

ted States Army, estimated the cost of improving and maintaining the nation's rivers and harbors for the next fiscal year, his figures represented the fruits of careful consideration. The sum which was recommended to Congress for these purposes-\$42,841,562-was but \$9, 000,000 larger than that made available by the last previous Congress for similar work during the current year.

In a panicky attempt to "economize," the Republican Congress has cut the estimate of the Chief of Engineers from more than \$42,000,000 to \$12,000,000. With this latter sum the Engineers D. partment of the Army is expected to continue the betterments and upkeep for which about three times as much was appropriated for 1919-20.

The country will welcome economies in appropriations and governmental expenditures, but it will not accept haphazard reductions as genuine economy, especially when great public works of benefit to the whole nation are made to suffer. There will be a justifiable suspicion that the purpose of this policy is not regarded for the welfare of the taxpayers but the making of a spacious political record for use in the next campaign.

This Republican concern for economy come so little to merit the approbation it is intended to win. There were numerous opportunities in the special session of Congress to save both time and money by restoring place, by making final, satisfactory disposition of the railroads, by adjusting the tax laws to the new conditions-in a word, by doing most of the work with which the regular session is now engaged with no prospect of completing it in a reasonable or seasonable fashion.

The amount which the Republican Congress offers for the improve ment and maintenance of inland channels and ocean harbors, to serve the ends of safe and convenient transportation o nthe national water ways, is only twelve times larger than the total cost of the "investigations" into the conduct of the war which its many committees have been busy for nearly a year. It is little more than the expense of the special session which left all its important tasks as a heritage for the present regular session. H CASTON

If the regime of "economy" proposed by the Republicans is to be judged by the way in which the rivers and harbors have fared through its operation , it promises to be only a little worse than reckless extravagance.

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A careful reading of Admiral Sim's charges so far as published shows that they run exclusively along the line of aleged failure of the Navy Department to cooperate fully with the Allies during our participation in the war. Charges so general and of such a character may and doubtless should impress Congress as worthy of most rigid investigation, says the New York World. But they will fail to impress the American public as either sensational or disturbing in the slight

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you the Red Banner of the Revolution -and inscribe upon it: "Down with capitalism! "Long live Industrial Freedom! "Long live Socialism !"

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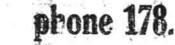
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