

BILLIONS FOR ARMS

Stupendous Sums Spent by the Five Great Powers.

If Evenly Divided People of United States, Great Britain, Italy and France Would Pay \$52 Each.

New York.—Figures compiled by the New York World from the Statesman's Year Book and other authoritative sources of the five great powers for military and naval purposes in the year 1920 alone reached a total of \$16,432,251,101, a sum only about \$2,000,000,000 more than the total for the whole fourteen years before the war. This means that if the expense were evenly divided the people of Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and the United States (310,000,000 souls) would have to pay \$52 each for the military costs of a single post-war year. The burden, however, is not divided evenly; more than three-fourths of that stupendous total belongs to us! The appropriations of the United States for armaments in that year total \$13,187,368,442, or nearly four times as much in one year as the appropriations used to be in fourteen years!

The explanation, of course, is that a large proportion of these thirteen billions went for expenses connected with the demobilization of our army in Europe, as the statistics in many cases reach back into 1919. Nevertheless, our armament bill for 1920 was \$13,000,000,000, as against only about three billions for the other four powers. This means that the 105,083,108 inhabitants of the United States are paying or will have to pay a sum which, if evenly distributed, would compel every man, woman and child to part with \$124. Directly or indirectly, by immediate taxation or by payment of increased prices to cover taxation of those who dispense commodities, this levy will, to some extent, reach even the most impecunious citizen.

A striking comparison was made by Dr. E. B. Rosa of the United States Bureau of Standards, in a statement setting forth results of his researches regarding the cost of various activities. The tax now levied on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes alone, he said, would pay all the running expenses of the United States government, were it not for armaments, wars, and their aftermath. Of all the money spent by the government, 67.81 per cent goes to pay for recent and previous wars; 25.02 per cent goes for the running expenses of the army and navy, while the remaining 7.17 per cent pays for all other functions of the government.

Tell of Savages Who Use Skins to Purchase Wives

New York.—Tales of head-hunting savages who worship the devil and spend their lives gathering wild animal skins to use in purchasing wives were told by George K. Cherris, famous explorer, and Harold Anthony of the American museum of natural history, who returned from southern Ecuador. More than 3,500 specimens of rare birds and mammals were brought back by the explorers, who spent eight months in the wildest and least explored forest lands. Among the most interesting trophies are the heads of two Javaro Indians, slain in a tribal battle the explorers witnessed.

\$1,000,000 TO AID ORIENT

Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Fund Offers Help for College Women.

New York.—Trustees of the Laura Spellman Rockefeller memorial fund will grant \$1,000,000 for the purpose of aiding colleges for women in the orient, on condition that \$2,000,000 is raised by a special committee of the Women's American Baptist Foreign Missionary society.

This announcement was made here by Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of Boston, vice president of the society.

The money is to be used for buildings for the six colleges in Japan, China and India, which are supported by twelve co-operating mission boards. Mrs. Rockefeller was greatly interested in educational work among the women of the orient.

Hard on Cats.

Boston.—Boston cats and a hard time in 1920. More than 42,000 of them, down on their luck, received the kindly ministrations of the Animal Rescue league last year. Mrs. Huntington Smith, president of the league, reported at its annual meeting.

Unfortunate felines were ten times more numerous than dogs in similar circumstances. The total number of dumb refugees cared for during the year was 48,288. Four hundred pets are now buried in the animal cemetery at Dedham.

Parole at Cost of Two Fingers.

Moundsville, W. Va.—Melis McCray, prison electrician, who fought with and was severely injured by Holly Griffith, slayer of four men, when Griffith made his sensational escape several weeks ago, has been paroled. McCray lost two fingers in his battle with Griffith, who killed one trusty inside the prison and another man on the outside before he got away.



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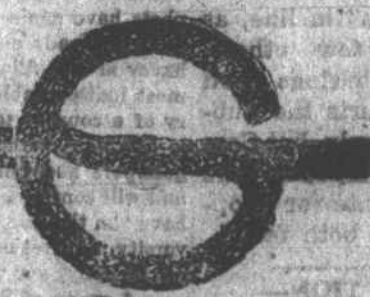
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