

## ROOSEVELT TO SLASH PAY OF U.S. VETERANS

Government Employees to Receive Salary Cuts Under New Plan.

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City of meeting great refunding operations this spring."

The President said that the finances of the government require "courageous, frank and prompt action" just as surely as the banking crisis for which sweeping legislation was enacted at his request Thursday.

The President's message said the deficit for the fiscal year 1933 was \$462,000,000 and for 1932 had increased to \$2,472,000,000.

"For the fiscal year 1933 it probably will exceed \$1,200,000,000," he said.

Thus we shall have piled up an accumulated deficit of \$5,000,000,000."

### POINTS DEFINITE ROAD

Regarding the legislation which he is proposing to deal with the situation, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"I am not speaking to you in general terms. I am pointing out a definite road."

The last congress enacted legislation relating to the reorganization and elimination of executive agencies, but the economies thus to be effected are small when viewed in the light of the great deficit for the next fiscal year.

"They will not meet the pressing needs of our credit situation. Provision for additional savings is essential, and therefore I am asking congress today for new legislation laying down broad principles for the granting of pensions and other veteran benefits, and giving to the executive the authority to prescribe the administrative details."

### DUTY IS UPHELD

"We are unanimous in upholding the duty of the government to care for those who suffer in its defense and for their widows and orphans. The application, however, of this great principle to large numbers of people involves complications so great that it is almost impossible to draw a legislation with sufficient flexibility to provide substantial justice in varying situations."

The proposed legislation states the principles and, limited by them, permits the executive to draw the lines of differentiation necessary to justice.

"In accord with the same purpose of substantial justice, I request also the enactment of legislation relating to the salaries of civil and military employees of the government.

"This would repeal the existing furlough plan, substituting therefore for a general principle and authorizing the executive to make application of this principle."

### STABILITY IS AT STAKE

The proper legislative function is to fix the amount of expenditure, the means by which it is to be raised and the general principles under which the expenditures are to be made . . . ."

Mr. Roosevelt said that the economy he proposed will "affect some of our citizens; but the failure to make them will affect all of our citizens."

"The very stability of our government itself is concerned and when that is concerned the benefits of some must be subordinated to the needs of all."

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### IN 'LITTLE CABINET'



## CLEARING HOUSE DEFERS ACTION ON CITY SCRIP

Issuance Decision Is Held Over Until Monday Meeting.

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last two years was expected to result in a flow of the yellow metal into local institutions.

Banks asked that persons having gold in their possession bring it to the banks and exchange it for currency before Monday, when the lists of hoarders are to be sent to Washington. Only a small amount has been returned to Indianapolis banks, institution heads said.

Plans practically were complete today for several Indianapolis business firms to pay employees Saturday in merchandising orders and coupon books, instead of cash.

This system of exchange of credit, already tried by a few firms on a small scale, is expected to reach its peak Saturday.

Several firms were adopting a policy of issuing eight or ten pay roll checks in small denominations to employees, in place of the usual one check, to make it easier for the employees to exchange the smaller checks for merchandise.

This plan is reported to be in use by a number of large firms throughout the country, including one railroad.

The A. & P. Tea Company announced arrangements for acceptance of \$1 coupon books from employees of firms with which the company has contracts.

Downtown Stores Act

With a number of requests for such exchange of credit already received, downtown department stores were adopting measures for accepting the merchandising orders.

The Polk Milk Company, however, announced abandonment of a coupon book plan, because it proved impractical. Officials stated there seemed to be sufficient money in circulation to warrant discontinuance of the credit plan.

Officials of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company announced patrons will be extended privilege of paying by check on restricted bank deposits. The rule also will apply to freight shipments.

Sample designs of scrip which may have been made by local printing firms.

No orders for issuance of scrip had been given by city concerns, although several have discussed designs to be used, and had given tentative orders.

Two police squads, armed with machine guns, covered receipt of several thousands of dollars early today. The money came from Chicago.

Despite continuation of the national bank holiday, money orders are being received and cashed at offices of the American Railway Express, the local management said today. Handling of money orders has not ceased here during the last ten days, it was said.

### Gold Talks

### Marine General's Widow Sponsors Move to Help Treasury.

By United Press

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