

U. S. PEACE ENVOYS COST \$1,951,191.99

Wilson Gives Senate List of All Expenses.

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Travel and Subsistence Allow for Commission Totals \$28,442. \$239,726 Put in Missions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A special message giving the complete expenses of the American peace commission during its work abroad was transmitted to the senate today by President Wilson.

Total expenditures amounted to \$1,951,191.99, from December 1, 1918, to December 4, 1920. The amount actually paid out was \$1,706,712.96, but repayments and gains in exchange reduced this by \$235,520.97.

Some of the larger items were: Travel and subsistence \$38,442; subsistence, \$193,529; salaries, \$209,871; wages and employees at Hotel Crillon, \$131,607; rents, \$175,333; food, hotel and kitchen supplies, \$233,550; hire and laundering of linen at hotel, \$4,565; damage and loss of property at hotel, \$125,870.

Missions Cost \$239,726. Various missions to Russia, Germany, Poland, Turkey, Holland and Armenia cost \$239,726.

Purchase of automobiles amounted to \$14,662 and confidential expenses of presidential party \$17,534. Colonel E. M. House and Henry White, the statement showed, received monthly salaries of \$1000 as commissioners, while Robert Lansing, ex-secretary of state, and General Tasker H. Bliss, other commissioners, had their actual expenses paid.

The accounts showed refunds by President Wilson of \$14,770 francs for expenses while at Rome by Colonel House of 10,402 francs for official entertainment from December 1, 1918, to June 2, 1919; by Secretary Lansing of 1588 francs for tips and of large amounts for expenses of the wives of the commissioners.

Gompers Gets \$25 Day. Allowance for subsistence for employees and attaches, the statement showed, ranged from a few francs daily to \$4 and \$5 for most of the American employees. One item was of \$25 a day to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Rear Admiral Grayson was credited with frequent drafts of \$1000 and more for confidential expenses of the president.

Minor items ranged from newspapers and magazines to coal and cigars. The latter, it was said, were bought in America and sold at cost to the commission personnel.

JAPANESE KILL COREANS

200 HOUSES BURNED, 90 MASSESACRED IN TWO VILLAGES.

Machine Gun Captured From Armed Band Made by U. S. Firm and Stamped by British.

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Armed bands of Coreans have been broken up as the result of important skirmishes which extended over several days near Changiao, Corea, it is officially reported.

The Coreans, who held forest positions, are reported to have fought stubbornly. The Japanese captured three machine guns and 500 rifles. One machine gun, it is alleged, was manufactured by an American firm and bore the official mark placed on arms used in the British army. Reports were received against one village where the inhabitants are alleged to have given false information to the Japanese troops. In an ambush, seven houses were burned and a number of villagers shot. In another town 130 houses, several churches and school buildings were destroyed and 90 persons were executed by the Japanese.

NAVY COMPASSES LOOTED

Repairs Necessary Because of Robberies for Alcohol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Many repairs to navy compasses have been made necessary during the past year because the instruments have been broken open for the alcohol they contained, says the annual report of Rear-Admiral J. C. Hoegewerf, superintendent of the naval observatory, made public today.

"In view of the possibility of emergency at sea, the compasses of neighboring countries, two field aerological sets were made up and kept in storage at Hampton Roads," the report says.

RADICAL REVISION ASKED

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would limit the highest tax to 20 per cent, while the income spent would be subjected to a tax ranging as high as 50 per cent. Under the plan proposed by the secretary, incomes between \$5000 and \$8000 would be taxed 20 per cent on the part saved and the same on the part spent. The same ratio with a graduated increase would apply to incomes up to \$20,000, where the maximum of 20 per cent on saved income is reached. From \$20,000 to \$40,000, the rates would be 20 per cent on saved and 25 per cent on spent; \$40,000 to \$50,000, 20 per cent and 30 per cent; \$50,000 to \$75,000, 20 per cent and 35 per cent; \$75,000 to \$100,000, 20 per cent and 40 per cent; \$100,000 to \$150,000, 20 per cent and 50 per cent; \$150,000 to \$200,000, 20 per cent and 60 per cent; \$200,000 to \$500,000, 20 per cent and 70 per cent.

The present maximum rate is 70 per cent on incomes of \$1,000,000, but Mr. Houston declared it has "long passed the point of its minimum productivity" since it encourages the investment in tax-exempt securities.

The repeal of the tax on soda fountain beverages. Beverages asked, the secretary said, because the collection of the tax, the aggregate of which is small, has presented an administrative problem of magnitude.

IRISH TERROR REIGN CHARGED TO BRITISH

Miss MacSwiney Testifies to Committee of 100.

HATRED HELD STIRRED UP MORE WHEAT IS ON WAY SIX ADDITIONAL CARRIERS START FOR BUFFALO.

Most of Canadian Product Will Be Exported Through American Ports, Says Statistician.

Religious Antagonism Is Declared to Have Been Kept Alive by English Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Charges that the British government has kept alive and continuously stirred religious hatred in Ireland and has sought through a "reign of terror" to starve that country into submission were made today by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor of Cork, before the committee of 100 investigating the Irish question.

Miss MacSwiney told the commission that she and Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, the lord mayor's widow, had come from Ireland to "aid the commission in obtaining the true facts." She made the prediction that Ireland would gain its freedom even though "England had to be beaten to the ground." Her sister-in-law will be heard tomorrow.

Miss MacSwiney punctuated her story of the movement for Irish freedom with the assertion that the United States had not lived up to its ideal of "making the world safe for democracy."

Freedom Is Erin's Desire. "We are not disturbers," the witness said, "we want just to be left alone. We are not using coercion and we will not be coerced. We simply want England to clear out; we'll forgive her of everything if she will only leave us alone."

"We are going to get our freedom," she continued. "That every Irish republican knows, for you cannot keep in continual slavery a people every one of whom is ready to die for his country."

Words Are Withdrawn. Several of the delegates suggested to Mr. Rowell that his words had created a different impression than he had intended. The Canadian delegate took the floor again and said he didn't mean to attack European statements, and, rather than give offense, preferred to withdraw his words.

Mr. Rowell was supported by Mr. Miller of Australia and was mildly taken to task by Gabriella Honotau of France. Dr. Gaston de Cunha of Brazil who had offered an amendment united with the others, however, in agreeing to let the question go over until tomorrow. In the meantime, endeavors will be made to arrive at a compromise.

Some of the principal delegates, wearying of the protracted discussions and somewhat discouraged by their efforts to hasten the work of the assembly, are talking of going home. M. Viviani, who has been away from his law practice for nearly a month, said he would not stay longer than the end of this week. The general opinion, however, is that it will be impossible to finish before the end of next week, unless the debates are summarily shortened.

Non-Members Involved. Debate on the subject had been opened by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen of Norway. It was based on the report of the committee on technical organizations. Dr. Nansen insisted upon the necessity of co-operation in these organizations and that the members of the league be called upon to participate in previous financial conferences and other consultations.

pointed to the substantial aid they had given in the work of repatriating prisoners of war. It was expected the scope and powers of the military, naval and aerial commission might be enlarged. Dr. Nansen, who has been with the league's international force in the plebiscite in Lithuania.

The possibility of conflict between the league and the various powers has not been discussed. To this he added that the committee on admission of new states respecting Albania and it is likely to be discussed on the floor of the assembly.

When the assembly meets again next September, it will receive a report from a special committee, to which Argentina's proposed amendment to the league covenant was referred. The committee's report has been sent to this committee.

"They did not," she said, "but if they had been able to do so they would have done so," adding that France was glad to get English gold to help her in the war and that England was equally glad to obtain American gold to aid her.

The witness gave a vivid description of the "gun running" which she said was participated in by both the Irish volunteers and Ulsterites, led by Sir Edward Carson.

Declaring that the British always had boasted that they wanted to treat both north and south alike, Miss MacSwiney said she believed the suppression of "gun running" by the Irish volunteers was proof that they were not fair.

Bent Repentant at Sea. "Sir Edward Carson had to import arms," she said. "He sent to Germany for them. The British knew of it but they had enforced the defense act against the volunteers and made them stop gun running so the government was in fix. It had to save its face. Well, to do that, it stopped the boat of arms for Sir Edward Carson somewhere in mid-ocean and painted it over and changed its name. Then that same shipload of arms came on into Sir Edward Carson's hands. That was the way it saved its face. But it did anything but help the Irish people of Ireland do not know how to express themselves."

"Those conditions with respect to education," she continued, "have made it possible for anti-Irish groups in England to say that the Irish citizens do not want independence. The difficulty is that long years of British domination have not permitted the Irish as a people to develop mentally."

LABOR PARTY IS WARNED Dangers of Road Trip Related to Investigators in Erin.

CORK, Dec. 8.—Warning of possible danger along the road to Tralee was given the party of British labor

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CHIEFS EXECUTE BANDITS

Mexicans Refusing to Wreck Train Carrying Americans Slain.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 8.—Mexican bandits ordered to wreck and loot a special train carrying American visitors from Mexico City where they attended the inauguration of General Alvaro Obregon as president of Mexico, as the train passed through the state of Coahuila, were executed by their chieftains when they refused to carry out the plot.

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