# 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.

must decide the question as to whether lings. or not the Monroe doctrine is to be maintained and upheld. This is the contention of President Roosevelt. He letter to the senate late this afternoon, in transmitting to that body the treaty relative to which the treaty-ratifying struction of a bridge across the Pend low zero, the latter mark being scored body of the government has heretofore d'Oreille and Kootenai rivers in Kootenat Richland Center, Wis. 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 prosperons, its reveues 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, foregin 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 repsect the integrity of Santo Domingo and the protocol or treaty must be approved by the United States senate and the Dominican congress.

#### CASTRO PLAYING FOR DELAY

Venezuelan President Insists on Arbitration-Revolution Threatens.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Feb. 16 .- The negotiations between United States Minister Bowen and President Castro in the effort to reach an adjustment of the pending disputes between the two countries are practically at a standstill. Mr. Bowen's efforts have been blocked by the tactics of Castro, which culminated recently in Castro's abrupt departure from the capital when he was pressed for a frank and definite answer to the proposition to arbitrate.

After his return to Caracas he declined to submit to arbitration on the ground that the matters are now bere the courts of the country. He made a counter proposition, however, that the United States conclude with him an arbitration treaty to cover future cases which under international law could be considered as diplomatic questions. This Mr. Bowen declined, but in return proposed that a tribunal be selected to determine whether the asphalt case and other pending cases are diplomatic matters. Again, Castro refused, and pressed his demands for a treaty to meet future cases, and here the situation rests.

The ever-present rumors of a revolution against Castro seem at this time to have a possible foundation. The movement is assuming a more widespread character than for some time, and it is considered in well-informed circles that a revolutionary attempt is not a remote possibility.

The British Fleet is Coming.

London, Feb. 16 .- The date of the visit to American waters of the squadron of British warships commanded by Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg has been definitely fixed for Octo-Newport, New York and Annapolis.

To Dredge Tacoma Waterway.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Fos- called by the president. ter 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 improve-ment. He also offered amendments blood. It is claimed that hundreds of exploring tour in Thibet, have mapped

No Action on Lieu Land.

Washington, Feb. 16. - The senate found in all the Indian schools. public lands committee today recalled the bill which it recently reported repealing the lieu land law and providing for the purchase of private holdings within forest reserves, or an exchange that under the pressure of President subject has been refered to a subcom- questration of the landed property of of the smaller concerns. The officials ing at Tacoma and Sp kane to \$500,000, least 10 horses. If the plan to be util-

DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Friday, February 10.

After maintaining its record for the rapid disposal of private pension bills, 433 being passed in an hour and a half, the house today considered for a short time the bill providing a government for the Panama canal zone. An early adjournment was taken to enable the Republicans to confer on the statehood

Before the routine proceedings of the senate began, President pro tem Frye announced his selection of Perkins to read to the senate Washington's farewell address on February 22. Bills Extends From Great Lakes to Texas, were passed authorizing the secretary war to sell magazine rifles to rifle clubs upon request of governors of the various states, and permitting Okla-homa Territory to appropriate money Washington, Feb. 16. - The senate to construct agricultural college build-

Saturday, February II.

As an outgrowth of the investigation of the General Slocum disaster, the since the establishent of the weather made the issue clear in a confidential house today passed a number of bills bureau. amending the laws relating to steamboat inspection service and making far entered into between this government and control of steam vessels. A bill and the republic of Santo Domingo, was also passed authorizing the con- all the way from zero to 45 degrees be-

ments were ratified. The treaties are ing in the Southwest. with Great Britain, France, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany, Spain and Austicularly on these lying in the north-

Monday, February 13.

The senate heard 10 witnesses in the the consideration of the agricultural south. appropriation bill.

The leaders of the house today began bring the matter up. After that it communication in some parts. taken from the committee and sent the south. Railroad traffic is seriously direct to conference.

Tuesday, February 14.

The usual three hours were given by the senate today to the Swayne impeachment trial. Only two witnesses were examined.

The senate today passed the agricultural appropriation bill and took up the District of Columbia apropriation

The sundry civil appropriation bill was reported to the house and immediately thereafter the naval appropriation bill was taken up, with the understanding that eight hours shall be devoted to general debate and that the house shall convene at 11 a. m. each day while the bill is under considera-

Wednesday, February 15.

The senate today continued but could not conclude, consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support Columbia.

nesses were examined for the purpose trated by its creation. In the indictor of ascertaining if the judge was in the ment are implicated John II. Mitchell. habit of traveling on passes.

Thursday, February 16.

Aside from two hours spent in routine business the senate today gave its quired to furnish bonds of \$4,000 for entire attention to the Swayne impeach- his appearance before the court in ment trial. Two and a half hours of April when the case will come to trial. the time given to that case was spent This is the same sum asked of all those \$5,000. behind closed doors.

Before taking up the naval bill, which occupied the greater part of its time, the house today entered an emphatic protest against the action of the day afternoon, and will take a recess senate in amending the agricultural bill. After considering the naval bill for the most of the day it was laid aside were passed.

Will Have Action on Rates. Washington, Feb. 17. - Representative Townsend, of Michigan, one of the ber. It will comprise a short stay at authors of the Esch-Townsend freight The prince's visit to Washington will, today regarding the prospects for the it is understood, be of an official char-enactment of the measure into law, clusions of the British and Russian acter. President Roosevelt will be Townsend expressed the opinion that agents upon the testimony presented. notified through Sir Henry Durand, the there was a chance for the passage of Today's session practically closed the British ambassador, and Prince Louis the bill. After his talk with the presi- work of the commission until a decision will convey to the president King Ed- dent, Mr. Townsend said that in the is reached, when Admiral Fournier, event no legislation on the rate ques- the president, will call a meeting for tion was enacted at this session, an the purpose of announcement. extra session of congress would be admirals in the meantime will hold

Mexicans Palmed Off as Indians,

El Paso, Feb, 17 .- H. R. Pears, agent for the United States Indian Bureau, is here investigating the report that Mexican children have been sent to the Mail's Calcutta corespondent says that government Indian school from various parts of the country on false affidavits Lieutenant Bailey, who left Colonel children have been rejected recently out a new strip in the western part of from the Oklahoma school for this rea- the country and have also discovered son, while others, it is said, are to be the hitherto unknown sources of the the Cascade mountains. Foster in-

Castro Defies Uncle Sam.

Paris, Feb. 17. - A semi-official dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, savs on the like-for-like basis. The whole Castro, the court has ordered the se- tial resumption of work today at some

# RECORD IS BROKEN

Blizzard in the Southwest Worst in Six Years.

## INFLUENCE OF STORM IS WIDE

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

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

Trains everywhere from the West The entire time of the senate today, and Northwest are anywhere from 2 to which was not spent in executive ses- 12 hours late and from the packing of sion, was given to the Swayne impeach- the snow in the cuts it is expected that ment triasl. Four witnesses were ex- it will be several days before the roads amined. In executive session eight are able to revive the schedule time of treaties of arbitration between the trains. Several people have lost their United States and European govern- lives, the majority of the fatalities be-

The loss of cattle on the ranges, parern part of the states, will be very heavy. In Nebraska and the Pakotas and Montana cattle are being sheltered from the cold and it is not expected Swayne impeachment trial today and their losses will be nearly so heavy as devoted the remainder of its time to those on the ranges further to the Official Returns of Russians Killed in

The severe cold has brought upon the South a renewal of all the troubles active work to get the statehood bill visited upon it by the recent storm of into conference. A paper is being cir. sleet which has demoralized railroad sleet which has demoralized railroad culated to get enough signatures to traffic and almost destroyed telegraphic will require a vote that the bill be cold spread with great speed all over 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. through these states the month of Jannary was the coldest known, and the month of February has so far shown equal sever ty.

### GRAND JURY ADJOURNS.

Turns in Large Grist of Indictments as Parting Shot.

Portland, Feb. 14 .- Just before adournment, the federal grand jury 1eof the government of the District of turned the long expected indictment dealing with the Blue mountain reserve In the Swayne trial a number of wit- and the frauds attempted to be perpe-Birger Hermann, John N. Williamson, The question of what the policy of Franklin Pierce Mays, W. N. Jones and the government should be with respect George Sorenson. The charge is that to the upbuilding of the navy was again the defendants attempted to defraud threshed out in the house today. At the government of the United States of the time of adjournment the navy ap- the possession and use of and title to propriation bill was still under consid- 200,000 acres of land situated in various parts of the states and territories of the nation and of the total value of more than \$3,000,000.

Each of the men indicted will be rewho have been indicted so far in connection with the land cases.

The grand jury was excused after having returned the indictments yester-Attorney Heney, which will be made and several bills of minor importance Mr. Heney will return to Portland from ty, but the story cannot be traced to a the Jayne local option bill. The bill tions which have not as yet been fin-

Each Side States Its Case.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The international commission which is inquiring into the North sea incident today heard the condaily private sessions to deliberate upon the decision, which is not expected for some days.

Great Discoveries in Thibet.

London, Feb. 14 .- The London Daily Captains Rawling, Rider and Wood and Brahmapootra river. The most important geographical results are expected to days and expects to secure its passage. result from the expedition.

Partial Resumption at Warsaw.

Warsaw, Feb. 14.—There was a par-

WILL FAVOR RUSSIA.

Such Will Be the Final Decision of the North Sea Commission.

Paris, Feb. 15.- Russian confidence that the ezar's counsel will obtain a favorable decision from the North sea tribunal seems justified, though technically the tribunal only delivers an 'opinion" following the line of the testimony given by both sides. Yet the narrowest concession regarding the possibility of torpedo boats having been on the Dogger Bank is quite sufficient to Charges of broken faith and bohi lying satisfy the czar's representitives. This concession is contained in the tribunal's pronouncement, the last clauses of and called each other worse than hars which are being added today. The and whole judgment will at the latest be averted. completed temorrow.

Speaking to the corespondent today, an official who is closely attaheed to commissioner and two deputies. the person of one of the members of the tribunal said:

"It has proved impossible to withhold admission of the possibility and probability of the presence of torpede boats without implying perjury on the part of one or two Russian witnesses whose evidence was of a character excluding the hypothesis of mere error of tions of their own boats. If the tribunal were a police board, a different course might have been pursued, but, being an international arbitration council, it can do no more than softly smooth down the ruffled feathers of each side '

According to this informant, the concession to Russia's feelings will be an expression of the belief that the Russians were wrong in thinking that torpedo beats showed a disposition to attack, but sympathizers with the British side of the controversy do not disguise a feeling of disappointment over their

#### LOST 100,000 DEAD IN YEAR.

Battle and by Wounds.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.-The official eturns for the first year of the war, not including Port Arthur statistics, show that 130,439 officers and men passed through the hospitals going north, of which number 1,710 officers were wounded and 1,308 were sick; 53,990 men were wounded and 72,581 were sick; 4,007 subsequently died in hospitals; 6,744 wounded and 11,248 sick were invalided; 9,429 returned to Russia and 21,554 are still in hospitals. Over 77,000, therefore, presumably, returned to the ranks. These figures do not include the number of those killed on the field of battle, nor probably those slightly injured, who remained temporarily in the field hos. There is grave doubts as to its passpitals. The showing is considered re-

The proportion dying in hospitals is very low, the total loss to the active army in wounded and sick being a little over 50,000, of whom almost half bave still a chance of returning to the ranks. The other half will be invalided or returned to Russia.

The killed in battle are estimated to have numbered between 40,000 and

BUILDINGS IN THE NORTHWEST

Appropriations Proposed for Public Buildings on North Pacific.

Washington, Feb. 15.-The sundr ivil bill reported yesterday carles the following items: Rent of temporary postoffice quarters

at Portland, \$24,000. Improving Crater Lake park, \$3,000. Enlarging and improving Clackamas fiel station, \$5,000.

Improving Columbia river quarantine station, \$7,500. Seattle public building, \$375,000.

Tacoma building, \$75,000. Marking Alaska boundary, \$65,000. Isolation hospital, Port Townsend

quarantine station, \$9,500. Improving Baker lake fish station,

Feud Between Generals.

until the call of United States District eral Grippenberg, ex-commander of the Second army, with insubordination in about the first of April, at which time leaving his command without authoriresponsible source. While definite information continues to be lacking, it tion. seems to be generally accepted that General Grippenberg, after the recent flanking operation, blames the commander in chief for his failure to support him.

Russians Have 450,000 Men. Yang place the total Russian force between the Shakhe river and Harbin at 450,000, of which 280,000 are on the fighting line. The condition of the prisoners and of the bodies of the dead indicate that the Russians are short of winter clothing and shoes. Some of the officers are wearing Chinese shows. It is believed that the cold weather is greatly increasing sickness among the Russians.

Will Pass at This Session.

Washington, Feb. 15. - The senate judiciary committee has ordered a faly passed by the house, dividing the for the enlargement of the plant. state of Washington into two judicial districts, one east, the other west of tends to call the bill up within a few

More Cash for Public Buildings.

public building bill, in addition to in-

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

Salem, Feb. 10 .- An extremely warm fight is on in the senate over the posed counties of Cascade and Hot Lake, or Clark, in Eastern Oregon. were freely made in the capitol today Men shook fists in one another's faces two combats were narrowly

The house passed the bill creating state mining bureau and providing a

The anti-cigarette bill was passed by

Bills to abolish the normal school at Drain were defeated in both houses this morning. Five minutes is the time to which

debate on bills has been limited in the The hunters' license bili, requiring eyesight or of calculation of the posis each hunter to pay an annual gun license fee of \$1, passed the senate today. The bill exempts farmers and their

families hunting on their own lands. The governor vetoed the Port of Portland commission bill. Twenty bills

Salem, Feb. 13 .- By an overwhelming vote the house this afternoon defeated the railroad commission bill by Smith, of Josephine.

The house passed a bill to suspend the state fair this year and use the money on improvements at the grounds. The house in committee of the whole

cut down the appropriation for the various normal schools \$18,000. The bill appropriating \$30,000 for the extension of the portage road passed the senate today with just one

vote to spare. The house voted down an appropriation with which to buy the governor

a mansion. Both houses held night sessions toright and the consideration of bills in the house in which they originated. During the four days remaining each house will devote its exclusive attention to bills originating in the other house. It is believed that by holding one or two evening sessions, all the work can be disposed. There are now on the house calendar about 110 senate. bills and on the senate calendar about 160 house bills.

The Jayne local option bill has been read in the senate the second time.

The house indefinitely postponed the bill creating Hot Lake county. The house today passed 43 bills. Twentyfour bills failed to pass. In the senate 10 bills were passed and 10 were

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

The house committee on salaries and the items, but failed to get any support. Pacific company it comes to him. The appropriation for are being placed over the yards to guard the normal schools is coupled with against accidents. those for the asylum, penitentiary, reform school, deaf mute shood, blind school, state university and agricultural college, so it would be necessary to veto all in order to reach the normal

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15.—According buildings for the deaf mute school. The senate committee will not at-

appropriation.

will be reported without recommenda-

bear to secure the necessary number.

Salem, Feb. 15.—The Cascade counreported favorably is thinorning and a was not served

Good C ean-up at New Opp Mill.

Grants Pass - A remarkable record has been made by the Opp mins, of ling to the Coast Range Lumber comjust made a cleanup at the end of the first 15 days' ron of the new 10-stamp mill. The plates yielded \$1.500 in free metal and the vanners gave up the this mill amounted to several thousand same amount in concentrates for this dollars per month. time, which is equivalent to \$200 a day for ten stamps. The management is highly clated with the returns and the general outlook of the mine, and stem, u5c; valley, 87c per bushel. vorable report on the Jones bill recent- arrangements are already under way

Marine Engine for Harvesting.

Pendleton-Walter McCormick, who, \$12@13. with his brother, farms 2,100 acres of land north of this city, has gone to dozen. California, where he will purchase a combined harvester. He will also pur-Washington, Feb. 15 .- The omnibus chase a marine engine, which will propel the separator part of the combine, and which will do away with at least 10 horses. If the plan to be utilized by Mr. McCormack gives good repropel the separator part of the committee. This action will result in de- the American Asphalt company. The report that 600 persons were arrested appropriates \$15,000 for the purchase ized by Mr. McCormack gives good relay and probably means that no bill decision in the case has caused excitein connection with the strikes, of whom of a public building site at North Yaksults many farmers will adopt the

Restern Oregon, 12@701c; mohair, 25

vote was called for. The result was 18

against and 11 for. Employes of state institutions will be paid monthly hereafter if the gov ernor does not veto the bill passed by the senate:

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

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

County and city boards of health are reated by a bill which has passed both homses. The committee having the Jayne la-

cal option bill in hand is still wrestling with the measure and does not exsect to report before Friday. It appears probable that the full appropriating \$70,000 for a new deaf

mote school building, passed by the nouse 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

were passed by the senate and 20 by dail 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 unforescon should happen in the next two days. Forty-right bills were passed by the

use today and eight failed. In the senate in bills were passed, besides 15 charter bills, and seven were indefinitely postponed. The governor today signed 14 bills.

Salem, Feb. 16 .- The hill exempting mining corporations producing less than \$1,000 a year from the corporation tax as 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 sulcous to permit such females in their establishments

Both houses held sessions tonight. In the house 39 bills were passed, and six were indefinitely postponed The senate passed 22.

Improvements on S. P.

Grants Pass-In line with the many mileage reported this morning. Smith, improvements being made on its lines of Josephine, protested against some of through Southern Oregon, the Southern Supporters of the normal schools are changes in its yards and grounds in endeavoring to have the cut made in Grants Pass. The depot and freight the appropriation by the house restored house have been rebuilt and repaired, by the senate when the bill comes up and the yards covered to a good depth in that body tomorrow. Governor with granite. Coal bunkers have been Chamberlain has also declared himself installed, and all passenger becomplives in favor of consolidation of the schools and through freight locomotives now and threatens to veto the measure when burn coal instead of wood. Are lights

Logging Road Along Coast. Astoria.—The assertion is made that the Seaside Spruce Lumber company will soon begin work on the construction of a logging railroad south from The ways and means committee of Seaside. Rails for one and one-quarter the house introduced a bill in the house miles of road are said to have been purtoday appropriating \$70,000 for new chased. The proposed road is to run to the latest gossip at the war office, Four other appropriation bills were introduced by the committee carrying a ed for the extension of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad to Nehalem if

Sale of Lands Enjoined.

Pendleton-An injunction restraining the sale of lands for delinquent Several votes are lacking of enough taxes assessed against stockholders of to pass the Cascade county bill. Many the Little Walla Walla Irrigation comsorts of influences are being brought to pany has been served at Milton and the sale advertised for will not occur. The case will be tried in court to test the ty bill is only a memory. The com- was bound by Judge Ellis some time legality of the sale. The injunction Tokio, Feb. 15.—Reports from Line mittee having it in charge in the senate ago when the papers were filed, but it

Rebuild Burned Mill.

Independence—The saw mill belongthe Jacksonville district, which has pany at Falls City, which was burned recently, will be rebuilt at once. It is thought the mill will be in running order in six weeks. The pay roll of

PORTLAND MARKETS.\*

Wheat-Walla Walla, 876r88c; blue-Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.35@1.40; gray, \$1 40@1.45 per cental. Hay-Timothy, \$14@16 per tou; clover, \$11@12; grain, \$11@12; cheat,

Eggs-Oregon ranch, 25@26c per Butter-Fancy creamery, 2716@3216.

Potatoes - Oregon fancy, 756880c; common, 60@70e.

@26c per pound for choice.