RATE RAISE CASE OPENS IN CHICAGO C. C. Wright, for Railroads, Says

Companies Getting No Returns on New Investments.

THORNE TO SPEAK FOR STATES

Interstate Commerce comm said, to equalize certain rates on 18,000 to thirty inches of new and miles of road, and which, if allowed, will net the roads involved \$10,000,000 a year, was begun here today before Commissloper W. M. Daniels.

Chicago & Northwestern Ballway com- and into Wyoming, from Norfolk, all the pany, appeared as chief of counsel for way through to Casper, there is from the railroads. Clifford Thorne, chairman six to eighteen inches of snow, with a who opposed the roads in the eastern rate case, appeared in a similar capacity here, representing eighteen state railway commissions which oppose the advance. Thorne said that among the organizations which would oppose the rate fall of snow since Tuesday night. increase would be the American National Life Stock association, the National Council of Farmers Co-operative assoclations, the National Broom Manufacturers' association, the Corn Helt Meat Packers' association and several hundred firms

The railroads will continue their presentation of the case until March 30, when the shippers will be heard.

Address of Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright, in opening the case for the rado and quite as much at many of the forty-one railroads interested, said that stations in the northern portion of Kanthe carriers in the country involved had sas. been called upon during the last seven | Ernest Stenger, general manager of the years to invest more than \$100,000,000 a St. Joseph & Grand Island road, reachyear in additions and betterments, but ing Omaha on a morning train, asserted that there had been only a slight increase that over the entire St. Joseph' line rein their revenues. During these years, he ports indicated a fall of from eighteen the courts have held to be a fair rate of return upon their properties. The ratio this is on top of ten inches to a foot of of return upon investment had been de- old snow. reasing and the operating ratio increas-

Mr. Wright called attention to the fact that in 1910 the Interstate Commerce commission, in denying advances at that time, had said that if the then fears of the carriers should be subsequently realfied the commission "will not hesitate to give its sanction to increases which will be reasonable." These fears, Mr. Wright degrees above zero and the weather is so said, had been "more than realized."

The case would not be presented, he explained, as the application of any single road, as the question did not depend either upon the prosperity of the strongest road or the needs of the weakest, but upon the return of the prosperity light. of all the roads."

meats and packing house products, coal, practically all the animals. hay, fruits, vegetables and cotton piece goods were named by the attorney as the principal commodities 'upon which the advance was sought. These, he said, had high water following the melting of the negligent in turning in the fire alarm. been treated separately "with a view of weather turn warm and the snow go off



FIRE ON INNER decrease rates in times of prosperity and raise them in times of business depression. Such action, he said, has never en considered TRAFFIC HALTED Only Two of the Defenses Near En-IN WIDE AREA BY trance to the Dardanelles DRIFTS OF SNOW

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Schaff said it would be impracticable to

CHICAGO, March 4 .- The hearing of the it has extended far up into South Dakota application of the western railroads to the and south into central Kansas. In Boneission for an steel and the Rosebud country of South increase in freight rates, designed, it is Dakpta the Northwestern reports two feet

Extends to Casper.

Around Spencer, Butte, Anoka and Niorars reports, tell off twenty-eight to thirty inches of new snow and more fail-C. Wright, general solicitor of the ing. On the main line to the Black Hills text of the disputch follows: The bombardment of the inner forts of morning. Ten big warships took part in e railroads. Clifford Thorne, chairman the Iowa State Railway commission, Rapid City. the operations. According to a British officer, only two of the Turkish forts re-

On the Burlington's main lines across main intact. Allied landing parties found Nebrasks and the branches up state and the charred remains of soldiers in the along the Union Pacific the same condidamaged forts, showing that the Turks tions maintain as along the Northwestern. had burned their dead before evacuating Everywhere there has been a continuous the positions." Turks Belittle Damage Reports.

Nebraska lins a Plenty.

BERLIN, March 4 .- (Via London.)-At-The morning report to the railroads in taches of the Turkish embassy here prodicated eighteen inches to two feet of snow at Ravenna, Sargent, Kearney, feas to be unconcerned regarding the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts by Hastings, Stromsburg, Burwell, St. Paul, the great allied fleet. They declare the Loup City, O'Neill, McCook, Ericson, fortifications are impregnable, that the Red Cloud, Republican City, Oxford, landing of troops at the entrance to the Arapahoe, Holdrege, Superior, Edgar, straits is impossible and that any at-Nelson, Alma, Trenton, Bloomington and a dozen other places, with two feet to the shore of the Gulf of Saros would retwo and one-half through castern Coloquire more men than the ailles can concentrate, leaving out of consideration the

strong Turkish forces stationed at all threatened points. The Constantinople correspondent of the Frankfurther Zeitung sends his paper an interview with Enver Pashs, in which the chief of the Turkish general staff asserted, the roads had not earned what inches to two feet of snow covers all of is said to have declared that the damage northern Kansas and in many localities to the outer forts was less than had been reported, but that these forts are the oldest of the entire line and their early

Annuls Freight Trains.

On the St. Joseph road General Man- serious attack were made upon the ager Stenger upon reaching Omaha is- Dardanelles. The allied fleet, he desued orders to annul all freight trains clared, has yet to reach the real line of until the storm ceases. The passenger defense trains will be kept moving as long as

Nowhere in Nebraska, according to reports to the railroads, is the temperature low. Temperatures range from 24 to 36 close to the thawing point that the snow is very damp and heavy.

possible.

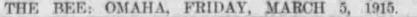
Twenty-nine suits claiming aggregate Railroad officials who have to do with damages of \$240,000 from four subsidiary the live stock end of the business assert companies of the Western Union Telethat unless a blinnard should follow the graph company were filed at Edwardsstorm cattle and sheep losses will be ville, Ill, yesterday by Morris & Co., They assert that everywhere packers and twenty-eight insurance comthrough the range country there is an Grain, grain products, live stock, fresh abundance of rough feed and shelter for defendants received notice of the suits. panies, it became known here today when The suits are an outgrowth of a fire

Fear High Water.

What the railroad men fear most is City on July 7, 1912, and allege that the high water following the melting of the establishing a more equitable relation of quickly the result would be high water, which unquestionably would do a great any notices have been filed. The insurance agrapantes sue for \$5,000

Railroad trainmen coming in from the Are You Constipated Why suffer. Take a dose of Dr. King's east assert that heavy snows fell all over lowa last night, extending beyond the New Life Pills tonight. You will feel Mississippi river, and that when they fine tomorrow. Only Sc. All druggists. passed over the lines it was still snowing. -- Advertisement

Trains Are Stalled. HASTINGS, Neb., March 4.-(Special) Telegram.)-All records for snowfall in central Nebraska have been broken, fifty-



Underwood-Simmons Tariff, Federal FORTS CONTINUES Reserve and Panama Tolls Acts Most Important.

> ADMINISTRATION BILLS FAIL WASHINGTON, March 4-The Sixty

third congress, first under complete domination of the democratic party since 1895, ended today at noon.

LONDON, March 4 .- The allied It had been in almost continuous ses sion since President Wilson's inauguration fleets this (Thursday) morning resumed their bombardfent of the session called by the president April 7. inner forts of the Dardanelles, ac-1913, the congress has worked actually 637 daya. cording to a dispatch received by

Much important legislation was accomthe Reuter Telegraph company from plished, but much contemplated, some of of \$55,000,000 for the Panama canal strip its correspondent at Athens. The it hard pressed by the president and was held in by the foreign relations com party leaders, was left undone. Fore-

most in the enactments of the Sixtythe Dardanelles was resumed Thursday third congress were: The Underwood-Simmons tariff act, Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

The federal reserve act, reorganising the currency system. Anti-trust laws to supplement the Sherman act, including the Clayton law and of the life saving and revenue cutter

who violate business regulations and the ment of registration of and imposing spelatter establishing a government insti- ciel taxes upon all dealers, manufacturtution to aid in keeping business within ers or importers of oplum, or its dethe law, Repeal of the Panama canal tolls exemption for American coast-wise ship-

ping Act directing the building at a cost of \$55,000,000 of a government railroad to the

mineral fields of Alaska. Act to regulate cotton exchanges and cotton future mics.

A special internal revenue tax, com monly called the "war tax." A government war risk insurance bu reau to insure American ships against the hazards of war, and an act providing for the transfer of foreign-owned or built

ships to American registry. Measures that Falled. Of those measures which failed of en-

ctment or could not be considered for reduction always had been expected if a lack of time, the following are regarded by democratic leaders as paramount. Bill for government purchase or charte of transoceanic ships for the establish ment of an American merchant marine which encountered the most stubborn filibuster in the history of the senate

created an insurgent movement in the nocratic ranks and held up general gislation for weeks of the last session. The immigration bill, including a lit eracy test for admission of allens, which passed both houses, was vetoed by President Wilson and failed by a narrow margin to repass the house on a motion

to overturn the veto. Conservation measures urged by president to provide a new system for leasing of water power sites and a leasing system to open the mineral resources of the country. in the Morris company plant at Kansas Bill to enlarge the measure of Philip-

pine self-government and to extend promise of ultimate independence to Filipino people, a measure which passed the house and was approved by a senate ommittee

Regulation by the Interstate Commerc mmission of the issue of railroad ecurities, originally a part of the adinistration's anti-trust program. Rural credits legislation contemplating the establishment of a system of farm mortgage loan banks, persistently urged

general legislativo bills covering a wide for reorganization of the army. British newspapers are suffrage. Proposed constitutional amend- public opinion. ments precipitated two of the most ex-

WORK OF WILSON'S CONGRESS | were in frequent conferences and much tions which might have disturbed international tranquility. Early in the sea sion general arbitration treaties with several great foreign powers were renewed for five-year periods and twenty-six peace commission treaties providing for investigation of international disputes before resort to arms were negotiated and ratified. A treaty to enforce the regulations adopted by the London Safety at Sea conference was ratified last December, but with an amendment making reservations which came too late for other powers to consider, thus preventing enreement of the convention. A treaty two years ago. Beginning with an extra with Nicaragua providing for acquirement of the Nicaraguan canal route and naval stations for \$2,000,000 was left unratified by the senate and the pending treaty with Columbia directing payment

> mittee Closing Session Largely Wasted. The closing session of the congress was

almost wholly devoted to appropriation with the income tax, which replaced the bills, the ship purchase bill fight, and a few general measures. Aside from appropriations, about the only important legislative enactments included the creation of the const guard by consolidation Federal Trade commission act, the former services; reclassification of grades in the providing for punishment of individuals diplomatic and consular service; requirerivatives, and the creation of the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. With the fail of the gavel today many senators and congressmen, long national fugures, passed into private life. Senators who retire are: Root of New York, Burton, Ohio; Perkins, California; Thornton, Louisiana; Bristow, Kansas; Steto penalize dealings in purely speculative phenson, Wisconsin; Crawford, South Dakota: Camden, Kentucky, and White, of Representative Underwood Alabama. leaves the house to go to the senate. Scores of representatives in the house give way to new members.

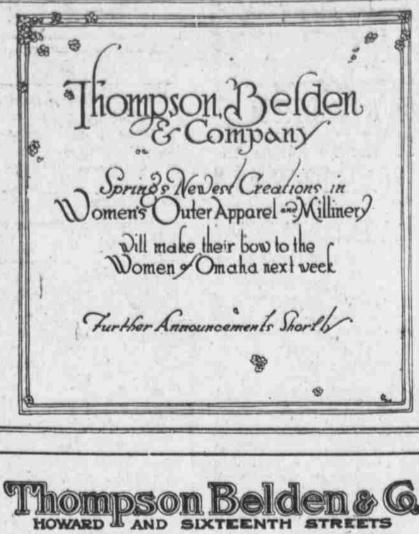
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RUSSIANS GAIN GREAT VICTORY NEAR BALIGORAD

(Continued from Page One.) show all the colors of the triple intent by the addition of the Russian cruiser Askold, undoubtedly have turned the straits of the Dardanelles into an inferno. which, according to British and French claims, has spelled destruction to the Turkish defenses. On the other hand, reports from Constantinople deride this activity as ineffective. The Turks, however, do admit the destruction of the outer forts, which they say they expected, but they declare the inner works impregnable. The Turks rely on mines, but mine sweepers of the allies have been active within a mile and a half of the Turks forts, destroying a mine field discovered by a sharp-eyed aviator.

Among other reinforcements said now to make the fleet off the Dardanelles number over fifty ships, is the British battleship Canopus, last heard of as anchored off the Falkland Islands. In the Falkland Islands fight the Canopus fired the first shot at the German squadron under the command of Admiral von Spee. The only craft which, according to French and British authorities, has been compelled to withdraw from the action is the British torpedo boat de stroyer Zephyr, built twenty years ago. been compelled to withdraw from the action is the British torpedo boat de-

Neutrals Await Lead of U. S. came of subjects died with the end of In the political field it would appear the congress, among them, measures for that other neutrals are awaiting the lead federal road improvement, general water- of the United States before embarking on way development, reorganization of the any course of action imposed by Premier civil service, to prohibit importation of Asquith's announcement of the retaliaconvict made goods, and several measures tory policy of the allies. Meanwhile expressing The last session of the congress was some uneasiness because of the unfavornotable, teo, for the failure of two great able impression the premier's announceissues, national prohibition and woman ment seems to have made upon American



A General Clearing Friday From Thursday's Big Dress Goods Sale

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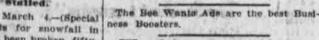
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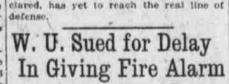
WOMEN'S SLIPOVER GOWNS_Short sleeves.

NAINSOOK GOWNS-Low neck, short sleeves, trimmed with lace or embroidery-





Washington Affairs



EAST ST. LOUIS, I h., March 4-

Are Intact.

LANDING PARTIES EXPORE RUINS

but that would not have provided-facili- four inches having fallen this winter up ties far enough in the future and a bet- to noon, and it is still anowing. A Mister jocation was necessary. First esti- souri Pacific train is stalled near Juniata mates ran in \$15,000,000, but with con- and no trains are moving on the north end struction of the station came requirements of the Grand Island road. The Burlingfor viaducts and subways' and soon the ton main line is open, but trains are runestimate was \$25,000,000. ning late.

"The final cost will be \$50,000,000, This. like the one projected at St. Paul, was a matter of local pride. The public wants Telegram.)-The snowstorm which has railway stations that will add to the raged here for the last two days de-

Mr. Thorne outlined the basis of the shippers' opposition to the proposed in-creases. He asserted that sufficient time and is drifting badly tonight. had not been allowed for an investigation by the shippers and that later more time time would be asked.

"No case between private citizens ever tried before this commission, or before any tribunal in recorded history, has involved such a stupendous sum of money as that which is at stake in this proceeding," said Mr. Thorne.

"Though our investigation has not been sleted, that which we have to offer will show conclusively as to representative railroad companies in this territory

"That the credit of these western railway companies is better than that of entative companies in any other line of business in the United States.

Depression General. "That the depression of the last year was not due to freight or passenger rates, was not peculiar to the railroad industry. but applied to business generally throughout the world.

"That, disregarding extremely prosperous and extremely lean years, which come to all business, these western rallway companies during recent ordinarily normal years have carned more both saist and net per mile of line and per train than over in their history.

That these companies have ben able to maintain their properties during recent years at a higher standard than ever before in their history, and they have by Great Britain and its ailles in pursuit been also set aside large sums of money of their announced inteintion of cutting and outside investments. provements which should have been made from cap-Ital.

Who Shall Pay?

"Terrely stated, the insues in this case center around the one question: Who shall pay for the additions and betterterest demands better service, safer transportation and improved facilities, but it seized, the ships would be released. also demands that the railroads themselves shall build these improvements and WOULD REPEAL ILLINOIS the public will then pay a reasonable return on their value. We want these betterments, but justice demands that we shall not pay for their construction and then pay an annual roturn to the railroads on what we build."

The first witness called to the stand was C. F. Schaff, president of the Missouri, Ranses & Texas Rallway company. Mr. Schaft said the proposed increases would give the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road an additional revenue of \$450,660 He said the margin between the income and revenues of all the roads involved has so constantly diminished until little rev-sure remains for the railroada.

BelatrRICE, Neb., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The snowstorm which has
President Wilson will keep "open house" this morning from 9:30 to 10:20 o'clock a. m. at the White House to receive members of the senate and house with to bid him farewell before leaven ing for their homes. The president plans o'clock and remain there after congress adjourns to sign bills passed during the construction.

The provided stations that will add to the beauty of the city. But it all means burdens for the railroads without more income. In fact, it means greater expense, for the old stations could be maintained cheaper than the new ones."
Mr. Felton is to be cross-examined tomorrow.
Wasts More Time.
Mr. Thorne outlined the basis of the

Snow plows are being operated where possible. About a foot of snow has failen and is drifting badly tonight. Tieup is Threatened. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., March 4.—(Special Telegram.)—After having abated for a time snow again commenced failing throughout this section this afternoon and drifting badly. Early this afternoon diffi-culty was experienced in the movement of

U. S. TO INSIST ON DYES IF ENGLAND GETS THEM

WASHINGTON, March 4-The United States will insist on its right to get dyestuffs from Germany if England con tinues to do so. Although the president. of the Board of Trade in Parliament declined yesterday to commit his government to the right of American shippers to get dyestuffs it was declared here today on high authority that the United States would insist there should be no discrimination.

LONDON, March 4 .- Premier Asquith declined today to throw further light on the nature of the measures to be adopted off trade to and from Germany. Speaking in the House of Commons, the

premier said: The intention of the government will be apparent when the orders in council on the subject are published."

His remark was prompted by a queation whether, in case neutral ships carments to railroad property? The public in- ried goods to or from Germany, or of German ownership and these goods were

WOMAN SUFFRAGE LAW

SPRINGFIELD, III., March 4 -- A bill introduced today in the Illinois senate provides for the repeal of the women's suffrage law. #

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Department Orders

Cross-examined by Mr. Thorae, Mr. state Commerce commission on lumber rates from points in Arkanass and other states to Sloux City, Ia.

company's employes were

drifting badly. Early this afternoon diffi-culty was experienced in the movement of trains and street cars and tonight condi-tions rapidly are becoming worse, with nearly a complete tievp in prospect. The storm is one of the worst of the winter, but the temperature continues quite moderate, being well above zero.

argo of cotton or other non-contraband article should be selzed and detained the government might be held liable for the nsurance.

BURNING PIMPLES ON ARMS AND LEGS

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failed to help me. I had the ecsema for five months and then I used Cuticura Scap and Ointment. I washed my arms and logs with the Soap, then I applied the Ointmest. They stopped the liching and burning and gave me good nights' rest. In four months was well." (Signed) Benjamin Schedel, Oct. 15, 1914.

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iting legislative battles in the history of the House of Representatives both measares failing to receive a necessary twothirds vote.

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