QUEEN DECEIVES WOMEN ON SHIP so bad as to prevent the men from walk-

Rescue Expected by Valencia Victims.

ALL STAY ABOARD AND PERISH

Captain Cousins Abandons Them to Terrible Fate.

SEA WAS NOT BOISTEROUS

Chief Cook Hancock Tells Special Commission That Raft and Boat Were Worked Clear of the Wreck Without Difficulty.

BY E. W. WRIGHT, SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 15.—(Staff Cor. respondence.)-The trend of the Valencia wreck investigation, now being conducted by a special commission, indicates that considerable explanation will be demanded of Captain Cousins and his friends of kindred nerve on the steamer Queen. Boatswain McCarty and Chief Cook Hancock were the star witnesses at today's session McCarty's examination being taken up where he left off yesterday. He was in charge of the first boat to leave the wreck, and Hancock was in charge of the last raft to get away. Second Officer Peterson, who testified yesterday, was in charge of

the first raft. Each of these prominent actors in the awful sea tragedy tells his story in a different vein, but standing out clear and distinct in the testimony of each of these men is the cold, hard fact that rescuing or rafts, had kny attempt been made to send them out, could have safely reached the Valencia and saved some o

Indifference of Rescuers.

The alleged sudden change in the weath er does not explain the brutal indifference of the rescoors to the fate of the perish

cue, but vigorous questioning by the commission has brought the evidence out quite

clearly. Second Officer Peterson admitted yester day that a boat properly handled could have reached the Valencia. Beatswain McCarty stated under oath today that he could, without much difficulty, have returned safely to the wreck with the ordiship's boat with which he escaped, and Hancock testified today that they could have pulled the raft on which they escaped back to the Valencia without taking a very serious risk.

Testimony Is Corroborated.

These sworn statements, which can hardly fall to place the alleged rescuers in an extremely bad light, are flanked by a mass of corroborative testimony. What Captain Cousins and his friends on the Captain Cousins and his friends on the dence. The line was found to be perfect-comfortable steamer Queen will have to ly sound. No night session of the special explain is how ordinary boats and rafts launched from the Valencia under the arrival of an extra stenographer. worst possible circumstances could make good weather on a sea which the men or the Queen contended was too rough for launching a boat or a raft.

Boatswain McCarty resumed his testimony this morning. He said that as soon as daylight disclosed the impossibility of landing on the beach, Captain Johnson asked him to call for volunteers to man the only remaining boat and try to get ashore and send for assistance. He men to accompany him and cleared the wreck and pulled out into deep water without any trouble.

Sea Smooth Near Wreck.

A remarkable feature of his testimony was the statement that when only 50 yards past the bow of the Vafencia he found the sca smooth enough for him to found the sea smooth enough for him to after the manner in which the beef trust turn north and run parallel with the leaders have been dealt with, and action beach. As the Valencia was lying within to this end immediately following the 150 or 200 yards of the beach, it is thus aptermination of the packers' cases now in parent that the sea was not breaking over 300 yards from shore.

At the time McCarty left the Valencia he was under the impression that the steamer was on Flattery rocks, and the volunteers worked with a will in the be-lief that they were going to Neah Bay for assistance. As has been related lief that they were going to Neah Bay for assistance. As has been related previousassistance. As has been related previous-ly, they landed at Pachena Bay and of the investigation has been to find out vandered around the woods until they struck the trail leading to Cape Beale. On reaching that point McCarty sent out

a call for assistance, Samuel Hancock, chief cook on the Valencia, has been in many a wreck, and Oil Company inquiry instituted by the his familiarity with such scenes may be State of Missouri went on for a few minpartially responsible for his statement that there was not much excitement. He remained on board for two hours after the Queen came in sight and then decided to leave on a raft, as the condition of the steamer was becoming serious.

Deceived by the Queen.

Hancock asked the stewardess to try and coax some of the women passengers to go on the raft, but as the Queen was plain sight they all thought they would be safer on the Valencia, and resed to leave. The chief engineer was of the same opinion, and 10 men were all that could be induced to leave the

Hancock testified that the sea was no

than when McCarty got away with his was experienced in getting clear of the Valencia, and good headway was made in working out toward the Queen. There was a long rolling swell, but it was no

After rowing for about two hours, in which they worked four miles of shore, they saw the Queen abandon the scene again, beaching her on Vancouver Island Senate Factions Not Ready at midnight. Two of the men on board became insane and jumped overboard and third died of exposure

Lack of Discipline on Steamer.

The burden of the questioning today seemed to be for the purpose of ascerossible for lives to have been saved by other boats had an attempt been made Incidental to this, more evidence of tack ipline kept coming to light. Charles Brown, seaman, the only one who has ye admitted that he knew to which boat he was assigned, spotted the credit thus carned by stating that he abandoned his own boat without orders and went to an-

There is a persistent rumor that there was no lookout in the bow when the vessel struck, or if there was one, he was asleep. Nearly every witness has testifled that the noise of the surf could be beard quite plainly as soon as they came on deck. As the vessel was proceeding slowly, it is argued that the lookout, had he been awake, should have heard the breakers before the vessel struck.

Idke Wreck of St. Paul.

Hancock was chief cook on the steamship St. Paul when she was wrecked last Pail. After leaving the stand he stated that there was a striking similarity in the acenes aboard the two vessels imme diately after they got on the rocks. Both disasters happened at night, in a fog, and in both cases the water came in so rapidly that the lights were extinguished. In the case of the St. Paul, the excellent discipline on board prevented the lowering of a single boat until daylight, and no lives were lost. The Valencia, of course, was in a more dangerous locality than the St. Paul, but had discipline beer maintained and no boats lowered until daylight, and with passengers and crew under control, the disaster would neve have demanded a hearing by a special Government commission,

TULE LIFE RAFT IS TESTED

Twenty-Two Men Sustained by Craft That Saved Lives. SEATTLE, Feb. 15 .- The Federal Co SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—The Federal Commissioners conducting the rehearing of the Valencia investigation are attempting to find out the manner in which the Valencia was handled when she struck the rocks. One of the facts brought out is that the Valencia was in the habit of overrunning her course while on route much on former trips, and that her log was as a rule, off about 5 per cent.

Second Officer Peterson, C. Brown and Boatswain McCaraby have been called.

second Officer Peterson, C. Brown and Boatswain McCarthy have been called. Peterson was on the stand three hours to day. His testimony was monity confined to the navigation of the ship. Boatswain McCarthy testified that several of the vessel's life-preservers had been concept but vigorous questioning by the care.

a emphasized the fact that no attempt was made to protect the

from passengers.

This afternoon the members of the commission made a practical test of the liferaft on which Chief Cook Samuel Hancock and nine others left the wreck the Valencia. Twenty-two sailors of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company manned the raft and it bore up their weight. The carrying capacity of the raft is 18 per-

The afternoon session of the special investigation was taken up with the examination of Chief Cook Hancock, Frank Richley, fireman's mess boy: George Bela-gous, Greek coal-passer, and Mark Steinzler, fireman. No new evidence was devel-

At the inspector's investigation a per-tion of one of the life lines fired from the Valencia's Lyle gun was submitted as eviestigation was held, owing to the non-

GOVERNMENT WILL INDICT OF-FICERS OF STANDARD.

had but little difficulty in getting five Another Monopoly and Rebating Prosecution Will Follow Case

Against Beef Trust. PITTSBURG, Feb. 15.-The Post tomor-

row will say: Indictments of Standard Oil and rall-road officials by the Federal authorities progress in Chicago, are the possible results of the investigation of railroad rates by the Government, the final and one of the most important steps of which was finished in Pittsburg yesterday.

the relations of the railroads and the oil trust in the matter of rebates.

Another Standard Man Hiding.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.-The Standard utes tonight. Max Palmedo, a subpens-server from Missouri, said he had been to the townhouse and also to the country estate of Walter Jennings at Cold Spring Harbor, and was unable to serve him. The hearing then was adjourned until to morrow evening.

May Grant Old-Age Pensions.

LONDON, Feb. 15.-While declining to make rash promises, Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Chancellor of the Ex-chequer Asquith this morning declare themselves in entire sympathy with a deputation which called on them to advothe same opinion, and 10 men were hat could be induced to leave the urges that the scheme should be comprehensive and include all citizens, men or women, the money being found by means of imperial taxation.

ON RATE MEASURE

for Preliminary Test of Strength.

ATTITUDE OF DEMOCRATS

President Consulted by Conservatives on Court Review Provision. Cullom May Return to Give Deciding Vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- Agreement to on a railroad rate bill tomorrow in the Senate committee on interstate commerce is an issue that neither faction on the question of judicial review of orders of the Interstate Commerce Comm seems inclined to force. Neither knows the strength of the other, and unquestionably the Democratic members of the committee are the balance of power. Neither of the Republican factions has issued a formal statement setting forth their differences, but the Democrats, in an authorized statement from have made it clear that "an adequate must be reported or the minority will have a measure of its own. In this statement, however, it is admitted that the Democrats are divided on the question of judicial review.

Much Depends on Cullom.

The members of the committee insisting upon an amendment to the House bill-Elkins, Aldrich, Foraker, Kean and Crane-do not believe the amendments providing for any change in the court features of the bill can be voted upon to norrow, Dolliver and Clapp, the chamvote. They desire to have Cullors paired against amendment, but the conservative faction will not permit this. If the vote is postponed, as seems likely, Cuilom may return to Washington before a

vote is taken. cerning his position, the conservatives admitting the claim that he is against an amendment that would suspend an order of the Commission pending a review by the courts, but insisting that he is not opposed to a more moderate amendment. The positions will be outlined clearly tomorrow, even though a vote is not ob

Attitude of President.

Late tonight it was stated that, so far, no agreement has been reached on any amendment, despite the fact that numerthe Cabinet and Senators to prepare a compromise draft.

Aldrich and Allison and Secretary Taft heavily, conferred with the President today con cerning the alleged necessity of an amendment providing for judicial review. The Secretary of War has joined forces with the conservative Senators in declaring that such an amendment is required to make the bill constitutional. Attorney-General Moody does not agree to this. It is said that the President an nounced today that he would like to see the amendment to be proposed and submit it to the Attorney-General before he indorses any proposition to amend the House bill.

What Democrats Will Do.

Bailey, who is the minority floor leader in the absence of Gorman, today explained the attitude of Democratic Se ators. He said that, if a bill is presented by the Republicans which, in the opinion of the Democrats, is inndequate to meet the demands of the situation, the Demo crats both in the Senate and in the committee will not support it. In the event of a division of the Republicans, the Democrats will support the bill presented by the faction offering that which comes nearest meeting the demands of the minority. The Texas Senator says that if lican source, then the Democrats will present a bill of their own.

Include Express and Sleepers.

From the same authority it is learned that in any bill presented all the Demo crats will unite in supporting a provision

sion. Most of the Democrats will insist that Pullman cars also shall be included.

Coal Operators Denounce Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-A delegation of prominent coal operators from the West and Southwest waited on Senato Elkins, chairman of the committee or interstate commerce today, and entered a protest against any rate legislation giving to the Interstate Commerce Com mission power over rates except with provision for the review of the acts of he commission in the courts. The cou men also made the statement that, "judging the future by the past record of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Hepburn bill as passed by the House means demoralization, retrogression and

confiscation. OREGON IS NOT THE WORST

Hitchcock Says Louisiana Leads in Land Fraud Cases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-Light was thrown on the land-fraud investigation by Secretary Hitchcock at an executive hear-ing before a subcommittee of the House appropriation committee today. In con-nection with his estimates of \$30,000 for a continuance of the prosecutions. Mr. Hitchcock explained that 600 indictments and 600 convictions already have been obtained by the Interior Department, in 15

To the great surprise of the sub To the great surprise of the success-mittee, Mr. Hitchook said that jouisiana leads in the number of land frauds uncov-ered by his department, and has more than Oregon, Washington or any of the alates which are supposed to be the close offenders. California also stome a long

AWFUL DEVASTATION BY SOUTH AMERICAN EARTHQUAKES.

Hundreds Perish, Survivors Flee to Mountains, Tidal Waves Overwhelm Ports of Ecuador.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Feb. 15 .- The first shock of the earthquake which caused so much damage and loss of life in the province of Esmeraldas was felt at 1) o'clock on January 11, the pions of the House bill in its present disturbance continuing at short interform, are not disposed to insist upon a vals until February 6. The inhabitants. panic-stricken, abandoned their homes and families and are still living in the open sir, fearing a repetition of the

In the neighborhood of Port Limones, four small islands disappeared. These islands were inhabited by fishermen, who escaped in small boats, in waich they were at sea for three days until they were at sea for three days until the water became sufficiently calm to mable them to reach the mainland.

The city of Exmetaldas was pearly foundated by a ridal wave, which entered the port, flooding the principal streets. All the inhabitants ran for the mountains in the neighborhood.

All the towns in the Provinces of Exmeraldas and Manabi were greatly damaged, especially, Rio Verde, Camarones, La Tola, Limones, Borbon and Pingaugi, the most of the inhabitants of which are homeless.

of which are homeless.

At the Colombian towns of Mos-

quera. San Juan and Domingortiz more our conferences have been held during than 300 persons perished. Antioquia the day among the President, members of and other Colombian departments suffered heavy damage. At Tuquerras five houses. Manizales suffered

FIFTY KILLED IN VILLAGES Steamer Brings Particulars of Ruin

Due to Tidal Wave. PANAMA. Feb. 15.—Confirmation of reports of loss of life by a tidal wave following a submarine earthquake on January 31 has been brought here by the captain of the steamer Quito, which has arrived here from Guayaquil.

On January 21 several coast villages in the Department of Cauca were destroyed and more than 50 persons were killed or drowned. The cable repair communication with Buena Ven-

FIRE RAGES IN MINE SHAFT

Miners at Ouray Have Narrow Es cape: Mules All Perish.

OURAY, Colo., Feb. 13.—Fire is raging in shaft No. 1 of the Revenue tunnel, near here. It began shortly before change of shifts at 2 o'clock this mornnority. The Texas Senator says that if ing, and smoke quickly filled the portion no adequate bill comes from any Republof the tunnel in which shaft No. 1 located. A number of miners had nar row escapes from asphyxiation. Nearly all of the mules at work in that pertion of the mine were suffocated. The fire has been held in the shaft.

where it started, and it is not thought that it will spread. It has not been necthat express companies shall be placed under the Interstate Commerce Commis-

GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE VALENCIA DISASTER

Oregonian.

Viceroys Now Take Lead in Enmity to the White "Barbarians."

ENCOURAGED BY PEKIN

Japan Believed to Welcome Trouble as Opportunity to Exact Concessions-Shanghaf May Enlarge Police Force.

LONDON. Feb. 18.-The correspondent at Shanghai of the Standard telegraphs

News has reached here of another attack on a foreign mission at Nganking, Province of Neunhwei, on the left bank of the Yangtse Kinng River. No loss of

life is reported. Yesterday an attempt was made here by a trusted Chinese servant to murde the secretary of the French Municipal Council while he was asleep. The attempt was frustrated and the assailant was ar-

Many of the great provincial viceroys are displaying a marked anti-foreign attitude, which they would hardly dare so openly to assume unless they thought that Pekin approved their conduct. In the foreign settlements of treaty ports efforts are being made quietly to recover

privileges granted to foreigners. In some quarters Japan is believed to view the possibility of armed intervention being necessary with equanimity, since it would provide her with occasion to obtain from China what she failed to exact from

In Shanghai two additional companie of volunteers are being raised. It is reported that the Municipal Council favors strengthening the Sikh police force by 500 men. Unfortunately, it is at this juncture that it has been decided to reduce the British China squadron,

MARCHES AGAINST BANDITS

Yuan Ski Kai Makes Good Use of New Army.

LONDON, Feb. 16,-The Tribune's Pekin rrespondent telegraphs that Yuan Ski Kal, commander of the Chinese forces, has moved an expedition of over 3000 men. with 24 guns, from Paotung to Chichau against Chinese bandits.

complish Its Repeal. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Feb. 15.-in response to a request for his views on the Chinese boycott. Senator Fulton today made the following an The real purpose of the Chinese engaged

in the poycott of American goods is to cure the repeal of the exclusion law, doubt the manner in which the law has been executed has in some instances given just cause of complaint and tended to inment engendered by the law, but the real naimus is opposition to the law as a whole and the purpose is to enforce its repeal. To that we cannot second. It is of great in-terest and concern to us that cordial and friendly relations with China shall be mainfriendly relations with China shall be main tained and our trade and commerce with her increased, but, if such conditions can only be purchased by sacrificing the rights and imperiling the welfare of American le bor, the price is greater than we can afford

modify the present exclusion law. So to de would work great hardship on and be un-pardonable injustice to our own wage-earn-ers. We of the Pacific Coast have learned in the achool of experience how serious a menage to the peace, prosperity and morals of the community is a large influx of Chinese coolies and we will never consent to making such conditions again

PREDICTS GREAT ATROCITIES Eye-Witness of Shanghai Riots Describes Event.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- "The hatree of foreigners among the Chinese is such that only a leader is needed to incite the natives to atrocities worse than those of the Boxer uprising. I expect an uprising within the next few months. The for eigner who visits Chriton does so at the risk of his life, and in the smaller interior

Puget Sound Navy-Yard,

by Americans is impossible, and the boycott is enforced more rigidly than ever." Such are statements of C. M. Young, an eye-witness of the recent riot in Shanghal, who arrived here yesterday from the Orient on the steamer Doric. Young says that 200 Chinese were killed in the riot in Shanghai and that only the presence of the foreign gunboats prevented the wholesale slaughter of Americans and Englishmen. "The riot in Shanghai," he said, "had its inception because of the action of

the root in Shanghai, he said, had its inception because of the action of the British Consular Court, December 18. For several days all foreigners were compelled to carry rifles for protection.

"A Chinese woman, accused of trafficking in slave girls, was haied before the Consular Court, and sent to jail. The Chinese workers of the consular Court, and sent to jail. Chinese protested, and a riot started.

"The rioters ran from street to street, searching for foreigners. Revolvers and titles were used by the Americans, and the Chinese auswered with volleys of stones. Many were hurt, but I heard of the facilities appear to he Americans. no fatalities among the Americans or English. One Englishwoman was attacked and dragged by the hair. She was rescued by countrymen

"One group of foreigners, driven to bay, was compelled to kill six assailants, "The Chinese Government officials, of course, were powerless to put an end to the uprising, and it was only the war-ships that brought the affair to a speedy termination.

termination.

"Trade conditions in China at present are frightful. Not one Chinese merchant would look at my goods. It is absolutely useless to endeavor to sell American manufactured goods to the Chinese."

In Canton the boycott is most rigid. Messages from Chinese merchants in San Francisco, urging on the boycott, are pasted on the walls. Beyond the anti-foreign artistion in Canton there is an anti-dvagitation in Canton there is an anti-dy-nastic movement, and Hunan braves were drilling for an uprising against the present dynasty.

GUNBOATS SENT TO CANTON British Go to Suppress Revolt at Sunning City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 -- Officers of the Doric bring news of the dispatch of two British gunboats to Canton just before their departure from the Orient. The gunboats Moorhen and Sandpiper lying at Samshul, steamed up to Canton inder secret orders. When the Doric left Shanghai, it was reported there had been an uprising in Sunning district, near Canton, and the magistrate and many people killed. Rebels had gathered in force and were marching on Sunning City. Inhabi-tants of the district were fleeing to Macao.

Wood May Command in China. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15 .- The United

States Army transport Sherman sailed to-day for Honofulu, Guam and the Philip-pines with 100 cabin passengers, a few troops and 400 tons of military supplies.

Among the passengers were Major-Generals Brooke and Weston, the latter going to Manila under sealed orders. In Army circles it is surmised that General Brooke may succeed General Leonard Wood in case the latter should be ordered to China. Colonel William S. Patten, who for some time has been Quartermaster of the De-partment of California, also sailed on the Sherman to assume a similar position the Department of the Philippines.

Balfour May Have Fight for Seat. LONDON, Feb. IX—An urgent meeting of the City Liberal Association has been summoned for tomorrow to consider the situation consequent on ex-Premier Balagainst Chinese bandits.

four's latest attitude regarding tariff reform. It is said that he may yet have to fight for his seat.

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ON FOREST POLICY

Heyburn Rallies Others to His Support.

OPPOSITION TO NEW RESERVES

Movement to Take Away Power From President.

HE HAS SUSPENDED ACTION

enate Will Decide Whether Congress Should Exercise Power of Creating Reserves - Both East and West Divided.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 15 .- Before the close of the present session of Congress an effort will be made by a number of Western Senators to secure the enactment of legislation curtailing the power of the President and the Forest Service in the matter of the creation and administration of forest reserves. A number of Western men in the Senate are in partial sympathy with Sena tor Heyburn, of Idaho, but none is as radical as he, and not one of the number would go to the extreme which is urged by him. Nevertheless, there is a very marked disapproval of the manner in which reserves are being created and controlled, and it is quite possible that some form of legislation may be enacted which will, in a measure, restrain the Administration in the enforcement of its present forest policy.

No Senator except Mr. Heyburn would abolish the Forest Service or abandon all the existing reserves, but quite a number have come to the conclusion that the reserve area is adequate to meet the demands of the present as well as the future, and these Senators would put a stop to the extension of the reserve area. except by act of Congress. This is one of the things for which Mr. Heyburn con

Argument Against Reserves.

The main argument advanced agains the creation of new forest reserves is the claim that they retard development; that they restrain legitimate settlement; that they materially reduce the taxable area of tually disabling certain counties, and in this way, it is claimed, do more harm than good. The opponents of the forest policy do not questions the benefits that come from reserves of moderate area. Attack on mission in China; Shanghai in-creases police; British send gunboats, of the forests and a protection of the Page 1. water supply, but they believe that such a policy, when carried out as fully as the President and Forest Service have planned, would work injury, and it is against this extension that they protest. These Senators would enact the Hey-

burn bill, or some similar measure, taking from the President the power to create forest reserves and giving that power solely to Congress. The enactment of such a law would not put a stop to the creation of reserves, but it would have a restraining effect and would mean that reserves would be created with less

frequency and in smaller areas. President Will Suspend Action.

The President is not in sympathy with this movement, for it is a direct slap at his own policy and his own Administration. He would prefer to go ahead with the creation of reserves whenever and wherever it is shown that such reserves would be of benefit to the community generally, either as a protection to sources of water supply or as a protection to the timber itself. Nevertheless, inasmuch as Congress has already questioned the President's right to create forest reserves at will, and has questioned his right to make such regulations as are now in force in every reserve in the West, it has been decided to hold back new proclamations and wait to see what Congress intends to do. If Congress shall deny the President the right to create reserves, the Administration will be bound by that enactment, but if, after due consideration, Congress rejects all bills of this character, the Administration will be justified in concluding that its course has the approval of Congress, and the old order of things will be resumed.

How Senators Will Line Up.

Before any forestry law is passed upon by Congress. Eastern Senators will be drawn into the discussion and the subject will be fully aired. Op to this time only the one side has been heard in the Senate. the side of the opposition. There are Western Senators who approve the existing policy just as strongly as Mr. Heyburn denounces it; these Senators will be heard at the proper time. And some Eastern Senators will have something to offer, as well. Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, while he has no forest reserves in his state, has demonstrated his sympathy with the President's policy, and will come to the aid of the Administration at the proper time. Mr. Lodge, a close friend of the President, will probably come out in defense of the existing policy and practice. So will other Eastern Senators who have heretofore shown not the least interest in

forestry matters. The opposition also counts on the sup-port of Eastern Senators, and Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin is regarded as

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