

Governor Bryan Asks for Budget of \$21,992,554

State University Must Stand Bulk of Reduction in Expenditures as Outlined—Farmers Hard Hit.

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McKelvie did. Federal funds and cash on hand in normal schools amount to \$176,891.82.

Department of Finance.
Puts this department under George Marsh, state auditor, and places budget under a budget commissioner whom he would appoint, free of legislative sanction. Under the code, Phil Bross acted as secretary of finance and also as budget commissioner.

Recommendation creation of bureau of health, without making known the salary he would pay the head of the bureau, whom he would appoint free of legislative sanction. This bureau would superintend work by the present divisions of contagious and communicable diseases, vital statistics, venereal diseases, sanitation, medical examiners, examining boards.

Force all excepting incidents to pay for laboratory tests at state house. Place division of child hygiene under university extension department, agricultural college. Place bureau of child welfare under superintendent of public instruction.

Place bureau of social service and division of charities and corrections under extension department, state agricultural department, and also give power to extension department of university to handle federal appropriations derived from the Shepard-Towner bill.

Put state boxing commission under department of social service.

Change name of secretary of department of deputy commissioner of labor and reduce his salary from \$5,000 a year to \$3,500 and cut appropriations for biennium, \$17,000.

Trade and Commerce Department.
Divide this into two departments, viz: department of banking, the head to receive \$4,000 a year; and department of insurance, the head to receive \$3,500 a year. Place hail insurance division under insurance department. All three under the code were under one head, who was secretary of the department trade and commerce at a salary of \$5,000 annually.

Bureau of Securities.
Abolish it.

Fire Prevention Department.
Place fire prevention educational features under superintendent of public instruction. Cut out fire investigations by state deputies and rely on fire insurance companies to hunt evidence of incendiarism. Place fire prevention inspectors under a commissioner of inspectors which he wishes to appoint without legislative confirmation.

Department of Agriculture.
Create a department of inspections with a versatile commissioner at its head, who shall manage inspectors of dairies, weights and measures, standardization, laboratories, fire prevention inspections.

Abolish bureau of markets, claiming agricultural college can do this work. Transfer division of seed analysis to agricultural college.

Abolish division of agricultural statistics, market news and publicity department. Tear down radio outfit on top of state house. Transfer bureau of animal industry to state board of agriculture and permit governor to name state veterinarian. Transfer inspection of dairy herds to state agricultural college. Abolish state bovine tuberculosis tests.

Department of Public Works.
Change name of secretary to state engineer. Permit state engineer to handle automobile license plates. Permit proposed executive council to decide policies of this department. Require city, county and state agencies awarding contracts to road builders to award contracts immediately after they are opened. This is to be provided in a bill to be introduced. (Charged there was much talk of "teakettle" bids after they were turned in.)

List of Appropriations.
No major changes are made in appropriations or duties of constitutional officers and other departments, excepting he proposes that Dan Swanson, commissioner of lands and public buildings, act as state purchasing agent with aid of a mimeograph operator.

Appropriations for departments requested by the governor follow:
University, \$5,886,614.64.
Normal schools, \$1,452,205.83.
Board of control, \$4,662,901.32, against \$4,349,556.32 by McKelvie.
Commissioner of labor, \$29,700.
State Engineer's department, \$3,541,756.68.
Department of Banking, \$101,820.
Department of Insurance, \$54,200.
Department of Health, \$79,120.
Department of Animal Industry, \$44,000.
Motor Registration department under secretary of state, \$55,000.
Examining board under bureau of inspections, \$28,454.
Bureau of game, fish and athletics, \$117,200.
Legislature, \$207,800.
Supreme court, \$12,550.
District courts, \$74,000.
Governor, including \$60,000 for law enforcement, \$104,000.
Secretary of state, \$42,500.
State auditor, \$56,400.
State treasurer, \$38,020.
Attorney general, \$100,000.
State superintendent, \$423,805.
Commissioner public lands and buildings, \$60,300.
Tax commissioner, \$24,000.
Military department, \$170,900.
Railroad commission, \$85,280.
Board of vocational lands and funds, \$125,500.
Board of vocational education, \$280,775.
Board of pardons and paroles, \$19,100.
State board of agriculture, \$35,300.
State historical society, \$21,120.
G. A. R., \$2,400.

Couzens Opens Fight for U. S. Rail Ownership

Questions Harding's Statement That Government of Lines During War Was "Stupid Folly."

By GEORGE F. AUSTIN, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee, Washington, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—First step in the national fight for the nationalization of railroads which is bound to be an issue in the next presidential election, was taken when Senator James E. Couzens of Michigan made a public statement which is interpreted as placing him in the ranks of the proponents of government ownership.

Senator Couzens, who was appointed to succeed Truman H. Newberry, has had some experience in government owned railroads. He made his first reputation, following the acquisition of a large fortune, in bringing about municipal ownership of the Detroit street railroads. Government ownership does not frighten him. He calls attention to the fact that President Harding said in a recent statement that the government experiment in governmental operation of railroads during the war was "stupid folly," but points out the president failed to prove this statement.

Here is the way the Michigan senator regards the problem:

Condition Alarming.
"The present railway condition is undoubtedly alarming and if this country is to live, and not be stifled to death by a lack of transportation to take care of its continued growth of population and the increased needs of the people, something has got to be done and done quickly. Capital will not continue to invest in railroads under present management and present rules governing income.

"Whether government ownership and operation is the solution is to be seen, but it looks as though it is coming fast. The mere taking over of the railroads by the government is not the solution, but more particularly if the government takes them over, the problem is under what plan, and at what cost, and under what system of control and management. These problems have got to be solved and apparently there is no other body empowered to solve them than the congress of the United States.

Must Have Capital.
"If the railroads themselves, if manufacturers, merchants or farmers or other great users of railroads have plans for the solution of the problem, the solution must mean, first

of all, more capital for expansion and assurances that we will have more efficient and economical management.

"It is interesting to note that on Friday, last, the American Railway association issued a statement that the movement of revenue freight was the heaviest at this time of year, in all history. Even with this enormous traffic and with the enormous freight rates, they showed an earning power in November of only 4.4 per cent on their tentative valuation.

"With this showing coupled up with a consistent demand for lower rates, to whom is the country to look for more capital to take care of the expansion?"

Movie Actor Held for Dancer's Death

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in San Diego Sunday night and Monday morning.

He said he spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with Will Helser, motion picture concern head, and J. O. Eddy in a trip to Ensenada, arriving at San Diego at 8 Sunday night. Sunday evening, he says, he spent with Mr. and Mrs. Al Flowers at their home, then returning to the Maryland hotel, San Diego. The slaying of Miss Mann, according to information here, was assumed to have occurred at about that time.

Clark said that he met Miss Mann in Chicago last September and became quite well acquainted with her, having been in her company frequently and that his acquaintance continued until the first week of November, when he separated from her after her attempt to borrow \$75 from him.

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Doctor Under Arrest

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 18.—After a quizzing lasting more than two hours, Dr. L. L. Jacobs, a physician at Camp Kearney, was placed under arrest this afternoon under orders by Chief of Police James Patrick, pending further investigation into the alleged murder last Sunday night of Miss Fritzie Mann, pretty dancer.

Dr. Jacobs was taken to the city jail, where he was booked for investigation. It was Dr. Jacobs who Wednesday informed the police that Miss Mann had been secretly married to a motion picture actor in Hollywood and that she was under contract with a motion picture company, both of which statements are since said to have been disproved.

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Can France Force Germany To Pay?

The sudden withdrawal of the last thousand of the American soldiers from the Rhine is interpreted by many Washington correspondents and editorial observers as an emphatic protest on the part of the United States Government against France's invasion of the Ruhr Basin and seizure of "productive guaranties" for the payment of Germany's reparations debt. This attitude on the part of official Washington, it is generally agreed, is due neither to sympathy for Germany nor lack of it for France, but to a conviction that the seizure of guaranties will not solve the reparations problem, and that it opens the door to a host of disastrous possibilities, chief among which is another world war.

Many American papers, on the other hand, wholeheartedly applaud France for resorting to a show of force, "the only language that Germany understands"; and they predict that her course will be fully justified by the results. The German-language press in the United States is pessimistic. "In taking from Germany her richest industrial district the French will deprive themselves of the last chance to get any further reparations," declares the Philadelphia Tageblatt, which thinks that the results of the Ruhr invasion will amount to "French suicide as well as unspeakable misery and chaos for Germany, and possibly civil war in the Reich." Other German-language papers express similar convictions.

THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, January 20th, presents a sweeping survey of the criticism from all quarters upon the present acute situation involving France and Germany and, in fact, the entire world. Other news-features of very deep interest in this week's DIGEST are:—

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Someone has said that there are only seven original jokes in the world. If this is so, what a vast amount of thought must be expended in furnishing mirth-loving America with material. First and foremost among those who keep the public good natured are the newspaper "Wits" and what is known as typical American humor must be based upon their efforts. The best jokes, the cleverest epigrams, the most humorous incidents as they are printed in the press of the world are eagerly scanned each week by The Literary Digest editors and a selection of them presented upon the screen in motion-picture theaters under the heading "Fun From the Press." This new short reel creates unbounded laughter wherever it is shown. Many hundreds of theaters have booked it and we would suggest that you attend the theater in your locality where "Fun From the Press" is advertised and you will enjoy good entertainment. It is produced by The Literary Digest and distributed to theaters by W. W. Hodgkinson Corporation.

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