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Where Your Taxes Go

How Uncle Sam Spends Your Money in Conducting Your Business

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WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

I am indebted to the late Dr. E. B. Rosa, of the United States bureau of standards, whose analyses of government expenditures I have already quoted in these articles, for the following comprehensive survey of how the taxes you pay to the government are apportioned in expenditures. It will give you the clearest and best idea of where your money goes. For his purpose Doctor Rosa took the actual appropriations for the fiscal year 1920, amounting to a total of \$5,686,005,706, as given in the regular supply bills and three deficiency bills prior to May 1, 1920. For convenience he divided the purposes for which this money was spent into six groups as follows:

Group I.—Obligations arising from recent and previous wars, including interest on the public debt, pensions, war-risk insurance, rehabilitation and care of soldiers, deficit in the operation of railways, expenditures of the shipping board, European food relief and the bonus to government employees to cover partially the increased cost of living due to the war, a total of \$3,555,482,580.

Group II.—War and Navy departments—expenses somewhat above a permanent peace-time basis—\$1,424,138,677.

Group III.—Primary governmental functions, including congress, President and White House staff, courts and penal establishments, departments of justice, state, treasury, interior, commerce, labor, interstate commerce, and other commissions, one-half the District of Columbia, including all the necessary functions of government other than defense, except the commercial activities of Group V and the research, educational and developmental work of Group VI—\$181,087,225.

Group IV.—Public works, including rivers and harbors, public buildings, reclamation service, post roads, national parks and railway in Alaska—\$168,200,557.

Group V.—Commercial or self-supporting activities, including the post office, land office, Panama canal and housing corporation, which, taken together, earn their expenses.

Group VI.—Research, educational and developmental, including the wide range of work of the Agricultural department, geological survey, bureau of mines, coast and geodetic survey, bureau of standards, bureau of fisheries, bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, bureau of labor statistics, women's and children's bureaus, vocational education, colleges for agriculture and mechanic arts, library of congress, Smithsonian institution and the public health service—\$37,093,661.

Total groups I to VI—\$5,686,005,706.

Summary. Per Cent

Group I—Expenditures arising from recent and previous wars...	\$3,555,482,580.00	62.51
Group II—War and Navy departments	1,424,138,676.57	25.02
Group III—Primary governmental functions	181,087,225.41	3.19
Group IV—Public works	168,200,557.46	2.97
Group V—Commercial, educational and developmental	67,093,660.93	1.18
Total	\$5,686,005,706.97	100.00

The first two groups together amount to 92.8 per cent of the total; public works amounts to 3 per cent, primary governmental functions 3.2 per cent, and research, educational and developmental work, 1 per cent. The population of the country being about 110,000,000, the total budget is about fifty dollars a year per capita, of which fifty cents a year per capita is expended for the wide range of research, educational and developmental work included in Group VI.

"That is, of the fifty dollars a year per capita collected for all purposes, a dollar and a half a year per capita," Doctor Rosa went on to point out, "was spent for what is here called primary functions of government; nearly as much more was put into public works, and fifty cents a year was put back into research, educational and developmental work, to promote scientific research, to increase production and efficiency, to develop wealth, to promote the public health and to conserve our natural resources. That is a very small part of the total—hardly enough to be regarded as a burden on the nation.

"Indeed, one is led to wonder whether the total burden of taxation would not be lighter if the expenditure for scientific and developmental work were increased; if, for example, it were one dollar a year per capita instead of fifty cents. In other words, if \$110,000,000 were expended annually for this creative and productive work, would it not be easier to collect the five and a half billions for other purposes?"

"The big money, of course, goes for war, past, present and future, and that is where the saving must be made.

Thirty thousand persons are killed or injured in the United States every day.

IRRIGON FOLK WAGE WAR ON MR. J. RABBIT

15,000 ALREADY SLAIN BY POISON IS ESTIMATE

IRRIGON, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special)—The past week has been hard life for the jack rabbits. Where poison could not be put out safely, drives have been made both day and night. A drive was made west of the Hux ranch a week or so ago, during the afternoon and another at eight o'clock in the evening, near the Marham place. Mr. Chas. Powell, in charge of the campaign, arranged to string wire around the sheep camp grounds, consisting of some 30 or 40 acres and made a killing corral at one end of it. The gates along one side of the fence were left open during the day and early evening until rabbits entered the larger area and then closed and the drive made within the larger enclosure and most of the pests driven into the killing pens. The drive was considered a success, even though the fence had only been put up that day and the rabbits had not all located the openings. Another drive was held Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Markham had arranged a nice lunch for the crowd after the drive and the party listened to music and danced until after midnight. Mr. Powell now estimates that at least 15,000 have been killed by poison. Some places where the rabbits have bunched, the ground above Bailey and the other districts is covered with dead ones. We have now taken out bait below Judson and above Bailey and the other districts should connect up with our lines and help clean the whole country of the pests.

C. C. Calkins Morrow County Agent, accompanied by Ralph Finley, Mr. Crease and Mr. Pringle, motored to Irrigon Monday with intentions of helping out in the rabbit drive but did not stay owing to the fact that it was pulled off so late in the evening and Mr. Calkins was scheduled for another drive on Willow creek for five o'clock the next morning.

Mrs. Pearl Potts who has been visiting her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell during the holidays, returned to Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray Castle, of Wyoming, is here for a short visit.



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