

who is the "angel of the miners." He has placed her in San Rafael Hospital, under guard, and held absolutely incommunicado.

And it was to offer "Mother" Jones, who is eighty-two years old, a vote of sympathy, that these women and children of the striking miners were parading to a place where they were going to hold a mass meeting.

They were not bound for San Rafael. They did not intend to make any demonstration. They were merely going to tell at a meeting how sorry they were for the little-old lady who was suffering because she had tried to help them.

And it is claimed that Chase knew this and had given them his permission to parade, provided it was a peaceable parade.

The women had scrubbed their children's faces until they shone; best



The Procession of Women and Children Before the Recent Charge Made by "Czar" Chase.

dresses, although so very shabby, made of the occasion a holiday.

And the line moved quietly on until it reached the postoffice. There it found that Chase had stationed a cordon of cavalry across the path, with sabers drawn.

"Don't advance another step," some one cried. "You must turn back."

The women hesitated. Some understood and some did not. The

children tugged impatiently to move on.

And then the little czar over the striking miners slipped from the saddle and went to the road ungracefully.

A grin spread over the women's faces and then a slow, low ripple of laughter issued from their lips.

It was not a taunting laughter, it was that irrepressible mirth that all of us feel when we see some one fall.