

UP TO THE SENATE

President Sends Santo Domingo Treaty With Letter.

GIVES POSITION OF GOVERNMENT

If United States Does Not Take Hold of Bankrupt Republic Some Foreign Nation Will.

Washington, Feb. 16. — The senate must decide the question as to whether or not the Monroe doctrine is to be maintained and upheld. This is the contention of President Roosevelt. He made the issue clear in a confidential letter to the senate late this afternoon, in transmitting to that body the treaty entered into between this government and the republic of Santo Domingo, relative to which the treaty-ratifying body of the government has heretofore indulged in some caustic criticisms.

The president declared that foreign governments were pressing Santo Domingo for the payment of claims; that while the republic should be prosperous, its revenues were depleted through insurrections and that, if the United States did not exercise such a just parental supervision as would naturally be expected and as was desired by the republic and arrange for the payment of just obligations, foreign governments would set about to enforce collection through the customary diplomatic methods.

The message was referred to the committee on foreign relations. The treaty was not read. It was the expectation of Chairman Cullom to have a special meeting of the committee to take the convention up for consideration.

Briefly stated, the protocol or treaty provides that the United States shall collect the customs revenues of Santo Domingo and turn over to President Morales' government a specified percentage necessary to meet the expense of administration and disburse the remainder among foreign claimants. The United States undertakes to respect the integrity of Santo Domingo and the protocol or treaty must be approved by the United States senate and the Dominican congress.

CAN'T DECIDE THIS SEASON.

Not Enough Time to Reach Vote on Smoot Case.

Washington, Feb. 16. — Chairman Burrows has called a meeting of the senate committee on privileges and elections, to be held on Saturday, to consider the arguments of counsel in the Smoot investigation and determine on some course of action. There has been no meeting of the committee since the hearings were closed, and no consultation of members to discuss whether it is possible to decide the case at this session of congress. In view of the limited time that remains of the present session, the disposition is to postpone action until the next session. There are so many points involved in the discussion that it is estimated that a week or more would be required in the senate to bring the case to a vote.

All May Again Quit Work.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18. — The report is circulated here with great persistence that a renewal of the general strike will be declared in St. Petersburg in the course of Friday. The only evidence so far which could be cited in favor of such action on the part of the strike leaders is that the unwillingness of the employers to make concessions pending the governmental arbitration discussion has created great dissatisfaction among the radical element of workers.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Salem, Feb. 14. — Settlemier's bill authorizing the attorney general to assess property which has escaped assessment in the past and to bring suits to collect the taxes due upon such assessments passed the house today.

The house committee on salaries and mileage reported this morning. Smith, of Josephine, protested against some of the items, but failed to get any support.

Supporters of the normal schools are endeavoring to have the cut made in the appropriation by the house restored by the senate when the bill comes up in that body tomorrow. Governor Chamberlain has also declared himself in favor of consolidation of the schools and threatens to veto the measure when it comes to him. The appropriation for the normal schools is coupled with those for the asylum, penitentiary, reform school, deaf mute school, blind school, state university and agricultural college, so it would be necessary to veto all in order to reach the normal appropriation.

The ways and means committee of the house introduced a bill in the house today appropriating \$70,000 for new buildings for the deaf mute school. Four other appropriation bills were introduced by the committee carrying a total of \$113,542.13.

The senate committee will not attempt to please either side in regard to the Jayne local option bill. The bill will be reported without recommendation.

Several votes are lacking of enough to pass the Cascade county bill. Many sorts of influences are being brought to bear to secure the necessary number.

Salem, Feb. 15. — The Cascade county bill is only a memory. The committee having it in charge in the senate reported favorably this morning and a vote was called for. The result was 18 against and 11 for.

Employees of state institutions will be paid monthly hereafter if the governor does not veto the bill passed by the senate.

The house bill providing for a commission to examine the subject of assessment, taxation and collection of taxes was passed by the senate.

Wife beaters are to receive punishment up to 20 lashes according to the senate bill passed by the house.

County and city boards of health are created by a bill which has passed both houses.

The committee having the Jayne local option bill in hand is still wrestling with the measure and does not expect to report before Friday.

It appears probable that the bill appropriating \$70,000 for a new deaf mute school building, passed by the house this afternoon, will go through the senate, as many in that body favor it.

According to joint resolution the legislature will adjourn Friday without day. The work will be well cleared off by that time, say President Kuykendall and Speaker Mills. No official notice will be taken of the developments in the case of Senator Mitchell and an adjourned session will not be held next winter nor the present session prolonged unless something unforeseen should happen in the next two days.

Forty-eight bills were passed by the house today and eight failed. In the senate 16 bills were passed, besides 15 charter bills, and seven were indefinitely postponed. The governor today signed 14 bills.

Salem, Feb. 16. — The bill exempting mining corporations producing less than \$1,000 a year from the corporation tax was passed by the senate today.

A bill was passed tonight creating the office of state engineer, to be appointed by the governor. Commencement of suits are authorized to condemn property where the government may wish to begin construction of irrigation systems. An appropriation of \$5,000 is also made by the bill.

Two hours' work are in sight in the house for tomorrow, but 70 bills are before the senate, besides the Jayne local option bill, which will require considerable time.

The bill taxing sheep driven in from

other states has been passed by both houses. The yearly pasturage tax is placed at 20 cents per head, and when sheep are driven through the state the tax is 5 cents per head for each county traversed.

The bill prohibiting the sale of liquor to females under 21 years, and forbidding proprietors of saloons to permit such females in their establishments has passed both houses.

Both houses held sessions tonight.

In the house 39 bills were passed, and six were indefinitely postponed. The senate passed 22.

Salem, Feb. 17. — At 8 o'clock tonight the 23d biennial session of the Oregon legislature ended and the law makers were adjourned without day, after 40 days' labor.

The punishment of wife-beaters by whipping was authorized; small mining corporations were exempted from the corporation tax; railroads are compelled to make connections with each other and transfer cars at reasonable rates, and several fishing laws were enacted for the purpose of guarding against the taking of fish on spawning grounds.

The total appropriations of the legislature aggregate something over \$2,000,000, of which \$500,000 is for the state insane asylum.

After six weeks of turmoil the Jayne local option bill was indefinitely postponed by the senate.

Other measures defeated were to make gambling a felony; to abolish riparian rights; to amend census law so as to make it more applicable to present needs, and to create a mining bureau. Thirteen bills were on third reading in the senate at the time of adjournment and received no attention from the upper house.

Governor Chamberlain will be kept busy for the next four or five days scanning the many bills which were passed at the close of the session.

A compromise was effected by the governor and the legislature whereby the emergency clause was left off the general appropriation bill and it was signed by the chief executive. He had already written the veto when the change was made.

The senate today passed 49 bills and disposed of 19 otherwise. In the house four bills were passed and five killed or indefinitely postponed.

Mexicans Palmed Off as Indians.

El Paso, Feb. 17. — H. B. Pears, agent for the United States Indian Bureau, is here investigating the report that Mexican children have been sent to the government Indian school from various parts of the country on false affidavits that they were of one-fourth Indian blood. It is claimed that hundreds of children have been rejected recently from the Oklahoma school for this reason, while others, it is said, are to be found in all the Indian schools.

To Dredge Tacoma Waterway.

Washington, Feb. 16. — Senator Foster today offered an amendment to the river and harbor bill authorizing the dredging of the middle waterway in the Tacoma harbor. His amendment appropriates \$115,537, and stipulates that none of this money shall be expended unless the city of Tacoma shall pay to the War department \$38,512, one fourth of the cost of the improvement. He also offered amendments authorizing other surveys.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 87c; blue-stem, 94c; valley, 87c per bushel.
Oats — No. 1 white, \$1.35 @ 1.40; gray, \$1.40 @ 1.45 per cental.
Hay — Timothy, \$14 @ 16 per ton; clover, \$11 @ 12; grain, \$11 @ 12; cheat, \$12 @ 13.
Eggs — Oregon ranch, 22 @ 22½c per dozen.
Butter — Fancy creamery 27½ @ 32½c.
Potatoes — Oregon fancy, 75 @ 85c; common, 60 @ 65c.
Apples — 4-tier Baldwins, \$1.25; Spitzenbergs, \$1.25 @ 2.
Hops — Choice, 25 @ 26c per pound.
Wool — Valley, 19 @ 20c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12 @ 17c; mohair, 25 @ 26c per pound for choice.

RECORD IS BROKEN

Blizzard in the Southwest Worst in Six Years.

INFLUENCE OF STORM IS WIDE

Extends From Great Lakes to Texas, From Atlantic to the Rockies — Many People Frozen.

Chicago, Feb. 14. — Not during the last six years has the equal of the present cold weather been experienced in the West, and in many places no such low temperatures have been recorded since the establishment of the weather bureau.

The cold wave extends from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic. In the North the mercury has registered all the way from zero to 45 degrees below zero, the latter mark being scored at Richland Center, Wis.

Trains everywhere from the West and Northwest are anywhere from 2 to 12 hours late and from the packing of the snow in the cuts it is expected that it will be several days before the roads are able to revive the schedule time of trains. Several people have lost their lives, the majority of the fatalities being in the Southwest.

The loss of cattle on the ranges, particularly on those lying in the northern part of the states, will be very heavy. In Nebraska and the Dakotas and Montana cattle are being sheltered from the cold and it is not expected their losses will be nearly so heavy as those on the ranges further to the south.

The severe cold has brought upon the South a renewal of all the troubles visited upon it by the recent storm of sleet which has demoralized railroad traffic and almost destroyed telegraphic communication in some parts. The cold spread with great speed all over the south. Railroad traffic is seriously hindered by the snow all through the central part of Georgia and in the central and northern parts of Mississippi. The Baltimore & Ohio road is the greatest sufferer and it is reported that there have been no trains between Meridian, Miss., and New Orleans for a week. The only news from the entire South came today from Western and Southern Texas, where a slight moderation in temperature was reported. From Western Montana and Nebraska come reports of 20 to 25 below zero. All through these states the month of January was the coldest known, and the month of February has so far shown equal severity.

ALL IN SUSPENSE.

No Federal Appointments in Oregon Until After Land Fraud Trials.

Washington, Feb. 18. — "No more Federal appointments in Oregon until after the trials."

This conclusion was reached last night by Secretary Hitchcock, Attorney General Moody and Postmaster General Wynne, and applies to all appointments coming under the jurisdiction of their respective departments. As a matter of fact, this decision will affect only postoffice appointments, for there is no likelihood of vacancies occurring in either the Interior department or the Department of Justice while the land fraud case are pending. The district attorneyship must necessarily remain in abeyance until the cases are concluded, there are no land office vacancies present or prospective, unless the register and receiver at Roseburg should be dismissed, and such action is not contemplated until after the trials are over. So the agreement of these cabinet officers really narrows down to postoffice cases.