

ICKES TO SPEND \$500,000,000 MORE ON PWA

Administrator Finds Return of Confidence Among Business Men.

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WASHINGTON, March 24.—Big business is inclined to forget lessons of the depression, Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes told the United Press today as his public works administration organization prepared to handle another \$500,000,000 of emergency construction funds.

The additional \$500,000,000 to be obtained from congress at this session will carry the PWA spending program as far as it has been charted, the administrator said. It will bring almost to \$4,000,000,000 the sum allotted to Mr. Ickes with which to prime the recovery pump.

About six months was required to distribute the original \$3,000,000,000. Mr. Ickes allocated the first \$1,000,000,000 within a month after becoming public works administrator last July. It has been the biggest peacetime spending job undertaken by any one, anywhere.

Return of Confidence

The secretary-administrator talked today at his square desk in the

interior department building when the interior department building was

erected during the Wilson adminis-

tration. Room and building are al-

most shabby now compared with the

limestone palaces of the Hoover

era. A new interior department

building probably will be raised with

some of the additional money to be

administered by Mr. Ickes.

"There has been a return of con-

fidence among business men," Mr.

Ickes remarked during a comforta-

ble talk on things and people in

Washington, "but it is unfortunate

that it has been accompanied by

some back-sliding toward 'rugged

individualism.' Among those who

were most disturbed a year ago and

insistent that government not only

aid them, but actually undertake to

govern their industries, there is a

tendency to forget, a disposition to

go back to the old style. 'Rugged

individualism' best describes what I

mean. It was a combination of dog-

eat-dog and strong-exploit-the-

weak. It led us finally through the

Harding-Coolidge-Hoover adminis-

trations to economic collapse. We

aren't out of the woods yet, but I

hope and believe we are on our way

"The very success of government

efforts to improve conditions has

fanned the fire of inordinate greed

and selfish desire for power. There

is a tendency to disregard the rights

of other, a disposition to ride ruth-

lessly over all opposition which char-

acterized many business men before

the altar of 'rugged individualism'

crumbled on its own foundations.

Business Men Should Remember

"Before business men, big or lit-

tle, forget the lessons of depres-

sion, they should think back a year

ago or more to the time when this

administration entered office to the

tune of bank doors clanging shut.

They should remember the sickly

trade with which business, indus-

try and trade hit bottom. There

was no bounce. They should recall

the bread lines in which stood mil-

lions of men and women who now

have jobs either from private busi-

ness or on emergency pay rolls.

"We have gone far since March a

year ago. We must go much fur-

ther. The so-called good old days

of government by and for the rich

at the expense of the poor are

gone."

The \$500,000,000 to be provided

Mr. Ickes is part of a \$2,000,000,000

fund for which President Roosevelt

budgeted for the next fiscal year,

beginning July 1, 1934. He planned

to divide it as follows:

Six hundred million dollars to re-

lieve \$500,000,000 to public works;

\$500,000,000 to RFC; \$500,000,000

to civilian conservation corps; \$100-

000,000 to farm credit adminis-

tration and home loan.

That \$2,000,000,000 represents the

last of contemplated emergency ex-

penditures.

PAYING HER DEBT



Opportunity such as rarely occurs to repay a faithful friend has come to Helen Keller, right, famed blind deaf-mute. Mrs. Anne Sullivan Macy, left, who has devoted her life to aiding Miss Keller, now is almost blind and her protégée has undertaken her care and is teaching her the Braille reading method.

PENNSYLVANIA ST. WILL BE WIDENED

Project Will Be from 16th to St. Clair.

Pennsylvania street between St. Clair and Sixteenth street will be widened four feet on each side, according to plans being drafted by City Engineer A. H. Moore.

Estimated cost of the project is \$80,100 for the most expensive type of pavement. Cost to property owners would be \$2.50 a square foot, according to the plans, on which a public hearing will be held in three weeks.

Indianapolis Railways officials said the company would stand the expense of removing street car tracks and the trackless trolleys would be substituted for street car service.

Majority of property owners affected, who attended a recent public hearing before the works board, favored the project.

Liederkrantz to Hold Dance

Members of Liederkrantz will hold a dance tonight at 1417 East Washington street. Bob Kerle and his band will furnish the music.

German to Relate War Experience

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ASYLUM GUARDS BEAT PATIENTS, PROBES LEARN

Wisconsin Inquiry Reveals Further Abuses; Deaths Are Studied.

This is the second of a series regarding abuses of patients in Wisconsin institutions, uncovered by a legislative investigation, and of efforts expected to improve conditions there.

By United Press

MADISON, Wis., March 24.—A legislative committee in Wisconsin today is going back behind causes listed on death certificates of state insane hospital inmates carried to their graves in recent years.

Testimony that patients there were teased and tormented until they became violent and then were beaten by guards "who get a kick out of it," was one of the many things prompting such action.

Two witnesses whose sworn testimony has not been disputed added this charge to a long list of other abuses which separate investigating bodies representing the Governor and the legislature have substantiated to their own satisfaction.

Patient Choked to Death

Another testified to seeing a patient choked to death in a process referred to by attendants as "necking out." The committee advised Governor Albert G. Schmedeman that five other inmates at the same institution apparently died from effects of brutalities practiced upon them there.

The Governor immediately approved a wholesale cleanup of personnel in this hospital and appointed a committee of his own to make further investigations.

Emplaining Employee Fired

The first tendency to isolate sex perversities among other inmates and persons suffering venereal diseases working in the kitchen have been shown in this institution since the investigation began, according to the testimony of a former attendant, who said he was discharged after making a detailed complaint of conditions to the Governor.

The Governor turned the complaint over to the board of control, which notified the attendant that his services were at an end. This witness, a former school teacher, testified that when he proposed separation of known perversities from the superintendent, the latter laughed it off with the remark that he was "running a college on sex perversion."

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