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**CONGRESS HEARS SECOND MESSAGE**

President Tells of Treasury and Army Affairs.

**PHILIPPINES ARE INCLUDED**

Bill for Natives' Independence De-nounced as Premature—Progress of Panama Canal.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress today received from President Taft the second of his messages to the short session. It deals with fiscal, military, insular and judicial affairs and in part is as follows: The condition of the country with reference to business could hardly be better. While the four years of the administration now drawing to a close have not developed great speculative expansion or a wide field of new investment, the recovery and progress made from the depressing conditions following the panic of 1907 have been steady and the improvement has been clear and easily traced in the statistics. The business of the country is now on a solid basis. Credits are not unduly extended and every phase of the situation seems in a state of preparedness for a period of unexampled prosperity. Manufacturing concerns are running at their full capacity and the demand for labor was never so constant and growing. The foreign trade of the country for this year will exceed \$4,000,000,000, while the balance in our favor—that of the excess of exports over imports—will exceed \$500,000,000. More than half our exports are manufactures or partly manufactured material, while our exports of farm products do not show the same increase of domestic production. It is a year when the price of agricultural products has gradually fallen, and yet the total value of the entire crop is greater by over \$1,000,000,000 than we have known in our history.

**Condition of the Treasury.**

The condition of the treasury is very satisfactory. The total interest-bearing debt is \$3,777,770, of which \$124,831,880 constitute the Panama canal loan. The interest-bearing debt is \$78,201,249.90. In addition there is \$1,000,000 of greenbacks. We have in the treasury \$150,000,000 in gold coin as a reserve against the outstanding greenbacks; and in addition we have a cash balance of \$167,352,478.99, or an increase of \$38,252,632 over the general fund last year.

**Receipts and Expenditures.**

For three years the expenditures of the government have decreased under the influence of an effort to economize. This year presents an apparent exception. The estimate by the secretary of the treasury of the ordinary receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, for the year ending June 30, 1914, indicates that they will amount to \$70,000,000. The sum of the estimates of the ordinary receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, for the year ending June 30, 1913, similarly estimated receipts were \$67,000,000, while the total corresponding estimate of expenditures for that year, submitted through the secretary of the treasury to congress, amounting to \$65,000,000. This shows an increase of \$5,000,000 in the estimates for 1914 over the total estimates of 1913. This is due to an increase of \$2,000,000 in the estimate for rivers and harbors for the next year on projects and surveys authorized by congress; to an increase of \$1,000,000 in the estimate for the navy department for the year 1914, including two battleships; Congress made provision for only one battleship, and therefore the navy department has deemed it necessary and proper to make an estimate which includes the first year's expenditure for three battleships in addition to the amount required for work on the uncompleted ships now under construction. This in addition to the natural increase in the expenditures for the uncompleted ships, and the additional battleship estimated for the other increases are due to the pay required for 4,000 or more additional enlisted men in the navy, and to this must be added the additional cost of construction imposed by the change in the design of the latest battleship makes it applicable to ships built in private shipyards.

With the exceptions of these three items, the estimates show a reduction this year below the total estimates for 1913 of more than \$5,000,000.

The estimates for the Panama canal construction for 1914 are \$15,000,000 less than for 1913.

The president then explained at some length the new system of the monetary system recommended by the monetary commission and urged congress to examine the plan impartially from all standpoints and then to adopt some plan which will secure the benefits desired.

Concerning the tariff he had little to say in view of the fact that a new committee has been elected on a platform of tariff for revenue only.

**Army Reorganization.**

Our small army now consists of 33,809 men, including the 2,000 Philippine scouts. Leaving out of consideration the coast artillery force, whose position is fixed in our various seacoast defenses, and the present positions of our various insular positions, we have today within the continental United States a mobile army of only about 25,000 men. This little force must be still further drawn upon to supply the new garrisons for the great naval base which is being established at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, and to protect the locks now rapidly approaching completion at Panama. The forces remaining in the United States are now scattered in nearly fifty posts, situated for a variety of historical reasons in twenty-four states. These posts contain only fractions of regiments, averaging less than 700 men each. In time of peace it has been our historical policy to administer these posts separately by a geographical organization. In other words, our army in time of peace has never been a united organization but merely scattered groups of companies, battalions and regiments, and the first task in time of war has been to create out of these scattered units an army fit for effective teamwork and co-operation.

**Thine He Went.**

"Ah," remarked Miss Weary, whom Mr. Stavlat had been boring with old conundrums, "that last one reminds me of the best thing going—"

"What's that?" he asked, eagerly.

"A man who has stayed too long."—Catholic Standard and Times.

**The Real Boss.**

"Well, which one of the newly married pair is boss?"

"No one can tell."

"Why not?"

"Her mother is visiting them at present."

**The Topic.**

"What is being most discussed in the homes of the nations just now?"

"The tariff?"

"No; I think fall housecleaning is just now on the carpet."

**Finances.**

Marks—"I have some money, but I don't know whether to buy a home or an automobile." Parks—"Take my advice; buy a home and mortgage it to get the machine. Then you'll have both."—Boston Transcript.

**Suitable Play.**

"I am going to make my farewell tour in Shakespeare. What shall be the play?" Hamlet? "Macbeth?" "This is your sixth farewell tour, I believe."

"Well, yes." "I would suggest 'Much Adieu About Nothing.'"

**Worth Knowing.**

When running curtain rods through thin curtains place a thimble on the end of the rod to prevent it from catching in the material.

**Before Houses Were Numbered.**

Four hundred years ago the idea of numbering houses originated in Paris, though it was not until 1789 that the system became general. The first known instance of a London street in which houses were numbered is Prescott street, but the practice did not spread far until 1764.

To the task of meeting these patent defects, the war department has been addressing itself during the past year. A comprehensive plan of reorganization was prepared by the war college division of the general staff. This plan was thoroughly discussed last summer at a series of open conferences held by the secretary of war and attended by representatives from all branches of the army and from congress. In printed form it has been distributed to members of congress and throughout the army and navy, and widely through institutions of learning and elsewhere in the United States. In it, for the first time, we have a tentative chart for future progress.

**The National Guard.**

Under existing law the national guard constitutes, after the regular army, the first line of national defense. Its organization, discipline, training, and equipment under recent legislation, have been assimilated, as far as possible, to those of the regular army, and its practical efficiency, under the effect of this training, has very greatly increased. Our citizen soldiers under present conditions have reached a stage of development beyond which they cannot reasonably be asked to proceed further without assistance in the form of pay from the federal government. On the other hand, such pay from the national treasury would not be justified unless it produced a corresponding increase in the efficiency of the part of the national guard. The organized militia today cannot be ordered outside the limits of the United States, and thus cannot lawfully be used for the regular purposes. The officers and men are ambitious and eager to make themselves thus available and to become an efficient national reserve of citizen soldiers. They are the only force of trained men, other than the regular army, upon which we can rely. The so-called military pay bill, in the form approved by the national authorities of the war department and the representatives of the national guard, in my opinion adequately meets these conditions and offers a reasonable basis of pay which it is proposed to give to the national guard. I believe that its enactment into law would be a very long step toward providing a national guard with a first line of citizen soldiery, upon which its main reliance must depend in case of any national emergency. Plans for the organization of the national guard into several divisions, on the same lines as those adopted for the regular army, are being formulated by the war college division of the general staff.

**Regulation of Water Power.**

There are pending before congress a large number of bills proposing to grant privileges of erecting dams for the purpose of creating water power. These bills have brought out an important defect in the existing general dam act. That act, in the form approved by congress, gave power to the federal government in dealing with the construction of such dams to exact protective conditions in the interest of navigation. At present the federal government, as a condition of its permit, to require that a part of the value thus created shall be applied to the further general improvement and protection of the streams. I believe this to be one of the most important matters of internal improvement now confronting the federal government. The navigable rivers of this country are comparatively long and shallow. In order that they may be made fully useful for navigation there has come into vogue a method of improvement known as dam building, or the slack-water method, which consists in building a series of dams and locks, each of which will create a long pool of deep navigable water. At each of these dams there is usually created also water power of commercial value. If the water power thus created can be made available for the further improvement of navigation in the stream, it is manifest that the improvement will be much more quickly accomplished than if the water power, on the other hand, is used for the benefit of the general tax-payers of the country by the very much reduced private power of the dam builder. Private dam building seeking profit in building waterpower dams, and in navigable streams usually require that they improve navigation, and that if they do not improve navigation they should be allowed to take for themselves the entire profits of the water-power development. 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