

\$650,000,000 IS DEFICIT FACING U. S. GOVERNMENT

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Washington, Sept. 20.—Entirely apart from the fact that President Harding vetoed the bonus bill, a profound impression has been made by the official disclosure that a deficit of \$650,000,000 faces the country for the fiscal year, which began last July and ends June 30 next.

Government experts went over the estimated expenditures carefully and submitted detailed figures to the president before he wrote his message, but were unable to promise any better showing of government finances. This means in a nutshell that congress cannot afford to authorize the expenditure of any more money and even the pension bills and river and harbor proposals which are pending are likely to be vetoed if they are put up to Mr. Harding. In other words, the brakes must be put on to keep the deficit from growing and the departments will be required to economize still further in an effort to cut down the deficit itself.

SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSING

Most uncomfortable, too, is the necessity of acknowledging a deficit of \$650,000,000 at a time when the campaign orators would have found it so effective to refer to the splendid work done in balancing the budget for the fiscal year which ended in June, 1922. As a matter of fact, the government did finance itself well and balanced the budget when it appeared that there would be a deficit of from 25 to a hundred million dollars. No such promises of reduction of the deficit can be

made this time unless revenues are derived from unexpected sources. The most that can be hoped for is a reduction of the deficit from about \$650,000,000 to about half that sum, and even this by no means certain.

WHAT CAUSED IT

The deficit arises largely from the fact that congress reduced the receipts from taxation through the new revenue law and there was an unlooked for shrinkage from tax receipts due to the business depression. Congress can hardly increase taxes now, so the alternative is reduction of expenditures. But even this is easier said than done, for on the Veterans' bureau alone \$530,000,000 will be spent this year, or more than half of what used to be expended in pre-war days for Uncle Sam's entire budget. There is no telling how much greater than \$530,000,000 the expenses for disabled veterans and vocational training will run, but the government's policy is to spare no money in that direction.

In order to cut the \$650,000,000 deficit down somewhat, it is likely that the government will sell some of the railroad securities which it took from the railroads during government operation when various sums were lent them for equipment. Probably \$100,000,000 may be realized this way. Approximately \$125,000,000 in interest payments from Great Britain has already been put on the estimated receipts for this fiscal year, so if there is a default the deficit would be increased. If France or some other allied country could pay interest, some progress would be made in cutting the deficit, but the most optimistic prediction today is that with all sorts of economies and restriction of expenditures the \$650,000,000 will only be cut to half. All this is on the supposition that congress will not spend any more money and that of course it will not overturn the president's veto of the bonus bill. Should the senate follow the policy of the house and override the veto, a contingency not looked for at all by the president or the treasury department, all predictions would go by the board. Treasury officials say the overriding of the veto is absolutely "inconceivable" and would be a calamity.

TEN BODIES ARE TAKEN FROM MINE DEATH CHAMBER

(By United News)

At the Argonaut Mine, Jackson, Cal., Sept. 20.—A curtain was being drawn gradually and kindly over the Argonaut mine tragedy Tuesday.

The heroic hours of fruitless attempt to bring out the 47 miners imprisoned in the Argonaut's death had gone.

The moment of cruel shattering of hopes cherished for three weeks had passed away.

The tragedy was settling down over the little community—plunging it far into the depths of sorrow—and the world was asked to stand aside and not intrude upon Jackson's grief.

RED CROSS AT WORK

Without attendant corps of newspaper correspondents, and with none but workers present, the federal mine rescue crew pressed steadily on its work of mercy.

Ted Cross workers passed silently from home to home among those who had lost relatives in the disaster—offering words of comfort, caring for the stricken and shielding them from the curious.

The official mine rescue information bureau ceased to function, its last act being an order for newspaper reporters to remain off mine property.

BODIES BROUGHT UP

Ten bodies were brought to the surface Tuesday afternoon. Seven were identified. The identified are: Elmer Bachelor, Eugene Buscaglia, Maurice Gianetti, Timothy E. Garcia, Cesare Lisardi, G. Ruzzi, George Steinman.

One body, previously identified as Luis Leon proved to be G. Ruzzi.

A coroner's jury of 12 of Jackson's business men has been impaneled and will visit the gold mine morgue today, preliminary to the inquest, which is scheduled for tomorrow.

Clarence E. Jarvis, member of the state board of control, and Governor W. D. Stephens' personal representative, is preparing a report which will be submitted to the governor within the next few days. Following its submission, it is believed the first move toward investigation will then be taken by Governor Stephens.

cific Steel corporation control vast deposits of iron ore, coal and lime in Utah.

Plans for the proposed merger do not include the properties of the Oregon Charcoal Iron company near Seaside, according to A. M. Martin, manager of the company. The concern owns 380 acres of iron land and is making preparations to install furnaces. Local and Eastern capital also is invested in several thousand acres of land covering deposits of iron ore adjoining the holdings of the Oregon Charcoal Iron company, and it is rumored that the Pacific Steel corporation would be interested in the development of these properties.

Ground-Fire Gains Rapidly; Trench Is Used to Combat It

Bend, Sept. 20.—Campers in a meadow above Pringle falls built their campfire without taking into consideration the fact that the ground underneath is a layer of peat several feet thick, and extending over many acres. The result is a ground fire which has spread over three acres and is almost impossible to extinguish. Government fire fighters are now blasting a trench around the burning area in the hope of stopping the spread of the fire.

The forest fire situation on the eastern slope of the Cascades is at its most critical stage, says Supervisor H. L. Plumb of the Deschutes national forest. Recent frosts have killed much green vegetation, and this with the long dry spell, has made the woods unusually inflammable. Two fires were reported Tuesday.

County Relief Fund Expenditures Again Are in Limelight

A new charge against the county relief fund, which is set aside by Multnomah taxpayers for relief of the needy, appeared today in the form of a warrant issued in favor of Fred Topken.

The payment follows repeated statements by Charles Rudeen, chairman of the county commission, that he had employed Topken at his own expense to make certain investigation of relief fund administration. Rudeen's efforts to place Topken on the county payroll was strenuously opposed by the board of the public welfare bureau, which administers the county relief fund, on the ground that Topken's remuneration was full of glaring errors and misinformation. An analysis by the City club confirmed the welfare board in its position.

Rudeen was reported out of town this morning when explanation for

Man Is Robbed by Those He Assisted

Here's another kindly disposed man whose faith in human nature has been broken. A. C. Gibson, Oregonian hotel, Third and Couch streets, took an acquaintance he knew as Lyle Lucas, and a companion of the latter, to his room Tuesday night. He had known Lucas in a logging camp. The two men were "broke" and wanted a place to sleep. This morning Gibson awoke at 3 o'clock and found his companions were gone. He was a \$30 roll of bills, which Gibson hid in his pillow before retiring.

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Plans for Music Week to Be Laid At Coming Banquet

Two hundred prominent Portland persons will attend a banquet in the Chamber of Commerce Friday night, when plans will be laid for the second annual Music week.

Already those in charge have announced that there will be two chief divisions, one gathering together all the musicians in the city, and the other getting data on where these musicians should be sent during Music week, hospitals, homes and the like.

There will be a competition for two posters, advertising the week. One is to be done in black and white, line sketch, and the other is to be a two-color poster.

Thursday's noon meeting of the Progressive Business Men's club at the Benson will be made the scene of a welcome to Dr. Henry Russell Talbot, formerly Portland Episcopal rector, who comes to the city now at canon of Washington Cathedral, Washington, D. C. His subject will be "Law and Order." Edmund L. Bayliss of New York city will tell of the Seamen's church institute and Winthrop Hammond will preside.

Merger of Steel Plants May Mean Expansion Here

Just what effect the merger of the Columbia Steel company with the Pacific Coast Steel company and the Pacific Steel corporation will have in Portland, local representatives were loath to attempt to say today.

Merger of the companies, representing \$80,000,000, announced today in San Francisco and Salt Lake City, caused a little thrill in the nation's financial centers. The consensus of opinion here was that Portland plants would be expanded rather than curtailed, if anything.

A. M. Clark, manager of the Columbia Steel company's plant at 10th and Johnson streets, and C. A. Beattie, representative here of the Pacific Coast Steel company, said the merger with the Pacific Steel corporation had been under consideration for some time.

The Columbia Steel company operates a plant employing about 150 men at Tenth and Johnson streets. The principal plant of the company is at Pittsburg, near San Francisco, where immense rolling mills and open hearth furnaces have been installed. Both the Columbia Steel company and the Pa-

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No. 1688—Silk and wool hand embroidered thread silk over fine worsted. Extra stretch ribbed top, mock seam, mercerized heel and toe. BLACK AND CORDOVAN \$2.25

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