

TWENTY BILLIONS TO BE SPENT; ONLY HALF WAR COST

Just a Fifth of Nation's Income and It Won't Break Us—Large Part Is Loan to Allies, Another Part Is for Merchant Ships and Another Block for Airships—Much of It Returns.

By BASIL M. MANLY
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Appro-
prios by congress the present
year will total more than twenty bil-
lion dollars. This stupendous sum is
more than a third of the aggregate
income of all the people of the United
States.

Is all this wealth to be consumed in
the fire and smoke of battle, as many
pro-German propagandists are trying
to make the people believe?

Are we simply throwing more than
a third of what the American people
will produce this year into the lap of
the war god with no hope of return?

Or is a large part of these thou-
sands of millions simply an invest-
ment, from which we shall reap com-
pensate returns?

Where Money Goes.

Suppose we analyze for ourselves,
take down the column for the largest
item—"loans to allies"—
\$900,000,000. Here are seven bil-
lions right at the start for which
responsibility of interest and cap-
ital payments rests not on us, but
on our allies.

And here's another big item—
\$900,000,000 in round figures for
shipping board. Where is this
money going? Why, into ships—the
investment in the world for
years after the war. Some of these
ships are sure to be sent to the bot-
tom, but as a whole they are not only
paying for themselves, but
navigating with judgment and effi-
ciency, will pay into the federal treas-
ury an amount equal to their initial
cost every year they are operated,
and if ocean freight rates drop to
one-third their present level.

When there is \$150,000,000 for the
administration. This will be
used to purchase foodstuffs for re-
lief. The federal government will
forever always have in the form of
money or food the full value of every
cent. It is an investment and not
expense.

War Risk Insurance.

Similarly with \$55,000,000 appro-
priated for war risk insurance, used
simply as a capital fund. Under
present rates and losses this capital
will return to the treasury a consid-
erable profit.

Then there are items of \$25,000,-
000 for the Danish West Indies, \$20,-
000 for a nitrate plant which can
produce fertilizer in times of peace,
and \$3,000,000 for the Alaska rail-
way, all simply investments, to say
nothing of various amounts estimat-
ed roughly at \$100,000,000 expended
enlarging the government's arsenals
and other plants—in no sense
current expenditures, but really ad-
ditions to the nation's capital.

Now we come to another kind of
investment—\$650,000,000 for aviation.
Have you ever thought what the sit-
uation would have been if the war
ended with America's aviation as
was until this appropriation was
made? Let me tell you.

When peace returns the air is go-
ing to be the great new highway of
commerce for passengers, letters and
freight packages. During the war the
aviation progress has been at least
as great as during ten years of peace
and it has all been made by Euro-
pean countries with Uncle Sam
sleeping at the switch, except for a
few private concerns.

Aviation Program's Effect.

If we had not had a big aviation
program forced on us by war, we
could have come into this great new
field of commerce at least ten years
behind France, England, Italy and
Germany. With the big sums the
United States is now investing in
airplane development, we are going
to enter the after-the-war airplane
competition on something like equal
terms. So this airplane appropri-
ation ought to be counted as an invest-
ment.

Then there are about a billion and
a half dollars for the ordinary govern-
ment departments, which must be
supported in peace or war.

Deducting these various items, we
find while we must raise about twenty
billion dollars during the present
year at least half ought to be count-
ed as investment.

Ten billion as actual war expendi-
ture is an enormous sum; but if we
consider that it is only about a fifth
of our national income, it becomes
apparent that we are not going broke,
and that the burden is not nearly as
heavy as our pro-German friends
would have us believe.

AMERICANS ON BATTLEFIELD ARE KEEN FOR FIGHT

On Historic Ground, Vanguard of Pershing's Army Is Working Within Reach of German Guns, But Forbidden to Go "Over the Top"—Sneak Into British Trenches.

SOMEWHERE ALONG THE BRITISH FRONT, IN FRANCE, Sept. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—On a historic battlefield which merges into the fighting lines are encamped many American troops, far removed from the rest of their compatriots, who form the vanguard of Uncle Sam's expeditionary force in France.

For military reasons, it is impos-
sible to tell the world just where
these men are, who they are or what
they are doing to further the inter-
ests of the entente allied cause, but
it may be said on authority to
credit to the stars and stripes which
for the first time in history fly over
a camp of American soldiers in this
part of the war wrecked world.

Under German Guns.
Some of them have been working
continually in a zone covered by Ger-
man guns and already two of their
number have been wounded, a fact
whereof they are exceedingly proud.

The Associated Press heard these
men were here and sought them out.
The visit involved a long motor trip,
but the sight of their bronzed faces
and the sound of their cheerful, de-
termined voices more than repaid for
the long journey. They are a fine
healthy looking lot, and nearly two
months of hard work in the open un-
der real campaigning conditions has
put them in shape and they are ready
for anything.

Forbidden Exposure.

Especially are they prepared and
anxious to try honors with the Ger-
mans. In fact, their only grievance
is that for the present they are not
permitted, except where necessity
demands, to expose themselves to
the enemy's big guns. They want to
feel the thrill that one experiences
when explosives are going up all
about and when shells herald their
approach across No Man's Land with
a wicked whine that gives notice
that in a fraction of a minute deadly
bits of ragged steel will be flying in
all directions. American officers have
hard times keeping their men out of
the British front line trenches. It
is said that more than one American
soldier has crept away when off duty
and after making friends with the
"Tommy" has taken his place be-
side them for a few glorious minutes
while a minor battle was progressing.

Americans to Fight.

It would have been unwise, per-
haps, for the correspondent to inquire
too closely when any of the American
officers "had done their bit" in this
manner. Nevertheless the correspon-
dent had grave suspicions that some
of them had been "over the top" with
their allies in early days before or-
ders forbade it. However, they are
good disciplinarians and nobody is
disregarding the edicts which have
been issued by the higher command.

The correspondent visited two dif-
ferent camps and in each of them
there were the same scenes of meth-
odical activity characteristic of Ameri-
can methods. Things were moving
smoothly and no false motions were
being made. Efficiency was the
watchword everywhere.

Boston Baked Beans.

It was noon when the second camp
was reached and the officers and men
were preparing for mess. Several
clean-cut young officers came out to
greet the correspondent and it was
a cheery welcome with a firm hand-
grip and a hearty "I'm mighty glad
to see you." One would have known
he was in an American camp had he
been blindfolded. An invitation was
extended to mess and it was accepted.

"I'm afraid we can't offer you very
much to eat," said one of the
officers. "You see our cook is ill
and just at this moment we are get-
ting along as best we can. But we
can give you plenty of beans and—
well, plenty more beans," he ended
with an apologetic laugh.

So Boston baked beans were served,
the first the correspondent had seen
in two years of knocking about which
had taken him from revolution-torn
Dublin to the Mohamed revolt on the
northwest frontier of India. And
they were the best beans ever canned
or that ever will be canned.

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FIGHT TO CURB WAR PROFITEERS IS NOW URGED

Government Compelled to Use Strong Hand in Squeezing Out Extortion—Coal Forced Down, Steel Commandeered, Oil Requisitioned and Policy Adopted Cost Plus Profit.

By GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 24.—
The government is making a hard
but winning fight to curb "war prof-
iteering." The president has found
business is only partly patriotic and
a strong hand is required to squeeze
out extortionate profits even in war's
necessities.

The first experience in this line
was that of Secretary Daniels with
the coal operators. The best price
the operators had to offer was \$2.95.
The secretary used his war power
to fix a tentative mine price of \$2.35,
since reduced by the president to \$2.

As the navy uses about 2,000,000
tons a year, the illegitimate profit
squeezed out is \$2,000,000 if meas-
ured by the operators' patriotic
price, or \$3,000,000 if measured by
the current market price.

"Patriotic Prices."

A "patriotic price" was also made
on steel. April 6, in response to Sec-
retary Daniels' request the steel op-
erators offered to sell 310,000 tons
to the government at \$58 a ton for
ship plates and \$50 a ton for "bars
and shapes." The market price was
between \$80 and \$85. This repre-
sented a saving of \$7,500,000.

But it soon appeared this was
merely a beginning of what the gov-
ernment needed. The steel and cop-
per people were accordingly asked
for a rock-bottom price. They de-
clined to make a price the same to
allies and the general public, as well
as to the government, so Daniels an-
nounced the government would com-
mandeer steel. Producers were told
to furnish what the government need-
ed at "cost plus a reasonable profit."

Steel costs are now being worked
out by the federal trade commission.

Buying Fuel Oil.

The same trouble was encountered

MORAL COWARDICE IN GERMAN REPLY ON POPE'S PEACE

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Man-
chester Guardian considers that the
German reply is not strictly an answer
to the pope's appeal for peace.

The Guardian says:
"We are sorry to say it, but we
find a good deal of moral and polit-
ical cowardice in the note. There
was only one way by which Germany
could convince the world of the sin-
cerity of her return to the humani-
ties, and that was by explaining
why she deserted them and what
atonement she meant to offer. That
would have been the brave thing to
do, but Germany hasn't done it."

The Guardian considers that the
note shows how far the education of
the German rulers has progressed in
the hard school of facts, if not the
principles, and the language of the
note indicates that the rulers have
been forced to pay marked deference
to the views of the reichstag. The
Guardian draws the conclusion that
Germany's rulers desire peace with a
passionate intensity, declaring "we
must help the German people so far
as is possible for us in their strug-
gle with their government" and con-
cludes:
"But we must beware of rallying
the forces of the enemy by language
that will help the government to iden-
tify itself with the interests of Ger-
many and her people which they so
shamefully mismangled."

GOLD EXPORTS TO SPAIN PROHIBITED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Treas-
ury officials carrying out the gov-
ernment's policy governing the con-
servation of gold, have virtually de-
cided upon a policy prohibiting the
export of gold to Spain. No gold
has been licensed for export to Spain
since the president's proclamation
became effective, except several
small shipments already loaded
aboard steamers.

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of the president's proclamation. Be-
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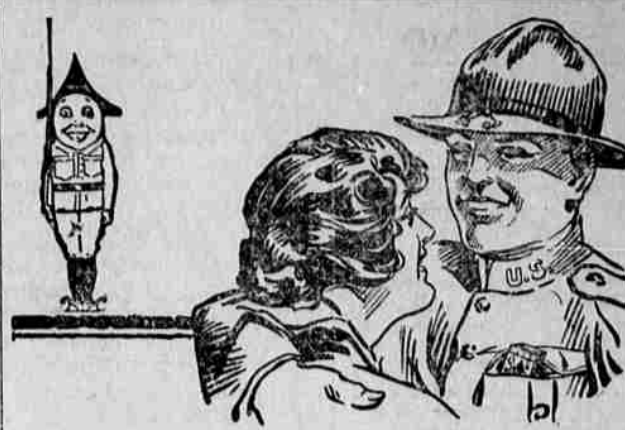
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RIGALL'S MOTHER ASKED TO TESTIFY IN MOONEY CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—Tes-
timony that she was invited by the
defendant to become a witness in "an
important case," which is declared
by the prosecution to have been the
trial of Thomas J. Mooney for murder
as the result of a bomb explo-
sion here, was offered by Mrs. Hen-
rietta Rigall of Grayville, Ill., in the
trial here today of Frank C. Oxman,
of Durkee, Ore., for attempted sub-
ornation of perjury. Oxman is ac-
cused of endeavoring to secure F. E.
Rigall, Mrs. Rigall's son, as a false
witness against Mooney.

"Mr. Oxman wrote to me telling
me he would send transportation and
that I would have a chance to see
California," Mrs. Rigall testified.
"He said I would have a chance to
be a witness in an important case."
"I replied asking him why he did
not send the transportation the same
time he sent it to my son, Frank,
when he desired him to be a witness
in the case. He never replied to my
letter."

Mrs. Rigall testified that she had
always known Oxman as "Cliff" Ox-
man until she was told otherwise by
her son.



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