

GOVERNMENT COSTS ARE \$1,100,000,000

Official Figures Show Expense of Nation Still Increases.

UNCLE SAM FAILS TO SAVE MONEY Cuts Down Figures in One Place Only to Lose in Another Quarter.

By JOHN SNURE.

Final official figures on the appropriations made by the last session of Congress, now offices provided for, contracts authorized and the like, were made public today by Thomas P. Cleaves and James C. Curtis, chief clerks of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

These figures show that in spite of Uncle Sam's efforts to economize, he is plunging constantly deeper into the mire of extravagance. While able to save in one quarter he is obliged to pay out more than he saves in some other direction.

The grand total of appropriations made and of contracts authorized to be entered into by the last session of Congress, known as the second session of the Sixty-first Congress, is \$1,068,877,384.18. In round numbers, it is \$1,069,000,000. The grand total of appropriations made and contracts authorized to be entered into by the last session of the Sixtieth Congress was \$1,070,522,323.12.

Comparing these two grand totals, it is clear that instead of halting expenditures, Congress is increasing them. Appropriations Less.

A different showing is made if actual appropriations only are taken into account. The grand total of appropriations actually authorized is \$975,100,227.94 less than the total appropriations for the last session of the Sixtieth Congress. This grand total then was \$1,041,401,877.12.

These figures, however, come far from telling the whole story, as the contracts authorized to be entered into have to be taken into account. These contracts inevitably mean their equivalent in appropriations later on. The session of Congress ending in June authorized contracts to be entered into amounting to \$90,845,555. A comparison of these contract liabilities with those of the last session of the Sixtieth Congress shows an increase of \$4,964,880. The contract liabilities of the last session of the Sixtieth Congress amounted only to \$25,880,872.

Some Large Contracts. The contracts which are authorized to be entered into cover, among others, the following objects and amounts, namely: for construction of seacoast batteries in the Philippine Islands, \$415,000; two first-class battleships, two fleet colliers, six torpedobut destroyers, and four submarine torpedobut destroyers, including estimated cost of armament, \$23,475,000; for improvement of certain rivers and harbors, \$10,618,905; for construction of public buildings in cities and towns throughout the country for occupancy by postoffice and other public purposes of the United States, \$25,911,500.

The new offices and employments specifically authorized are 9,707 in number, at an annual compensation of \$3,944,225, and those abolished or omitted are 5,445 in number, at an annual compensation of \$4,484,447, a net increase of 4,262 in number and \$4,639,578 in amount.

Nearly Thousand Clerks. This actual net increase in number of new employments includes 973 additional clerks and other employes in the Postal Service throughout the country and 3,000 enlisted men and apprentice boys for the navy. Aside from these increases on account of the Postal Service and for the navy, the Agricultural Department has a net increase of 141 new employments, the local Government of the District of Columbia has 64, the Department of Commerce and Labor has 15, the Civil Service Commission has the Library of Congress 3, the number of keepers of light-houses on the coast are increased by 56, and employments in many other branches of the public service are increased in small numbers. On the other hand, the Treasury Department is diminished in its total number of specific employes to the extent of 191, and the Pension Office is cut down by nearly 100.

The total number of salaries or rates of wages increased in the entire public service is 303, at an annual cost of \$54,392,246, and reduced in the annual sum of \$25,155,700. Adding to the appropriations made at the last session of Congress, Congress those it omitted to make, consisting chiefly of money for expenses of taking the census, which were provided for by enactment at the extra session of the present Congress, the total reduction in appropriations made at the late session of Congress under those made by or chargeable to the previous session of Congress amount to \$27,781,628.70.

The largest reductions made in regular annual appropriation bills appear in the army, navy, fortifications, pension, and sundry civil; while the greatest increases occur in the postal and the river and harbor bills.

Reductions Made. The reductions made are as follows: \$5,755,215.79 in the Army Act; \$2,485,520 in the District of Columbia Act; \$2,152,911.19 in the Fortification Act; \$2,588,454.48 in the Indian Act; \$7,848,282.09 in the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Act, after adding to the law of the previous session \$10,000,000 for the census, appropriated at the late extra session; \$675,271.46 in the Military Academy Act; \$5,884,344.61 in the Naval Act; \$5,159,000.00 in the Pension Act; \$23,623,896.54 in the Sundry Civil Act; and \$7,281,125.12 on account of Deductions.

The Permanent Appropriations which include interest on the public debt, the requirements to meet the sinking fund and other fixed charges against the Government, authorized by various laws of Congress, show an estimated reduction of \$29,191,487.40.

The increases made are as follows: By the Agricultural Act, \$492,950.00; by the Diplomatic and Consular Act, \$20,219.74; by the Postoffice Act, \$3,214,650.00.

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Table Showing City's Increasing Bank Deposits Since 1900. Columns: Year (1900-1910), No. of banks, Total deposits.

and by the River and Harbor Act, \$31,983,262.50. For miscellaneous objects, including claims, there is an increase of \$1,995,612.78, and in addition thereto the sum of \$24,020,000.00 is appropriated to complete certain reclamation projects, the same to be ultimately reimbursed to the general Treasury out of receipts of the Reclamation Fund.

Detail of Bills. Table with columns: Item, Amount.

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WASHINGTON IS ENJOYING MOST PROSPEROUS ERA

Record of Increased Bank Deposits Accepted as Proof of Thriving Times in Capital—Optimistic Conclusions Drawn by Bankers of the City.

Washington has enjoyed ten years of abounding prosperity in the period between 1900 and 1910, and is right now in the midst of the best of it. More than this, Washington, together with the country generally, is slated to enjoy a prosperous fall and winter. These statements can be made with finality as a result of the compilation by The Times of the accompanying figures on Washington bank deposits, and as a result of a canvass of a number of Washington bankers by a representative of this newspaper.

The table published herewith shows that the total individual deposits of Washington savings banks, trust companies and national banks have nearly doubled in the last decade, increasing from \$25,727,859, in 1900, to \$58,021,776, in 1910. The most remarkable increase has been in the deposits in savings banks. These amounted to less than a million ten years ago, and are more than ten and a half million now. The bulk increase in trust company deposits was greater than that of the savings banks, but the percentage of increase was less. The trust company deposits increased from a little less than eleven million to more than twenty-five million. National bank deposits increased from a little more than eighteen million to more than twenty-two million.

Index of Prosperity. As it is a generally accepted theory that there is no better evidence of a community's prosperity than the condition of its bank deposits, Washington may be said to be decidedly prosperous. There have been plenty of other evidences of this fact, but none is more striking or more easily comprehended than that offered by the deposits in its banks. Washington has simply been saving money. It has been able to pay its bills, live well, and lay by an amount that now totals the huge sum of \$8,021,776.

The Times presented its figures on bank deposits—which were obtained at the office of the Comptroller of the Currency—to Milton E. Ailes, vice president of the Ricke National Bank, W. V. Cox, president of the Second National Bank, E. J. Saul, president of the Home Savings Bank, John E. Stearns, Jr., director and former treasurer of the Union Savings Bank, and Andrew Parker, vice president of the Washington Loan and Trust Company. As interpreted by these Washington bankers, the figures justify the following conclusions:

That the deposits reflect the prosperity of the community. That the Government employ is one of the biggest single factors in the upbuilding of Washington's deposits. That since the classified, civil service became general and effective, Government employes have been more prominent. That the Federal payroll takes the place of the wages of employes in industrial and commercial enterprises, and in many respects causes steadier and greater prosperity. That the \$5,000 permanent white population, exclusive of Government employes, has benefited from a steady and substantial development of commercial and industrial interests. That one important factor in increasing bank deposits has been the acquisition by the city of a large number of wealthy people as residents. Saving Habit Stimulated. That the increase in the number of savings banks from four to fifteen has stimulated the habit of saving among the people.

That the savings banks and trust companies have gotten the bulk of increase in deposits because of their attractive interest rates. That the decrease in national and savings bank deposits for 1910 as compared with 1909 is probably due to the abnormal increase of 1909 over 1908, and possibly in part to the withdrawal of funds for investment purposes because of the relatively low price of securities of this character. That part of this decrease, and in that proportion the decrease in total bank deposits for 1910 compared to 1909, was due to the slight business depression over the country generally this spring because of bad weather and unsettled political conditions. That trust company deposits increased during the year because these concerns would be less likely to reflect impudently a stock investment wave or a business depression.

Building Activity An Aid. That one of the important factors in increasing bank deposits has been the building activity which the city has experienced in the last few years and which has furnished remunerative employment to a large number of people. That the building activity may also account in part for the decrease in savings bank deposits in 1910, because of the withdrawal of funds to put into homes. That while such withdrawal might temporarily affect savings bank deposits, home building and home owning will ultimately increase them because of the increased providence and thrift of the people. Each of the bankers interviewed expressed the opinion that the country will enjoy a large measure of business prosperity this fall and winter. They stated there is nothing in sight to cause serious depression, and said that on the other hand, they could see many encouraging signs. They all predicted that Washington would get its share of the forecast good times.

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