IN THE NATIONAL HALLS OF CONGRESS

Tuesday, May 15.

Washington, May 15 .- With the exof the anti-pass amendment, senate concluded its discussion of railread rate bill in committee of whole and, as soon as that provia shall be disposed of, will take it in the senate. The general expecon is that the pass question will be sposed of early comorrow, and the posed of that the bill may be used before the close of tomorrow's The greater part of the day as spent in discussing the eighth secof the bill, relating to the personof the Interstate Commerce comion, resulting in the elimination the entire section and the restoration the present law, which provides for commissioners at salaries of \$7,500.

Washington, May 15. - The House Washington, and a reaffirmed its have happened to ships of the navy. ith in the Navy department, defeatg an amendment of Tawney, chairan of the appropriations committee, limit the expenditures on a ship to per cent of the cost, a vote of con- day. ence coming after two hours' hot bate. Having re-ched the section of he paval bill dealing with increase the Navy and, realizing that considrable debate must ensue, the house adrned until noon tomorrow.

Tawney was emphatic in declaring nat it was both bad policy and bad adinistration to give to the Navy deartment the right of spending \$11,-00,000 for repairs of vessels without much as being compelled to give an ount to any one for the money ex-

The vote on the first amendment. oriding that no more than 10 per ent shall be applied to the repair of my ship unless details be submitted to gress, was defeated, yeas 36, nays 55. Tawney then withdrew his second amendment.

Monday, May, 14.

Washington, May 14.-The session if the senate today passed without an exciting incident and without the adopion of a single amendment to the railroad rate bill, notwithstanding that easure was under consideration practically all the time from the hour of convening, 11 o'clock, until adjournment at 5:15 p m. The most characeristic feature of the day was the reection of amendments. This was accomplished either by direct vote or by the process of laying on the table and me followed another in rapid suces-

Among the provisions thus adversely disposed of were several intended to fix the liability of railroad companies for niury to employes. The presentation provisions intended to accomplish out a practically authoritative statementithat the committee on interstate ommerce will report the independent ouse bill on that subject which is now pending before it.

When the senate adjourned, the eighth section, regulating the personnel of the Interstate Commerce commision, was under consideration and adournment was secured at a somewhat earlier hour than usual in the hope that there could be prepared a more acceptable provision covering that subject than has heretofore been presented.

Washington, May 14. - The house had under consideration today bills reating to the government of the District of Columbia. It completed the bills reorganizing the Washington public chool system, then adjourned in the the bills under consideration. These bills will be taken up tomorrow.

Saturday, May 12.

Washington, May 12. - The senate proceedings today were devoted exclusively to the consideration of the railroad rate bill, and they included many interesting and some sensational featares. The actual accomplishments of by courts of the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

There were several of these provisions and all were accepted as presented or suggested by the Iowa senator, showng an almost perfect agreement among the practical unanimity of the Repub- be made. licans. They not only voted almost

Will Double Alaska Cables.

Washington, May 15 .- Orders have been issued by General Allen, the chief stallment of the duplex system on the Alaska cables. The commercial bustness of the cables has become so heavy that even by working night and day the disatches. With the new system the capacity of the cables will be increased traction cases.

Inquiry Into Coal Monopoly.

Philadelphia, May 15.-The Interstate Commerce Commission will tomorrow resume its 'inquiry into the al-Voted to efforts to prove the ownership eral appropriations both for the con-Baltimore and Ohio will also be put is believed, make an additional judge tor for the proposed Thomas Jefferson ised, \$5,007.711; unconfirmed promunder microscopic under microecopic examination.

solidly for the Allison amendments, but were just as nearly united against Russian parliament was inaugurated opposing propositions. When an adjournment was reached, there was still prospect of the continuance of the debate for next week.

Friday, May II.

Washington, May 11 .- After passing 320 pension bills, the house today devoted much time to considering a point of order made by Tawney against an eration of the country was only negaappropriation for a new steel floating tively satisfactory. drydock, provided in the naval appropiation bill. The chair held the point of order well taken, in a carefully prepared opinion.

Hepburn, of Iowa, made a vigorous the navy, especially criticising the offi-

A point of order against the approwhen the house adjourned until Mon-

Washington, May 11.—Batley's nonsuspension amendment, applying to orders of the Interstate Commerce commission as covered by the railroad rate premature action. bill, which has occupied so much of the attention of the senate in connection with that bill, was today adversely disposed of by the decisive vote of 23 to 54, practically a party vote.

An amendment by Rayner confining the court review to constitutional questions was also voted down. A number of other amendments were rejected.

An amendment limiting to two years the life of the commission's orders was

Thursday, May 10.

Washington, May 10 .- In connection with the consideration of the railroad rate bill by the senate, La Follette today attempted to secure the imposition of imprisonment for violations of the of short measure, the selling of three provisions of the Interstate Commerce law. He proposed terms from one to five years, in addition to fines from \$1,000 to \$20,000 for unjust discrimination, for false representation to secure business at less than the established rate.

After much discussion an amendment was adopted restoring the penalties of the old law.

Washington, May 10 .- Shells and projectiles for the Navy department will, after June 30, 1906, be purchased by the bureau of Ordnance in the open market, instead of, as now the practice, in secret markets from firms engaged in the manufacture of these articles. this purpose had the effect of bringing This change in existing conditions was brought about through the efforts of the chairman of the appropiations committee, Tawney, of Minnesota, who offered an amendment to the naval appropriation bills which the house had under consideration today.

Wednesday, May 9.

the greater part of the day again in the consideration of the question of divorcing the production of coal and other commodities from their transportation, and closed that branch of its work by adopting a modified provision formally offered by Elkins, but origin-ally suggested by McLaurin. There was again much sparring over parliamentary points, but there was at no time as much confusion as on Tuesday, and, when the coal question was finally closed, the progress was so rapid that absence of a quorum, postponing action the first section was entirely disposed of before the senate adjourned. Other amendments were also adopted, but a long-and-short-haul provision suggested pracby LaFollette was voted down by tically a party vote, all but two republicans voting against the amend-

Washington, May 9 .- Nearly the entire time of the house was today taken up by two propositions-first, whether the navy department should go into the day consisted in the completion of the open market and purchase anchors, the consideration of the Allison amend- chains and cordage, or continue to manment navy yards, as is now done; and, second, whether the cost of transporting coal from Atlantic and Gulf ports government are expected to resist it. ments, covering the question of review ufacture these articles in the governto the Philippines in American bottoms

should be limited to \$5 or \$6 per ton. On the first proposition a substitute ing an almost perfect agreement among was adopted, giving the secretary of Republican senators. Indeed, one of the navy the right to purchase these

The second proposition did not carry.

Jiminez Plans Revolution.

Washington, May 15 .- Reports have reached the State department of the signal officer of the army, for the in- organization of another revolutionary movement directed against the government of President Caceres, of Santo island of Porto Rico is the base of confined to the congested district. operators are not able to handle all the operations, and it is supposed that ex-President Morales and Jiminez are the leaders of the movement. Instructions about 75 per cent. The supreme court have been sent to the insular governor of the United States has denied the of Porto Rico to take steps to carry out petition for a rehearing in the Chicago the neutrality laws, which would prevent departure of hostile expedition.

California Needs Another Judge.

Washington, May 15 .- The members of the California delegation in congress public lands of the state from the betoday met in conference with Secretary ginning of the state government, and leged close relations between railroads Metcalf and discussed the question of and big coal and b and big coal corporations. Nearly the an additional circuit judge for Califorentire time, it is expected, will be de- nia, as well as the urgent need of libof stock in coal companies by officials struction of new federal buildings in

PARLIAMENT MEETS.

Elect or Russian People Assemble in Open Session.

St. Petersburg, May 11 .- Without a single hitch and with only a minor in- More Hopeful Estimates Made to cident to mar the memorable day, the yesterday. The emperor's message in reality was less a throne speech than a greeting, and required only three min- LOSS WILL REACH \$400,000,000 utes for its delivery. Emperor Nicholas read slowly. The admirable and even cordial tone of the sovereign in renewing his pledges and asking the cooperation of parliament for the regen-

Courtiers and spectators other than members of the national parliament led the cheering, but the members were ominously silent. What rankled most attack on the court martial system of tion amnesty, and later, when the members assembled in the Tauride palcers responsible for the accidents that ace, away from the spell of the throne room, many of them were with difficulty restrained from precipitating at Lake Bluff, I'linois, was pending subject. The Constitutional Democratic leaders, however, who dominated everything, were anxious not to weaken the reply which the lower house will prepare to the speech from the throne, joined, and succeeded in staving off

> By the irony of fate, Ivan Petrunkeby Emperor Nicholas II as "a foolish dream," today stood in the front rank of the members of the representative chamber, while Emperor Nicholas put his official seal upon the Russian parliament.

GIVES MANY BRIBES

Inner Workings of Standard Oil Made Public by Former Employe.

Chicago, May 11 .- Corruption of railroad employes and agents of independent oil companies, dishonest methods of procuring land leases, the giving different kinds of oil out of the same tank and misrepresentations as to the the Standardl Oil company at today's commission. Incidentally, it was as much for the same haul.

The inquiry was held under an order today was along the same lines as that sicies of the present. held some time ago in Kansas City. The principal witnesses today were E. M. Wilhoit, of Springfield, Mo., formerly for ten years agent of the Standard Oil company at Topeka, but now an independent operator; H. C. Deran, of Fremont, O.; E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, and M. Maxon, a former agent of the Standard Oil in Illinois.

PUT OVER HEAD OF HART.

Washington, May 9 .- The senate spent | China Appoints New Officials to Manage Customs Service.

Chinese customs and the customs establishment, was published today, as fol-

"Tieh Liang, president of the board | nrged by me. of revenue, is hereby appointed superintendent of customs affairs. Shao, junior vice president of the For-

customs are placed under their control." Both these offices are new creations tional cases of need that may arise. in the customs service. Hitherto the

cised absolute control.

Advance Rates In West.

Chicago, May 11 .- The Tribune to-

Give \$9A0,000 to California.

Washington, May 11 .- The house the Federal treasury, if it becomes a law. The bill grants the state five per cent of the proceeds of the sale of the

Will Make Jefferson Statue.

Washington, May 11. - Secretary

YEARS TO REBUILD

Keep Up Courage.

Enthusiastic Talk of New City Next Summer Sure to Cause Heartaches in Future.

San Francisco, May 12.-Three weeks after the great disaster one is able to view the situation calmly and to comwas the failure of the emperor to men- pute with fair accuracy the loss suffered by San Francisco from fire. Strange to relate, the citizens of San Francisco for the most part do not appreciate the extent of the disaster. Sober judgment priation for the naval training station matters by offering resolutions on the has been for the time confused by the extravagant recital of plans for rebuilding. Of coarse the city will be reconstructed as speedily as possible, but a best it is a question of years. The enin which issues with the crown will be thusiastic claim that next summer will see a new San Francisco. This is the the plot. If the plantation covers a talk which has brought elation for the vitch, whose first mention of the word moment and means heartache for the constitution 12 years ago was dismissed future. Five years will not see the city restored, and ten is certainly a safer figure.

> The spirit of the people must be kept up and this perhaps is adequate excuse for the rather visionary tales which till the public prints. The truth is sufficient to crush the weak and to bring dismay to the strong.

> The city is without money. Great fortunes have been swept away. Landed estates are without revenue. The wheels of commerce move slow and halting. Thousands have been thrown from employment. Still, the spirit is here. It is this which must win the triumph. And it will win. !

The loss occasioned by fire and earthquake will exceed \$400,000,000. No quality of oil sold, were charged against disaster in history approaches this. The total loss in Chicago in 1871 was hearing before the Interstate Commerce \$190,000,000. San Francisco will collect in insurance about \$100,000,000. charged that the Frisco road gives a The city will therefore be out of pocket rate of 2 cents a hundred pounds to the some \$300,000,000. This means an Standard Oil company when it charges average of more than \$600 for every competitors of that corporation 10 times man, woman and child in San Francis How can the city spring at once into being under this enormous burden? of congress and this session held here It must pledge its future for the neces-

CITIZENS IN MISERABLE PLIGHT. General Greeley Says Everyone Keeps

Washington, May 12 .- The War department received the following telegram over night from General Greeley, dated Presidio, San Francisco, May 9:

Up Courage Remarkably.

the miserable situation may be indicat- ing it through several seasons. ed by the statement that all the food for 300,000 people in San Francisco is Pekin, May 11 .- An imperial edict yet necessarily cooked on the public which may radically affect the status of streets. The courage of every one con-Sir Robert Hart, director general of the tinues wonderfully. Neither drunkenness nor disorder anywhere, except from adjacent towns occasionally. Mayor Schmitz is still adverse to closed saloons, which have been constantly

"The Red Cross finance committee, Dr. Devine and myself concurring, will issue free food after Saturday next only eign board, is appointed associate min- on alternate days, except in camps unister of Customs affairs. All Chinese der strict military control. Red Cross and foreigners employed in the various agents are to be present on alternate days of nonissue to provide for excep-

"The average issue in San Francisco, customs have been nominally under the Oakland, etc., still exceeds 250,000 a direction of the Foreign board, but day. A possible method by questionpractically Sir Robert Hart has exer- ing, exclusion and otherwise is being made to reduce the food issue. Of The diplomats here are unwilling to course, extreme destitution and much comment on the edict until its inten- suffering occurs on the part of many tions and full force are apparent. If it people who resort to charity only in exmeans a step toward active Chinese treme cases. Altogether I am encour-"GREELEY, "Major-General Commanding."

Irish Members Protest.

London, May 12 .- On the resump day says: Fire insurance rates in Chi- tion of the debate on the education bill grown after the blooming season of a the noteworthy features of the day was articles in open market if a saving could cago on less desirable risks will be advanced 25 per cent or more to reimburse Redmond, the Irish leader, in behalf of pruned in the spring we simply cut off companeis that have suffered loss in the Irish Nationalists, protested against the San Francisco fire. This action the system of education which was be- are and. The time to prune spring practically was decided yesterday at a ing forced on the Catholic minority meeting of 20 Western managers in the and which violated their conscience. rooms of the Western Union in the Ireland, he added, had always been de-American Trust & Savings bank build- nominational in principle, believing ing. At the same time there will be a that religion was the most necessary large reduction in brokers' commis- part of the education of children. The ment of President Caceres, of Santo Sions. The advance in rates will be bill was passed on its second reading by

All Its Records Destroyed.

San Francisco, May 12 .- The Firemmittee on public lands today author- man's Fund Insurance Company has ized a favorable report on a bill which discovered that the vault containing all will result in placing about \$900,000 in the records of its insurance business in the state treasury of California from San Francisco has been destroyed. The falling of an immense steel girder, which broke off a corner of the vault, gave the fire easy access to the records, including all policies, maps, etc. President Dutton has made a statement

Relief Funds Exceed \$5,000,000. San Francisco, May 12 .- The finance of the Pennsylvania railroad and disSan Francisco and the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper repairing Root announced today that Augustus committee today reported relief subcrimination in the proper reported re wimination in car distribution. The of others. Insurance litigation will, it St. Gaudens had been secured as sculpscriptions as follows: Actually prom-



Working Poultry and Straveberries. When one speaks of poultry in connection with any low-growing plant most people can see only the scratching birds and the ruined plants, but the combination has been and is being profitably carried out. If one selects one of the larger breeds of hens for this combination the scratching part of the proposition will be reduced to a minimum, and if the fowls are not required to obtain their entire living from the patch of strawberry plants, they will do comparatively little damage. It is, of course, understood that the fowls are not allowed on the patch until after the fruit has been gathered, but from that time until they go into winter quarters they will be exceedingly useful, for they will take good care of all the insects, do little damage in the way of scratching which can be readily repaired by going over the plot each day, and their droppings will add materially to the richness of considerable area it will be a good plan to have several small colony houses on the plot so that the hens may have their own quarters and thus work over a smaller area. The profit from this combination is good, and neither will interfere with the other, especially if the fowls are raised for egg production. Try it on a small scale and increase as experience proves it pays.

Keepsake Gooseberries. The main value of this recent introduction from the other side seems to lle in the fact that the variety is very firm, productive and ships well,



THE KEEPSAKE GOOSEBERRIES.

but whether it can be profitably grown over any considerable territory can only be discovered by experimenting with it. So far. in limited tests, it seems to be better than any other of the English varieties, but its quality s not nearly as good as the old favorite with American growers, the Downing. It shows less tendency to mildew than other European varieties, although it is doubtless susceptible to that disease. It is not advised to plant "While conditions improve slightly, this variety largely without first test- er by day or night, they set up the

Paralysis in Swine. While opinions may differ as to the ause of paralysis in swine, the fact emains that in nearly every case where the disease is found it has been shown that the hog was largely corn fed. In the sections known as the corn belt this disease is more prevalent than in other parts of the country: more evidence that corn is at the bottom of the trouble. Swine afflicted with this trouble should be given a dose of psom salts, and after the bowels have moved freely, fed for a number of days on a slop consisting of wheat middlings and flaxseed meal, using milk instead of water for the mixing. A liberal quantity of lime water should be added o each feed. After the animal imroves the ration should be varied coniderably, and corn form the smallest part possible. If the afflicted animal s with young the pigs should be venned at once.

Points on Pruning Shrubs.

If those who have shrubbery on their grounds would but remember the simple fact of the period of bloom and that plossoms come on the new growth they would remember when to prune. The plossoms on the spring-blooming shrubs are formed on the wood that was rear ago, hence if these shrubs are the flower-bearing shoots and no flowlowering shrubs is just after they have stopped blooming, so they may have he rest of the summer in which to rrow the flower shoots for another oring. The full-blooming shrubs should be pruned in the spring, for they will then grow the flower shoots or the coming fall period of bloom. One can see how simple it is if they vill but remember.

Much Needed Sweet Potato. A sweet potato that will keep as well is the white potato is what Professor E. J. Wickson, of the department of agriculture of the University of California, thinks he has discovered. It was picked up in the Ladrone Islands by a skipper, who took aboard a lot of excellent flavored sweet potatoes last April, and, finding them still in good condition upon his recent arrival in San Francisco, gave specimens of them to Professor Wickson. They will be revolution that will be worth many on the hen method. It is cheaper, a millions of dollars to Caufornia and a boon to mankind.

A Hotbed for an Amateur. A more ambitious method than that of growing his early flowers in boxes, kept in the house, may be tried by the amateur gardener who is also an amateur carpenter. A hotbed may be built at small expense. Old window sash, or a single sash purchased cheaply, and four boards, one inch thick and one and one-half feet wide, may be put together to form the hotbed, the boards

being used for the walls. Warm stable manure should be put in the bottom, from one-half to threefourths of a foot deep, and firmly pressed down. The bed should be well drained. Light soil, to a depth of one or two inches should be spread over the manure and after one or two days, when the temperature is cooled down to 70 or 80 degrees, the bed is ready for use.

The plants, in pots or boxes, should be put in the bed. The boxes may be prepared as for indoor use, with ordinary garden soll at the bottom, and lighter soil on top. Large holes should be left to drain the box. The fine seed should be sprinkled on the surface, and fine soil sprinkled over it, and the coarse seed sown in drills, or pressed down into the soil, and covered with a thin layer of earth. The soil should be gently sprinkled with water as soon as the seed is planted and kept moist, without becoming soggy.

The hotbed should be shaded from the hot sun, but there should be plenty of light. The cover of the bed should be kept on until the seedlings have started to make good growth. On warm spring days the plants should be given fresh air by raising the sash slightly.

Water and Solids in Milk.

When the cream or fat is removed every 100 pounds of skim milk contain about 90 per cent of water and 10 per cent of solids. The solids contain about 3.5 per cent of casein and 4.5 per cent of milk sugar, with small proportions of fat and albumen as the fat cannot be entirely removed. The milk sugar remains in the whey when it separates and the casein in the curds or cheesy matter, though both contain small percentages of fat, albumen, etc. The whey will promote the formation of fat, while the curds supply the elements for growth and muscle. It will be an advantage to feed the two substances together, adding bran and season lightly with salt. If the skim milk becomes very sour and begins to ferment it should not be used at all. The proper plan is to use the skim milk when fresh or but slightly sour.

Guineas Should Be Popular. Guinea fowls should find a place or

every farm, as they are profitable and useful. They are profitable because, as table fowls, they have few superiors being in many ways similar to the wild prairie chicken, so much sought for by those who love the gamey flavor of the wild fowl. Their flesh is dark and solid, and no matter how cooked whether as a roast or in a ple, the are tempting. Their eggs are delight fully flavored, and, though small, the find a ready sale in all the markets They are useful as guardians, because at the first approach of danger, wheth warnings that must frighten the I truder or bring help to their offspring

A Turkey Coop,

A turkey coop which has been use with perfect satisfaction is describe in American Agriculturist as havin several distinct advantages over ord nary coops. It is built out of a large packing case. At the top is a vent lator. Suspended by a cord is a dro door of close boards and beneath thi is an ordinary door partly of wire no ting. Each is hinged and can be ope ed independently. On cold nights ve tilator and drop door may be close



on ordinary nights the ventilator ope ed, on hot ones both. In warm weat er the drop door suspended as show In the cut forms a good shade for the

New Seed Wheat Treatment.

J. H. Wright, a farmer residing ner Hennessey, O. T., has made a valuab discovery that will be of general inte est to wheat growers everywhere.

He soaks his seed wheat in coal o using about one-half gallon to ever twenty bush is of wheat, covering over with a blanket and letting it so over night. He found it equally effe tive with corn, using one-half tence to a washtub of corn. He finds that not only preserves the cereal from reting, but preserves it from insects. M Wright has practiced this for mo than three years, and his yield h been a great deal more than that those who had better soil for plantin

Value of the Incubator.

It is hard to get hens to sit in wi ter, and it is almost necessary for t farmer to use incubators to raise bro ers in times to bring the best price The incubator on the farm is bel brought to more profitable use eve year. There is no doubt that the in propagated in the hope of working in bator and brooder method of raisi the commercial world of potatoes a chickens is a wonderful improvement a greater number of fowls can raised from the same number of hens