



## WANTON WASTE BY DEMOCRATS

Utter Disregard for People's Money  
Proved by Facts of Extravagant  
and Inefficient Democratic  
Administration.

### EXAMPLES ARE GIVEN

It is now possible very closely to arrive at what the European war has cost the people of the United States in money, how it was spent, and what it was spent for.

At the start of hostilities the influence of the President defeated a proposal for a joint committee of Congress to supervise war contracts and expenditures.

The Democratic control of Congress surrendered its judgment and prerogatives in the matter and for the first time in history left the President an absolute unchecked, free hand in expending its unprecedented appropriations.

Since the war ended Congress has passed under the control of the Republican party. Committees on war expenditures are nearing the end of very thorough and widespread investigations. "And when their investigations are completed," said Representative Edward E. Denison of Illinois, in an exhaustive presentation to the house of the facts so far as learned, "and the results are fully disclosed to the American people there will be a political, if not an actual revolution! There has been an orgy of waste, extravagance, of dishonesty, of fraud in the disbursement of these billions taken by taxes and borrowed from the people that not only surpasses everything ever recorded in connection with any government but exceeds the wildest imagination."

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to date has been approximately \$24,000,000.

"2. So far as made reports of chairmen of investigating committees show that of the \$15,000,000,000 expended by the war department alone practically \$9,000,000,000 has been wasted, lost or spent on projects that were foolish, are wholly useless now, and were totally ineffective in prosecuting the war."

"3. There was spent at Oberlin, Norfolk, Boston and other places \$150,000,000 for port terminals from which no ship during the war ever sailed."

### Build Port in Swamp.

"4. A port terminal was begun in a bog and swamp ten miles up the river from Charleston and after \$80,000 had been spent in construction it was found that ships could not reach the terminal until the river had been dredged for the purpose."

"5. For nitrate plants \$120,000,000 was spent in a visionary scheme and not a pound of nitrate was produced. Practically \$100,000,000 of this sum was sunk at Muscle Shoals, Ala., and the war department now asks additional millions to turn the abortive nitrate plants into fertilizer producers about the feasibility of which experts differ."

"6. For powder plants \$140,000,000 was spent and not a pound was made in them. The one at Nitro, W. Va., cost \$70,000,000 and was sold recently for \$1,000,000 with the prospect that the government will never get very much of the eight million."

"7. There was \$1,000,000,000 spent for shells and only 17,000 American shells were fired by the American forces in the war. We fired very often as many as 60,000 in a single barrage on a single morning; we had to buy or beg them from our allies."

"8. We spent \$1,051,000,000 preparing to manufacture aeroplanes; we did not produce one fighting machine. We did make a purely bombing plane—a few of them. All we made and sent to the front in France were 213 observation planes and they were dangerous and defective."

"9. For tanks we spent \$100,000,000. The first American tank did not reach France until after the armistice had been signed and the war was over."

"10. There was \$117,000,000 expended for the manufacture of gas. There never was a pound of gas fired on the battle front in American shells."

"11. Guns cost us (to make in this country) \$475,000,000. We only succeeded in getting 45 of the 4.7-inch guns and 64 of the 8-inch howitzers—a total of 72 American guns—to where our boys in battle could use them."

### General Inefficiency.

Such is the story of extravagance and inefficiency of the war department.

The same is true to some extent of the navy establishment.

The war and navy departments together spent within a radius of 25 miles of Norfolk, Va., \$250,000,000 for the construction of cantonments, warehouses and training stations where it has been found impossible to get a supply of water sufficient to meet their needs.

The navy department put one training camp in a swamp near Norfolk at a cost of \$7,000,000 and every dollar of it, as now disclosed, will be lost.

"The people," said Representative Denison, "may as well understand who is responsible for the awful revelations which these investigations are disclosing. Gentlemen from North Carolina and Tennessee say there is an attempt being made to discredit the President. It will not work."

"The facts and figures show that the waste and inefficient investments of such a considerable part of the \$4,900,000,000 war expenditures has been due largely to the automatic and dictatorial encroachment by the President on the constitutional privileges of Congress and the servile submission of the Democratic majority in the house which together prevented the appointment of a joint committee to supervise war expenditures, thereby opposing and aiding any action being taken at the beginning to prevent or at least lessen the probability of such waste."

### SATURDAY MARKET.

The ladies of the Barkley church will hold a market at the Warner hardware store Saturday, commencing at three o'clock.

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### SURE HIS TIME HAD COME

Traveler's Flight Proves the Truth of Old Saying Concerning "A Little Knowledge."

A traveler one day met a man who was sitting by a picturesque lake in Switzerland and who was apparently in a dying condition. With great anxiety he inquired the cause of the man's suffering.

"Oh," said the sufferer, "I was very thirsty and I took a deep draft of the water of the lake. Then I sat down to consult my guidebook and to my horror I learned that the water was poisonous. Now I see that I have only a few moments to live. I feel the poison going through my body. Remember me to—"

"Let me see the passage," requested the passer-by. Turning to it, he read: "L'eau du lac est bien poissonneuse" (The water of this lake abounds in fish). He explained the meaning of the passage to the dying man, who leaped to his feet in great joy.

"What would have happened to you if I had not been here?" asked his companion.

"I should have died of an imperfect knowledge of the French language!"

### WENT FATHER ONE BETTER

Daughter of Old Gobba Goldie Improved on the Situation Her Sire Had Been In.

Vicente Blasie Ibanex, the Spanish novelist, said at a dinner in Philadelphia.

The American business man is called tired. Yes, you call him familiarly the t. b. m., and you say he is dull and stupid. What a mistake!

"I sat with two business men in a restaurant the other evening when a beautiful young woman entered.

"That is old Gobba Goldie's daughter, Lotta," said the first business man. "When her father struck town his trousers were only held up by one suspender."

"The girl takes after him, too," said the second business man. "That marvelous bareback gown of hers isn't held up by anything at all."

### The Lynx-Eyed Sleuth.

"The Right Place store was broken into last night, and a wagon load of swag carried off," said Constable Sam T. Slachputter, the redoubtable sleuth of Petunia. "On the surface there don't appear to be any clues laying around, and folks are saying today that I'm baffled, as usual. But, lemme tell you, I ain't by no means as big a fool as I sometimes look. The loot consisted almost entirely of silk shirts, silk socks, chocolate colored shoes, swell neckties and cigars with gold bands around 'em. Well, now, what is the matter with my theory that the crime was committed by three or four young farmers, hey?"—Kansas City Star.

### What They Thought.

Two sentimental spinster live next door to a satisfied-with-his-condition bachelor. And he does have a time avoiding their conspicuous attentions