Six Thousand Millions.

In the last six years Congress has appropriated almost six thousand millions of dollars for the expenses of the Federal Government.

To be exact, ex-Representative Tawney shows that in the six years that he had been Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations the estimates of the Roosevelt and Taft Administrations amounted to $6,061,257,-132, of which Congress granted all but $165,662,264. For six years the appropriations have averaged practically one thousand million dollars a year.

The six thousand million dollars appropriated in the six years under Roosevelt and Taft is about three and one-half times the total expenditures of the United States Government under fifteen Presidents, from the inauguration of Washington to the beginning of the civil war. It is double the total value of all the gold coined by United States mints from :592 to Dec. 31, 1908.

The six thousand million dollars appropriated by Congress represent over three-fourths of the total value of all the agricultural products of the United States in the year 1909. It is nearley double the total value of the foreign commerce of the United States both imports and exports, tor the year 1910.

In fourteen years the cost of the United States Government has far more than doubled. In the same period the expenditures for the army and navy each have increased fourfold Over 70 per cent, of the total current expenses of the Government to-day are for preparations for war or on account of past wars.

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Texas State-Wide Bill Signed.

The socalled state-wide prohibition bill for Tex., was signed by Gov. Colquitt. It provides for the submission of a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition at an election on July 22, next.

The governor also signed transferring to the Uunited States the San Jacinto military reservation on Galveston Island

Caught After Sixteen Years.

After being at liberty for 16 years. T. B. Whitson, who on February 27, 1895, escaped from the state prison at Raleigh, N, C., where he was serving a sentence of 30 years for murder, was arrested at Lexington, Ky., Thursday and was brought back to North Carolina to serve out his term.

Residing in Letcher county, Kentucky as "Samuel Jones," he has amassed a comfortable fortune. He was sentenced to death March 19, 1893, for the murder of C. C. Byrd, at Bakersville, N. C., but on a second trial he was given 30 years' imprisonment.

When arrested Whitson admitted his identity and declared he was willing to return to North Carolina. Whitson said that for ten years after he shot Byrd he escaped prosecution, his trouble having occured 28 years ago. He charges his arrest to an enemy he made by assisting in the release from an asylum of a man with whom this enemy had, had trouble.

Whitson was brought down last Thursday evening and returned to the pententiary from which he escaped 16 years ago.

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Agreement is Reached By Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union.

The interstate meeting of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of America which convened at Danville, Va , March 16th came to a close after two secret meetings The princpal business before the Union was the consideration of a report of a special committee appointed to investigate and to make recommendations concerning the tobacco conditions in Virginia and North Carolina.

It was learned that the union decided to pool the 1911 tobacco crops in Virginia and North Carolina and hold their production in dry prizeries until a price they deem reasonable is secured. No definite statements was given out by the Union after the meetings. The sessions were attended by about 500 farmers, only those having the pass word being admitted to the room.