

MESSAGE CAUSES TUFF CONGRESS

Economy Plans Go to Committees With Special Words of Commendation.

APPROPRIATION MOVES, UP

District of Columbia Supply Bill Already Before House—Hobson Again Mourns His Country's Unpreparedness.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Taking up the President's annual message to Congress, the House today today went through the formality of referring it and distributing it among the various committees.

HIS AFFINITY CONVICTS

F. B. DODGE, ELOPER, PERSONATED FEDERAL AGENT.

Woman He Enticed From Home Testifies Against Him—Jury Decides in Hour.

After Mrs. Cora E. Connor, wife of O. P. Connor, of Shedd's, had taken the witness stand yesterday for both the United States and the defense, the jury convicted only one hour in finding her affidavit.

ARMY BILL IS INCREASED

Committee Takes Action Reverse of Usual Procedure.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The estimates of expenditures of the War Department for the coming year, amounting to \$94,750,000 were favorably acted upon by the House committee on military affairs today.

RAILROAD BILLS IN FAVOR

Committee Reports Measure Regulating Safety Appliances.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The House committee on interstate commerce has agreed to report favorably the two bills empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to designate the dimensions, location, etc., of all safety appliances now required on railroad equipment and requiring all common carriers engaged in interstate and intrastate commerce to make full report to the Commission of all accidents.

FROM SHORE TO SHORE

A Letter on the River Crossing at Portland.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—(To the Editor.)—Your editorial today in reference to the Broadway bridge, entitled "Portland, on Willamette," contains two "difficulties" as you are entitled to call them.

MILL BRINGS \$100,000

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Immediate Possession to Be Given of Knappton Property, Sold to Wealthy Logger.

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INVADERS ONLY NEW COUNTRY

Railroad Magnate Visits Spokane on Tour of Inspection and Talks of Construction Planned for Future—Makes Admissions.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—With no avowed purpose, other than to acquaint himself with conditions in the Far Northwest, especially concerning the proposed extension work of the Hill lines, James J. Hill stopped in Spokane today.

Mr. Hill is traveling with Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and Darius Miller, first vice-president of the Burlington line.

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