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What It Costs Uncle Sam to Pay Off His Help.

One Hundred Million Dollars a Year in Salaries—Comparative Statement of Wealth in the United States as Banks Show It.

According to the Chicago Journal, the total amount of salaries paid to government employes foots up a hundred million dollars a year. Yet this is only a dollar and a half apiece all around, now that our population is 66,000,000 people. And this only makes the average salary of the 200,000 people who hold office under the government about \$500 per annum each.

Something of the details of where this money goes may be of interest. The diplomatic service is not so expensive a luxury as would be supposed probable. The salary of ministers amounts to only \$340,000 per annum; secretaries of legation \$10,000 per annum, and consuls \$500,000, while there is also an additional allowance of about \$100,000 for clerks and consulates. The salaries in the offices of the secretary of the treasury amount to about a half million dollars a year, but this does not include the various divisions in which the salaries run from a few thousand up to more than a half million dollars per annum. The salaries for the office of the secretary of war amount to over \$108,000 and those of the record and pension divisions of the war department foot up over \$1,000,000 per annum. The pay of the officers of the line in the army is \$2,800,000, and there is added to that \$890,000 for pay of officers for length of service. The pay of the enlisted men of the army is \$4,100,000, officers on the retired list, \$1,122,000. The pay table of the navy is about half as much as that of the war department, and the total salaries of the treasury department, including over two millions in the internal revenue service alone, is about twelve millions of dollars. The interior department spends about \$5,000,000 a year for salaries, the agricultural department a little over a million, and the department of justice about the same.

The post office department, however, is the one which piles up the total of salaries. Even in the post office department in Washington the salaries amount to nearly a million dollars a year, and when you branch out into the postal service all over the country it becomes appalling. The appropriations for the fiscal year just about to end allotted \$15,250,000 for compensation to postmasters and \$10,704,000 for the free-delivery service. There should be added to this \$5,000,000 for carrying the mails by star routes, most of which is for salaries; mail-messenger service over a million dollars, and railway post office clerks, \$3,631,000. Even congress is a somewhat expensive luxury. The pay of senators amounts to about a half million dollars a year and that of representatives about \$2,000,000 a year, to say nothing of the amounts paid for the employes, clerks, stenographers and messengers who assist them in their duties.

Nothing better and more happily illustrates the growth of this country and prosperity of the people than a comparison of the conditions at this time with those which existed eight years ago. That the country has been prosperous in those eight years is evident. Then there were 7,750 banks, now there are 10,000. Their capital stock then was \$750,000,000, now it is over a billion. The people then had \$2,700,000,000 laid away in the banks "for a rainy day," now they have \$4,700,000,000 so deposited in the banks. Our national wealth, which then was \$48,000,000,000, is now \$89,000,000,000. The average per capita of wealth in the United States, including property and money, then was \$850 for each individual, while to-day it is in round numbers \$1,000.

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