

# ARMY REQUESTS 300 PER CENT MORE FOR GUNS

### Total of Twenty-three Million for Cannon Asked—Million for Radio Dynamic Torpedoes to Be Controlled From Airships—Seek to Foster New Private Munition Plants.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—An increase of nearly 300 percent over the sum spent last year for big guns, coast fortifications and ordnance included in the general preparedness scheme is asked for in the fortifications bill prepared by the war department.

Last year \$6,660,081 was spent; this year \$23,365,123 is asked.

The bill provides for \$2,533,000 for new coast defense works and itemizes 18 new emplacements to be constructed as against eight built last year.

Reference is made to the authority granted last year for the acquisition of a site at Cape Henry for this purpose.

Appropriations of \$1,867,000 for the purchase of other new sites for forts, \$3,000,000 for ammunition for seacoast guns, of which \$1,900,000 would go into armor piercing shells, and authority to contract for an additional \$3,500,000 in ammunition are included.

#### Radio Dynamic Torpedoes

For the purchase and installation of radio dynamic torpedoes, recommended for purchase last year, \$947,000 is asked. It is also proposed to secure the patents of John Hays Hammond Jr. covering the wireless control of torpedoes from shore stations to be improved by the government on installation and wireless control of torpedoes launched from aeroplanes. Army experts have been working out details.

The bill makes ample provision under various sections for development of mobile heavy guns for coast defenses and the construction of heavy field and siege guns and mortars for the army.

A plan to permit the department to place contracts with private munition manufacturers without advertising for bids, in order to foster the development of plants deemed necessary in the general preparedness scheme, is included in the bill. Not more than 25 per cent of the appropriations made for the ordnance department, which include the bulk of the total estimates in the bill, would be available under this provision.

#### Continuing Contracts

The bill also would provide that continuing contracts to the extent of more than \$13,000,000 might be made by the department this year to cover contracts for big guns and other equipment which requires a long time to manufacture. It will not be necessary to pay for this for two years or more.

The entire proposals represent the first year's expenditure on coast defenses and other work in the development of big guns under the administration plan to spend \$80,000,000 for this purpose in the next four years.

# BAPTIST PASTOR SUFFERS STROKE

Rev. Frederick W. Carstens, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, suffered a second stroke of paralysis last Sunday evening and was unable to perform his official services. At a subsequent meeting of the church board of trustees Mr. Carstens was voted a vacation of three months, in the hope that he may be able to locate and treat his affliction during that time as to recover completely and resume his church work. Meantime, his brother, J. H. Carstens, of North Yakima, Wash., will locate temporarily in this city and look after the pastor's work and business as far as he may be able to. Last Sunday evening Rev. Harry Tucker, learning of Rev. Carstens' unfortunate condition, accompanied a large part of his congregation to the Baptist church and assisted in the work of a service. Other ministers of the city have promised to assist the congregation benefit of its pastor for the time and enable its members to maintain church interest in every regular service.

The board of trustees of the Baptist church, at its meeting this week, extended a vote of thanks to the ministers and members of the other churches of the city for their kindly ministrations in a time of need.

# DESTRUCTION OF MANY MUNITION FACTORIES PLANNED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Plans for the destruction of munition plants at Aetna, Indiana, and Ishpeming, Mich., were revealed today when there were made public details of indictments returned here yesterday against three alleged conspirators in German bomb plots.

Gary, Indiana, and Pinole, California, also were suggested to an alleged agent of the conspiracy as a fertile field for similar work. Two fires and explosions occurred later at Pinole, at the plant of the Hercules Powder company.

The letters suggesting these charges were three, alleged to have been written to Louis J. Smith, witness for the government against Baron George Wilhelm Von Brincken, Charles C. Crowley, a detective employed by the German consul general, and Mrs. Margaret Cornell, Crowley's employee, the three persons indicted.

All appear today for arraignment on the two counts of each indictment and were released on bail bond of \$10,000 each.

The indictment charged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce with the allies and use of the mails to incite arson, murder and assassination.

Specific charges were made that the three alleged plotters conspired by sending a letter from here August 8 to Louis J. Smith at the Normandie hotel, Detroit, in an effort to incite him to arson, murder and assassination by burning certain buildings at Aetna, Ind., owned by the Aetna Chemical company and buildings at Ishpeming, Mich., owned by the Aetna Explosive company of New York. The indictments charged that the letter was of a character to incite Smith to destroy the employees in the buildings.

The conspiracy was alleged to have had its inception here May 1, 1915, and numerous dates and incidents and the contents of letters were set forth.

# ARRESTED FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

A warrant has been issued for the arrest and prosecution of James Fellett and John Doe Garvin, both of Talent, charged with violating the laws of the highway. Frank Schuette is the complaining witness.

It is charged that the men named in the warrant, while driving a Corbin automobile Saturday evening, were either under the influence of liquor or wickedly reckless, for they appeared to care nothing for speed laws or the presence of any other vehicle in the road. Their manner toward those whom they met, it is alleged, was profane and offensive.

On the Pacific highway, between this city and Phoenix, they met Schuette with a two-horse wagonload of wood. He was unable to escape them and a collision followed, with the result that a wheel was knocked off of the automobile and the wagon of Schuette was somewhat demolished. Schuette was thrown violently to the paved road, sustaining severe injuries, his face being badly bruised and skinned and his nose almost torn off.

Constable Hammond will probably bring the offenders before Justice Glenn O. Taylor today.

# PACIFIC MAIL PAYS OWNERS HANDSOMELY

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Southern Pacific company announced today that it had accepted an offer of \$10 a share extra dividend for 110,800 shares of the Pacific Mail Steamship company from W. R. Grace & Co. An additional \$2.50 a share will be paid for the stock, provided the assets of the Pacific Mail company, exclusive of the proceeds from the seven steamers, the sale of which was announced yesterday to the American International corporation exceed \$7,100,000.

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And undaunted by the wintry gales, they intend to continue living alone by their wits and their woodcraft until the middle of December, bitter as the weather may become.

# ANNUAL MEETING OF IOWA SOCIETY

The Iowa society's Medford branch—about seventy strong—enjoyed an evening of delightful entertainment last night at the banquet prepared by the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church in St. Mark's hall, followed by an excellent program of music and dramatic readings, the latter by Mrs. George T. Wilson in a selection from "David Copperfield," and Mrs. Hevions in dramatic selections from a history of the civil war, representing southern chivalry and sentimental passion, both ladies responding to encores.

The musical program was also especially enjoyable as rendered by Miss Hinman in vocal selections, Miss Butler in piano selections and Mr. Sheets in baritone.

Following the musical feature of the evening came the social time and dance, during which everybody appeared to enjoy a good old Iowa time.

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The nearest authentic information of the kind is a summary recently prepared by the Maxwell Motor Co., Inc., of Detroit, in which are given the actual mileages and running expenses of 53 cars, each of which was run for 1000 miles in a week in as many different cities of the country.

None of these cars required replacement or repair of any sort. None suffered accident. In every case the expenses were limited to those required for gasoline and oil. Several punctured tires were repaired at current rates. At the end of the run each car was sold for what it would bring, the result definitely establishing the amount of depreciation incident to 1000 miles of use—more, in all probability, than the average motorist would give a car in three months.

These Maxwell cars averaged 22.3 miles per gallon of gasoline and ran the 1000 miles on an average of three pints of oil. In dollars and cents, the cost of all this wide range of running figured exactly \$.0051 per mile—slightly over half a cent.

Tire wear, depreciation and all expenses included, the results of the tabulation seem to plainly show that the average Maxwellite's motoring expense should be somewhere near one cent per mile, and is as likely to be under this figure as over it.

dropped to twenty miles this morning.

Reports from points along Cape Cod said the wind had reached hurricane proportions, but had subsided and the barometer was rising steadily. Many coast guard stations were cut off by the storm but a general inquiry failed to show any disaster to shipping, which had been warned in time to seek shelter.

Berkshire county is in the grasp of the worst snow storm in twelve years today. The snow, already 30 inches deep, is still falling. Trolley and steam railroad traffic is practically paralyzed. All schools are closed. If the storm continues until

# SNOW COVERS EASTERN COAST

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#### In New England

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Reports early today indicated that the worst of the storm which swept this section last night, had passed out to sea. The weather bureau announced clearing conditions would soon prevail. The wind which attained a maximum of fifty miles in Boston last night had



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#### Fifteen Foot Drifts

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—New York state today was gradually digging itself out of snow drifts of the worst storm since the March blizzard of 1888.

The storm which lasted more than 26 hours, blew over toward New England early today.

The heaviest fall, 24 1/2 inches, was reported officially from this vicinity while Poughkeepsie reported only half an inch less.

Unofficial reports from the upper Hudson valley gave the fall in that section as around two feet and a half.

In the southern tier of counties the fall ranged from six to twelve inches. A high wind piled drifts in some places as high as fifteen feet. One fatality has been reported.

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