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## CONGRESS CONVENES LONG STRUGGLE AHEAD

### Questions Growing Out of War to the Front—Increased Appropriations All Along the Line

Estimates for the most elaborate program of expenditures ever asked of an American congress in time of peace were submitted today proposing a total outlay of \$1,285,857,808, or \$170,853,614 more than was appropriated last year. The great increase is almost wholly due to the administration plans for military preparedness. More than \$116,000,000 of the total is for direct expenditures on the army and navy, with millions more to be used in coast defense and other fortification work. By establishments the amounts asked were:

- Legislative, \$7,573,372.
- Executive, \$30,807,505.
- Judicial, \$1,368,500.
- Agricultural, \$24,159,089.
- Foreign intercourse, \$5,426,000.
- Military, \$152,354,259.
- Navy, \$211,518,074.
- Indian affairs, \$10,175,036.
- Pensions, \$160,565,000.
- Panama canal canal \$27,535,469.
- Public works, \$104,654,699.
- Postal service, \$316,363,879.
- Miscellaneous, \$98,280,563.
- Permanent appropriations, \$135,178,673.

The postal service estimate is deductible from the total because its receipts are turned back to the treasury. That leaves \$969,492,929 as the actual total of appropriations congress is asked to make—or \$167,853,401 more than last year.

Not a single establishment of the government asked for less than was given last year. Many requests were made for increases because of developments of the war in Europe.

A large item in the treasury department's increase is \$2,200,000 for collecting the income tax, an increase of \$1,000,000 over last year which, among other things, will be used to hire 485 deputy collectors at \$1,600 per year, compared with 127 collectors in 1915.

The department of commerce asked for many increases for gathering information at home and abroad on commerce, industry and manufacture. Items included are \$250,000 to promote and develop the commercial interests of the United States, and \$100,000 to be devoted to the same ends with particular reference to South and Central America.

Labor conciliators, the labor department says, will need \$75,000 this year in place of \$25,000.

The department of agriculture asked for \$2,500,000, the same as last year, for eradication of foot and mouth disease, and \$110,260 to enforce the insecticide act.

Postmaster General Burleson again proposes to conduct the rural free delivery service for less than it has cost in previous years.

His estimate is put at \$48,500,000, compared with \$53,000,000 appropriated for the ending June 30 next.

The interior department wants \$8,247,000 for the Alaska railroad, compared with \$2,000,000 appropriated in 1915.

One new feature of the estimates is the incorporation of a proposal for a government monopoly of telegraph and telephone service in Alaska, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands. It is proposed that the wires in these territories be acquired for the postoffice department, after appraisal by the interstate commerce commission, so that they may be taken over by July 1, 1916. The postmaster general would be authorized to license private parties to construct and operate lines, but with the reservation that the government might buy them. The sum of \$300,000 is asked for the purpose.

For public buildings the estimates are about \$3,000,000 less than last year.

For the Panama canal, exclusive of fortifications, etc., the estimate is \$19,301,369, compared with \$16,940,000 last year. For the reclamation service the estimate is \$13,930,000 over \$9,938,000 appropriated in 1915.

## MORGAN SCHUSTER ON U. S. PREPAREDNESS

### A Patriotic Document From a German Descendant—We Have the Right to Profit by War if We are Just

Morgan Schuster, an American who was once employed by the Persian government to reform its finances, and was fired because the English government thought he interfered with their own scheme of reforming the ancient and effete monarchy, is strong for preparedness. He does not believe in preparing against any one government, but preparing against any government that menaces the western continent.

The remarks quoted were made Monday at the dinner of the New York state Sons of the American Revolution. The dinner was given at the Waldorf-Astoria. Henry A. Wise Wood, a member of the Naval Advisory board, also spoke.

"Are we afraid to love America?" asked Mr. Schuster. "Are we terrified by the prospect before us? It is right that we should love peace, but it is also right that we should love justice. To love moral and intellectual justice is not enough. We should stand also for actual justice to ourselves and to every one else. Long peace has affected us. We have allowed ourselves to be lulled by the idea that love of country is all that is required. We must discard the theory that love of our government will keep us at peace. Do not be deceived today by statements of policy put forth by governments. Be not deceived. The American people stand alone in the world today. The world all dislikes us."

"There are some who believe we should be in the war. Others see our policy as weak and vacillating. But all agree that we have profited by the greatest misfortune the world has ever seen. We have a right to profit if we are doing our duty, which is to be just to all and strong in our own behalf. "Dispel from your minds any idea that we are regarded as demigods, either in government, in industry, in finance, or in any other respect. We have no one to look to maintain our institutions but ourselves, our common sense, and the pride of those who make up this people." He added that the war had brought home the truth that the law of might still rules on land and sea, and said there was general ignorance in this country in matters of defense. He cited the 24,000 farmers of South Carolina who protested that our army and navy was large enough. He thought they were about as qualified to speak on the subject as 24,000 New York business men would be on corn planting.

## EXPRESS MESSENGER KILLED BY BOULDER

### Accident Occurred on G. N. Railway Eight Miles East of Wenatchee Last Saturday

The accident by which W. C. Dunbar, an old-time Great Northern express messenger, lost his life occurred eight miles east of Wenatchee where the road skirts the Columbia river on one side, with a mountainous cliff on the other. The snows of the past three weeks is supposed to have loosened the large two-ton boulder that crashed thru the top of the car as the train was passing, breaking Dunbar's neck. At the same time a small boulder crashed thru the front end of the smoking car, but fortunately did no damage. The body of the express messenger was taken to Spokane on the fast mail train which was just behind the passenger train. Dunbar was an old and faithful servant of the company, having been in its employ fifteen years. He leaves a wife and three children.

## STEEL COMPANY SUING FOR RETURN OF STOCK

### Company Claims That Rothert is Wrongfully Withholding 510,000 Shares of Stock

In addition to withholding stock the company wants an accounting for \$18,000 placed in his hands. The trial is on in the superior court in Spokane this week. There have been other suits which were settled.

This is the trial of the suit for an accounting brought by the Washington Steel & Iron Co. against E. H. Rothert, its former general manager and majority stockholder. Rothert is seriously ill at this time, but his deposition is being used in the trial which is taking place before Judge Huneke.

Declaring that Rothert failed to make good on his agreement to manufacture steel by a cheaper process than older ones in use elsewhere after an expensive mill had been erected for that purpose at Leavenworth, the company is suing for the recovery of 510,000 shares of capital stock placed to Rothert's credit, and for an accounting on \$18,000.

## Eastern Star Elects Officers

The Cascade Chapter of O. E. S. met in regular session Wednesday evening and the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. E. Mohler, re-elected Worthy Matron; Mr. F. T. Mottler, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ross Irwin, Associate Matron; Mrs. J. E. Gutherless, Secretary; Mrs. Bert Gutherless, Conduress; Mrs. Edwing, Associate Conduress; Mrs. J. D. Wheeler, Treasurer. After business was disposed of a social hour was held and the men belonging to the order served an excellent lunch.

A young son of Thomas Dillon, an old resident of the upper valley residing near Winton, was brought to Dr. Hoxsey the first of this week, suffering from a severe wound made with an axe while cutting wood. Two toes were almost severed.

## NATIONAL CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS

### The Democratic National Committee Last Tuesday Decided on St. Louis as the Place to Hold the Next National Convention, and the Time to be Tuesday, June 14, 1916. In the Past it has been the Custom to Meet on Monday. Whether to Avoid the Unlucky Number the Convention was Set One Day Later is Not Stated. At Least they Allayed the Fears of the Superstitious and Left no Room for Quips and Jeers. The Democrats do not mean to take any chances next year.

At the last moment Spencer Blankenship was put up for mayor and ran on a sticker. It is fair to Mr. Blankenship to say that he did not want the office. His enthusiastic friends put him up. Against the primary nominee for councilman in the third ward, J. W. Miller, Otis Elam ran on a sticker. The weather doubtless had something to do with the light vote. Tuesday was a miserable day. When it was not snowing like fury it rained.

## TUESDAY'S ELECTION A SPIRITLESS CONTEST

### Less Than 50 Per Cent of the Voters Used Their Right—Resolution to Sue Contractors Won Easy

With only one name on the ticket, with one exception, for each office—and none at all for the exception—it is little wonder that the total vote was less than half the voting population.

Following is the result by wards:

Candidates	1st Ward	2nd Ward	3rd Ward	Total
In favor of Resolution	53	39	74	166
Against Resolution	29	54	21	104
Mayor—				
*N. B. Day	80	36	49	165
S. A. Blankenship	21	66	23	110
Treasurer—				
*L. W. Woodrow	74	89	90	253
City Clerk—				
*A. R. Brown	96	96	100	302
City Attorney—				
*L. J. Nelson	28	24	26	78
E. H. Fox	21	9	20	50
N. A. Pearson	6	23	10	39
Councilman-at-large—				
*G. E. Kugelman	66	73	69	208
Councilman—				
1st—*W. L. Hale	69			69
2nd—*P. A. Snyder		83		83
3rd—*J. W. Miller			71	71
3rd—Otis Elam			24	24

\*Elected. Total votes cast 321.

## \$50,000,000 to Develop U. S. Trade

A \$50,000,000 company, formed to put the United States in a foremost position among trading nations of the world, was incorporated at Albany, N. Y., last week. Its directors will include leaders in American finance and industry. Formal announcement of the incorporation of the concern was made today by Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, who is credited with having engineered the new corporation.

Charles A. Stone, head of the Stone & Webster engineering firm, will be president of the American International Corporation, as the new company will be known. The secretary-treasurer will be R. T. Tinsley, treasurer of the Standard Oil Co.

"We plan something more than mere money-making," said Mr. Vanderlip. "We plan the development of America along international lines."

"The extraordinary state of the world affairs gives America the greatest opportunity. In many parts of the world developments under way when the war started are crying for funds. America is the only great nation able to meet the demand."

"We realize that if America is to find new markets for her products abroad she must also be willing to help finance developments in those countries. This is particularly true of Russia and South America, where we expect to find great fields. For that reason our investors must be trained to take international securities. That is one of the things the new corporation plans to do."

"The success of our chief aim will result in a great industrial and commercial era for this country."

## 25-MILE RAILROAD UP ICICLE CANYON

### Contract with Vaneo Mining Co. Calls for Completion of Road by August 1, 1916

Al Van Epps, well known here because of his long connection with mining developments on the head of Icicle river, about twenty-five miles west of Leavenworth, gave out the information last week that his company had closed a contract with responsible parties for the completion of 25 miles of standard-gauge railroad from Leavenworth to the Vaneo mining property, the road to be finished by the first of next August. The mining company has entered into contract with the builders of the railroad to deliver 700,000 tons of ore for shipment to Leavenworth. The present plans of the mining company contemplate shipping the ore to a smelter. Later on it is possible the mining company may build a smelter of its own, either at Leavenworth or some point on the Sound.

The building of the road will open up a large area of valuable timber land, much of which is cedar of the finest quality. There is also a large body of fine agricultural land in the Icicle valley. Eight miles from Leavenworth the valley widens out. With the exception of the first eight miles, where the canyon is narrow and rocky, the building of a railroad is not considered an expensive proposition. Once this railroad is built, a large summer tourist travel will develop. The Icicle valley has long been a favorite resort for hunters and fishers. The scenery, too, is unsurpassed anywhere in the state.

Speaking of the enterprise, Mr. Van Epps made the following reference to the proposition:

"The contract with the railroad company provides for the delivery of 100 tons of ore daily, and there is already on the dump sufficient ore to keep the railroad busy for three years. "The property consists of 33 claims, all partially developed by 11,500 feet of tunnel and shaft. Most of this work is on the ore all the time. Surveyors for the railroad contractors have made a preliminary survey and secured a portion of the right of way."

## New Bridge Over the Wenatchee

The new bridge over the Wenatchee river near the town of that name, to take the place of one considered too light for the heavy traffic it carries, and to do away with a dangerous railroad crossing, will be constructed the coming summer. County Engineer Warren is drawing plans and making surveys for a new steel bridge near the old structure at the mouth of the river. It will be about 100 yards this side of the present bridge.

The south approach will be on a one-half per cent grade, beginning near the Columbia Valley Bank farm road, and running 1000 feet northwest to the end of the bridge. The north approach will begin near the Beacon Hill grange and run straight to the bridge, leaving the present Sunnyslope road 100 yards to the east. The grade will be slight.

The new road survey will eliminate the long hill on the lower Monitor road. The new bridge will also pass over the tracks of the Great Northern railroad, doing away with a very dangerous grade crossing.

## Some Minstrel Show Specialties

Mrs. Hal Starks in a whistling solo. Mrs. L. C. Brender and Mr. C. Warren Reid, duet.

Mrs. W. O. Atwood, Mrs. C. E. Briggs, Mr. Floyd Williams and Mr. Arthur Babst, quartette.

Messrs. M. A. Marley, Hal Starks, Arthur Babst and Dick Simons, with Misses Featherstone and Mullen, black-face ends; Mr. L. J. Nelson, inter-locutor.

Five specialty solo numbers in addition to the minstrel show proper.

Business is moving in the usual way, says the secretary of the Peshastin Fruit Growers association.

## French Peace Terms Mean Long War

### A Paris dispatch of Dec. 6th says: France will not make peace until Alsace and Lorraine are won, Belgium and Serbia restored, and "German imperialism and Prussian militarism put beyond a possibility of resurrection." Secretary of War Thomas said yesterday. The declaration is attracting wide-spread attention, as it is the first statement from a responsible cabinet official concerning the attitude of the French government in regard to peace.

## Mineral Production Over Two Billion Dollars

The value of the mineral production of the United States Geological Survey, was \$2,114,946,024, being exceeded only by that of two years—1913 and 1912. The metallic products in 1914 were valued at \$691,000,343 and the nonmetallic products at \$1,423,395,681.

## G. N. FIREMAN NYHUS SUFFOCATED IN TUNNEL

### Accident Occurred in Cascade Tunnel at 12 O'Clock Saturday Night While Current Was Off

Last Saturday night, about 12 o'clock, Carl B. Nyhus, a Great Northern fireman who was well known here, was suffocated in Cascade tunnel. On account of the breaking down of the transmission wires the electric motors were temporarily out of commission and the eastbound freight train was cut into three sections and sent thru the big bore with steam engines. Nyhus and Engineer Kundy were pulling the third section. At an inquest held before Magistrate Graham on Saturday afternoon, Engineer Kundy testified that about 11:30, while in the tunnel, he saw Nyhus on his side of the engine. The gas was getting so bad that he crawled into the tool chest. When the train emerged from the tunnel about 12 o'clock, he missed Nyhus and a search showed that he was in the tunnel and life extinct. The body was brought to Leavenworth the same day and an inquest held. He was 31 years old and had run between Leavenworth and coast points the past two or three years. He was unmarried. The evidence showed that death resulted from suffocation. It was his first trip thru the tunnel that day.

## Well Known Young Man Takes a Wife

The announcement was made in Portland, Oregon, Dec. 1st, of the engagement of Miss Marion Atwater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Atwater, to Dr. Frank Everett McNett of Leavenworth. Dr. McNett formerly resided in Everett and was graduated from the Everett high school. He attended the University of Washington where he became affiliated with the Sigma Delta fraternity, which is now the Phi Kappa Psi. He was graduated from the North Pacific Dental college, Portland, and is a member of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity. Dr. McNett is at present practicing in LaCrosse, Wash., but will later practice in Seattle.

Mr. McNett's parents have resided in Leavenworth the past five years and Dr. McNett is well known here. His many Leavenworth friends wish him much joy.

## Colville Indian Reservation to Be Opened July 1, 1916

This information was given to the press in Washington City on Wednesday and is the result of persistent bombardment by our senators and congressmen. Secretary Redfield admitted that the opening of the reservation had been delayed too long.

H. B. Smith, formerly of Merritt, now residing in Wenatchee, left this week with several cars of apples destined for Dallas, Texas. He said that he had long wanted to see that country and embraced the opportunity to make the trip there and back without paying railroad fare.