Nyack, N. Y., May 18.—Mrs. Naney Rose, who has been official lighthouse keeper at Stoney Point for forty-six years, is dead. She was in her sixtieth year and was the oldest and best-known lighthouse keeper along the Hudson river.

TRUST COMPANIES COMBINE.

EDITORIAL CONVENTION.

ADVANCE CONTINUES.

Commercial Men And Differentials

Interstate Commerce Commis sion Meet Railroadmen and Merchants.

Proposal to Make Flat Rate or All Lines to Atlantic Seaboard.

New York, May 18.—The interstate commerce commission today began an investigation of the differential freight rates to the seaboard from the west o merchandise intended for export. Grain merchandise intended for export. Grain rates are chiefly at issue, and secondly grain products, flour, meal, feed, etc. but the investigation includes all export goods. The formal order issued by the commission from Washington for the investigation said it would include traffic by all rail and water and rail lines between interior points and North Atlantic ports. New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Norfolk, Portland, Halifax and Montreal. Representatives of trades and railroads from all parts of the country east of the Mississippi river were present.

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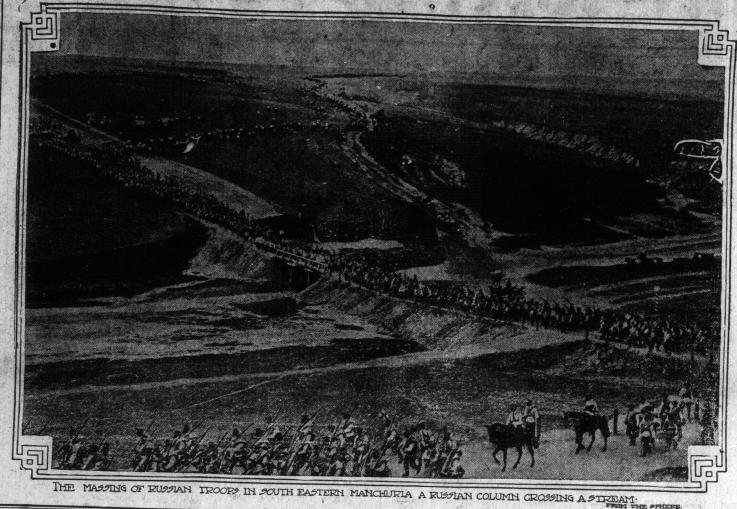
E. J. Ritch, of Boston, general solicitor of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, thought there was a misunderstanding as to the position occupied by the commission. The commission might adopt any one of three plans. It might act in an advisory capacity; it might say whether there had been a violation of the interstate commerce daw, or it might recommend whether differentials should be abolished. He believed the commission should make clear at the outset what it intended to do. In reply, Chairman Japp said the commission only considered it necessary to state at this time that it wants to know how the differentials have affected the carriers, ports and public. A report which they will present later will be in the nature of a recommendation. George W. Pettit, representing the Philadelphia commercial bodies, said the differentials was established as a a treaty of peace to stop destructive warfare in which railroads and public both suffered. In 1881 he said the railroads lost \$20,000,000 and the public \$100.000,000 in rate wars. When the differentials were finally established, it was because their justness was established by competition and by natural law.

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The Nanaimo Board of Trade at a meeting held on Tuesday evening discuss-ed the question of the inauguration of a steamship line from British Columbia to Mexico. Captain Yates addressed the board and claimed to be the only man living in the province out of those who had promoted the original scheme of a line of steamships to Mexico. That was in 1897, and they asked for a subsidy of \$100,000, which at that time they considered low enough seeing that they had to fight the strong corporations who had established themselves in the Mexican trade. He went to various cities in connection with the proposal, but at Montreal he found that an Atlantic line was flavored. He interviewed Sir Richard Cartwright at Ottawa, supported by all the members of the province. The subject was thoroughly canvassed, but on the question of the Coast, Sir Richard favoried the Atlantic. The minister sent a commissioner to investigate the Mexican trade to ascertain whether it would justify the subs'dizing of a line of steamers. Mr. Shepherd carried out this duty and then came out west, interviewed the president and came back, saying that he was satisfied that there was plenty of trade in Mexico alone to justify the foundation of the line. Mexico. Captain Yates addressed the

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The Russian Army Advancing to the Attack



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CONFERENCE ELECTS

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VETERAN LIGHTKEEPER DEAD. Togo's Disasters **Equalize Fleets**

Two at Least of the Japanese Squadron Were Sent New York, May 18.—Negotiations have been almost completed for a consolidation of the North American Trust Company and the Trust Company will be the executive head of the consolidated institution. to the Bottom.

All But Petropavlovsk Will Again Join Russian Fighting Line.

St. Louis, May 18.—Before the national editorial convention today John Ferguson, of Orilon, was introduced as the oldest newspaperman in Asia, and the oldest member of the National Edi-St. Petersburg, May 20.-3 a. m.-The loss of at least two warships is officially confirmed. A message dated **************** Port Arthur received by carrier pigeou at Mukden was transmitted to the war department yesterday morning saying that two Japanese warships had been Mukden, May 17.—It was announced here today that the main body of the Japanese forces is advancing on Haicheng, about ten miles southeast of New Chwang and Kaiping (Kaichou, about 35 miles south of New Chwang), and that a similar force is marching in the direction of Liaoyang. Important developments are probable.

Stat Port Arthur. The message followed the usual course and no one here knows its contents. This afternoon when the foreign telegrams brought the news of Japan's loss, and its effect upon the campaign, the people attribute the Japanese disaster to divine interpoments are probable. description offering to Russia upon the day of Ascension and the Emperor's birthday and a sign that God is with us," was the remark generally heard.

The general staff tonight is without direct news of the sinking of the Shikishima and the Fuji, but there is an impression that it may be true. The admiralty has been expecting such a mishap to Vice Admiral Togo, particularly since the naval commanders at Port Arthur have duplicated his plan which resulted in the sinking of the Petropavlovsk. The loss of the Hatsuse is of the utmost importance, according to the general staff, members of which pointed out to the Associated Press that it tends to restore the equilibrium.

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Despite the number of casualities in the Russian fleet, it has really lost only one battleship. It is true that the Retvizan and Czarevitch were torpedoed at the beginning of the war, but those battleships were safely towed into port. The damage they sustained was serious, but repairs have been in progress since then and the officials state the Retvizan is ready to resume her place in the fighting line. The Czarevitch is still undergoing repairs and it will be some time before she can put to sea. Prior to the isolation of Port Arthur several shipwrights entered the city and they have been rushing work on the repairs.

internoon at West Fort William with 1,250 tons of hard coal from Buffalo.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.
Rat Portage, May 19.—Coroner A. P. John, Indian agent, McKenzie and Dr. Hanson returned last night from Dalles, where they have been investigating the mysteries surrounding the deaths of an Indian named Jacobs, his wife and two children, who are supposed to have been investigating the miles from town, on the 10th inst. The accident, which is supposed to be due to intoxication, was not reported until yesterday, and as yet only one of the macretage in the convention be tendered to the press of vancouver for the royal man tertained this first gathering of the Laddes of the Maccabees of British Columbia in their city. The motion was endorsed with a round of applause from town, on the 10th inst. The accident, which is supposed to be due to intoxication, was not reported until yesterday, and as yet only one of the macretage with a round of applause from the audience. Miss Cook of Victoria moved a threat with a retrained this first gathering of the Laddes of the Maccabees of British Columbia in their city. The motion was endorsed with a round of applause from the audience. Miss Cook of Victoria moved a threat with the past two weeks.

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Good Outlook In Atlin Cam

Season Will Be Longer T Usual Owing to the Early Spring.

Large Clean-up Anticipated **Development Work in** The Mines.

The prospects for the season in Atlin camp are decidedly good. To season will begin very soon, as the has been an early spring, and the sults of the clean-up should be conserably in excess of the last few seaso. That is the opinion of Mr. S. M. Bragentleman who is largely interested the North Columbian Company, opering the Yellow Jacket and other fimilling gold claims at Atlin. On Yellow Jacket considerable developm work has been done and the indication are most favorable. On the Bear mine also, work has been proceed steadily during the winter and recensome very fine ore has been struck. "On the copper properties up the nothing much is being done just no said Mr. Bahl. "The fact is that question of transportation has to faced, and there is not likely to be smelter built thereabouts until co-

The principal industry of the car is, or at all events will be, hydraulici on the creeks. While progress has be made by the companies interested. Pine and Spruce creeks there are st a good many obstacles to be overcom In some cases the rights of the indiviual miners interfere with the plans the companies, and in other cases the water right question is the difficulty.

water right question is the difficulty. year or two may elapse, in Mr. Bah opinion, before the hydraulicing proportion is got down to a solid basis.

'During the winter a great deal drifting has been done on Spruce, Dicovery and other creeks, with the resuthat the dumps are large, and what more, the stuff in them, taken a around, is high grade.

One interesting development provides

One interesting development mental ed by Mr. Bahl is the construction a gold dredge last year, to operate Gold Run. The company owning t dredge propose to construct a simil mechine to contract a construct as simil results. machine to operate elsewhere, and it believed that tests made of this metil penewed that tests made of this method of cleaning up gold have proved satisfactory. The dredges can operate to avantage on flat grounds, of which there is thousands of acres in the Atlin cambearing gold, while for hydraulic wor it is necessary to have a decided grad in the ground worked.

Atlin itself is not so flevishing

Atlin itself is not so flourishing camp as Discovery, which has grow considerably of late, owing to the fat that it is more centrally located amon the principal creeks now being worked A small mill is to be erected there this summer to turn out lumber for minin purposes. The mill at Atlin has bee working very profitably.

A large number of men are in the

A large number of men are in the camp at present and the outlook for considerable prospecting work the summer is good. Atlin has a becountry "out back" which has beevery indifferently prospected and known to contain some good ground Possible developments in that direction may add largely to the importance of the camp.

Of the Alsek country, Mr. Bahl ceul not speak from personal knowledge, number of men went out there fro Atlin during the winter, but came again without being able to report any thing very definite. Lots of claim have been staked, and more may heard of from that section later on. Mr. Bahl is glad to get out of the camp for a holiday after the long with the came is not hard and conditions of lift there are ouite comfortable. Owing the er wealthy or poor, is as independent a Mr. Bahl, with his friend, Mr. B. S. Swanson, is staying at the Dominion

LAST OF THE UTTER.

News was brought down by the schooner Fawn which arrived from the West Coast yesterday to the effect that the wreck of the American lumber schooner Emma Utter, driven ashore at Wronger has been ground to please as Kyoquot, has been ground to pieces a larger than one's hand by the action the sea. Capt. Olsen of the Fawn has no doubt that the Utter upset at sea, because there are no marks on the hull to show that she suffered damage by to show that she suffered damage by contact with the rocks. Most of the lumber from the schooner has been taken ashore by the Indians. All attempts to get into the cabins and fo'c'sel of the schooner have proved futile, so that it is not yet known whether any bodies are penned amongst the parting timbers. Not a vestige of the wreck is likely to be left on the rocks at Kyoquot within a few weeks at the present rate of disintegration.

The new turbine torpedo boat destroyer Eden on an official four hours' full speed trial with over 125 tons load aboard easily attained a speed of 26.099 knots for the first hour and 26.229 knots for the last three hours.

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