

LITTLE HOPE SEEN FOR TAX REDUCTION

Observers Can't Figure Any Way to Cut Expenses.

GOVERNMENT COSTS CUT

Analysis Shows Annual Outgo Is Only 20 Per Cent Higher Than in 1916.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. (Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—(Special)—No doubt nearly every body knows along with me that the next year his taxes will be lower than they are this year. A good many persons, including some careful business men, are gauding their affairs on the idea that they are refraining from selling property this year, in the hope that through postponing the sale a year or two they will not have to pay the government so large a portion of the profit as they would if they sold this year.

Running Expenses Cut. As a matter of fact, the running expense of the government has been brought down to a point that is astonishingly low. This can be shown by the briefest analysis of this \$3,500,000,000 which must be paid out next year. Of this sum, \$2,000,000,000 goes out for three purposes, namely, the interest on the national debt, the sinking fund, and the veterans who must be cared for. No one of these items is apt to be less than it now is in any year during the near future. On the contrary, the expense of caring for the veterans is likely to go up rather than down.

Increase Not Astonishing. Now if you compare the billion and a quarter dollars which it cost to run the government in 1916 with the billion and a half dollars which it is going to cost to run the government in 1923, you will realize that the increase in cost is not, as costs go, nearly as much as it appears. The increase is a quarter of a billion. In percentage the increase is only 20 per cent. In other words, the cost of running the government in 1923 has been pared down through the budget system and by the intense effort of those who have charge of the government expenditures to a point where it is only 20 per cent greater than the pre-war cost.

Further Cuts Par Olf. It is not possible to foresee how any further considerable reduction can be made for many years to come. The contrary is more likely to be the case. Congress is more likely to yield to the temptation to do costly things than to pare down the appropriations beyond where they now are. This being so, it isn't possible to see how the government is going to be able to get along with any less taxation than we now endure.

ALBANY GRADUATES 50. Dr. H. D. Sheldon Delivers Address to High School Class. ALBANY, Or., May 31.—(Special)—Fifty students graduated from the Albany High school in the annual commencement exercises of the school held at the First Presbyterian church here tonight.

Water Permit Asked. SALEM, Or., May 31.—(Special)—The Pacific Power & Light company of Portland today filed with State Engineer Percy Cupper an application for permission to use 8000 second feet of the water of Snake river for power development of ten power plants along the Oregon, Idaho and Washington banks of the river.

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SUPREME COURT MODIFIES PREVIOUS OPINION.

Workers Allowed to Carry Banners, but Not to Address Persons Entering Business House.

SALEM, Or., May 31.—(Special)—The Oregon supreme court today modified its former opinion in the case of George L. Greenfield, versus the Central Labor council of Portland, and held that strikers may not resort to oral statements in picketing an institution declared unfair to labor.

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Check Writer Indicted. Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses Preferred. OREGON CITY, Or., May 31.—(Special)—Ed S. Canning, of Portland, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was indicted by the circuit court grand jury today in the first day of their session.

WOMEN ASK 6-CENT FARE. Portland Federation Files Request With Service Commission. SALEM, Or., May 31.—(Special)—The public service commission is required to restore the 6-cent fare in Portland and restore the 6-cent rate, in a resolution adopted by the Portland Federation of Women's Clubs. A copy of the resolution was received by the commission today.

SPACE NEEDED FOR CURE. 75 Patients Monthly Enter State Hospital, Says Dr. Griffith. SALEM, Or., May 31.—(Special)—Crowded conditions in hospitals for the insane render the task of curing their inmates far more difficult than it would be in more spacious quarters. Dr. L. F. Griffith of the Oregon state hospital told members of the Salem Rotary club at their noon luncheon today.

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Veteran's Funeral Held. ALBANY, Or., May 31.—(Special)—The funeral of William L. F. Linn, civil war veteran, who died at his home in this city Monday, was held this afternoon at the First Christian church here. The services were conducted by Rev. Roy Healy, pastor.

BRUSH FIRES RAZE MOUNTAIN HOMES. Mountaineer's House Spared; Wife Taken to Safety. The town of North Bend, 10 miles from Cedar Falls, was crushed to death by a flaming fire. Cedar Falls, the postoffice, school and a number of homes were burned and only a few houses on the edge of the town were saved. Late this afternoon the town was reported almost entirely surrounded by flames and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad had ordered a train made up to carry refugees to safety should the necessity arise.

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LOSS NEAR BEND \$50,000

400 Men Fight Flames in 2000-Acre Shevlin-Hixon Tract.

BEND, Or., May 31.—(Special)—Four hundred men fought a 2000-acre fire in the Shevlin-Hixon tract 16 miles west of Bend. While the fire was being fought last night, a logging camp No. 1, hastily buried their household effects and fled in automobiles as the flames neared.

Damage to Timber, Logging Camps and Buildings Heavy. OLYMPIA, Wash., May 31.—(Special)—Six large forest fires and numerous smaller ones in western Washington and several small fires in eastern Washington east a pall of smoke over the state today and were reported to be causing heavy damage to timber and destruction of logging camps and buildings, according to reports to Fred B. Pape, supervisor of forestry. The flames for three days have been fanned by a stiff east wind which has caused rapid spread.

WESTPORT CAMP IS BURNED. Large Railroad Trestle on Kerry Line Saved After Hard Fight. ASTORIA, Or., May 31.—(Special)—Flames which spread from a fire started by a logging camp near Westport, destroyed the logging camp on the line of the Kerry railroad near the eastern line of the county.

CANBY FIRE STARTS ANEW. S. B. Hess Home on Highway Is Threatened but Is Saved. CANBY, Or., May 31.—(Special)—The forest fire starting in the East Canby garden tract Saturday and gotten under control by Sunday evening, burst out anew in the morning of the tract Tuesday morning, when it was necessary for the fire-fighters to get busy again.

WASHINGTON TOWNS MENACED. Cedar Falls Partially Destroyed; Flaming Tree Kills Fighter. SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—(Special)—A brush fire which broke out in control in half a dozen localities in western Washington today caused the death of one man, partial destruction of the town of Cedar Falls and property damage estimated at thousands of dollars.

FIRES' INTENSITY RENEWED. Skamania and Klickitat County Blazes Break Out Again. HOOD RIVER, Or., May 31.—(Special)—A fire which started Saturday in the East Canby gardens, destroyed the logging camp on the line of the Kerry railroad near the eastern line of the county.

Seniors Observe "Flunk Day." DAYTON, Or., May 31.—(Special)—High school seniors observed their annual "flunk day" yesterday and left by auto at 4 o'clock in the morning for an all-day picnic in the woods above Williams. Breakfast and supper were both eaten on the road while going and coming. Fifteen members composed the party and the class was accompanied by Miss Lena Stillwell, the faculty member.

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