

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECY. FALL OF INTERIOR DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—An untapped wealth estimated at a minimum of one hundred and fifty billions of dollars is contained in the more than 400,000,000 acres of land still held in the public domain, Secretary Fall of the interior department says in his first annual report, made public today.

Coal and oil form the bulk of this wealth, the total coal deposits being estimated at 110,000,000 tons and the oil deposits at 1,325,000,000 barrels with an additional 50,000,000,000 barrels of shale oil.

From the development of these resources the federal government, Secretary Fall said, would realize by way of royalties, rentals, etc., a total of \$12,307,500,000, divided as follows:

Coal in public ownership:
Bituminous 10,000,000,000 tons at ten cents royalty, \$1,000,000,000.

Sub-bituminous 30,000,000,000 tons at eight cents royalty, \$2,400,000,000.

Lignite 50,000,000,000 tons at five cents royalty, \$2,500,000,000.

(Note: Coal upon railroad lands, private grants, private lands in the public land state but not developed not estimated above.)

Oil in public ownership (crude) 700,000,000 barrels at \$2, \$1,400,000,000 at 12 1/2 cents royalty, \$175,000,000.

Shale oil 50,000,000,000 barrels at \$2, \$100,000,000,000 at five cents royalty, \$5,000,000,000.

Phosphate 3,500,000,000 tons at \$4, \$14,000,000,000 at two per cent royalty, \$280,000,000.

Potash 20,000,000 tons at \$75, \$1,500,000,000 at two per cent royalty, \$30,000,000.

Waterpower, 13,000,000 horsepower at ten cents per horsepower per year, \$1,300,000.

Indian reservations: Oil 600,000,000 barrels at \$3, \$1,800,000,000.

Phosphate 1,000,000,000 tons at \$4, \$4,000,000,000.

Alaska:
Coal 20,000,000,000 tons, all grades at five cents royalty, \$1,000,000,000.

Oil 25,000,000 barrels at \$1, \$25,000,000 at ten per cent royalty, \$2,500,000.

Waterpower, 2,500,000 horsepower at ten cents per horsepower per year, \$250,000.

Surface value of public lands, outside of national forests:
Desert and semi-arid lands 100,000,000 acres at \$1, \$100,000,000.

Grazing lands 75,000,000 acres at \$2, \$150,000,000.

Grazing and forage lands, \$15,000,000 acres at \$4, \$60,000,000.

National forests:
Grazing lands 110,000,000 acres at \$4, \$275,000,000.

Timber \$580,000,000.

Other resources \$145,000,000.

"History is now repeating itself," says Secretary Fall, "and after a period of unlimited expenditure in war measures and in preparing for war, in the creation of a navy, etc., it has been found necessary to curtail such expenditures to the very utmost. I am justified in calling attention to the fact that the department of interior—the home department—is fully equipped and prepared to do its part

in the development of these great natural resources which must be so developed if the tax burden upon this and future generations is to be borne at all."

Secretary Fall devotes a considerable part of his report to reclamation projects and in this connection he urges that "an affirmative strong policy be announced by the executive."

"The necessary advances can be made from year to year without becoming an excessive burden upon the tax payers," the secretary says, "and as has already been proven by experience, one year's crop upon one acre of reclaimed irrigated ground will be of a value largely in excess of the total amount expended in rendering such acre productive. Under the present system, or any proposed legislation, of course the cost of such project will be repaid and meanwhile the added wealth yielded will lighten the tax burden upon all the taxpayers of the country."

Referring to pending bills providing for further reclamation activities, Mr. Fall says that if they are enacted additional opportunity for labor will be offered the unemployed, and at the same time homes made for those who desire them.

"This department," he adds, "is thoroughly organized with sufficient force and is ready to carry on any work which such an enlightened policy as suggested might be assigned to it in reclamation or other development of our national resources."

Discussing the situation, the interior secretary declares the resources of that territory, "and of the wealth to be drawn therefrom in the future are almost incalculable."

"There are 21,000,000 acres of lands in forests in that territory," he says, "and many millions of acres upon the public domain upon which settlers may depend for mining timber, lumber for houses, etc. There are millions of acres of land fitted for agriculture, and the agricultural resources are such that a large population can be supported in Alaska without the importation of foodstuffs from the United States or other countries."

"Alaska's resources have not been developed for various reasons, among others the lack of transportation and largely because of the fact that these resources are administered through some thirty-eight bureaus and various departments of this government. In my opinion authority to administer the laws relative to Alaska's natural resources must be vested in some one department of this government and that the activities charged with the administration of such laws may be properly co-ordinated."

Transportation is necessary of course, and the government has assisted insofar as the construction of a railroad from Seward to Fairbanks is concerned, which road will be ready for operation within a few months. Vast deposits of valued metalliferous minerals and great coal mines are known to exist and must be made accessible to the railroad and to coast transportation.

"While no extensive oil development has as yet been made it is well known to this department that indications of valuable oil deposits exist from Point Barrow to the Seward Peninsula."

Orient Rates Increase

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 9.—Trans-Pacific steamship companies operating out of Vancouver have increased grain rates to the Orient 50 cents a ton it was announced today. Increasing demand for tonnage for the shipments was given as the reason for the increase. The new rate will be \$7.50 a ton.

HOW OLD WERE YOU AT THE TIME—



(By International News Service.)
This picture of Jeff de Angeles, as a child, was made in 1877. His last appearance was during the early part of the New York season, when he played in "The Merry Widow."

ITALIANS TOLD TAX TO GO HIGHER

ROME, Dec. 9.—(By Associated Press.) The minister of the treasury presented his financial statement in the chamber of deputies yesterday. For the financial year of 1922-23 the deficit amounted to 10,712,000,000 lire instead of the estimated 12,141,000,000. This was due to the fact that although expenditure increased the income realized amounted to 18,971,000,000 lire instead of the estimated 10,806,000,000. The estimated deficit for the year 1921-22 is approximately five billion. For the financial year of 1922-23 which will be the first budget from which direct war expenditures will be almost completely eliminated, it is hoped that the deficit will be reduced to three billion lire.

Deficits, however, the minister declared, must disappear and the government would be compelled to ask the taxpayers to make fresh subscriptions.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—The body of Jay Campbell, shot in an attempt to hold up the Bank of East Portland Tuesday will be shipped to Seattle at the request of relatives. The coroner's inquest will be held tonight.

The case against Shelby E. Murdock and James Bergstedt, alleged companions of Campbell in the holdup was today being considered by the grand jury.

COVEY CO. TO HANDLE THE MAXWELL CAR

H. M. Covey, of the Covey Motor Car company, distributor of the Cadillac line for many years and of the Dodge Brothers cars since they were first manufactured, has cancelled his Dodge contract and signed up for eleven counties on the Maxwell and Chalmers lines.

The change in dealership came as a result of the policy of the Dodge company in insisting that its dealers throughout the country handle the Dodge line exclusively. If Covey had followed this policy he had his choice of keeping the Dodge and discontinuing the Cadillac or keeping the Cadillac and taking on the choice of several other lines which had been offered him.

Mr. Covey says:
"The new Maxwell car is a radical departure from any model which the company has ever put out and, according to the factory representations, contains the greatest automobile value in any car today. It is larger than former models, more graceful in design, more powerful and in every way more of an automobile."

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The A. W. Walker Auto Company, the local agents for Maxwell and Chalmers here for years, will continue as local representatives and have received a carload of the new Maxwell's, most of which have been sold.

FEDERAL EXPENSES CUT HALF BILLION BY BUDGET BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A federal budget for the fiscal year 1922, approximately \$500,000,000 below the four billion dollar figure which had been estimated some time ago as the minimum of government expenditures for several years to come faced congress when it reconvened today.

The exact figures as prepared by the newly created budget bureau and transmitted by President Harding in a special message were \$3,506,745,727 including an estimated deficit of \$21,509,566 in the operations of the postal service. This total represents a decrease of \$162,167,539 from the \$3,668,913,266 estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year and \$2,502,255,962 from the actual expenditures in the fiscal year 1921. It is, however, \$167,571,977 in excess of the estimated receipts of \$3,338,182,750, while the outgo for the current fiscal year exceeds the estimated receipts of \$3,943,453,663 by \$21,468,703.

Referring to the apparent deficit for 1922, President Harding wrote the congress that "ways are provided for the relatively easy adjustment without added taxation" of the discrepancy between the income and outgo. As one means he recommended legislation directing the reduction of the accumulated naval supply account by \$100,000,000.

The largest single item in the budget is the fund for the interest on the public debt, the \$75,000,000 provided lacking only \$25,000,000 of the total expenses of the federal establishment before the world war. In addition there is an estimate of \$369,338,800 for the war debt sinking fund.

Included in the total for the army and navy is \$31,964,400 for development and maintenance of the air service of the two departments, divided \$16,195,000 for the navy and \$14,964,400 for the army. These compare with expenditures this year of \$15,000,000 and \$19,159,700 respectively.

The navy estimates carry an item of \$99,198,000 for continuing construction on the 1916 building program as compared to \$112,452,000 for this year. Navy pay calls for \$148,754,000, an increase of \$49,000,000.

Pay, mileage, etc., for the army is the largest item in the war department budget, the figure being \$154,448,400. For the National Guard an expenditure of \$28,946,600 is estimated. Expenditures on public works under the war department are given as \$57,943,900, including \$14,245,400 for rivers and harbors as compared with \$29,850,000 for the current year.

Included in the \$155,232,702 estimate for the veterans bureau are these items:

Military and naval compensation \$100,000,000; military and naval insurance \$62,713,000; vocational rehabilitation \$127,000,000; medical and hospital service \$72,000,000 and salaries and expenses \$26,521,722.

For prohibition enforcement the budget bureau estimates \$10,000,000, an increase of \$2,500,000 over this year. Expenses of the internal revenue bureau are placed at \$66,206,190 as compared with \$58,032,790 for this year.

Estimates for independent agencies include:

Federal trade commission \$948,500; interstate commerce commission \$1,895,240; housing corporation \$1,267,453; railroad labor board \$398,650; alien property custodian \$390,480; civil service commission, \$595,595, and employee compensation commission and compensation fund \$2,798,000.

While the railroad administration and transportation act are expected to cost the government \$337,679,235 in 1922, no estimate of expenditures for these expenditures in 1923 were included in the budget. Experts explained that it was not possible to make an accurate estimate of what would be needed for the carriers until after the results of the 1922 railroad financing are known.



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