

\$362,000,000 VOTED FOR ARMY EXPENSE

Senate Favors \$31,000,000 Rise in Appropriation.

INCREASE IS UNOPPOSED

Measure Providing for 175,000 Men in Military Establishment Passed With Rush.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The army appropriation bill, carrying \$362,000,000 and providing for an army of an average strength of 175,000 men instead of 150,000 voted by the house for the next fiscal year, was passed by the senate and sent to conference.

The budget went through in less than three hours, opposition to the army increase provisions and the total increase of \$1,000,000 made over the house bill failing to materialize.

Immediately after passage, Senator Pinckney, republican, Washington moved to take up the navy appropriation bill, the last of the appropriation measures before the senate, but withdrew his motion when it was announced that an agreement had been made with leaders by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, that the naval bill should wait until next week.

In passing the army measure the senate added an amendment requested by General Pershing, providing for promotion to the grade of lieutenant general of Major-General Hunter Liggett and R. L. Bullard, who commanded field armies overseas.

The senate provisions increasing the army to 175,000 men went through with a rush after the senate had adopted an amendment by Senator Borah limiting army expenditures to the total carried in the senate bill.

Senator Wadsworth explained that the army July 1 would aggregate about 207,000 men and that with prospective reductions it would number by January 21 162,000 men.

Among the senate military committee increases in appropriations adopted was an increase from \$19,500,000 to \$23,000,000 for the army air service.

The senate also adopted the proposed increase from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000 for vocational education in the regular army and another amendment increasing from \$350,000 to \$500,000 the appropriations for Alaskan roads.

COLLEGES TO HAVE BAND

State Volunteer Organization Outcome of Conference.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Delegates from eight colleges and universities of Oregon met here today to complete the details incident to a state volunteer band organization.

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PANAMA DECLARES WAR

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military service here yesterday and reports from other parts of the republic told of citizens volunteering for the army. It was believed the Panamanian forces near Coto or en route to that place numbered about 500.

The base of Panamanian operations will be in the town of Progreso, on Golfo de Dulce, which is connected by a narrow-gauge railway with a small port constructed by the Panama Sugar company.

It was generally believed the United States government held several thousand rifles from the Panama government and it was supposed the volunteers would be armed with them. It was learned, however, that some rifles taken from the Panama government following the signing of the Hay-Varela treaty were returned, and more than 1500 of the guns were sold at public auction here in 1914.

One Phase Intensified.

An interesting phase of the situation resulted from Costa Rica occupying territory under the arbitration decision of Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court, which was handed down in 1914, while the United States herself has, by virtue of treaties, guaranteed the territorial integrity of this country.

The Panama government claimed, however, that Justice White's decision if his award should not be accepted by both parties the territorial status would revert to the conditions laid down by the decision of President Loubet of France. It was under the Loubet decision that Panama claimed the land which Costa Rica seized.

It was known the Sinclair oil interests have been conducting drilling operations in Costa Rica near the disputed territory, and reports were in circulation in Panama that the Costa Rican government has already granted a British corporation a concession for oil exploitation in the same general locality.

Steps to Avert War Likely.

State Department Officials Consider Stern Warning.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—Faced with a serious situation, officials of the state department tonight considered steps to take to avert war between Panama and Costa Rica.

Official confirmation of a declaration of war was lacking. Despite the predicament presented in the laying out of any course on the eve of a change of administration, some decisive action might be necessary if fighting started.

The obvious remedy offered of landing American troops to avert a clash was dismissed by those who believed both governments could be induced to listen to friendly counsel, if not to a stern warning. The request of the Panama government for aid in recovering guns surrendered many years ago to the United States authorities cannot be complied with, it was said, because long ago they were disposed of and the guns returned to Panama. Arming the Panamanians also would enable them to

BRUTAL RULE IS CHARGED

SOCIALISTS RAP UPPER AND MIDDLE CLASSES.

Armed Resistance in America, Britain, France and Other Countries Advocated.

VIENNA, Feb. 26.—The draft of resolutions presented at the international socialist conference today opened with the declaration that the "brutal domination of the upper and middle classes in the United States, Great Britain, France and other countries proves they are able to exercise dictatorial powers over the proletariat, even in democracies."

"Where the bourgeoisie controls," it added, "none through the ballot is vain, but the economic and military force of the masses will decide. Workers are gaining power through mass action, strikes and armed resistance."

ROAD PROGRAMME IS BIG

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Coos Bay highway, 14 miles of the worst stretch now being graded or almost completed. This will be the main road from Curry and Coos counties into the valley. If the California highway commission is ready to build out from Crescent City toward the Oregon line, on the talked-of new location, toward Grants Pass, the Oregon highway commission is prepared to meet them at the line.

Within a short time the state highway commission will decide on the route of the Dalles-California highway. The project is being pushed by three or four possible routes, each of which will require a great sum of money, ranging upward to almost \$1,000,000.

Under one of the new laws passed by the recent legislature the commission is in a position to simplify the problem by eliminating Shaliko from consideration. Over any possible location, if Shaliko was included, the road would require the building of a new bridge, and that much extra gasoline and oil and that much wear and tear on cars and time.

Call for Bids Contemplated.

A series of sections on the Dalles-California highway will be advertised further south after the northern location is determined.

Unless a contract is awarded soon for slashing and grading this end of the Mount Hood loop, nothing can be done on the project this year. The slashing must be performed and the brush burned before summer in order to prevent the fire spreading to the adjacent forests. Clackamas county, which won the decision as to location from the highway commission, and official dominion of the project, has made no further move. Until Clackamas county acts, the commission will not award the contract for grading. Without the connection at this end, the road which the government has built from Zigzag to Government camp is useless.

Next month the commission will try to crack another hard nut—finding a feasible way of getting the Pacific highway through Oregon City. The least expensive way would be to extend the Pacific highway up the west side of the Willamette for a few miles and then build a bridge across, but this plan, of course, would be strenuously opposed by the people of Oregon City. Eventually, the location will probably go from the bridge at Seventh street along to the bluff, on a 6 per cent grade, and then dropping down off the bluff on another 6 per cent grade.

Sleeping Sickness Increases.

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One Member Worries; Tired From Overwork He Does Not Dare to Rest Because of Finances.

BY ELIZABETH KING STOKES

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Cabinet members are eager to get back to private business immediately after March 4, because some of them state frankly they are worse off financially now than they were when they came to Washington.

Members of the cabinet say they are leaving Washington to earn some money. Family budgets have been depleted. In short, the official family retires more or less "broke."

One Member Forced to Work.

One member of the Wilson cabinet, one of the most beloved figures in capital life, leaves with his income so low as to cause his actual worry. Tired out from overwork, he wants nothing more than rest of several months, but he says the necessity of re-establishing himself financially prevents this.

Vice-President Marshall has been contemplating a short trip to Europe, but the cabinet is so full of members that he cannot leave. He is probably will return to his home in Columbia City, Ind., to resume his law practice.

Some members of the outgoing cabinet could well afford it. Postmaster-General Bureau is marking his trunks for Austin, Tex., intending to leave for home promptly after March 5. He has large interests in his home state to which he has not been able to give much attention. No longer will the spare form of the postmaster-general be silhouetted against the Potomac at sunset when he drives out in his open barouche behind a pompous coachman, the figure of the southern planter in essence.

Burleson Back to Cotton Field.

He will go back to his cotton fields and his Texas ranch. He is a man of large means. His retirement will mark the end of a long season of attack upon his administration, a criticism of the northern end of the road in the last year.

Pride Prevents Appeal.

Official pride has kept cabinet officers from appealing directly or indirectly to congress for increased salaries; therefore, the hardships and the prestige one and all will be handed on the next administration. Salaries of the vice-president, who receives \$12,000, and the speaker of the house have been brought to the attention of congress in pending legislation.

Arguments have been advanced, moreover, in favor of increasing the pay of members of the diplomatic service, on the ground that the time should be past when it is incumbent upon the president to appoint the diplomatic service only such men as have private means to supplement their small salaries.

Position Calls for Big Outlay.

The same situation applies in Washington. Only those cabinet members whose personal incomes made up the deficiency have been able to get along without considerable embarrassment. The social standard is traditional and the scale of living practically prescribed. In the selection or acceptance of a cabinet position today, one of the first questions must be "can I afford it?"

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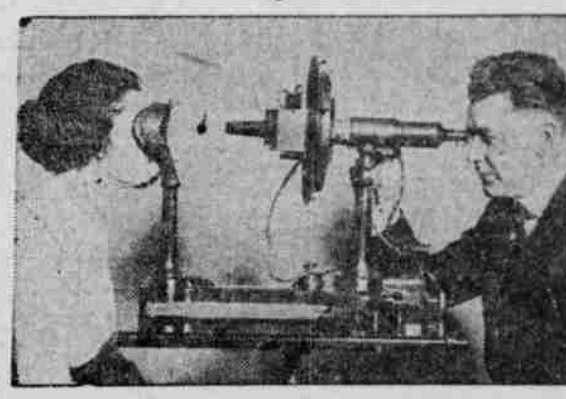
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