

**TO LOP OFF 250,000  
FROM GOVERNMENT ROLL**

**Republicans Busy With Pruning Knife  
and Expect to Oust Useless  
Employees.**

Washington, Dec. 7.—How to reduce by 250,000 the present padded payroll of the government is the problem which the new Republican administration will take up as soon as it enters power.

At the beginning of the war with Germany there were 30,000 government employees in Washington. During the conflict, as the result of the extravagant methods of the Wilson administration, this total jumped to 132,000. After the armistice had been signed in 1918 the executive departments asked that this be increased. The Republicans held up these estimates and, when they captured Congress, speedily reduced the number to 90,000, in one year getting rid of 42,000 employees who had become a burden to the taxpayers of the country.

Representative Will R. Wood, of Indiana, chairman of the subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee in charge of the legislative bill to become effective after June 30 next, declares that the number of Washington government employees will be so reduced that not more than 75,000 will be provided for, thus in a year and a half lopping off a total of 57,000 employees in Washington alone.

This is only the beginning of the reduction that is planned, however. Chairman Good, of the House Appropriations Committee; Senator Curtis, of Kansas, Republican whip in the Senate, and other Republican leaders at the Capitol, are insisting that the reductions must be made in every department of the Federal service and that many of the bureaus established during the war shall be legislated out of existence altogether.

There are now more than 700,000 men and women in the employ of the United States government throughout the country. On January 31, 1920, there were 757,854 on the payrolls of the Federal government, but Congress, during the last session, reduced this number to about 700,000.

The reduction of 250,000 in the size of the army of Federal employees that is hoped for by Congressional leaders would result in an annual saving of between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 to the taxpayers, it is estimated.

Senator Lodge, Republican leader in the upper House, and Representative Mondell, Republican leader in the lower House, declare their intention of insisting upon wholesale reductions in the number of Federal employees.

The present administration, however, has submitted estimates to the House Appropriations Committee that in nearly every case call for additional employees for the next fiscal year. About the only exception that has been noted is in the case of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, where an immediate reduction of about 1,500 is reported contemplated at once.

Chairman Wood said that he could not understand why new clerks were being asked for in the legislative bill, which his committee hopes to have ready for reporting to Congress by December 15.

"We have today in Washington under the civil service something over 30,000 employees and between 5,000 and 6,000 unclassified, making a total of 95,000 government employees here," said Mr. Wood. "Before the war there were about 37,000. It is idle for any one to say that there is now three times as much work done here as before the war."

"There are twenty-five or thirty independent bureaus, meant by the law that created them to be merely for the war emergency, that are trying to induce us to make them permanent and to get a larger force than before."

"Every man who comes before us agrees that there ought to be a reduction in the number of civil service employees in Washington, but they insist that the cut must come somewhere else than in their own offices."

**LEGACY IN WHICH YOU SHARE.**

In the pocket of an old, ragged coat belonging to one of the insane patients of the Chicago poor house, there was found after his death, a will. The man had been a lawyer, and the will was written in a firm, clear hand on a few scraps of paper. So unusual was it that it was sent to a lawyer; and so impressed was he with its contents that he read it before the Chicago bar association, and a resolution was passed ordering it probated, and now is on the records of Cook county, Ill., and this is the will of the old insane patient of the Chicago poor house:

"I, Charles Lounsbury, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, in order as justly as may be to distribute my interests in the world among succeeding men:

"That part of my interests which is known in law and recognized in the sheep-bound volumes as my property, being inconsiderable and of none account I make no disposition of in this

will. My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but, these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

"Item: I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragements, and all quaint pet names and endearments; and I charge said parents to use them justly, but generously, as the needs of their children shall require.

"Item: I leave the children inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood all and every one the flowers of the field and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely, according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sand beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees.

"And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the train of the Milky Way, to wonder at, but subject nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

"Item: I devise to boys, jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played, all pleasant waters where one may swim, all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate, to hold the same for the period of their childhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies; the woods with their appurtenances, the squirrels and the birds and the echoes and strange noises, and all distant places, which have been visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to the said boys each of his own place at the fireside at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance or without any incumbrance or care.

"Item: To lovers I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorne, the sweet strains of music, and aught else they may desire to figure to each other the lastingness and beauty of their love.

"Item: To young men, jointly, I devise and bequeath all boisterous, inspiring sports of rivalry, and give to them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all merry songs and grave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

"Item: And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers, I leave memory; and bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets if there be others, and of other poets if there be others, to read that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully without tithe or diminution.

"Item: To our loved ones with snowy crowns I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep."

**Anybody's Match.**

Washington Star: E. H. La Guardia, former congressman from New York, said at a banquet:

"The Italian immigrant as soon as he masters the language is a match for anybody.

"A group of husky young Italians were digging in a ditch the other day, when a chap in a fliver went by slowly. He had a young lady with him, and—to show off, you know—he yelled down the ditch:

"Hey, where's your monkey?"

"Quick as a flash the brawny Genevese yelled back:

"We give him a day off, mister, and he's took his girl out joyridin' in a second-hand car."

**High Prices.**

George Haven Putnam, publisher, was talking about high prices: "High prices everywhere," he said. "Unreasonably high prices everywhere."

After a moment's thought he added: "Price was once an indication of value. Today it's an indicator of nerve."

**EMMET ITEMS.**

Georgia McCreath and Margery Schultz of Atkinson, spent Saturday and Sunday in Emmet at the Abart home.

The Farmers' Store had a bunch of celery in for Thanksgiving.

There was a party held at Bill Crawford's Saturday night and all present had a jolly time.

Chas. and Pearl Harris have moved to the Leo McCaffery ranch and Ralph Harris is assisting in the post office.

We have only one restaurant left in Emmet. Here's hoping it stays.

There will be a programme and box social at the M. E. church Friday night, December 3, under the auspices of the Epworth League.



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**Wednesday, Dec. 15th**

**7 Head of Horses**

One sorrel team, coming 6 and 7, weight 2400; 1 team of mares, sorrel and bay, 7 and 11 years old, weight 2800; 1 brown horse and 1 brown mare, both smooth mouth; 1 roan mare, 12 years old, weight 1,000.

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