

EXPERTS SHOWING WAYS TO REDUCE TRAVEL EXPENSES

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FOR nearly a year a commission headed by Frederick A. Cleveland, an economy expert, has been at work, under the direction of President Taft and his secretary, investigating the system under which the United States government spends \$12,000,000 a year.

The experts have reached their first conclusions—something can be saved. If it is only 1 per cent of the whole it means \$120,000,000 a year—a tidy sum, even in the present day of big figures.

The experts now finishing their fiscal year and entering upon the most important stage of their work have gone at the problem with the idea of interfering with no phase of the government's work, but of seeing that that work is performed with the greatest economy of men and money and that the government gets 100 cents' worth of work for every dollar spent.

As a pleasant little curtain raiser for the big show that is to come later they have poked their finger into Uncle Sam's traveling expense account and have declared that it is too big. Chairman Cleveland of the economy commission pointed it out to Mr. Norton, then the president's secretary; secretary Norton explained it to President Taft, and President Taft took the country into his confidence.

Think of spending \$12,000,000 a year simply for traveling expenses—enough to give every one of Uncle Sam's 500,000 employees a first class trip from New York to Chicago, with Pullman fare thrown in and something left to tip the porter; enough to give the population of a good sized city a trip around the world!

It was as much a surprise to the president and his advisers to see this bill for travel as it may have been to the public. Appropriations have grown so rapidly in the government departments and they are distributed among such a variety of subjects that no definite idea of the amount spent in any one class of service has been possible until Mr. Cleveland and his experts had reduced the whole fabric of expenditures to a scientific basis.

Travel Never Summarized. "Never before was it known how much the government expended or expected to spend in travel expenses in any one year," said Mr. Norton recently. "Travel expenses are buried away in miscellaneous and contingent expense accounts, where they cannot be reached and cannot be analyzed. The very fact that so much as \$12,000,000 goes into traveling expenses arouses curiosity, and, although the inquiry has hardly begun, it has already been discovered that in many well run bureaus the government gets the benefits of the lowest mileage rate, while in one of the greatest departments a system of transportation orders results in that department paying 10 per cent more for a trip from Washington to New York and return than an individual would have to pay."

Here is the key to the whole situation. The waste of money, if there has been any in the matter of traveling expenses to carry on the government business, has been a waste due to the complexity of systems followed in the different departments rather than to the padding of expense accounts by government employees. Did you ever try to pad an expense account for the government? There is no item of "entertainment of customers," nothing for incidental expenses, nothing for taxicabs or theaters. To pass a padded account successfully through the censors of a government bureau at Washington is a feat that few employees in Uncle Sam's establishment can boast of.

Most of the departments pass upon every travel account at least four times before it is finally approved and the bill paid. There are bureaus in those departments where much traveling occurs equipped with all the latest passenger fare tariffs and with the rates of the Pullman company between all points.

When an expense account comes in the items for tickets are carefully checked up on these rate sheets. When the rate clerk finally approves the expense statement it is proof that the charges for the tickets and Pullman have agreed exactly with the published rates between the points named.

Then there is a definite standard of expense allowed for each legitimate item. You may have your laundry done once a week at government expense in some departments when you are traveling, but you may not have your trousers pressed "on Uncle Sam." Clean laundry is considered a necessity, carefully creased trousers a luxury. Other departments do not allow even the weekly laundry bill as an item of legitimate expense.

You may use a cab from the depot to destination in a strange city. The employee who lives in Washington, however, and takes a cab from his home to the depot there will find that the vigilant eye of the censor of expense accounts has cut out this item and allowed only 5 cents for a street car ride to the depot. The traveler is

Five Story Building Burns. Chicago, May 22.—Fire today destroyed the Northwestern Can company's building, a five story brick structure, causing a loss of \$100,000. Two floors of the structure were occupied by Davidson Bros. Marble company.

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Holmer May Go Abroad. Hans Holmer, winner of the Powderball race, has an offer to tour Italy, Africa, South America and Australia this summer.

Pa Was Right. "Pa says you keep almost everything here," said the small son of the village editor. "It gives your pa's about right," replied the owner of the general store. "And so says," continued the little chap, "the reason you keep so many things is because you don't advertise."—Chicago News.

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Great Rain Comes Down. That was a great rain. It amounted to 1.21 inches in Norfolk. A magnificent rain—the rain we've all been praying for—descended upon northeastern Nebraska Saturday night and Sunday, benefiting crops immensely. A million dollars would be a tame and colorless way of trying to express the value of it.

The rain was general over the eastern part of the state, extending as far north as the state line at Anoka and as far west as O'Neill.

Following two weeks of hot, dry winds from the south, which had filled the air with dust and sapped the soil of moisture, the generous downpour was a blessing to all the territory that it covered and its effect was perceptibly felt upon the Chicago board of trade Monday morning.

The ground was not suffering, except in pastures, for want of water, but the copious rainfall at this time has given growing crops a bounding start in their race to get under the maturity wire before frost. Everything is looking up, as a result of the soaker.

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Mr. Hebbard has a class of boys who have spent from seven to nine years in the grammar school without getting ahead. One of the most difficult things has been to give them a grasp of mathematical principles. The new scheme by stimulating interest has proved of great assistance.

"We took advantage of the spring trip of the Red Sox," said Mr. Hebbard, "to use batting averages, numbers of right hand players and numbers of left hand players, etc., as foundations for our mathematical exercises. The football season also gives us opportunity to work out some practical exercises which interest boys who have never before been interested in mathematics."

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The advertising car of Campbell brothers circus arrived here Sunday night. The ad men are busy billing towns in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein have moved into their beautiful new home at the corner of Koenigstein avenues and Eighth street.

To add to the comforts of the employees, the Norfolk Steam Laundry has installed tub and shower baths in the boiler room of the laundry building.

Business men in Norfolk enjoyed one of the best trading days of the spring season Saturday. The regular Burns were necessarily held for late delivery.

H. M. Purdy of Madison is in the city, looking over the Commercial club's Belgian draft horses, with a view of purchasing two of the most valuable ones.

Because of the rain Sunday, the Elgin baseball team did not come here for the scheduled game with the Norfolk team. A game with that team is being arranged for next Thursday.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Burns club is being planned for June 1st by the local Scots. The meeting will take place at the J. A. Ballantyne residence. The program will be a social one.

An adjourned term of the district court was held at Madison Monday. Tuesday morning Judge Welsh holds a short term at Pierce and Tuesday afternoon an adjourned jury term will be held at Neligh.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. J. H. Lough on South Ninth street Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is mite-box opening day. Bring or send the mite boxes.

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