



RECIPROCITY BILL REACHES HOUSE

McCall Will Engineer Taft's Pet Measure.

PROMPT ACTION IS PROMISED

Amendments Will Be Barred. Deal Taken as Whole.

SENATE IS DANGER-POINT

If Upper House Blocks Action, Extra Session Is Threatened—Democrats Ready to Support Taft Bill in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—To carry into effect the terms of the reciprocity agreement, concluded by representatives of Canada and the United States last Thursday, the first move was made today when McCall of Massachusetts, a member of the ways and means committee of the House, presented the administration bill on the subject. The bill was referred to the committee on ways and means, which will take it up next week.

The introduction of the bill by the Massachusetts member instead of by Payne of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, occasioned some comment. It is interpreted to indicate that McCall will take a leading part in engineering its progress on the floor of the House.

While members of the committee decline to discuss their attitude upon the measure, it has become fairly well established that the bill to put the new rates into effect will pass through the committee and come out on the floor of the House within a comparatively short time.

Hearings Will Be Limited. The first move of the committee will be to determine if any hearings shall be held on the measure. It is the opinion of several members that, if certain delegations representing industries seriously affected by the lowering of tariff rates wish to be heard, an opportunity will be afforded them before final action.

There will be no opening of the bars to all the tariff arguments that might be introduced for and against the new arrangement. Members of the committee believe the facts on the various items were fully elicited in the hearing held during the preparation of the Payne-Aldrich bill, and that to renew extensive hearings upon the reciprocity agreement would needlessly delay its consideration.

Amendments to Be Barred. The form of the McCall bill is such that its future consideration is a matter of uncertainty. As a bill to raise revenue, it would be subject to amendment and change, unless a rule of closure is first put through prohibiting them and forcing a vote upon the reciprocity agreement as a whole.

The negotiations with Canada resulted in a definite and concrete arrangement which cannot be changed in any particular without upsetting the whole. For this reason, it is the opinion that the ways and means committee and the rules committee will prepare a rule, providing for its consideration as a whole and without amendment.

The impression has been strengthened that President Taft's determination to secure action at this session is such that he will resort to an extra session if it becomes necessary to bring the matter to final consideration in Congress.

The extra session talk has caused no little worry at the capital. The leaders of the House say frankly they do not believe it will be necessary thus to dispose of the trade agreement.

If defeat comes, it is expected in the Senate. The Democrats of the House, after a fairly careful poll by the minority are apparently disposed to accept the agreement and to support it in debate and with their votes.

Democrats Will Support Bill. According to a Democratic member of the ways and means committee, the Democrats are likely to accept the bill without serious attempt to amend it. They look upon it both as a tariff change in line with Democratic ideas such as a serious attempt on the part of the Republican President to take the tariff out of politics.

McCall has been the subject of some speculation because he comes from a state that has complained bitterly against the free trade provisions of the agreement. McCall declined to declare himself, but made no secret of his approval of the plan for reciprocal arrangements between the two countries.

Several members of the committee whose positions have also been in doubt have indicated that the ways and means committee will under no circumstances fail to report promptly and have given intimations that the report is likely to be favorable to the treaty.

Bill Gives Taft Power. The McCall bill, after indicating the duties that are to be levied upon Canadian products, provides that the President shall become effective as soon as the President secures, and issues a proclamation showing that Canada is levying similar duties against American products. The free importation of certain articles is to become operative as soon as the President becomes satisfied that Canada is

CHILDREN DIE IN CANADA BLIZZARD

THREE FROZEN; MOTHER AND ANOTHER IN DANGER.

Father When in Umatilla County Had Been Arrested for Neglect of Offspring.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Three of the four children of R. E. Grossheim, a former resident of this county, were frozen to death in a recent Saskatchewan blizzard, while the mother and fourth child were so badly frozen that each will lose a leg. News was received here today in a letter from L. A. Vogel, who moved to Canada two years ago.

The mother and her four children, two boys and two girls, started in search of some sheep which had strayed from the flock. When they were two miles from home the blizzard came without warning. The boys tried to save the sheep, became lost and were dead when found. The mother drew her two daughters to her and huddled down in the snow. The younger of the girls died within a few hours after help reached them, while the older girl and the mother are yet in a serious condition.

While a resident of this county Gossheim was twice under arrest, once for keeping his children out of school and once for making a young girl and young boy herd sheep in a snow storm while they were wearing shoes through which their toes protruded.

LATHAM SAILS TO ALTAR

Wedding Bells Will Chime Aviator's Farewell to Clouds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Hubert Latham, the famed French aviator, has perhaps made his last ascent into the clouds. Today Latham sailed by the steamer Korea to join the "lady of his choice." Who the woman is, Latham said it would be indiscreet to announce. It is understood, however, that the conquest of military's heart was made by Latham's darling. However, it is also understood that after the marriage Latham will not be permitted to make another essay into the heavenly blue. In the words of his confidant, "he has flown his last flight."

ROYAL PAIR LIVE HAPPILY

Poes Start Reports That Spain's Rulers Disagree, Asserts Reno.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The attention of the Spanish Legation has been attracted by certain publications to the effect that domestic infelicity has brought about an estrangement between King Alfonso and his royal spouse, Queen Victoria. Minister Reno today entered an emphatic denial of the story. He asserts that the royal pair enjoy the happiest relations.

SHAFT IS LIVING TOMB

Miner Rescued After Being Trapped 24 Hours.

SAN BERNARDINO, CAL., Jan. 28.—George Kramer, a mine-owner, was rescued by his partners yesterday after he had been imprisoned for 24 hours in their mine near Wingate Pass. He was unconscious when found and was revived with difficulty.

INQUIRY MAY TURN INTO STEINER AID

Ways And Means Body Faces Odd Phase.

Statistics From Institutions of Other States Gathered to Prove Oregon Superintendent Saving. Bigger Fund Asked.

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OREGON TRUNK IS TO EXTEND SOUTH

Medford and Klamath Falls Are Goals.

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Head of System Predicts Marvelous Growth of Portland and Oregon as Soon as East Learns of Wonders of This Section.

"You old rascal, how are you anyway," exclaimed a red whiskered man, wearing a slouch hat and a broad smile as he playfully slapped a broad-shouldered, breezy Western type of individual with his overcoat, in the office of H. A. Jackson, assistant general freight agent of the Great Northern Railway, yesterday afternoon.

The speaker and overcoat bearer was Louis W. Hill, son of J. J. Hill, and president of the Great Northern, while the man whom he addressed was "Bill" Hanley, the well-known rancher of Burns, Or., one of Hill's advisers and a companion on the trip through Central Oregon last year that resulted in the increased interest of the railroad man in that section. The two had not met for a long time and their greetings were like those of school boys.

They started at once to recall experiences of that eventful journey and each declared that he had more fun than during any other similar period of his life.

Mr. Hill announced that he has arranged to take another trip into the interior of the state in the coming Spring or Summer, and insisted that his friend "Bill" will have to be a member of the party.

Although he did not venture to speak authoritatively on the future construction work that may be done on the Oregon trunk south of Bend, Mr. Hill said that that portion of the state eventually will have to be developed.

Line to Medford Sure. "Mr. Stevens has charge of the work in this country," he said, "and I don't know what his plans are. A number of routes have been surveyed south of

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POLECAT EMPTIES HIGH-TONED GRILL

Drunken Bar-Room Patron Drops Burden Accidentally—Rush to Street Follows.

Inspector Holbrook Finds Sealer Does Well With Scant Facilities, but Conditions at Seattle and Salem Are Bad.

BY HARRY J. BROWN. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 28.—The cost of living in Oregon can be materially reduced if the state Legislature will enact and provide for the strict enforcement of a law fixing a rigid standard of weights and measures; or if the several counties and municipalities will take steps in this same direction for the protection of their citizens. Today the people of Oregon, as in most other states, are largely at the mercy of dishonest dealers who give short weight, who use "fast" scales and who otherwise impose upon an unsuspecting public.

That there is extensive fraud in the retailing of the necessities of life in Oregon is conclusively shown by an inspection recently made in Portland, Salem and Oregon City by an inspector sent out by Director S. W. Stratton, of the United States Bureau of Standards. Similar inspections have been made in other states, under authority granted by Congress, and without exception these inspections have developed the lack of adequate state law aimed to suppress the dishonest traffic in food products, as well as other commodities sold by measure.

Awakening Is Promoted. The Federal Government is powerless to go into the states and prosecute short-weight dealers who are defrauding the public. However, Director Stratton is keenly interested in awakening the people to a realization of the fact that they are paying too dearly for the food they buy, hoping by this means to bring about a reform that will be country wide. The only way in which the National Bureau can be of assistance is by calling attention to conditions as they exist and aiding the several states and municipalities in procuring standard weights and measures which can be used in the prosecution of local offenders. The standards in possession of this bureau are official, made so by act of Congress.

Only recently F. S. Holbrook, Inspector of the Bureau of Standards, visited Portland, Salem and Oregon City, and his report to Director Stratton has just been made public. Portland, it is stated, shows up very favorably as compared with other cities in Northwest, for it has a local ordinance and a local sealer, who is doing as much as can be expected with the limited funds at his disposal to stamp out short weight in his city. The Portland sealer, however, is handicapped not only by insufficiency of funds and assistance but by faulty ordinances which restrict his authority and make rigid protection of the public impossible. Salem and Oregon City, having no sealer and no weights and measures ordinance, show conditions that are a disgrace, and there can be no remedy until there is an adequate state law and proper officials to prosecute dishonest dealers.

It was discovered that the State of Oregon has no official standard set of weights and measures, to be used as evidence in court when prosecutions are attempted in Oregon, and this in itself is a serious handicap to the Portland Sealer. Such a set, however, can be procured at cost from the Government Bureau of Standards, as similar sets have been furnished most of the states of the Union. Mr. Holbrook was glad to understand that such primary standards would soon be procured, however. Until such standards are available, enforcement of any law drawn for the protection of the people will be difficult.

Portland Ordinance Has Faults. The Portland ordinance on weights and measures is reported to be "fairly adequate," but is faulty in several important particulars. For instance, no appropriation is made for the purchase of goods for testing, and dealers cannot be prosecuted for displaying short-weight packages. There must first be an actual sale, and then a complaint, before the Sealer can institute prosecution. The bureau suggests that the ordinance be amended to make it a crime to offer or keep commodities for sale which may be of less weight or measure than represented, and authority should be given the Sealer to check weights and measures of all commodities kept for sale.

Enforcement of the present ordinance is further retarded by lack of funds and lack of assistance. The provisions of the ordinance are not being wholly carried out. While it is required that all scales be tested officially at least

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SHORT WEIGHT IS ROBBING PEOPLE

One-Third of Scales Is Found Incorrect.

CONSUMER GETS WORST OF IT

Portland Not Nearly as Bad as Other Coast Cities.

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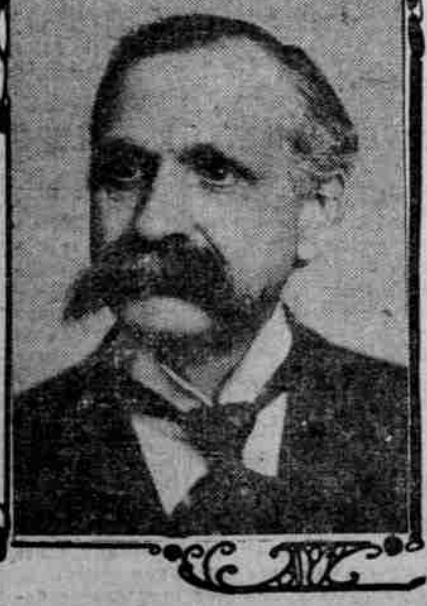
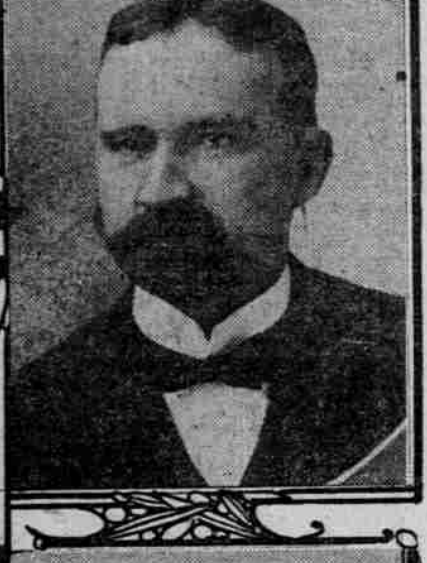
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