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## RECIPROCITY BILL REACHES HOUSE THREE PROZEN; MOTHER AND

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 agree ment, 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 in- to announce. It is understood, howdicate that McCall will take a leading part in engineering its progress on the heart was made by Latham's daring. 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 migh be introduced for and against the new arrangement. Members of the committee believe the facts on the various items were fulfy 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 consid-

## 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 cloture is first put through prohibiting them and forcing a vote upon the reciprocity agree-The negotiations with Canada resulted

in a definite and concrete arrangement which cannot be changed in any particular without upsetting the whole. Fur this reason, it is the opinion that the ways and means committee and the rules nittee 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 will resort to an extra session if it omes 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 any frankly they do not believe it will be necessary thus to dis-

pose of the trade agreement. If defeat comes, it is expected in the Benste. 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

## Democrats Will Support Bill.

According to a Democratic member of the ways and means committee, the ocrats are likely to accept the bill without serious attempt to amend it. They look upon it both as a tariff change in with Demogratic ideas and 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 fish provisions of the agreement. McCall declined to declare himself, but made no secret of his approval of the plan for reciprocal arrangements be-

tween the two countries. Boveral members of the committee whose positions have also been in doubt have indicated that the ways and means mittee 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 there shall become effective as soon as the President accertains, 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 (Concluded on Page 2)

## CHILDREN DIE IN CANADA BLIZZARD

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. Grossehemig, a former resident of this county, were frozen to death in a reent Saskatchewan blizzard, while the other 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

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 con-

While a resident of this count Gosse hemig 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 shees 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 ever, that the conquest of milady's 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 confreres, "he has flown his last flight." Latham's flancee is the daughter of wealthy manufacturer and lives in Southern France. The engagement was entered into at Rheims before Latham started on his American tour. But the girl's promise had a condition at-tached, namely, that Latham should give up his aerial flights after the wed-ding bells had chimed.

## ROYAL PAIR LIVE HAPPILY

Foes Start Reports That Spain's Rulers Disagree, Asserts Rieno.

tracted by certain publications to the effect that domestic infelicity has brought Alfonso and his royal spouse, Queen

Minister Rieno today entered an emphatic denial of the story. He asserts that the royal pair enjoy the happlest relations. The rumors of a separation are believed by him to have been set affort by anti-dynastic influences.

## SHAFT IS LIVING TOMB

Mincowner Is 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.

His hands and fingers were bleeding from his efforts to dig through a mass of gravel and rock which had caved in and blocked the shaft entrance.

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## INQUIRY MAY TURN INTO STEINER AID

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#### DOCTOR'S DEFENSE HIDDEN

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STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28 .-Special.)-Whether Monday's meeting of he ways and means committee will prove be what it is intended-a session to determine the amount of appropriations for various state institutions—or whether it will bring forth a heated defense of Superintendent Steiner, of the asylum, and possible charges and countercharges, is a topic of absorbing interest here, as well as being the subject of wide conjecture.

It is certain, if an effort is made to call for an increase in the asylum appropriation over the estimate of the legislative committee, some defense of Dr. Steiner from that committee's allegations will be demanded. As it is certain that such an increase will be requested, continuance of the asylum wrangle is promised and there is every indication that lively tilts from both sides will ensue.

#### Steiner to Attend.

Interest in this meeting centers prinpally on what position will be taken before the committee by the asylum authorities and members of the State Board. Superintendent Steiner refused to make a statement tonight in regard to his prospective appearance before the board, but he will be requested to be present and with him will be State Treasurer Kay.

While the meeting will not be in the nature of an investigation of the charges of extravagance made against Steiner by the legislative committee and on the floor of the Senate, echoes of these WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.-The atten- charges may be heard. Kay and Steiner tion of the Spanish Legation has been at- | will be present to make a plea for a better appropriation than recommended in the report of the legislative committee. about an estrangement between King That committee cut down the recommendation of Dr. Steiner from approximately \$812,000 to \$592,000. This was done principally on the ground that the administration of asylum affairs under Steiner has been lavish and extravagant.

## Figures Called to Aid.

Kay and Steiner will be armed with facts and figures, many of them of a comparative nature. Efforts will be made to show that the Oregon asylum has been conducted more economically than institutions of other states. It is probable that specific denial will be made of some of the Bowernfan charges and that in some instances it will be shown that Bowerman exag-

gerated things in his denunciation. Records in the Secretary of State's office were gone over by members of the board to determine the accuracy of some of Bowerman's statements and correspondence has been carried on with architects and others connected with the construction of the new re-(Concluded on Page 2.)

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## TO EXTEND SOUTH

Medford and Klamath Falls Are Goals.

LOUIS W. HILL GIVES PLANS

Routes South of Bend to Be Followed to State Line.

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." excinimed a red whiskered man, wearing e 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 Rallway, 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 com panion 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 experiduring any other similar period of his

Mr. Hill announced that he has arranged to take another trip into the interior of the state in the coming Spring or Summer, and inelsted 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 (Concluded on Page 11.)



## POLECAT EMPTIES HIGH-TONED GRILL

LOGGER CARRIES OFFENDING ANIMAL IN SACK.

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

Pretty little noses of pretty women dining in the Louvre last night were turned up all of a sudden while the men sniffed. An odor wafted from the

barroom that did not need identifica-A polecat was about,

The mephitis mephitics, the name of the most common variety of polecat in the United States, was discovered somewhere in the woods of Oregon and brought into the Louvre barroom in a gunny sack by a drunken logger ACTIVE PUBLICITY URGED Both the logger and mephitis mephitica were ignored until the logger ac cidentally dropped the sack. Angered at his awkwardness, he picked up the sack with a jerk, shook it a few times and slapped it upon the floor. little defenseless animal on the inside

> protested. Among the several things that happened then was a general desire of the patrons of the cafe to get out. Becoming frightened at the commotion, the logger dragged the sack over the floor a few times and ran into the street, joining the throng, but still retaining firm grip on the sack. Beating a safe retreat, with the sack in front of him, he was soon lost in the

After the commotion was over the police were summoned. They took up the trail at the barroom door, and had no difficulty in following it for several blocks. Then the scent was lost The logger is still at large.

#### MRS. PHELPS WARD IS DEAD Authoress Who Began Writing at 13 Produced Book a Year.

NEWTON, Mass., Jan. 28 .- Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward, author and lecturer, died at her home in Newton ences of that eventful journey and each | Center tonight, at the age of 67 years. declared that he had more fun then than Her husband, Herbert D. Ward, is expected home tomorrow,

Mrs. Ward was born in Boston August 31, 1844, the daughter of Rev. Austin and Elizabeth Stewart Phelps. She began to write for the press when but 13 years old. She was the author of many books, the first, "The Gypsy Series," of four volumes, appearing in 1869. From that time until very recently hardly a year passed without a book being published from her pen.

## PHILADELPHIA PLANS TUBE

Four-Track Subway, 11 Miles Long Will Cost \$28,000,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28 .- It was learned today that among Mayor Reyburn's plans for the improvement of the entire length of Broad street, a street subway system to Camden, N. J., through tunnels under the Delaware River and the erection of an immense convention hall in Edgemont Park.

The proposed improvements, it is said. gress. are to be made under a \$60,000,000 city loan, of which \$78,000,000 will be spent on the Broad-street subway.

## SHORT WEIGHT ROBBING PEOPLE

One-Third of Scales Is Found Incorrect.

CONSUMER GETS WORST OF IT

Portland Not Nearly as Bad as Other Coast Cities.

## ORDINANCE IS DEFECTIVE

Inspector Holbrook Finds Sealer Does Well With Scant Facilites,

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 it 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 other-

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 almost without ex-ception these inspections have developed the lack of adequate state law aimed to suppress the dishonest traffig in food products, as well as other commodities sold by measure.

wise impose upon an unsuspecting

## 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 on is keenly intereste ening the people to a realization of the fact that they are paying too dearly for buy, hoping by this the food they means to bring about a reform that will be country wide. The only way in which the National Bureau can be Philadelphia is a four-track subway of assistance is by calling attention to conditions as they exist and aiding distance of 11 miles, to be owned by the several states and municipalities the city, the extension of the Market- 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 Con-

> 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 retrance, 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 handleap to the Portland Sealer. Such a set, however, can be proared at cost from the Government Bureau of Standards, as similar sets have been furnished most of the states of the Union. Mr. Holbrook was given to understand that such primary standards would soon be procured, however. Until such standards are avallable, enforcenent of any law drawn for the protecon of the people will be difficult.

## Portland Ordinance Has Faults.

The Portland ordinance on weights and measures is reported to be "fairly dequate," 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 shortweight 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 erime 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 eights and measures of all commodities kept for sale.

Enforcement of the present ordinance 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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