

Congress Is Urged to Cut Off a Billion

Majority Leader Mondell Tells House Department Estimates Must Be Reduced to a Minimum

Army To Be Hit Hard

Navy and Postoffice Alone Ask Less Than Was Given to Them for Last Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations for 1921 will be pared down in accordance with strictest economy except the Postoffice Department and pensions, the estimates of which are less than for the present year. Majority Leader Mondell, of Oregon, told the House today when first urged deficiency bill of this year was brought up. Greatest reductions would be made in the army and fortifications estimates, he said, the former request totaling \$982,800,000 and the latter \$117,798,350, an increase of more than \$105,000,000 over the present appropriation.

The balance of estimated liabilities for 1921, Mr. Mondell said, is \$3,000,000,000. Estimates of expenditures, he said, would suggest excessiveness. "At least we must make this excessive expenditure when we are appropriating bills, make it true by reductions of hundreds of millions of dollars."

Six Billion Requested
Total estimated receipts for the year, he said, are \$4,055,500,000.

These official estimates of the receipts, he added, "are notable in that they carry no estimate of receipts on account of increases in our loans of nearly \$10,000,000,000 to foreign governments. This interest, if paid, would increase our receipts and lighten our burdens for the year by nearly \$500,000,000."

Funding of interest on foreign obligations for two or three years would increase foreign loans at least two billion dollars above the present figure, Mr. Mondell said.

The fact that such action has been taken by the Secretary of the Treasury, he explained, "reduces our obligations to our own people by a billion dollars annually."

Congress should cut the estimates at least \$1,000,000,000 and refuse every receipt which is not imperative, he added. "I believe that the present figure of \$4,055,500,000 is too high for the present year, and that we should cut it down to \$3,000,000,000."

War "Enthusiasm" Older
"Proposals of appropriations on behalf of men recently composing our great armies run all the way from a man which would involve the expenditure of \$100,000,000 annually for some years to plans which would involve expenditures of several billions, and one plan at least which would involve obligations of tens of billions of dollars."

"It is for Congress to determine," he continued, "what is to be done in all these matters, but in arriving at that determination the people should be kept in mind. The period when under the stimulus of war enthusiasm, the instinct of self-preservation and the determination to finish a great job gloriously, we could raise billions without a thought as to where the money was to come from, why was to pay it or when it was to be paid."

The coming fiscal year will witness the culmination of the growing burden of the world's armaments. It presents financial problems as serious in their nature as any we have during the period of the war. We cannot increase taxes, we should not raise bonds, we have no alternative but to economize to the limit."

Independence Is Declared By Amir of Afghanistan

Amanullah Khan Asserts Aims Will Be Accomplished by "Strength of Arms"

LONDON, Dec. 18.—According to advices received here today from Tashkent, Russian Turkestan, Amanullah Khan, reigning Amir of Afghanistan, has issued a manifesto of independence, which he declares Afghanistan will attain "by strength of arms."

A large part of Afghanistan has been within the British sphere of political influence since 1840.

Amanullah Khan's father, Habibullah Khan, was pro-English. Up to the time of his assassination, on February 20, 1919, the relations between Great Britain and Afghanistan were most cordial.

Since he took the throne there has been a large following among the people in the government, and during the war attempted a revolution to place himself at the head of the monarchy. When this failed he fled to Russia, causing the murder of his brother. Then he proclaimed himself Amir. He was immediately deposed by Amanullah, who, though only twenty-seven years old, had a large following among the people.

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Bellevue To Be Heated By Oil in Place of Coal

Bellevue Hospital is to take no more chances with coal shortages. Instead of coal oil will be used for fuel for keeping the patients warm and for power purposes.

To carry out this innovation plans were filed yesterday with the Manhattan Building Department for installing four fuel tanks on the grounds near the river which will have a capacity of 20,000 gallons of oil. Each tank will be 15 feet high and 15 feet in diameter.

While there has been considerable discussion concerning using oil for fuel purposes in buildings, this will mark the first actual experiment.

Obregon to Continue Presidential Campaign

Insists Resignation from Mexican Army Has Been Accepted
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 18.—General Alvaro Obregon does not consider himself to be a Mexican Federal army officer, in view of the fact that the Senate has accepted his resignation as a major general, and his campaign for the Presidency will go on "to the end," according to a communication received today by T. R. Bellamy, former Mexican Consul General here.

Recent advices from Mexico City said that President Carranza had accepted General Obregon's resignation, in view of the fact that a Presidential order prohibited army officers from seeking political office.

In the letter, Obregon said that he first presented his resignation to President Carranza, who replied that the National Senate was the only legal body that could act on his resignation.

"Two months after my resignation was accepted by the Senate," Obregon continued, "I reached Guadalajara, Calisco, and before reaching there the Department of War, under the immediate charge of President Carranza—because Congress gave him unlimited powers in the War Department and he has never appointed a Minister of War—sent an order to the military commandant of Guadalajara which stated 'extend no military honors or courtesies to the Citizen Alvaro Obregon, because he is no longer connected with the army. This order is by direction of the President.'"

"This seems to be sufficient to settle the matter. My campaign for the Presidency will go on."

Lowden Urges "Red" Drive

Deport Them by Hundreds of Thousands, Says Governor
MEMPHIS, Dec. 18.—Governor Lowden of Illinois urged radical aliens out of the country by hundreds of thousands. He so expressed himself in a speech here today to delegates of the Southern Land Association.

After saying that it was time the nation was aroused by the actions of "unnaturalized aliens, composing approximately one-tenth of the population, who are striking the land using false arguments," Governor Lowden asked:

"Who can doubt that America would be greater and our future brighter if we could reduce our population by a few hundred thousand of those malcontents who come from other lands?"

Two Ships in Distress

The American steamship Eastern Cross, out of New York, and the Italian steamer, reported yesterday that she had dropped her rudder post about four hundred miles from New York, and asked that assistance be sent to her. Included in her general cargo are 15,000 bales of cotton.

The Leyland Line steamship Lancastrian, from Antwerp for New York, reported being in distress five hundred miles east of Sandy Hook. The Coast Guard cutter Osipowice was sent to the aid of both vessels.

Airplane Loses Death Race

Child Succumbs to Injuries Before Medical Aid Arrives
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—An army aviator and a Middletown physician late this afternoon lost a race with death in an attempt to give medical attention to John Krone, aged nine, seriously hurt and marooned on an island in the Susquehanna River. The boy was dead when the doctor arrived.

Official Refuses Increase in Pay

KEARNY, N. J., Dec. 18.—Alfred Auler, secretary of the municipal board of health, has refused an increase of salary voted by the board. He receives \$400 a year. He said today his job was worth no more.

Mexican Reply Fails to Gain Capital Favor

Note on Jenkins Case Considered in Washington as Word of Arrest of Two Americans Is Received

Border Arrivals Tell Story

U. S. Navy Men Reported Held in Mazatlan Jail; Japanese Spike Rumor
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mexico's reply to the last American note on the case of American Consul Agent Jenkins was received today at the State Department.

The official text was said to differ only slightly from that contained in Associated Press dispatches Tuesday night from Mexico City.

While officials said they would have no comment to make until they had had time thoroughly to study the note, it was indicated that at first reading the communication had not made a favorable impression.

At the same time the note was under consideration by State Department officials press dispatches from Nogales, Ariz., reported that Americans arriving from the border had told of two Americans, H. V. Leonard and H. O. Martin, of the crew of the submarine tender Pockomok, having been held in Mazatlan, Sinaloa, since November 12.

To Urge United States Action

The matter, it was said, will be taken up with the American government direct because of the alleged refusal of the State Department representatives to take action.

The Americans are said to have been arrested after a street fight with a Mexican. Officers of the submarine tender are reported to have tried for a week to obtain the release of the men. When this seemed impossible the tender sailed.

Japan has entered into no negotiations with Mexico looking to the acquisition of special privileges or territory in that country, the State Department was informed by Kisuro Shidehara, the Japanese Ambassador.

He said that intimations to that effect conveyed in a recent statement by Chairman Fall of the Senate committee investigating Mexican affairs, was believed to have been based upon misinformation deliberately spread abroad by German agencies which were energetically striving to prevent the displacement of German trade with Mexico by American firms.

The Japanese Ambassador was said to have felt it necessary to place on record a denial of the accuracy of the reports that such negotiations had occurred. He was Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs at Tokio when it was alleged the negotiations took place.

It was said there was no disposition to question the statement in the Fall report that rumors of such negotiations had been circulated, but it was believed that the sole foundation for these rumors was the publication of the Zimmermann note in 1917, which had been skillfully used by propagandists to make it appear that negotiations of a nature to excite suspicion in America actually had taken place.

Krupp Works Show Loss

Making Peace Machinery
ESSEN, Dec. 18.—For the first time since the foundation of the Krupp arms industry the balance sheet of the concern this year shows a loss. The deficit amounts to 29,000,000 marks (\$7,200,000), but it is covered by a balance brought forward and a special reserve of 29,000,000 marks (\$4,000,000).

The Krupp works are at present constructing locomotives, freight trucks, agricultural machinery and moving picture apparatus instead of guns.

Gipsy Smith Sails for U. S.
SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 18.—Captain Gipsy Smith, the evangelist, will sail tomorrow on the Adriatic for the United States, where he will conduct evangelistic campaigns at New York, Brooklyn, Atlanta, Ga., and St. Louis. His itinerary also includes a series of meetings in British Columbia.

Smith Unit Aids France

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Rehabilitation work in northern France is being continued by the Smith College unit of the Red Cross, which has taken up headquarters at Graycourt. Mrs. George B. Ford, of New York City, who has been in charge of the woman personnel of the American Red Cross in Europe for the past ten years, has gone to join the college girls.

U. S. Is Europe's Only Hope of Credit, He Says

British Financial Authority Advises a Further Conference With America

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir George Paish, the financial authority, writing in "The Times," says Great Britain's exports to the countries from which both France and Great Britain must buy are entirely inadequate to the needs of the British and French people.

"Consequently," he writes, "the corollary to the London conference between Premiers Clemenceau and Lloyd George is a further conference in America between these two statesmen and President Wilson."

Sir George points out that Great Britain has no surplus to lend, but says the United States has a surplus of from \$800,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 to lend yearly.

Until this surplus is placed at Europe's disposal on conditions that will enable Europe to obtain it, he adds, European exchange must continue to fall.

"After a further conference at Washington," the writer continues, "another world conference will be needed in order that Europe may obtain credit with which to buy the surplus products not only of the United States, but of all the other countries."

Plane Theft Plot Charged

Arrests Believed to Have Blocked Delivery to Mexico
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 18.—An alleged plot to steal thirteen American army airplanes and sell them to the Mexican government for \$130,000 is believed to have been uncovered with the arrest of a lieutenant and a former lieutenant in the air service, it was stated at headquarters of the Southern department of the army here today.

According to officials the lieutenant is being held at Kelly Field here, while the former lieutenant is under arrest at Houston. Technically, the men are charged with stealing a motor and other parts of an airplane at Ellington Field, Houston.

Officials at headquarters said the lieutenant had admitted the alleged plot and expressed a willingness to testify against the former lieutenant.

2 to 1 Berger Wins To-day

Socialists Lay Odds on Strength of His "Wet" Declaration
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—Socialists were offering 2 to 1 here to-night that Victor Berger would be re-elected to Congress tomorrow in the special election in the 5th Wisconsin District at the headquarters of Henry Bodenstab, the fusion candidate, it was predicted that Bodenstab would win by 3,000. Hopes of success are based on the expectation that the usual stay-at-home vote will come out with a rush and top the 20,000 votes conceded to Berger.

The Socialists say that Berger's declaration against prohibition has made his election certain.

Bequeaths \$5 to His Widow

Photographer Leaves Part of Business to Woman Partner
The will of Joseph B. De Young, a photographer at 877 Broadway, died yesterday in the Surrogate's Court, leaves \$5 to his widow and son. To Matilda Wallace, his partner in the photographic establishment, he left his one-half interest in the business with this explanation:

"This is in part payment of the indebtedness I owe her, she having loaned me \$15,000 to help me in my unsuccessful speculations in Wall Street, for which I never gave her any note or security. And this is the only means I have to make some payment on that debt."

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'Christmas Club' Bank With \$3,500,000 Deposits Closed

Boston's Old South Trust Company Solvent, Says State Examiner, but Can't Realize on Its Loans; Teachers and Typists Chief Sufferers

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The doors of the Old South Trust Company, a banking and savings institution, with about \$3,500,000 in deposits, were closed today to the dismay of a small army of persons who had scrimped for a year to have their savings together at Christmas time. State Bank Commissioner Augustus L. Thorndike said that the company would be able eventually to pay depositors in full, with a substantial amount left for stockholders. He added that everything possible would be done to make the Christmas money available to its owners.

It was estimated that there were about eight thousand members of the Christmas savings club, many of them stenographers and other employees in downtown office buildings, with aggregate savings of approximately \$400,000. Some of these already had received their money, the checks having been sent out a day or two ago, but most of the club members were said to have held their checks over for use in last-minute gift purchases.

Solvent, Says Commissioner
The bank was closed by Commissioner Thorndike at the request of its president, John R. McVey. In a statement Mr. McVey said:

"The bank is absolutely solvent, and last night Commissioner Thorndike, after a conference with other bankers, refused to declare the bank unsafe. The fact that the Old South Trust was forced to discontinue its clearing, although it kept within the legal standing reserve, caused its checks to be paid over the counter. When this fact was bruited abroad a run began, starting yesterday and increasing rapidly today.

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Had Few Whisky Loans
Commenting on a report that loans made by the company on certificates of whisky ownership had tied up its funds, the Commissioner said the bank had only a "comparatively small amount" of such loans, as was the case with virtually all the banking institutions of the city.

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The news spread today, and a line of depositors was on hand at the opening hour. Among them was the City Treasurer, who withdrew \$20,000 of municipal funds before the Bank Commissioner stepped in. Others appeared during the day to find the doors closed and notice posted, but the knots of people gathered in front of the building passed almost unnoticed in the throngs of Christmas shoppers.

The report of the bank on November 17 showed assets of \$2,302,175, of which \$1,500,000 was in stocks and bonds, \$339,458 in demand loans, \$309,000 in time loans and \$63,652 in cash. Liabilities included deposits, demand and time, \$1,867,510; capital stock, \$290,000; surplus fund, \$40,000; and undivided profits, \$45,800.

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Baltic Conference Break Stayed; New Plan Studied

Situation Not Hopeful for Continuance of Parley; Vote Believed Near
DORPAT, Dec. 18.—(By The Associated Press).—With the announcement that M. Poska, Estonian Foreign Minister, would immediately place the Bolshevik boundary proposal before his government and perhaps before the constituent assembly, the definite breaking off of negotiations in the Baltic conference has been delayed.

The situation is not entirely hopeful for the continuance of the negotiations, but, at least, the country will be given a real voice in deciding the issue.

General Kostyakov, representing the Russian Soviet government, brought a written proposal from the Moscow government, replying to the Estonian communication concerning the town of Narva, but making little real change in their demands. They ask for the neutralization of the Narva River and the withdrawal of the Estonians ten miles westward of their present encampments.

The Estonians have officially announced that Joffe, of the Bolshevik delegates, declared that military necessity has forced Soviet Russia to depart from the position of self-determination on certain of the districts involved. They insist that the proposed frontiers offered definite boundaries for the future.

Haywood Has 6 Days To Appeal Conviction

Judge Landis Tells Legion He Cannot Prevent the Detroit Speech of I. W. W.
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—William D. Haywood and the other members of the Industrial Workers of the World, who have appealed from the conviction in 1917 on a charge of violation of the espionage act, were granted until next Wednesday to file their appeal briefs by the United States Court of Appeals today.

Unless the documents have been filed at that time, District Attorney Clyne will ask cancellation of the bonds of Haywood and sixteen others now at liberty and their return to Leavenworth penitentiary.

The briefs now are one month late, according to the District Attorney. Counsel for Haywood declared that it had been impossible to complete the papers, but that they would be ready on Wednesday.

Russian 'Revolutionary' Veteran on Way Here

Tchaikovsky Going to Siberia to Aid the Anti-Bolsheviks

The veteran Russian social revolutionary, Nicholas Tchaikovsky, will arrive in New York from Paris in a week or ten days on his way to Siberia, where he has accepted an important post under the All-Russian government.

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Colonel Bermond in Berlin

Leader of Russo-German Attack on Riga Received by Noske
BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Colonel Avshalom Bermond, leader of the Russo-German forces which attacked Riga during the autumn, arrived in Berlin yesterday and was received by Gustav Noske, Minister of Defense. The "Freiheit" declares: "The robber chief bears himself like a representative of a friendly power who may continue his adventure on German soil."

"Bermond's" money is still being printed, the newspaper continues, "large seizures having been made yesterday."

THE ARISTOCRAT

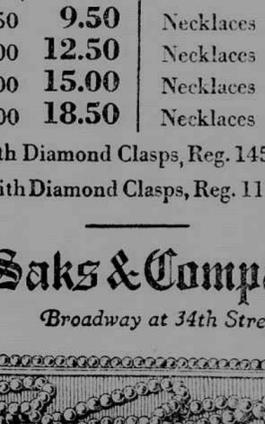
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