

Tremendous Cost of War to the United States

Estimate of the Total Expenditures for Year Ending Next June, Is \$10,735,807,000—Last Year's Outlay Was \$1,041,635,116

A REQUEST was made last week at the Treasury Department for something in the way of comparison between the estimated expenses of the United States Government for the twelve months ending June 30, 1918, and the expenditures of a normal year of peace.

"There is no comparison," was the laconic reply.

Contrast is the better word. The estimated ordinary expenses of this Government in the first year of its participation in the war is \$10,735,807,000. This does not include a penny of what we have lent and are going to lend to our allies. It is merely the sum to be spent, with no financial return, on the running of the Government in wartime, including, of course, the expense of the greatly enlarged army and navy on the new war footing. This total for the present year is \$27,807,000 more than the Government spent in the entire seventeen years from the beginning of the present century to the present year.

Ordinary expenditures of this Government last year, that is, the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, were \$1,041,635,116, or about a tenth of what they are now estimated to reach in the present twelvemonth. In addition, last year there were various extraordinary expenditures, such as \$25,000,000 for the Danish West Indies, but they do not belong in the group of ordinary expenses to which the estimate of more than ten billions is contrasted. Only once before in the history of the Government had the ordinary expenses exceeded a billion, and that was in the last year of the civil war. In these totals of expenditures of previous years the deficits due to Postal Service and the expenditures for bond redemptions are not included, for those items are not included in the estimate of more than ten billions for the current war year. Interest payments on bonds are included.

The accompanying tables, here published for the first time in their entirety, showing the estimates of all Government departments for the next twelve months, were recently prepared by William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, for the guidance of the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

It will be seen that the two items for the army and navy expenditures for one year of this European war amount to \$9,064,240,483, just about two and a half times as much as it cost to keep the army and navy going through practically seventeen years of fighting in the five previous wars of this country which amounted to anything. In other words, the cost of both branches of the fighting service for the War of 1812, the second Seminole war, the Mexican war, the civil war, and the Spanish war was, all told, \$3,743,776,773.

Against this estimate of "ordinary" Government expenses for the year ending next June, which, to be exact as to cents, is \$10,735,807,007.95, there are to offset it in estimated receipts on the basis of existing laws \$1,333,500,000; also \$2,000,000,000 of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue authorized on April 27; and furthermore \$393,500,000 of the estimated ten billions of expenditures are reimbursable by bond issue. That is, there are \$3,727,000,000 of receipts in sight, leaving an excess of estimated expenditures over receipts already assured of \$7,008,807,000. From that excess there will be deducted later the two billions or thereabouts to be raised by the War Revenue bill now pending in Congress.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1918, OF ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS PENDING AND PROPOSED, AND ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES IN 1918.

	Appropriations, 1918.	Estimates Pending.	Estimates Proposed.	Total.	Estimated Expenditures.
Legislative—					
Senate and House of Representatives.....	\$7,048,672.75			\$7,048,672.75	\$7,000,000.00
Library of Congress and Botanic Garden.....	746,005.00			746,005.00	740,000.00
Public Printing and Binding.....	7,089,315.00	\$414,436.66		7,503,751.66	7,400,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	124,915.00			124,915.00	260,000.00
Total.....	\$15,220,807.75	\$414,436.66		\$15,735,244.41	\$15,400,000.00
Executive—					
Executive Office—					
Executive Office.....	153,780.00			153,780.00	150,000.00
Bureau of Efficiency.....	65,000.00			65,000.00	65,000.00
Civil Service Commission.....	380,910.00			380,910.00	375,000.00
Tariff Commission.....	330,000.00			330,000.00	250,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	32,000.00			32,000.00	20,000.00
Total.....	\$972,690.00			\$972,690.00	\$900,000.00
State Department—					
Salaries and Expenses.....	491,920.00			491,920.00	450,000.00
Foreign Intercourse.....	5,032,746.66	180,000.00		5,212,746.66	5,420,000.00
Permanent Appropriations.....	106,000.00			106,000.00	100,000.00
Total.....	\$5,630,706.66	\$180,000.00		\$5,810,706.66	\$6,000,000.00
Treasury Department—					
Salaries and Expenses—					
Customs Service: Regular.....	4,184,891.67	142,140.00	29,400.00	4,356,431.67	4,200,000.00
.....	9,855,000.00			9,855,000.00	9,855,000.00
.....	17,710,400.00			17,710,400.00	17,710,400.00
Internal Revenue Service: Regular.....	10,151,270.00		8,333,000.00	18,484,270.00	18,470,870.00
.....	3,452,400.00			3,452,400.00	3,052,000.00
Public Health Service.....	3,219,500.00	459,270.00	12,000.00	4,220,770.00	3,330,050.00
Coast Guard.....	6,731,086.00			6,731,086.00	6,731,086.00
Engraving and Printing.....	4,283,400.00	125,000.00	400,000.00	4,728,400.00	4,728,400.00
Independent Treasury.....	655,740.00			655,740.00	650,000.00
Mints and Assay Offices.....	1,215,080.00	4,630.00	400,000.00	1,619,710.00	1,615,080.00
War Risk Insurance Bureau.....	45,150,000.00			45,150,000.00	45,100,000.00
Farm Loan Bureau.....	260,000.00			260,000.00	256,300.00
Public Buildings, including maintenance.....	19,862,268.68	39,000.00	235,000.00	20,136,268.68	17,825,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,195,865.00			2,195,865.00	2,140,000.00
Total.....	\$128,627,101.35	\$1,270,040.00	\$9,409,400.00	\$139,306,541.35	\$135,564,786.00
Independent Offices—					
United States Shipping Board.....	465,517,500.00		350,000,000.00	755,517,500.00	799,537,500.00
Interstate Commerce Commission.....	5,450,000.00		150,000.00	5,600,000.00	5,450,000.00
Smithsonian Institution.....	582,000.00			582,000.00	583,000.00
Federal Trade Commission.....	772,920.00		200,000.00	972,920.00	770,000.00
Federal Board for Vocational Education.....	1,860,000.00		1,800,000.00	3,660,000.00	3,700,000.00
Council of National Defense.....	500,000.00			500,000.00	500,000.00
Other Boards and Commissions.....	928,040.00	90,870.00		1,018,910.00	1,000,000.00
Total.....	\$415,611,460.00	\$90,870.00	\$350,250,000.00	\$796,052,330.00	\$809,420,500.00
War Department—					
Salaries and Expenses—					
Quartermaster Corps.....	1,332,767,995.88	2,296,551,841.98		3,589,319,837.86	3,633,360,930.75
Ordnance Department.....	1,096,194,377.00	2,819,522,460.00		3,985,716,837.00	3,154,929,151.00
Medical Department.....	31,944,800.00	100,000,000.00		131,944,800.00	130,746,547.73
Signal Service, including Aviation.....	704,978,706.00	3,005,000.00		707,983,706.00	625,000,000.00
Engineer Department.....	154,193,771.60	104,200,000.00		258,393,771.60	280,862,676.06
Rivers and Harbors.....	10,539,690.00	27,826,150.00		38,365,840.00	10,000,000.00
National Guard.....	36,012,000.00			36,012,000.00	36,012,000.00
Military Academy.....	1,344,896.18	795,350.00		2,140,246.18	2,140,246.18
Miscellaneous Military.....	3,636,088.00	2,459,141.00		6,095,229.00	10,062,863.00
Miscellaneous Civil.....	9,736,530.00	109,950.31		9,846,480.31	
Total.....	\$3,233,475,182.06	\$5,319,893,441.29		\$8,553,368,623.35	\$7,864,240,483.95
Navy Department—					
Salaries and Expenses—					
Aviation.....	1,834,278.00	165,000.00		1,999,278.00	1,994,000.00
Enlistment, Transportation and Training.....	29,235,641.84	950,000.00		30,185,641.84	15,500,000.00
Emergency Fund.....	115,000,000.00	100,000,000.00		215,000,000.00	165,350,000.00
Ordnance.....	240,460,383.00	108,391,177.00		348,851,560.00	293,000,000.00
Public Works.....	48,023,755.01	23,690,000.00		71,713,755.01	62,600,000.00
Expenses of the Fleet.....	135,746,280.00			135,746,280.00	130,000,000.00
Medicine and Surgery.....	9,645,478.00	2,200,000.00		11,845,478.00	6,700,000.00
Pay of the Navy.....	126,732,548.57			126,732,548.57	124,000,000.00
Supplies, Fuel, &c.....	81,489,355.85	1,500,000.00		82,989,355.85	52,800,000.00
Naval Academy.....	980,049.20	25,000.00		1,005,049.20	1,000,000.00
Marine Corps.....	10,290,148.78	3,150,000.00		13,440,148.78	35,000,000.00
Naval Militia.....	1,863,117.70			1,863,117.70	2,040,000.00
Increase of the Navy.....	192,762,323.00			192,762,323.00	294,566,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	3,136,500.00	225,000.00		3,361,500.00	4,250,000.00
Total.....	\$1,035,341,858.95	\$288,836,177.00		\$1,324,178,035.95	\$1,200,000,000.00
Interior Department—					
Salaries and Expenses—					
Public Lands Service.....	5,110,345.00	20,400.00		5,130,745.00	5,320,000.00
Reclamation Service.....	2,306,000.00			2,306,000.00	2,750,000.00
Geological Survey.....	8,227,000.00			8,227,000.00	8,250,000.00
Bureau of Mines.....	1,550,520.00			1,550,520.00	1,500,000.00
Alaskan Railway.....	1,167,070.00			1,167,070.00	1,100,000.00
Colleges for Agriculture.....	7,500,000.00	4,000,000.00		11,500,000.00	11,500,000.00
Miscellaneous, Beneficiaries, National Parks, &c.....	2,500,000.00			2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00
Permanent Appropriations.....	1,304,890.57	200,000.00	\$500,000.00	2,004,890.57	2,207,500.00
Indian Service.....	742,500.00			742,500.00	742,500.00
Pensions.....	18,774,736.67			18,774,736.67	20,530,000.00
Total.....	\$209,835,062.24	\$4,220,400.00	\$500,000.00	\$214,555,462.24	\$217,100,000.00
Post Office Department—					
Salaries and Expenses—					
Bureau of Animal Industry.....	1,943,260.00	220.00	15,000.00	1,958,480.00	1,762,000.00
Bureau of Plant Industry.....	5,555,300.00			5,555,300.00	5,406,000.00
Forest Service.....	7,214,956.00			7,214,956.00	6,154,456.00
States Relations Service.....	2,774,250.00			2,774,250.00	2,752,250.00
Weather Bureau.....	5,374,475.00	200,000.00		5,574,475.00	5,374,475.00
Bureau of Roads.....	5,052,580.00			5,052,580.00	5,030,000.00
Bureau of Markets.....	1,555,240.00			1,555,240.00	1,551,820.00
Food Survey, &c.....	11,606,240.00			11,606,240.00	7,350,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,520,755.00			1,520,755.00	1,472,745.00
Total.....	11,450,400.00			11,450,400.00	11,450,400.00
Total.....	\$56,724,513.00	\$500,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$57,424,513.00	\$51,103,712.60

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	Appropriations, 1918.	Estimates Pending.	Estimates Proposed.	Total.	Estimated Expenditures.
Department of Commerce—					
Salaries and expenses.....	\$322,970.00	\$28,200.00		\$351,170.00	\$350,000.00
Bureau of Standards.....	1,259,900.00		\$40,000.00	1,299,900.00	1,300,000.00
Census Bureau.....	1,385,460.00			1,385,460.00	1,400,000.00
Coast Survey.....	1,379,070.00	22,000.00		1,401,070.00	1,775,000.00
Lighthouse Service.....	6,617,950.00		15,000.00	6,632,950.00	7,900,000.00
Bureau of Fisheries.....	1,160,560.00	85,000.00		1,245,560.00	1,350,000.00
Export Control.....	1,316,070.00	570,000.00	350,000.00	2,236,070.00	2,340,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	45,400.00	350,000.00		395,400.00	74,000.00
Total.....	\$12,480,970.00	\$771,800.00	\$755,000.00	\$13,007,770.00	\$17,234,000.00
Department of Labor—					
Salaries and Expenses.....	1,063,240.00	414,246.00		1,477,486.00	1,228,000.00
Detention of Interned Aliens.....	1,000,000.00			1,000,000.00	745,000.00
Immigration Service.....	2,773,300.00			2,773,300.00	3,175,500.00
Employment Service.....		750,000.00		750,000.00	600,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	275,270.75	150,000.00		425,270.75	374,500.00
Total.....	\$5,051,810.75	\$1,314,246.00		\$6,366,056.75	\$6,123,000.00
Department of Justice—					
Salaries and Expenses.....	1,961,420.00		\$11,250.00	1,972,670.00	1,956,170.00
United States Courts.....	7,032,386.00		300,000.00	7,332,386.00	7,321,356.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,549,560.00		300,000.00	1,849,560.00	1,722,500.00
Permanent Appropriations.....	175,500.00			175,500.00	175,500.00
Total.....	\$11,348,870.00		\$680,250.00	\$12,029,120.00	\$11,776,526.00
District of Columbia—					
Salaries and Expenses.....	15,171,920.85	\$108,843.88		15,280,764.73	14,172,000.00
Interest on the public debt, including \$40,000,000 for Liberty bonds.....	63,454,000.00			63,454,00	