Chicago Bending Every Effort to Save Children.

ALL PUBLIC GATHERING STOPPED

Aim is to Keep Scarlet Fever From Aiding Diphtheria-Epidemic Now on Decrease.

Chicago, Jan. 19 .- The fight to stay the progress of the scarlet fever and diphtheria epidemic in Chicago and adjoining suburbs was systematized today. Heroic efforts to save children from contagion were put forth by Chicago officials and by the authorities at Evanston Oak Park and all the other vious day. sections affected, as well as by authorities in other suburbs not yet visited by the epidemic, who are anxious to keep it from their midst.

In many sections there was a decided decrease in the number of new cases reported. The chief efforts of the health department were exerted to keep scarlet, fever from spreading in the southern end of the city, where diphtheria heretofore has been most prevalent.

While Commissioner of Health Whalen was appearing before the city council finance committee to ask that he be given money to employ 100 new medical inspectors, one of the most important steps in the crusade was taken inE vanston, where Dr. Williams R. Parkes advised residents to follow the example of Oak Park and discontinue all public gatherings until the crisis is passed.

Two deaths as a result of the epidemic the health department.

recorded by r. Spalding and 106 cases into the bay. were reported yesterday.

The health department records show there are 15 contagious disease cases in Irving Park and four cases of the disease in West Pullman. Five new cases of scarlet fever developed in Oak Park in the morning and were reported to the health department.

CONDITIONS IMPROVE.

Six Hundred Bodies Have Been Recovered in Kingston.

Kingston, Jan. 19 .- The streets of this city are now picketed with American guards. Admiral Evans, at the request of the British authorities, landed a force of marines from the battleships Missouri and Indiana. Six hundred bodies have been recov-

Dynamite is being used to clear away

the debris of shattered buildings.

The situation at Kingston seems to be improving. Order has been re-established and the work of burying the dead and caring for the injured is progressing on an organized basis. The work of sending in relief to the stricken city is progressing with energy.

Kingston is receiving supplies as fast as possible from the island of Jamaica itself. The American warships in the hatrbor have put on shore all the food stuffs and medical supplies they could spare, and the Jamaican authorities have taken charge of the distribution of all provisions in the city.

Wood on Forest Reserve.

Washington, Jan. 19. - Officers of the Forestry service today took what is believed to be an important step ground that she is acting under the towards relieving the fuel shortage in the West by issuing telegraphic orders from the school board. Witnesses will to forest superintendents directing be on hand to make affidavits to the exthem "in view of the fuel shortage, please post notices at local postoffices and make every effort to encourage the use of reserve timber." Officers of the service say that pres-

ent regulations favor the use of firewood taken from reserves at small cost and without delay, the requirements of the public being promptly met on the spot without the delay of red tape.

Drive Them Like Sheep.

New York, Jan. 19.-District Attorney Jerome told a committee of prominent clergymen at the Bible house today that the best way for them to assist him in his effort to break up "gamb- with the object of increasing the effiling and racing" in this state was to ciency of car service. The railroads get the assistance and backing of 1,000 entering Chicago have already consentchurches to appoint representatives to ed to the establishment of an experitake the fight to Albany. "There is mental clearing house. no way to deal with the legislature but to drive them," said Mr. Jerome, "for they fear public sentiment. They can be driven like sheep if we go at them right."

Food Supplied to Starving.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Captain Ross, chief of the Revenue service, has re- ident today to discuss car shortage. ceived a telegram from Captain Ains- They went over the subject generally worth, of the cutter Rush, who recently and urged the president to support a was sent to Yakatoga, Alaska, with bill proposing reciprocal demurrage, it provisions for a community supposed being their belief that this will materto be in great want, stating that all ne- ially aid in solving the problem. cessary relief had been furnished Three persons were brought away, and the remaining 37 were fully provisioned and were in no further danger from famine this winter.

guise of jute bags.

EPIDEMIC IN CHICAGO.

Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria Ram pant Among Children.

Chicago, Jan. 18 .- With 6,000 school children in Chicago and suburbs pros-trate with scarlet fever and diphtheria and the announcement from the state capital last night that smallpox and scarlet fever are practically epidemic throughout Illinois, the health authorities have awakened to the most serious condition they have experienced for years. Radical steps were taken at once in closing many schools, and, if the disease continues to spread, it may result in the closing of all places of entertainment and resorts where people congregate in large numbers.

Reports of new cases flooded into the health office with increasing rapidity. Seventy-six new cases of scarlet fever and 30 cases of diphtheria were reported within the city limits in three

In all 118 cases of contagious disases were reported to the Chicago health department yesterday, including cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria, against 107 reported the pre-

Dr. Herman Spalding, the city's contagious disease expert, declared there were about 3,000 cases of scarlet fever in the city at present and 2,000 cases of diphtheria. In Evanston and Oak Park there were probably 1,000 addi- the remaining state tide lands. tional cases.

In Evanston 4,550 pupils were bar red from school by order of Dr. William R. Parkers, of the Evanston board of health. In Oak Park 3,500 more children were barred. It is estimated that more than 25,000 pupils were kept home from schools in Chicago yesterday by the parents.

SINKING INTO SEA.

Ruined City of Kingston in Danger of Being Engulfed.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 18 .- Wireless messages received at the station were reported to the health department on Anastasia bay today by Chief Electoday. Sixty-four cases of scarlet fever trician Elkins say that Kingston is and 21 of diphtheria were reported to sinking gradually; that many holes and cracks 100 feet deep were formed Six cases of contagious diseases other by the earthquake, and that grave fears than scarlet fever and diphtheria were are felt that the entire city will slip

> Havana, Jan. 18. - Rear Admiral Evans, in a message to the cruiser Columbia here, states that a buge tidal wave has changed the coast line of Jamaica, leaving the entire south side of, Kingston under water.

> No bay is reported left, and the whole coast line is reported sinking.

> Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 18.-Thousands of persons were killed in the earthquake and the dead bodies are being taken from the debris by hundreds. The whole town is in ruins and the greater portion is still smoldering in ashes. The smell of burnt flesh pervades the air.

The earthquake came as a sudden oscillation, not from any particular direction, but up and down. Thousands of persons were on the streets of Kingston ing. ered and more are being constantly at the time and great numbers of them

killed and have been buried.

TEST CASE FOR JAPANESE.

Boy Will Demand Admission to White School and Be Refused.

San Francisco, Jan. 18 .- The initial step in the international test case between Japan and the United States over the exclusion of Japanese children from the public schools of this city attended

by whites will be taken this morning. At 9 o'clock in the morning Kei Kechi Aoki, a ten-year-old Japanese boy, accompanied by his father, will appear at the Redding primary school and demand admission. His demand teacher, Miss M. F. Deane, on the state law and under the instructions clusion of Aoki from the school. The issue having thus been declared, suit will at once be filed in the Federal court by the United States district at-

Plan Car Clearing House.

New York, Jan. 18 .- Local officials of the American Railway association said yesterday that the reports from Chicago that many of the large railway systems of the country had agreed to a pooling arrangement for all their freight cars was premature. What is in contemplation, it is said, was the establishment of a freight clearing house,

Tell Troubles to President.

Washington, Jan. 18 .- Victor H Beckman, of Seattle, secretary of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, headed a committee of 15 from the National Reciprocal Demurrage convention that called on the pres-

Japanese Spies at Fort Clark.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 18.—Three Japanese who had been employed as servmysteriously disappeared. Their ac-

PROCEEDINGS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Recommendations Made by Chamberlain to Legislature.

Salem, Jan. 15 .- Governor Chamberlain delivered his biennial message this afternoon to both houses of the legislature in joint session. His recommendations follow:

Election of Jonathan Bourne and Frederick W. Mulkey to the long and short terms, respectively, as United States senators, in accordance with the result of the direct primary election. Passage of a law creating a railroad

commission, following generally the measure prepared by the Portland chamber of commerce. Enactment of laws to make the tax

burden fall more evenly on personal

property and corporations. Amendment of the inheritance tax law to the graduated system, with additional clauses to make evasion impossi-

A graduated tax on incomes from Decided increase in cost of commis-

sions to notaries public. Withdrawal from sale for 10 years of

Purchase of the Willamette locks. Appropriation to operate the portage railway until the 1909 session. A new personnel for the board of portage commissioners. Appointment of an expert accountant

to audit the books of all state officers. Creation of the office of expert accountant, with duties to make uniform all state and county bookkeeping and check funds of state and county officials. Enactment of an anti-pass law, with an appropriation to pay expenses of public officers on public business.

A reciprocal demurrage law. Continuance of the library commis-

Investment of compulsory visitorial power in some state authority to cover private asylums for insane.

A law providing for supervision of banks in Oregon. A stringent anti-lobbying law.

Deposit of surplus state funds in banks at interest, the deposit to be safeguarded by bonds or other collateral. Escheatment to the state of funds in

banks where the depositors have not been heard from for over seven years. Prompt action to establish an institute for feeble-minded and epileptic children.

Publication of itemized statements of he source of campaign funds and prohibition of campaign contributions by corporations. Compulsory lectures to their classes

by public school teachers on tubercu Measures looking toward eradication of scabies in sheep.

Punishment of wildcat mine promot-Flat salary for the state printer and

erection of a state printing office build-Board of control for normal schools,

Many Americans in Kingston were in one fund, to be distributed by this board.

New apportionment of senators and representiatives. Transportation of convicts to the pen-

itentiary by penitentiary officers. Conservative legislation for employment of convicts in new fields, without abandonment of the present system at

Appointment of a state engineer to supervise construction of new roads.

Appropriation for state representation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, and some kind of representation at Jamestown.

A new irrigation code. Extreme caution should be used in changing the tentative measure framed by the Portbeing made, it will be refused by the land board of trade irrigation bill committee.

Tuesday, January 15.

Salem, Jan. 15 .- The senate was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by President Haines. There was but a short session in order that both houses might attend the inauguration of Governor Chabmerlain and listen to his message. In the brief time, however, a large number of bills and resolutions were introduced. Among those presented was one to provide for the lending of surplus funds in the state treasury and the state to receive the interest thereon.

Salem, Jan. 15 .- Having perfected organization yesterday, the house today gave evidence of great capacity for business. Although the session of the house this morning was not convened until nearly 11 o'clock about 40 resolutions were offered, the report of the committee on apportionment of clerks was received and approved, and more than a dozen bills were received and passed to second reading-this in time to admit of an adjournment at 11:50 o'elock.

A large number of investgating committees and junketing trips are already in prospect.

A railroad commission bill, including reciprocal demurrage was among the measures introduced. Wednesday, January 16.

To Secure Locks

Salem-To obtain free waterway in the Willamette river, at Willamette falls, Representative Jones, has intro- the state leigslature agreed to a satisduced a bill creating a board of comant by the officers at Fort Clark have missioners of the Willamette locks. This board, which is to consist of the Frauds in Export to America.

tions in examining the fort and equip-governor, secretary of state, and state between the two counties. The new ment, their close attention to the drill-treasurer, is empowered to build, con-boundary line as agreed upon follows consul general here has discovered ex- ing and the discovery that they were struct, operate and maintain locks on the divide between the McKenzie and weeks of moderately cold weather the

senate, indicates the apparent differ-ence between those two bodies on the question of railroad commission, rate regulation and reciprocal demurrage.

"Apparent difference" means there are plain signs that opposition to the plan of disciplining the railroads will center in the senante, and that foes of that plan will not spend energy in the house, unless they shall perceive growing sentiment there in their favor.

It is rather too early yet to measure up sentiment on this important question, obviously the most important before the lawmakers. Not yet have the lawmakers taken sides on the railroad

Both the house and the senate effect ually put an end to the calendar graft, and in doing so the state's lgeislators had the cheerful co-operation of State Printer Duniway, who recmomended and materially aided in accomplishing

Clerkship graft was reduced to minimum in both houses today. Each house adopted the report of its committee on resolutions, in which it was recomended that no clerks be employed on any of the various joint investigating and junketing committees that may be created, unless it is shown that the services of such clerks are essential.

More than \$650,000 will be asked or the legislature by educational institutions this session-an increase of \$300. 000 over what they received at the last session for the biennial period. Demands of the four normal schools will be more than double the total sum allowed by the last legislature.

Demands of the several institutions are as follows: Monmouth normal, \$110,000; Drain normal, \$40,000; Ashland normal, \$60,000; Weston normal, \$70,000; Argicultural college, \$125,000; Experiment station at Union, \$15,000; State university, \$250,000; total, \$670,-

Both houses adjourned until Monday. Ther have now been 59 measures proposed in the house and 69 in the senate. A bill has been introduced in the senate to abolish the normal schools at Ashland and Drain.

A bill has also appeared in the senate appropriating money for the Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural

May Refund Money.

Salem-Holders of fraudulently procured state school land certificates are to receive their money back, if the recommendation of Governor Chamberlain shall be carried out. At the re-Crawford has prepared a bill, authorizing the state land board, in its discretion, to refund to a holder of such a certificate whatever money had been water. paid to the state thereon.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat - Club. 66@67c; bluestem, 68@69c; valley, 66c; red, 64@65c. Oats-No. 1 white, \$25@26; gray,

\$24.50@25. Barley-Feed, \$21.50@22 per ton; brewing, \$22.50; rolled, \$23@24.

Rye-\$1.40@1.45 per cwt. Corn-Whole, \$26; cracked, \$27 per

Hay-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$13@14 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14 @16; clover, \$8@8.50; chest, \$7.50@ 8.50; grain hay, \$7.50@8,50; alfalfa, \$11.50; vetch hay, \$8@8.50.

Butter - Fancy creamery, 30@35c per pound.

Butter Fat-First grade cream, 33%c per pound; second grade cream, 2c less per pound.

Eggs - Oregon ranch, dozen.

Poultry-Average old hens, 13@14 1/2 c per pound; mixed chickens, 12@13c; dressed chickens, 16@17c; turkeys, mountains, where there is scarcely ever terill for sergeant at arms were elect live.17@17%c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 20@22c; geese, live, 10@12c; ducks, 14@15c.

Veal-Dressed, 51/2@9c per pound. Beef-Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; ows, 4@5c; country steers, 5@516c. Mutton-Dressed, fancy, 81/2@9c per pound; ordinary, 6@7c.

Pork-Dressed, 6@814c per pound. Fruits - Apples, common to choice, 50@75c per box; choice to fancy, \$1@ 2.50; pears, \$1@1.50; cranberries, \$11.50@12 per barrel; persimmons, \$1.50 per box.

Vegetables - Turnips, 90c@\$1 per sack; carrots, 90c@\$1 per sack; beets, \$1.25@1.50 per sack; horseradish, 9@10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 3c per pound; cabbage, 2c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$3.75@4.25 per crate; onions, 10@ 121/2c per dozen; bell peppers, 8c; pumpkins, 2c per pound; spinach, 4@ 5c per pound; parsley, 10@15c; squash, 2c per pound.

Onions - Oregon, \$1@1.25 per hundred. Potatoes - Oregon Burbanks, fancy,

\$1@1.30; common, 75@90c. Hops-11@13%c per pound, accord-

ing to quality.
Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 13@18c per pound, according to shrink Salem, Jan. 16.-Five bills curbing age; valley, 20@23c, according to finerailroads in the house, and none in the ness; mohair, choice, 26@28c.

Linn and Lane Compromise. Salem - At a conference the legisla-

tors from Linn and Lane counties in satisfactory adjustment of the bounds y line between those counties. The dis- Dixon is, Toole 7, Frank 2. puted territory is divided about equally

MANY BUILDINGS IN RUINS.

Hospital Burned With 40 Soldiers Sir James Ferguson Killed.

London, Jan. 16 .- The colonial office last night received confirmation of the terrible disaster which has overtaken Kingston, Jamaica, in a dispatch from Hamar Greenwood, M. P., sent from Holland, at the east end of the island.

The telegram says Kingston has been ruined by an earthquake which occurred without warning Monday afternoon at without warning Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A very great number of buildings and dwellings were destroyed either by the earthquake or by the consequent fire.

The military hospital was burned and 40 soldiers were reported to have been killed, together with several prominent citizens and many other inhabitants of the city. Sir James Ferguson is reported to have been killed instantly, but no other Englishmen, Canadians or Americans were missing.

The city is quiet, but disciplined workers are needed. The governor of the colony, Sir Alfred Jones, is direct-

Up to this hour the foregoing is the most correct dispatch regarding the Kingston disaster that has been received here. The absence of details is accounted for by the breakdown in cable communication, but the announcement that no Englishmen, Canadians or Mulit, Jackson, joined the 13 support of Haines, and Haines voted the unusual number of tourists and Bowerman, one of his followers. P others who are spending the winter in son voted for Bailey, and Miller, Jamaica or who were attracted there by Linn, voted for Coshaw, and Coshaw the agricultural and cotton conferences.

REDUCES SHED TO STOVEWOOD

Residents of Tacoma Are Even Cutting Up Their Sidewalks.

Tacoma, Jan. 16 .- "Coldest weather in ten years" is the official report on the cold snap in this section. mometers in Tacoma registered les that 10 above zero, while reports from Western Washington points place the mercury as low as 2 above. Water pipes throughout the city froze aespite precautions of householders. There is much suffering from lack of fuel. The less fortunate borrowed coal from neigh-

As an instance of the extremity of the weather, a resident of E street, near Ninth, vainly endeavored to get fuel. The cold made him desperate, and taking a sharp axe he reduced his wood-shed to stove-length fuel: He put in four hours chopping. Other people de-molished fences and board walks in the vicinity of their residences. The High school has been closed, ow

ing to cold and lack of fuel. Its reopening is indefinite. The Northern Pa quest of the governor, Attorney General cific general offices are suffering from the lack of fuel, and little work is being done.

The entire North End is without

SNOW AN' FROST RULE.

Railroads Blockaded by Huge Drifts and Raging Blizzards,

Snow blocks the railroads and the tem- Jones of Tacoma for president prote perature has fallen many degrees. It and Jones, a new member here, for is reported at the Great Northern gen- first time was selected by acclam eral office that the mercury registered to a position which heretofore has 30 below zero this morning at Brown- ways gone by seniority. J. Will Lis ing, Mont., and there is no point be- was named for secretary, which was tween Grand Forks and Spokane where concession to the desires of freid the maximum temperature is above 38 Coon, who wanted Lysons chosen a degrees below zero. Great Northern because of his experience as se employes are battling against snow- of the past two sessions. W. T. last drifts which are 20 to 30 feet high.

Northern line has occurred in the dis- geant at arms. Both were elected trict between Browning and Cutbank, unanimous vote. Mont., a distance of about 40 miles. In this district rotary plows are sent soon as it began. A. J. Falconer against the banks without result, and elected speaker by acclamation, though plows are kept going continual- of Tacoma making the neminations ly it is impossible to clear the tracks. Godman of Dayton offering a motion

than has ever been known before. Be- unanimous. L. O. Meigs of No. spring, 14@15c; old roosters, 10@11c; tween the Cascade and the Rocky Yakima for chief clerk and Glenn 0 any snow, drifts are now piled seven by acclamation. feet high. The Great Northern line between Kenmare and Thief River senate called the governor and armage Falls has been abandoned. Trains that the message be read in joint at which connect with the Canadian Pa- sion at 2 o'clock today. cific railroad trains at Moose Jaw have been delayed badly.

possible the trains are run with three to 38, all at salaries based upon of and even four engines and preceded by rotary plows, but even then have been delayed from one to three days.

Typhoon in Philippines.

Manila, Jan. 16 .- The islands of Leyte and Samar were swept by a ty were lost on the island of Leyte. The northern part of this county, midel phoon January 10. One hundred lives barracks and officers' quarters on the carload of coal, left standing on estimate of the damage to property has bound for the Potlatch Lam yet been made. No damage to shipping company, in this city. Vansych has been read and has been reported. The storm was the 30 or 40 miles from wood, and as worst that has occurred within the last ten years. Communication with Leyte coal for fuel altogether. This wints and Samur has been been been supported to the support of t and Samar has been cut off for the past they have been compelled to almost six days and only meager particulars of the storm were received today.

Dixon Named in Montana.

Helena, Jan. 16 .- Both branches of the Montana legislature balloted today for United States senator, and Congressceived a majority in each house. They bis river to Ellensburg. All in will meet to reach house. man Joseph M. Dixon, Republican, remorrow and ratify the result. The vote The snow blockade on the mountains stood: House—Divor 50 The snow blockade on the the work 10, Frank (Dem.) 4, Conrad (Dem.) 2,
Norris (Dem.) 1, absent 4. Senate—

Dixon 15, Tools 7, Frank 2. Senate—

ontinues and the coal supply is large

Twenty Below at Prineville.

Prineville, Or., Jan. 16 .- After two tensive frauds in the exportation to the frequently making memoranda led to the east bank of the river at Oregon Calapooia rivers. The division of the mercury has dropped to 20 below zero, almost to Three Mile rapids, and end weeks of moderately cold weather the of ice in the Columbia has the weeks of moderately cold weather the of ice in the Columbia has the weeks of moderately cold weather the of ice in the Columbia has the c United States of infected rags in the the belief that they were Japanese offiguise of jute bags.

City. To raise the necessary funds, district decided upon is the natural the coldest known in this city for many ing is possible in many places.

\$400,000, two tax levies are provided. distribution of the disputed territory. \$400,000, two tax levies are provided. , distribution of the disputed territory. years. There is prospect for colder. the city front.

LEGISLATURES MEE

ganization in Two States.

Jones and Falconer Will Handle Gavels in Washington, and Haine and Davey in Oregon.

Salem, Or., Jan. 15,-Organized the election on the first ballot in house of E. W. Haines, of Washing county, for president of the senate, of Frank Davey, of Marion, for spec of the house, the Oregon legislati made itself ready yesterday for h making. Committees will be anno ed Wednesday or Thursday.

Haines was elected over Hodson, Multnomah, by a vote of 17 to 7, Democrats, Caldwell, Yambill; Sm Smith, of Umatilla.

In the house, Davey received 59 vot and Rothschild, the lone Democrat that body, who nominated himself, ceived one, each voting for the of In the Republican nominating came Davey, had 44 votes, one of his sup ers, Reynolds, being absent, and Va-ter, 14. There was no contest and the voting was perfunctory, all knew what the result would be. Haines was elected at 2:30 o'ek

and Davey a few minutes later. George E. Chamberlain's second augural as governor will be held at le p. m. today. The two houses willing in joint convention to canvas the for governor, and as soon as the has been announced the oath of c will be administered by one of the tices of the Supreme court. Goren Chamberlain will then read his m There will be no ballot on Unit

States senator until Tuesday, Jan. when the formal election of F. W. M key for the short term and Jonath Bourne for the long term will a place. It was thought that the election of Mulkey would take place immedia ly, for the reason that the appoint of Gearin was only "until the meeting of the legislature," but an vestigation shows that even in fills vacancy the election must be held in second Tuesday after organization.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 15.—Washin ton's tenth legislature spent about minutes in organizing yesterday a then took a rest until this morning.

St. Paul, Jan. 16.—Unusual cold The senate proceedings were sate weather prevails throughout the Northin sight. Nichols of Scattle no of Seattle, was nominated for asta The greatest tie-up on the Great secretary, and Billy Conner for s

The house session ended almost The snowfall in the West is greater behalf of the Democrats that it

A joint committee of the house at Each house provided for a speccommittee on employes, the senate

On the lines where traffic is at all iting the number to 33 and the hou ployes' payroll to less than half of the of last session. Farmers Raid a Coal Car

Pendleton Jan. 15.-Farmers in the vicinity of Vansycle, a small station the line of the W. & C. R., in

Worst Snow Blockade in Years. North Yakima, Jan. 15 .- The and ice have so tied up the North Pacific between Pasco and the m tains that it takes a freight train fra 12 to 24 hours to run from the Col coming in here are many hours la said by railroad men to be the won equal to the demand.

Ice Blockade Solid. The Dalles, Jan. 15. - The block of ice in the Columbia has been