay them.

In the course of the long explanation by W. A. Day, attorney for the committee, Mr. Gill gave no reasons for the proposed advances upon special articles or classes of freight except the general reasons which applied to all freight. He maintained that the proposed new classifications, generally speaking, were restorations of freight rates which prevailed in times past when commercial and trade conditions were similar to what they now are. His replies to a long series of questions indicated that his own belief and that of his colleagues on the classitication committee was the recent marked advance in the price of railway equipment and operation-in steel rails and all forms of steel and iron, etc-rendered it necessary for the railroads, in a degree proportionately to advance freight rates. He said freight rates had been on a gradually descend ing scale for about twenty years, but he was unable to say whether the proposed new rate would be higher or lower than the rates which prevailed

In a statement to the commission Attorney Day said a comparison of the proposed rates on certain specific articles showed that a new rate would be higher than had ever existed since the commission was created.

Without reaching any conclusion the hearing was adjourned till today, Fri-

CLOSE COMPACT IN ORIENT

China and Japan Have a Perfect Understanding.

An additional indication of the secret anderstanding which has recently been arrived at between China and Japan is seen in the honors lately conferred on Yano Fumio, who has resigned his post as Japanese minister at Pekin in order. It is said, to take the post of foreign adviser to the imperial Chinese government. The empress dowager has just conferred on Yano Fumio the Order of the Double Dragon of the First Class. This gives him a Chinese rank count to that of the highest viceroy or the president of the greatest six governing boards, or departments, at Pekin. He has left for Tokio, it is added, for special instructions from the Japanese government.

Less Demand for Clothing

Upward of 2,500 seamstresses have been thrown out of employment by the closing of most of the departments of the Schuylkill arsenal. The order went into effect this week and the tent-making department is the only one working. The shut-down is for an indefinite period and work may not be resumed until next July. Schuylkill depot is the largest station for the manufacture of soldiers' clothing in this country and for a year and a half it has supplied the uniforms for the great majority of the army. The demand for clothing decreased when the war with Spain ended and lately the output has been excessive.

Immigration is Heavy. Immigration continues to be unusnally heavy for this time of year. For the month of November 26,460 immigrants came to the New York port, as compared with 18,195 during the same month last year. For the preceding four months the figures show a substantial increase in each case. Most of the nationalizies are represented, but the Italians figure most prominently, followed by the Austro-Hungarians. The English, Irish and Scotch show a decided decrease.

No Permanent Occupation.

Senator Bacon of Georgia has introduced in the senate a joint resolution declaring that the United Staces did not wage war with Spain for acquisition of territory; that the Philippines are to be held only until a stable government is established, when they are to be turned over to the Filipinos, the United States reserving only such harbors and coaling stations as may be needed, and that it is the purpose of the United States to secure the guarantee of the continued independence of the Filipino government.

ing French President.

At Paris M. Ceroulede was sentenced to imprisonment for two years on the charge of insulting the president of France and libeling senators comprising the high court of justice.

If the senate, sitting as a high court of justice, counsel urged that the charges against M. Marcel-Habert be joined to the present proceedings, but the prosecutor general declared this would be illegal.

M. Deroulede, whom, though ill, was present, virulently denounced the senators and law officers for being "subservient to the government's orders." "I wish to be condemned. I will say what I think of these secondrels. This assemblage is infamous and dishonors

France and the republic. During increasing din M. Deroulede continued: "I include in my denunciations both the senate and the president of the republic."

The prosecutor with difficulty made himself heard in the tumult which ensued, and demanded the prompt punishment of M. Deroulede, who continued to hurl insults at the high court, coupled with the assertion that he desired punishment.

The session was eventually suspended and the court retired to consider the situation.

The prisoners acclaimed M. Deronlede.

GIFT FOR LIBRARY BUILDING

Andrew Carnegle Said to Have Given \$75,000 to Lincoln, Neb.

Andrew Carnegie of Pittsburg, Pa., he multi-millionaire, is reported to have given \$75,000 for a public library building for the city of Lincoln, Neb. Though no answer was received to a telegram sent to Mr. Carnegie's home Thursday night in regard to the truth of the rumor, the report is believed by those who have had knowledge of correspondence between Lincoln people and Mr. Carnegie on this subject. S. L. Geisthardt, formerly a member of the city library board, has been enthat he would do well to give Lincoln a public library building.

Agree on Uniform Rates.

About thirty general freight agents epresenting lines extending north from the Chio river, including all north-bound railroads out of Cincinnati, Jeffersonville, Evansville and Cairo, met at Indianapolis, Ind. A uniform rate for iron and steel billets was established some time ago, but broken A new agreement was practically of feeted and a general increase in rates will follow, it is said. All the shipments of billets into the territory of the central freight association will be affected.

Lawyers Pight.

At Dallas, Tex., F. M. Etheredge and Edwin O. Harrell quarreled over professional affairs during the progress of a trial in which they appeared as connsel on opposing sides, and engaged, and Etheredge shot Harrell, who died later. Harrell had a pistol, half-cocked, in his hands as he fell.

Practice Ship for Cadets.

sailing vessel built for the navy in more than forty years, has just completed a litted about about on their missions of most successful trial trip in Massachusetts bay and will be turned over to the | tions to those who were still alive and naval academy at Annapolis as a practice ship for the cadets.

Steamer Goes Aground.

The Ward line steamer Santiago, owing to the incompetency of her pilot, went aground near the wreck of the United States collier Merrimae in Santiago harbor, which was sunk by Lieutenant Hobson. She has suffered that the liner will be hauled off.

Monnett Loses.

The Ohio supreme court has thrown out of court the case of Attorney General Monnett against the Standard company on the ground that the information did not connect the Standard Oil company with the charge of attempted bribery.

Apartment House Burned.

and Madison avenue. New York. Highty men were at work on the structure, but none were injured.

Cut His Throat.

James Duan Taylor, one of the important officers in New York city of the Wagner Palace Car company, cut his throat with a razor. He died soon afterward. Despondency over ill health is responsible.

Zine Works Damaged.

At Iola, Kan., fire destroyed \$250,000 worth of property belonging to the Lanyon Zine Co. Two men were killed by the falling of the 200-foot smoke-

Repairs on Olympia It will probably cost half a million dollars at least to repair the Olympia at the Boston navy yard and will take fifteen months to complete the work.

Tammanylte Sent to Prison.

Samuel Goldberger, the saloonkeeper and Tammany election district captain of the First election district, of the Eighth assembly district, New York, who was convicted of colonizing in the recent election, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Sing Sing.

Transports Reach Manila. General Otis has notified the war department that the transports Senator and Ben Mohr have arrived at Manila with the Forty-fifth infantry and two batteries of the Sixth artillery. No in compliance with the French decasualities were reported

to expose their own infamy."-Wash- | its quality is improved .- Youth's Com-

Eleven Little Ones Aflame at Quincy, Ill.

WERE DRESSED IN FLETCY MATERIAL

Stuff Ignites Easily Panie Follows Ac eldent-Work of Rescue Prompt -Agonizing Scenes on

Parents' Part.

While the school children of St. Francis parochial school, Seventeenth and Vine streets, Quincy, Ill., were rehearsing Friday afternoon for an entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening, one of their dresses caught fire from a gas jet and a few minutes later four of them were burned to death, two died an hour later and five others died before midnight. Haif a dozen others were burned more or less seriously. The dead:

Irene Freiburg. May Wavering. Mary Althoff. Bernardina Greund. Colletta Middendorf. Mary Hickey. Wilhelmina Guttendorf.

Addie Futterer. Josephine Bohme. Margaret Warner.

Oliva Timpe.

All these are between nine and eleven years of age. Helen Soebbing and several other teachers, Father Nicholas and Professor Frank Mushelde, were painfully burned in trying to save the children.

The fire started in a little dressing room where the children were dressing for rehearsal. One of them brushed against a gas jet, and in an instant she was aflame. She ran screaming out of the room, communicating the blaze to the others.

There were fourteen children in the cast of the Christmas entertainment and only a few escaped. It was all over in ten minutes and in that time deavoring to convince Mr. Carnegie four perished, seven were fatally burned and others more or less severely injured.

The children were panie-stricken and rushed this way and that, screaming with pain. But the agony was brief. Only a few moments clapsed and then four of them sank to the floor dead. Others fell, too, but they still lived, suffering excruciating agony.

The school hall was tilled with chilkilled in the panic which followed had it not been for the prompt efforts of the teachers and sisters who were in charge of the entertainment and were

Frank Musholt, a teacher, heard the cry of fire, and was half way up the stairs at one bound. He met the child all ablaze and instantly enwrapped her with his coat, but she broke away and rushed on past him into the group of other children.

The shricks and screams of the injured were agonizing. The little ones lay helpless and impotent on the floor and writhed about in their agony.

The dead were charred in most cases beyond recognition. The home of The training ship Chesapeake, the first | peaceful pleasure had in an instant become a charred house. The doctors mercy, seeking to apply soothing loseeking also to cover the charred bodies of the dead with blankets or other covering.

Besides the many patients within the smoke stained walls there were dozens of fainting and heart-broken women without. They screamed as some of the scenes came to them and if the child or loved one was among the dead and wounded their grief but little damage, and it is believed gained the mastery and there was a collapse which required the attention of the doctors.

DWIGHT L. MOODY IS DEAD adjutant-general at Washington. He

The Noted Evangelist Dies at His Home

in Northfield, Mass.

Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist. whose fame was world-wide, died at his home at Northfield, Mass., Friday. His Fire destroyed a large seven story family was gathered at his bed side and apartment house owned by Morris the dying man's last moments were Mandelstern, which was in course of spent in comforting them. In the day construction at Ninety-seventh street Mr. Moody realized that the end was not far off and talked with his family at intervals, being conscious to the last. except for a few fainting spells. Once he revived, and, with a wonderful display of strength in his voice, said in a happy strain:

"What's the matter? What's going on here?" One of the children replied: "Father, you have not been quite so well and so we came in to see you."

A little later Mr. Moody talked quite freely to his sons, saying: "I have always been an ambitious man, not ambitious to lay up wealth, but to leave you work to do. and you're going to continue the work of the schools in East Northfield and Mt. Hermon and the Chicago Bible institute?"

Just as death came Mr. Moody awoke as if from slumber and said with much joyousness: "I see earth receding. heaven is opening; God is calling me. and a moment later he expired.

Strike in Colleries.

A strike began at the Hyde Park and Oxford colleries of the D., L. & W. company, at Scranton, Pa. The drivers went out after making a demand for an increase of 10 cents per day, making a wage scale of \$1.47 per day. There is a possibility of the strike spreading to the other colleries.

More Trouble for Li Hung Chang. Li Hung Chang has been appointed acting viceroy of Canton. It is believed this is preparatory to his degradation

A London, December 23 special says, There is still no definite news concerning the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is working is choked

with official dispatches. General Buller's casualty list at Co lenso, just published, shows that 14t were killed, and 746 wounded. Two hundred and twenty-seven are described as missing, and of these about forty are known to be in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than General Buller's original estimate.

Belated stories from Chiveley camp, Natal, all concur in saying the British did marvels in an impossible situation. The oldest war correspondents say they never saw anything comparable with the bravery of the men and officers. The naval contingent created an immense furore, engaging the Boers sin gle-handed and hailing scrapnel and lyddite shells on the fortifications north of the town in a vain effort to silence the murderous fire of the Boers, while the British forced the passage of the river.

The advance of the Second brigade along the road leading to the bridge in the face of a deadly fusilade is described as magnificent. The British forced their way across the fire zone under a perfect storm of bullets from the invisible Boers. The patter of the bullets on the dry plain, it is added, raised the dust like heavy raindrops on

The queen has been greatly annoyed by the unfounded statement that she is in ill health and perpetually weeping. A paragraph contradicting these stories appears in the papers, which add that it has never been her majesty's habit to "display grief like a hysterical schoolgirl."

MAINE VICTIMS SENT HOME

Over One Hundred Bodies Put Aboard the Texas.

The removal of the dead of the Maine was not accompanied by any ceremonies over the bodies, as, newly coffined, they were placed in the mortuary chapel of the cemetery until all was completed, says a Havana dispatch of December 22. At 10 o'clock last night ten wagons formed a procession, carrying 151 coffins to the Machina wharf, passing through unfrequented streets. The bodies reached the wharf at 11:30 under a strong guard from the battleship Texas, were placed aboard two dren and many more would have been steam lighters before daylight and were taken to the warship at 6 a. m.

The Texas left here at 10 a. m. All the remains were thoroughly disinfected. A difference was found between the number of coffins entered on Chaplain Chadwick's list, which was 153, and the actual number of coffins exhumed. Search was made through all of the twenty-two graves in which the coffins were buried, but the missing two were not found. Father Chadwick said the difference could be explained by a clerical error at the time of interring, as he was very busy at the wharf, giving instructions and identifying the bodies, and could not superintend every detail.

Surrendered to Russians.

The state department has issued a warrant for the surrender to the Russian government of A. P. Shutlein, alias A. F. Klutchinski, who is charged with larceny and false entry in Russia. He was bookkeeper in the Wilnae National bank and is said to have stolen 12,000 rubles, besides making false entries. He came to the United States and settled down in Scattle, where he was arrested and brought before United States Commissioner Shields at New York, who committed him for extradition.

May Select His Station.

The war department has instructed Major General Brooke, lately military governor of Cuba, to report to the will come by easy stages to get used to winter weather. It is said at the war department that his future assignment to duty will depend mainly upon his own wishes in the matter.

Cox Bound Over. William Cox, one of the trio of young oughs who brutally assaulted Laura Berch November 26, near Twenty-fourth and Franklin streets, in Omaha, and who was arrested at a grading camp north of Council Bluffs, has been bound over under bond of \$1,500. George McClure, another one of the young men, is awaiting trial on a like charge, and is in the county jail.

Brands Number 1311. The brands now on file with the secretary of state number 1,211. The total number will probably reach 1,400 by the first of the year, when the state marks and brands committee will meet stricken with paralysis and died a few to pass upon the brands. After the first of the year the person first filing a brand will be entitled to use it and no one will be permitted to infringe upon his rights.

Congressman Boutelle III. Congressman C. A. Boutelle of Maine,

been taken seriously iil. The nature 28th. of his trouble is not given out.

Loan Association Assigns.

The Mullanphy building and loan association of St. Louis has assigned to C. F. A. Muller for the benefit of creditors. Its liabilities represented in loans amount to \$40,000. The resources aggregate \$84,500.

Use Dynamite.

At Springfield, Ill., a street car was wrecked by dynamite right in the heart of the city. No passengers were aboard and the conductor and motorman were not injured. The strikers disclaim any responsibility for the affair.

SHAKING UP

Southern California Visited by an Earthquake.

Property Damage Placed at Fifty Thou sand Dollars Tremor Felt at Los Angeles-One Town Hadly Wrecked

A Los Angeles, Cal., December 25

the undulations lasting about twelve seconds. The entire center of the cue work. shock appeared to have been a San Jacinto, a small town in Riverside county. The business portion of San Ja- and the occupants of the hotels. As cinto consists of two blocks of twostory buildings, some of which are act number. brick. Ten or fifteen buildings were damaged, chimneys being toppled over and walls cracked and shaken. The total damage at San Jacinto and Hemit, a small town near by, is esti- most picturesque forms. The Capuchin mated at \$50,000. The large tourist monastery was founded in 1212 by Carhotel at Hemit was damaged and the dinal Pietro Capuauo for the Cisterians, hospital at San Jacinto also suffered. The rear wall of the Johnson block at Hemit fell.

The only loss of life so far as known was at the Saboba Indian reservation, where six squaws were killed by falling walls. A number of Indians were

seriously injured.

The shock was heavy at Santa Ana. Anaheim, San Bernardino, Riverside and other places, but no particular damage is reported. In this city no damage was done, though the shock was particularly violent. The houses here are well filled with eastern toursts, and they were in many instances terrified at the unexpected disturbances and rushed from their rooms in

affright. Wild reports concerning the earth quake soon spread like wildfire and the telegraph and telephone wires between this city and adjacent towns were kept busy handling inquiring messages. It was reported that several lives were lost in the collapse of the hotel at Hemit and another rumon to the effect that six Indians had been killed at the same place, but fortunately there was no truth in these reports.

ENTOMB THIRTY OR FORTY

A Pennsylvania Mine Disaster Which

Cost Many Lives. An explosion of firedamp occurred in the Braznell coal mine, four miles from Brownsville, Pa., wrecking the shaft and imprisoning the men who had shortly before gone into the mine. At least thirty, perhaps forty, are en-

tombed, and it is thought all are dead. About four eages of men had gone down to work. Mr. Thomas the cage man, on his fourth trip, went to the bottom with fourteen men, and gave the signal for the cage to rise when the explosion occurred. The cage was blown with terrific force to the top of the shaft and fell back to the bottom, completely blocking acco imbers were hurled hundreds of feet. the lower ring of brick work in the air shaft was completely wrecked and had to be tunneled to get into the mine

Big Strike In France.

At a meeting of 2,500 miners held in St. Etienne. Paris, a resolution was adopted in favor of declaring a general strike in the coal basin of the Loire. A sympathy movement involving fifty thousand men is feared. The prosperity of the coal trade led the miners to demand an increase of wages. shorter hours and a formal recognition of the miners' federation. The latter made an offer of 5 per cent increase, but was refused. The decision was reached amid cries of "vive la Greve." Disorders are anticipated.

Crew of Whaleback Safe.

Pickands, Mather & Co., of Cleveland. O., owners of the whaleback barge No. 115, which, it was supposed, had been lost with all on board in the great storm of early last week, have received a telegram from the captain of the barge saving that himself and crew were safe. The telegram is dated Mid dleton, Ont., and says the vessel went ashore near Little Pic river on the north Shore of Lake Saperior. Her erew consisted of eight men.

News of Death Caused Death. At Akron, O., Samuel Wall, a promiment character, died shortly after midnight Sunday of consumption. The news of his death was carried to Albert Barnes, his partner in business, who was so affected by it that he was hours later. Barnes was fifty-five years old and Wall fifty-seven.

Burial to be on the 28th.

The navy department has announced that the ceremonies at Arlington attending the burial of the Maine's dead, which are coming on the Texas, will ally. She was accused of murdering

The Majaria Mosquito.

According to the observations of Major Ross of India, the germs of malaria are borne, not by the brindled or gray mosquito, but by his cousin, the spotted-winged mosquito. Major Ross was recently sent to the west coast of Africa to investigate the sources of malaria there, and he reports that, as in India, the spotted-winged mosquito is the agent through which the disease is spread. Italian investigators have also shown that mosquitos convey the germs of malaria into the blood of human beings.

ROCK SLIDES INTO THE SEA

Terrible Disaster at Tourist Resort in Italy.

A Rome, December 25, special says a terrible disaster took place at Amalfi. the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cap-SIX KNOWN LOSSES OF LIFE REPORTED puccini hotel, slid lodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchin monastery below, the Hotel Santa Calerina and sev-

eral villas. Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which dispatch says: At 4:25 this morning a slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards. severe earthquake shock was felt over The population is in a state of terror, a large portion of southern California, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the scene and begun res-

It is believed that the loss of life is heavy, including a number of monks yet it is impossible to ascertain the ex-

Amalfi is a small, but lively town of 7,000 inhabitants, situated at the entrance of a deep ravine; surrounded by imposing mountains and rocks of the but came into possession of the Capuchins in 1583. The building, which stood in the hollow of the great rock that rose abruptly from the sea to a height of 230 feet, contained fine cloist-

MARRIED IN THE KLONDIKE

Woman Reported Dead Returns to Chi-

Dr. Luella Day, who two years ago left Chicago for the Klondike and whose death in a snowslide was reported later, has arrived at Chicago and was registered by Edward McConnell,

also a "Klondiker," as his wife. Mrs. McConnell "struck it rich" near Dawson and her husband, who had already been years in the Alaskan gold fields, owns several rich claims. Mrs. McConnell declared that after a couple of years, which she and her husband intend to spend in travel, she will return to Chicago and erect a home and hospital for the treatment of crippled children.

Death of Daniel Ford.

Daniel S. Ford, owner of the Youth's Companion died at Boston, aged seventy-seven years. The name of Mr. Ford was never printed in the Companion. The name "Perry, Mason and Company" by whom the magazine purported to be published was wholly fietitious, Mr. Ford looking after both editorial and business departments.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

A total of \$3,275,000 in gold was shipped to Europe Saturday. The Weeping Water Advocate wants

he county printer to be elected same as the coroner. The trial of Mrs. Durth at Burlington, Ia., for the murder of Mrs. Fris-

quittal. Congressman Boutelle of Maine, who as stricken with congestion of brain, is better, and is now at his home in Bangor.

chette six years ago ended in her ac-

Ex-Alderman Charles J. Smith, of New York, better known as "Silver Dollar" Smith, is dead. He had a varied career.

At the close of his Chicago engagement, which was interrupted by his illness, Sol Smith Russell will retire temporarily and seck a rest.

Creek is an up-and-a-coming town, but the girls will chew gum, and the business men won't use printed stationery. Andrew Carnegie has given \$2,000 to provide swimming baths and a gymnasium for Dunfermline. In a letter

he told them that the fund would get

The Republican remarks that Battle

to them "in time to be a Christmas gift to the town from its loyal son.' At Newport News, Va., a mob of about a thousand negros attempted to rescue a negro prisoner from the police officers. The officers fired, wounding two. The entire police force was

called, and the mob was dispersed. The Nebraska City News man is worried. He remarks: "'Twas ever thus. About the time eggnoggs are ripening the bens are holding secret sessions, planning to go on a strike. Eggs are getting out of sight, and eggnoggs following a splendid second.

Settlers living around Lalla Lake in Chilcat, B. C., have been attacked by Indians, who object to white settlers. Two weeks ago they surrounded Rancher Franklin and his neighbors and threatened to murder them if they did not leave the country. In a fight which followed several redskins were wounded.

At Marshall, Mich., in the case of Mrs. Sanderson, which has been in progress for the past two weeks, was given to the jury, which returned a verdict of not guilty. Mrs. Sanderson burst into tears, but soon controlled herself and thanked each juror personwho is at Young's hotel, Boston, has take place at 11 o'clock a. m. on the her husband by placing ground glass in his food.

A Prize for Inventors.

The heirs of the late Anthony Pollok of Washington have offered a prize of 109,000 francs (\$20,000) to be awarded during the exhibition in Paris next year to the inventor of the best apparatus for saving life in case of disaster at sea. The prize is open to universal competition. The award will be made by a jury sitting in Paris. It is provided that the entire prize may be awarded to a single individual, or a portion of it may be awarded to each of several persons, as the jury