

Scales Supplant Adding Machines In Counting Cash

First Check of Money in Treasury in 12 Years Completed After Three Weeks of Strenuous Work.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A complete count of the government's cash has just been made for the first time in 12 years. The total approximated \$13,500,000,000 and included all cash and securities held as reserves against currency outstanding.

The count was made by a special committee of three assisted by eight accountants, and by 15 laborers, who were used to move around the heavy sacks of gold and silver. The men delved into great vaults in the treasury building and took stock of gold, silver and paper money and securities, many of which had not seen the light of day since shortly after William Howard Taft was inaugurated president and a new treasurer of the United States appointed in 1909.

Guards Even Active. The accountants in entering the vaults passed grim visaged guards who day and night "sit on the lid" to prevent any possible attempts at an unauthorized raid on the treasury. The vaults themselves are supposed to be burglar proof and are of massive concrete and steel construction. The storage sections are kept under seal and this was the first time that some of them had been opened in 12 years for when John Burke became treasurer after President Wilson was first inaugurated.

he accepted the count of cash in the storage sections which had not been opened since the previous count in 1909.

The accountants handled money of every possible denomination from the lowly copper to \$10,000 bills. Many of the bills, particularly those of the large denominations, such as \$1,000, were in sheets of four each and held as reserve against currency of smaller denominations in circulation. Thousand dollar bills in circulation are few and each bank in the country is kept supplied by the treasury with a list of them with their numbers so that if perchance any are extracted from the treasury illegally the holder will have extreme difficulty in realizing on them.

Electric Machines Used. The count just finished was made necessary by the retirement of John Burke as treasurer and was completed in the remarkably short time of three weeks through the use of electric counting machines. Loose coins passed through these machines instead of being counted by hand as was necessary in the olden days. Paper currency was counted by the piece, but stored coins and currency were counted by the sack or package in cases where the wrappings were unbroken and the seal on each intact.

Gold coins stored in the vaults were counted by weight. The gold is kept in sacks, sealed with the treasurer's wax seal and containing \$5,000 each, weighing about 18 pounds and seven ounces. First one sack was weighed and then the others were examined. If both the seal and covering were found intact they were weighed against the first, or test sack, and if the result was the same were passed and counted. However, if a seal was broken or the sack torn or there was appreciable difference in weight the contents were counted by the piece.

Standard silver dollars were counted in the same way as the gold coin.

General Board of Navy Reports on U.S. Program

Major Ship Remains Basis of Power—Says Planes and Subs Still Underdeveloped.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The major ship remains the basis of sea power and those who argue that the airplane and the submarine have supplanted it are asking the country to "accept hopes for accomplishments," the navy general board says in a report to Secretary Daniels, made public today.

"The general board, having kept in touch with naval progress along all lines," says the report, "reiterates its belief in the battleships as forming the principal units of the fleet. Without them the United States cannot hope to cope with existing navies."

Urging that "equality in power be the continuing naval policy of the United States," the board says there is "no thought of instituting international competitive building," and that "no other nation can in reason take exception to such a position."

disarmament and "naval holiday" resolutions.

Asserting that the guiding policy that had shaped the general board's construction recommendations since 1903 was that of eventually creating a navy equal to the strongest in the world, the board urges "no rest period or limitation of armaments" be agreed to by the United States that would modify the great naval building program of 1916, now under construction, "in numbers, general types or dates of completion."

Rest on Preparedness. "In future, as at all times previous to the world war, we shall, in all probability, have to rely solely upon our own state of preparedness," was a note of warning the document sounded.

Cessation of naval building by Great Britain is attributed by the general board to the great preponderance in its navy of all types of ships and to the present economic situation in that empire.

Bureau Secretary Opens Campaign in Butler County

David City, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—H. D. Lute, secretary of the Nebraska farm bureau, was the principal speaker at the opening meeting of the campaign for new members in Butler county. He emphasized the need of farmers organizing to see that their crops are marketed to the best advantage. A. J. DeWald, who has charge of the organization work in the county, reported over 100 members.

Meeting to Study Disarmament Is Given Approval

House Favorably Acts on Resolution Giving President Right to Call Conference.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A resolution authorizing the president to invite the nations of the world to send delegates to a conference "to provide for disarmament" was reported favorably today by the house foreign affairs committee. The measure was sponsored by Representative Brooks, republican, Illinois.

Under the resolution the proposed conference would be held in Washington, but the calling of it would be left to the discretion of the president.

Man Stabbed to Death as He Resists Robbers' Attack

Salt Lake City, Feb. 3.—Alexander Holmes, bricklayer, 60 years old, was stabbed to death at his home here today when he resisted robbers who called upon him to deliver his money to them. Following the affray, Holmes staggered to a neighbor's house and furnished a description of his assailants. He died 15 minutes after the attack.

Two Building and Loan Associations Seek Charters in Nebraska

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Two applications have been filed with the state department of trade and commerce for permits to organize building and loan associations. One of the companies is to

be in Omaha. The applicants follow: Home Building and Savings association, McCook. Incorporators: J. N. Gaarde, D. W. Colson, F. M. Heigenberger, Dale S. Boyles, Lester J. Korf, L. A. Kiplinger, F. M. Kimmell, M. O. McClure and George Campbell, all of McCook. Mutual Savings and Loan association, Omaha. Incorporators: E. H. Hoel, H. M. Eaton, J. T. Pickard, N. H. Tyson, H. S. Daniel, W. A. Gordon, G. A. Denham, Carl Johnson, W. C. Slabaugh, J. J. Dodds,

D. J. Johnston, and Sanford R. Gifford. Officers: J. J. Dodds, president; G. A. Denham, vice president; H. M. Eaton, secretary; J. T. Pickard, treasurer.

Youngest Congressman Is Made Assistant House Whip Washington, Feb. 3.—Selection of Representative McLeod, Michigan, who is 25 years old and serving his first term as assistant republican whip of the house, was announced last night.

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This clearance has become an event of importance. The silks and woollens are all Thompson-Belden qualities from our season's stock, no materials bought for sale purposes will be found in the sale. Lengths for dresses, blouses, suits and coats—a window full is being shown Friday to give you an idea of the extent of the sale.

White Goods at New Prices

Burton's White Irish Poplin, 65c and \$1

The best poplin made; will not turn yellow after washing. Most suitable for uniforms, children's dresses and rompers. 27-inch width, 65c a yard; 36-inch width, \$1.

White Piques 75c to \$1.50

Fine cord pique. Splendid for trimming purposes. 27-inch width, 75c to \$1.50 a yard. 36-inch width, \$1 to \$1.50 a yard.

Linens—Main Floor

Bacmo Leather Gloves Repriced

A fine, pliable, washable leather of a heavy, long-wearing quality. Single clasp, \$3.98 and \$2.50 a pair. Gauntlets, \$7.25, \$6 and \$6.49.

Ask to see them. Main Floor

Gowns from \$1.49 to \$3.98

Cambric, nainsook or cotton crepe, white and flesh in high neck and long-sleeved or low neck, sleeveless styles.

Petticoats for \$2.69

White petticoats with lace flounces made with an underlay. Second Floor



A Diversity of Styles In Spring Tailleurs

The shorter box coat for the *jeune fille*. A finger tip length for the more mature woman. A narrow string belt defining a loose waistline. A slight godet flare in a few rare instances. The selection you see is in no way limited. Becomingness and individual preferences were our first considerations in selecting this season's suits.

Apparel Sections.—Third Floor

Further Reductions on Neckwear

Net and organdy vests. Collars of pique, lace, organdy and mull. Collar and cuff sets of pique and organdy.

A Sale Friday. North Aisle—Main Floor

Sale of Silk Underwear

Silk and Wool Union Suits \$4.98 a Suit Fine silk and wool suits, low neck, elbow sleeves and ankle length. Sterling made garments, specially priced, \$4.98 a suit.

Jersey Silk Bloomers, \$4.98 a pair Flesh-colored glove silk bloomers. Splendid quality. Second Floor

A Selling of Corsets and Brassieres

The selection offered Saturday includes sizes for the average woman.

Corsets of coutille, batistes, brocades and a few satins.

Brassieres of mesh, satin, light weight brocade and lace. All from the best manufacturers. Second Floor

Remnant Sale of Wash Goods

Lengths suitable for blouses, dresses, children's wear and negligees. Cotton suitings, foulards, crepes, gingham, percales, mulls and natural linens. Priced less than half. Second Floor



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