

Coolidge Urges Slash in Taxes in Special Note

Executive Predicts Surplus as Result of Continued Economy in Operation of Government.

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adequate preparedness. We should have adequate preparedness in 1925 within the limits of the amounts recommended."

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 2.—The cost of running the federal government in the fiscal year, 1925, was fixed by President Coolidge, in the annual budget sent to congress today, at \$3,725,519,846.38, or a reduction of \$59,235,931.42 from the estimated expenditures of the current year.

The estimates of six major departments or other agencies of the government—interior, navy, war, treasury, shipping board and veterans' bureau—were reduced in the new budget, while there was only one notable increase—that for the Department of Agriculture.

Practically all of the \$26,000,000 reduction in the interior department total was due to the smaller allotment for the pension bureau. That bureau's outlay was cut from \$224,615,000 for the current year to \$199,116,000 for next year, largely because of the decreasing pension roll resulting from the death of pensioners.

The cut of \$23,000,000 in the navy's total was scattered over many items of expenditure, but a large part of it was due to a reduction of the fund set aside under the heading of "increase of the navy." It is understood supplemental estimates for needed construction will go to congress later. The budget director's report to the president declared that under the total allowed, the navy can continue at its present enlisted strength of 86,000 men; the marine corps will have provision for 18,000 men instead of the present 19,500; the naval reserve force will continue on practically the present basis; it will be possible to increase the present steaming range of battleships from 19,400 miles to 23,700; two more of the submarines authorized in 1916 can be laid down; new aircraft can be purchased; and it will be possible to continue work "at a normal rate of speed on all new ships under construction within the limitation of authorized cost."

The war scattered reductions totaling \$8,000,000 in the War department's allowance, but no particular branch of the military service was singled out for reduced appropriations. Under the total authorized the budget bureau declared, the regular army can continue on its present basis of 12,000 officers and an average enlisted strength of 118,000; the number of reserve officers who can be trained will remain about the same; attendance at the citizens training camps must be limited to 29,000 instead of 33,900 in the current year, and the militia bureau will be able to maintain an average strength of 173,500, a reduction of 3,500 from the present authorization. The air service allotment was increased from \$14,900,000 for the current year to \$17,000,000 during the coming year to "enable the air service to make reasonable progress toward cutting down its present shortage in heavier than air craft and at the same time assist in keeping alive the aircraft industry for use in time of emergency." The total fixed for rivers and harbors improvement—\$33,277,200—is practically the same as for the present year.

It was the veterans' bureau estimate that the budget director made his biggest cut under the figures submitted a year ago. A net total of \$79,000,000 was lopped off, in spite of increases in some departments of the bureau's activities. The factors which more than offset these increases included a drop from \$19,000,000 to \$18,000,000 for vocational rehabilitation, due to the decreasing necessity for giving vocational training to men wounded in the war; a reduction from \$127,800,000 set aside a year ago for possible use in bonus

payments, to \$62,000,000 which the budget director estimated would be sufficient to carry the payments through next year if applications continue to come in at their present slow rate; and a \$7,000,000 reduction in the amount set aside for hospital construction. The Treasury department's reduction of \$16,810,000 under the total for the present year was largely accounted for by the fact that tax refunding amounting to \$16,140,000, resulting from the 25 per cent reduction voted by congress at the last session, were included in the expenditures of the current year and no like item was necessary in the new budget. The coast guard allotment was increased by \$1,650,000, as a part of the drive against run runners, while the total given the customs service was cut \$712,000—a reduction declared by the budget director to be due to decreased activities and an estimated falling off in refunds.

Included in the factors contributing to the shipping board's reduction of \$6,000,000 were enumerated improved methods of operation, together with the consolidation, curtailment and reduction in the number of trade routes, and an improvement in freight rates.

The budget bureau informed the president in its report that the net increase of \$62,000,000 in the amount set aside for the Agricultural department was "due primarily to an increase from \$13,000,000 to \$30,000,000 for the construction of rural post roads." There were various comparatively small increases in other activities of the department.

More than half of the \$2,283,000 increase in the allowance for the Justice department was accounted for by a decision to more than triple the amount set aside "for the investigation and prosecution of war frauds."

The war funds item in the budget for the present year amounted to \$500,000, but in the new budget it is \$1,125,000. The amount set aside for enforcement of anti-trust laws was increased from \$203,050 to \$288,600. A net increase of \$23,000,000 also was shown for the Postoffice department, but the whole expenditure of that department is expected to be returned to the treasury, along with a surplus, as a result of postal revenues. In theory the postal service always is regarded in the budget as self-supporting, although it has not always been so in fact. The budget bureau declared revenues for the fiscal year, 1924, has been conservatively estimated at \$647,410,000, while the amount to be advanced to the department for expenses is only \$677,276,095. Should these expectations be borne out, a postal surplus of more than \$10,000,000 would be turned back into the treasury.

Revival Meetings.

Sixton Edgard, who has been a missionary in Africa for many years, will open a series of evangelistic meetings at First Swedish Baptist church, Thirty-four and Burdette streets, at 8 p. m. Wednesday evening. The meetings will be held at 8 p. m. each evening until December 11.

Fight Proposed Law.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Opposition to proposed legislation for new federal cooperative marketing machinery, now before congress, was expressed in a resolution adopted unanimously by the National Association of State Marketing Officials here.

Bruner Driven by Fear of Rival to Poison His Wife

Didn't Want Anyone Else to Love Other Woman, She Says; Arraigned in County Court.

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her if he felt he couldn't get a divorce," she was asked. "I never asked," she replied. "I always supposed that sometime they would fix up a divorce."

Bruner, in discussing the divorce, asserted it was delayed because he knew it would break up the home and wanted his oldest son, Albin, 15, to graduate from the ninth grade. Tears welled in his eyes when his four boys were mentioned. "The professor at Sargent told me my oldest boy was the smartest kid in his class." He said, "I certainly would like to see my four boys."

Bruner is losing his calm. He paced the floor of his cell constantly today and implored cellmates to carry on a conversation with him. Sheriff Talbot says he dreads the thought of the electric chair. Mrs. Northey told today the story of her married life with Abe Northey, the aged man from whom she has been separated a year.

Husband and Prospects Poor.

"My folks lived out in the cattle country and were very poor," she said. "There were few young fellows around there, but Northey, who was 28 years older than I, lived a few miles away and had a bunch of cattle. My parents looked favorably on him when he came to see me, and, as there weren't any other prospects, I finally married him."

"Sometimes we got along all right and sometimes we didn't. Always there was poverty and hardship. We finally moved into Sargent and I worked in a restaurant. He was getting old, and when Frank Bruner began to show me a nice time I turned to him. He had an automobile and we could go places and take in amusements and eat in good restaurants."

Two Obstacles to Marriage.

"We wanted to get married, but there were two obstacles to that. He often told me he was going to get rid of his wife, but I thought he meant he would get a divorce. I never mentioned killing her and I never gave him any poison tablets to put in her tea."

"Do you love Bruner?" she was asked. "Oh, sometimes I thought I did, and then again I didn't," she answered. Mrs. Northey has dark bobbed hair and blue eyes. She wore a modish hat, dark suit with very short skirt, and cotton hose.

At Sargent, 30 miles from here, where the whole drama was enacted, Mrs. Northey lived in a little house across the street from the shack where she lived with her aged husband, from whom she was separated. The Bruners lived half a block up the street. Sheriff Talbot told how he broke down Bruner, who at first denied that he had given his wife poison. "I dwell upon the automobile trip

of three weeks which he took last summer with Mrs. Northey," said the sheriff. "I said to him, 'I know just how things went on that trip. After you had been gone from home a few days you began to wonder what your boys were doing and you mentioned to Mrs. Northey that you ought to be going home. She said no, you shouldn't go yet. "The next day your thoughts went back again to your children, your sons and daughters in school and coming home and asking when their father would be back. You again suggested that you should be turning back. And finally Mrs. Northey agreed. That was how it was."

Poison Tablets in Can.

"Then Bruner broke down and confessed the whole thing. He said he kept the poison tablets in a little can at the roundhouse where he worked. He would decide to do the deed and would take home a few of the tablets and then would lose courage and return them to their hiding place in the can, until finally he yielded and the death of his wife resulted."

"Since then he has known no rest and declared he felt better after his confession than at any time since the death of Mrs. Bruner." Abe Northey, aged husband of the woman in the case, does odd jobs around Sargent.

RADIO FANS GIVE BLIND BOY PIANO

A brand new piano has been presented to Minor Clites, 17, blind boy musician who is a student at the Nebraska City school for the blind. The boy, who is the son of Mrs. Frank Pearson, 4025 Binney street, has never seen a sheet of music, but delighted listeners when he played at radio station KFNE, Henry Field Seed company at Shenandoah, Ia.

The radio fans presented the new piano through Mr. Field. Contributions mostly \$1 bills, continue to come in and a fund has been started to be known as "The Blind Boy Fund" for unfortunate, especially the blind.

YOUTH GUILTY IN FORGERY CASE

Leo Herrmann was found guilty of forgery by a jury in Judge Fitzgerald's court Tuesday morning. Clemency was recommended because of the defendant's youth and frankness in admitting facts on the witness stand.

The judge informed the jury that Herrmann had been paroled on a similar charge and had shown a clean record during his parole. The checks on which the charge was founded were issued by him shortly after his parole expired, said the court.

The Wayne Herald observes that the man who can be bought isn't worth the price, and the man who is worth buying is above price.

Old Pony Express Is Far Outclassed by Air Mail Speed

Trip to West Coast That Once Required 15 to 17 Days Now Made in One.

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Air mail collected from the Hotel Fontenelle air mail box just outside the Fontenelle Drug store at Eighth and Douglas streets arrives in San Francisco in 19 hours and 45 minutes after it leaves the hotel box. In the days of the pony express it required 15 to 17 days to transport mail from Omaha to Sacramento, five days of which were by steamboat from Omaha to St. Joseph.

The Hannibal & St. Joe railway was completed to the Missouri river in 1869. On April 3, 1860, the pony express, for carrying mail only, was established between St. Joe and Sacramento. The route was 1,966 miles. There were 90 remount stations, 50 riders and 400 station employees. There were 420 ponies, costing \$300 each. Riders were paid \$120 per month and the service lasted 16 months. The schedule was 10 miles per hour and the limit of load was 15 pounds. The schedule called for 10 days in summer and 12 days in winter, and was run weekly.

22-Day Trip.

At that time it took 22 days to transport a letter across the continent via rail, stage coach and pony express. During the 16 months the pony express traveled 650,000 miles. One mail and one rider were lost. The best record was made when Lincoln's inaugural address was transported in seven days and 17 hours. The contracting firm for pony express service lost \$200,000 in the deal.

To Coast in Day.

Today mail is transported from Omaha to the Pacific coast between 12:29 a. m. and 5:45 p. m. the same day. Though mail is collected at the Fontenelle box at 9:59 p. m. it does not leave by plane until 12:29 a. m. The cost is 16 cents per ounce or fraction thereof and the limit of load per ship is 500 pounds.

In the last four months ships in the air mail service have flown over 700,000 miles. There are but 11 hotel air mail boxes in the United States and the Fontenelle is one of them.

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WSD, Atlanta, Journal (429), 10:45, woman's division Chamber of Commerce. KFZE, Boston Herald (219), 7: story, 8:15, string trio; 8:50, book chat; 9:50, story.

WDET, Boston (263), 6, Big Brother club; 6:48, musical; 7, Lynn night; 8, concert; 8:30, musical; 10, dance; 10:30, organ. WJBR, Buffalo (215), 6, lecture; 7, concert; 8:30, dance music. WJAG, Chicago News (447.5), 6, organ; 6:30, stories; 8, lecture; 8:30, musical; 9, play; 9:45, talk. WJLR, Chicago (243), 6:30, organ; 7, orchestra; readings; vocal; 11, soloists; 7, KYW, Chicago (253), 8:30, story; 9:30, stories; 10:30, musical; stage review; talk; 9:45, recs. Nighthawks, organ. WJLW, Cincinnati (423), 8:40, orchestra band concert. WTAM, Cleveland (399), 7, concert. WJOC, Davenport (184), 7, Sandman; 8, organ, symphony. WCCX, Detroit (517), 6, musical program. WWJ, Detroit News (517), 7:30, News orchestra; tenor. KXN, Hollywood (327), 9, orchestra; 10, feature; 12, orchestra. WJLH, Louisville (409), 8, address; 8:30, musical; choir (440.9), 8, story; 9, story; 10, lecture; 10:45, 5, 5:30, children; 11:30, singer; banjoist; 12, orchestra. WJLH, Louisville Times (409), 7:30-9, Hawaiian suite. WTAM, Minneapolis-St. Paul (417), 7, organ; 10, piano; orchestra. WJLD, Moorhead (274), junior band. WEAP, New York (482), 8, United Synagogue of America; 6:30, soprano; 7, talk; 7:30, Philharmonic society. WJLN, New York (360), 6, orchestra; 7:30, talk; 8:15, Jewish; 7, trio; 8, piano. WJLW, Philadelphia (509), 8, orchestra; 9, dance. WJLW, Philadelphia (509), 8, orchestra; 9, dance. WJLW, Philadelphia (509), 8, orchestra; 9, dance. WJLW, Philadelphia (509), 8, orchestra; 9, dance. WJLW, Philadelphia (509), 8, orchestra; 9, dance.

TOP PRICE PAID FOR YEARLINGS

A new high price for fat cattle was set at the South Omaha yards Monday when Elmer E. Young of Lexington, Neb., sold 13 prime choice Hereford long yearlings for an average price of \$13.25 per hundred. This was the highest price paid this year.

Young said that the cattle had been on feed for a full year. They had been fed ground ear corn and hay in the spring and fall, and were pastured last summer.

SOUTH OMAHANS SAIL TO DENMARK

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Pallesen, 4214 South Eighteenth street, who left Omaha Friday for Denmark, sailed Tuesday morning on the Mauretania for Liverpool, according to a telegram received by friends here. They will spend the winter in Denmark, their former home, and will return to Omaha in May. They are accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. Lockwood of Kansas City.

Deathbed Attendant Dies.

Bayard, Dec. 2.—"Aunt" Amelia Smith, 69, a resident of Bayard for 37 years, died suddenly after but a day's illness, caused by a breakdown from constant watching at the bedside of Walcutt Tuttle, a veteran of the civil war, who died within a short time of the death of Mrs. Smith.

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