

CONGRESS WILL VOTE BIG GAIN IN DEFENSE FUNDS

Military Establishments to Cost 796 Millions Next Year.

SENATE
Considers cruiser bill.
Considers war department appropriation bill.
Public lands committee being polled on Walsh Salt Creek lease report.

HOUSE
Continues consideration of navy appropriation bill.
Ways and means committee hearing on naval appropriation bill.
Military affairs committee hearing on leasing Muskeet Shoals.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Military establishments next year will cost more than \$796,000,000, it became apparent today when the senate and house resumed work on the war and navy departments appropriations bills.

This sum represents about \$35,000,000 more than the budget bureau thought necessary and does not include more than \$50,000,000 which congress intends to spend on new cruisers.

The navy department appropriation bill now up in the house for debate would authorize an expenditure of nearly \$350,000,000, about \$15,000,000 less than the appropriations for last year and \$1,600,000 under the budget.

Total to Be Boosted

Its total, however will be materially increased before it passes the house and then boosted again when the senate adds more amendments later.

The war department bill which will pass the senate either late today or early next week carries \$447,000,000 or nearly \$100,000,000 more than provided for the navy. This discrepancy is in part due to the rivers and harbors provisions of the war department bill.

This total represents an increase of \$49,000,000 more than was spent in the war department this year and \$44,000,000 more than the budget bureau estimated would be necessary next year. This total, too, is to be increased materially before the bill reaches the hands of the President.

The figures are particularly interesting in view of the recent "war talk" during the senate's discussion of the naval cruiser building bill, a measure which contemplates a \$174,000 naval building program in the next three years.

Norris and Nye Protest

The bill is to be passed late Monday under the agreement which has been reached by senate leaders.

During the cruiser discussion there have been many charges that the American defense system is inadequately provided for.

Opponents of the bill spread their contentions on the record Friday, arguing the national defense system already is sufficiently strong to withstand attack.

Senators Nye and Norris of the farm bloc told the senate the money of taxpayers is being used to fight an aerial war with Great Britain. They did not believe the construction program either is advisable or necessary.

THOUSANDS HAVE CASH COMING FROM U. S.

Many Pay Into Retirement Fund, Fail to Collect.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Fifty thousand persons in the United States can have an average of \$20 each from the government merely by asking for it. But they don't ask.

They are former employees of the United States who paid from 2% to 3% per cent of their monthly salaries into a retirement fund and then, evidently, forgot it. The retirement division of the pension bureau is trying to locate them.

Nearly all these persons, the bureau explained, remained in the government service but a short time and then went elsewhere.

When they left they either forgot the money they had paid to the retirement fund or else left it with the government thinking it would draw interest. But it does not.

BAN WOMEN'S COATS

Communists Want Harmful Rule Abolished in Caucasus.

By United Press

TIFFLIS, U. S. S. R., Feb. 1.—Certain of the Caucasian tribes women, as a sign of their inferior position, are not permitted to wear heavy coats of any sort. As the weather gets quite cold for long periods, the custom entails great suffering and leads to an abnormal death rate among women.

"Give a coat to the woman!" is the war cry recently adopted by communist organizations in such regions.

To encourage women to break through the old superstition, the communist party is distributing coats on credit, giving women a year in which to pay for their new freedom.

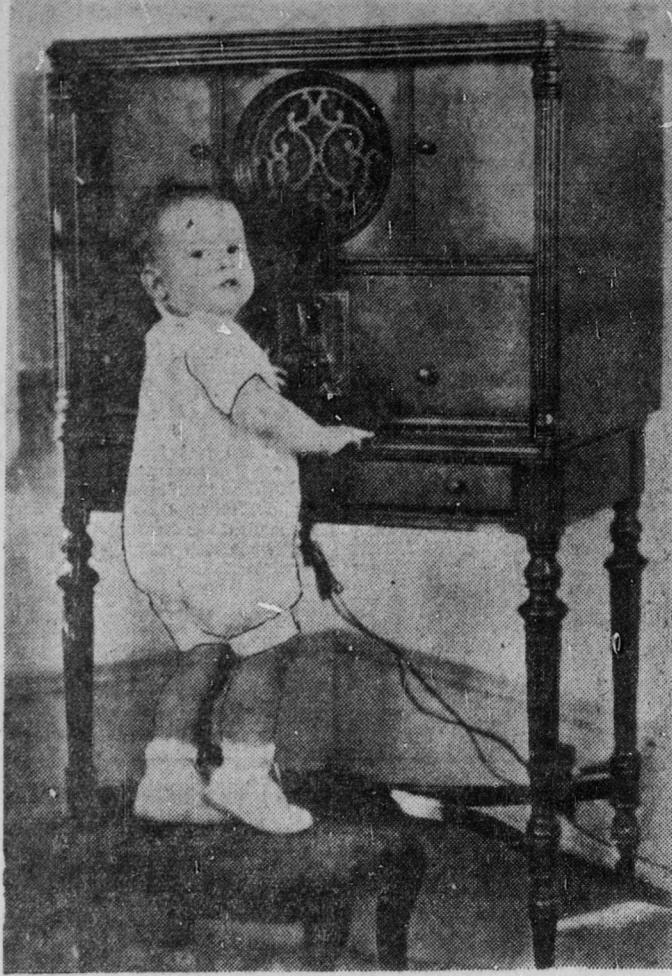
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STEWART HITS AT JOHN D. SR. FOR OIL STAND

'Deliberately Misinformed,' Aged Financier Is Told.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—The latest statement of Colonel Robert W. Stewart, in his proxy war with John D. Rockefeller Jr., for control of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, was seen as a new challenge to the power of the Rockefellers.

Stewart, whose campaign for re-election as chairman of the board of the Indiana Standard Company is opposed by Rockefeller Jr., addressed his latest challenge directly to John D. Rockefeller Sr., aged oil wizard.

The statement replied to a recent one of Rockefeller Sr., and charged the latter had been "deliberately misinformed" concerning the fight between his son and the Standard chairman.

Letter to Rockefeller

The letter sent to Ormond Beach, Fla., where the senior Rockefeller is spending the winter, read:

"You are credited in the press with having made a statement as follows:

"The press has several times reported a statement from Colonel Robert W. Stewart to the effect that John D. Rockefeller Sr., would be pleased by the re-election of Colonel Stewart as a director of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Rockefeller has been informed that many people in the west have been misled by this report."

"It is evident you have been misinformed in regard to the facts. I never have made such a statement, either publicly or privately. The only statement in regard to yourself that I ever have made is that I would not believe you were opposing me for re-election until I had made proof of that opposition."

Cites His Long Record

"I made this statement, believing that the loyal and honest support I have given you and your associates for so many years, and through most trying times, would prevent your opposing me for re-election, especially when every director of this company and the entire organization, who know all the facts, are practically solid for my re-election."

"I could have understood the silence of a father under the circumstances. Can not understand your making this statement unless you have been deliberately misinformed."

Some observers believed the reproof nature of Stewart's reply to Rockefeller, Sr., indicated his confidence of victory over Rockefeller Jr., in the annual meeting of stockholders at Whiting, Ind., March 7.

It was said Stewart hardly would have dared make the charge that Rockefeller, Sr., had been "deliberately misinformed" unless he was certain he held the upper hand.

FAVORS INCOME TAX

Senate Adopts Report for Referendum on Act.

Referendum on a constitutional amendment giving the legislature authority to levy an income tax was approved by the Indiana senate Friday on adoption of a favorable report of its committee on constitutional revision. The senate is adjourned to reconvene Monday at 10 a. m.

Other measures favorably reported in the senate included those to establish a charter board of four members, appointed by the Governor; to provide for appointment of a state banking commissioner by the charter board so created; to create a tax-studying commission to investigate the feasibility of substituting a sales tax for state property taxes.

Over the vigorous opposition of Vanderburgh county's two senators, Bruce E. Cooper and French Clements, the senate voted to remove the body of James Bethel Gresham, first Hoosier killed in the World War, from Evansville to the World War Memorial in Indianapolis.

House resolutions adopted:

H. B. 1. Freeman—Requiring state highway commission to supply legislature with detailed statement of finances. Adopted *vice versa*.

House bills on third reading:

H. B. 66. Scott of Lake—Substituting "Children's Soldiers and Sailors' Orphans" in name of Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans Home. Ayes, 92; noes, 0.

H. B. 74. Gilbert—Authorizing county to construct four roads to be paid for by the Governor. Ayes, 22; noes, 15.

H. B. 82. Moorehead—Authorizing appointment by the Governor of four trustees, not necessarily war veterans, to govern the Knobstowans Soldiers and Sailors' Orphans' Home. Ayes, 43; noes, 3.

Concurrent Resolution 5. Beckett—Providing for removal of the body of James Gresham, first American World war soldier killed in France, to the World War memorial, Indianapolis, from Evansville. Ayes, 27; noes not called.

oil INQUIRY ORDERED

Federal Trade Board Will Sift Practices.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The federal trade commission will turn its attention to the petroleum industry in the next few weeks and scrutinize some of the practices that have caused trouble in different parts of the country.

It has called a conference Feb. 11

in St. Louis, at which seven specific questions, and probably others not on the official program, will be discussed. Representatives of the American Petroleum Institute and gas and oil dealers from all parts of the country will attend.

The seven questions are: Interference with existing contracts, substitution of one grade of product for another, lottery schemes, sales from tucks, regulation of loaning or leasing gas pumps, tanks and equipment, discontinuance of such practices as building of driveways and other extraordinary free service, leasing filling stations at abnormally low rents or subleasing such stations for the purpose of price cutting or rebating.

H. B. 106. Scott of Lake—Creating a commission to represent Indiana at Chicago's world's fair in 1933. Ayes, 94; noes, 1.

H. B. 111. Esthern—Authorizing fourth and fifth class cities to appoint board of hospital governors to accept and

service. Ayes, 95; noes, 0.

H. B. 95. Claycombe—Increasing time for filing of license by storage, transfer, and warehouse companies from ten to thirty days. Ayes, 22; noes, 0.

H. B. 102. Ferguson of Allen—Providing that second-class cities should have population of between 35,000 to 250,000, increasing maximum figure. Ayes, 97; noes, 0.

H. B. 106. McGriff—Requiring county record of chattel mortgages. Ayes, 93; noes, 3.

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