

EDISON CO. APPROVES BUDGET ALLOTING 26 MILLIONS TO BE USED IN DEVELOPMENT WORK

Approving the 1924 budget authorizing \$26,288,000, the board of directors of the Southern California Edison company has arranged the financing of the company's electric development construction and extension program for the ensuing year, which brings the amount expended for this purpose up to \$118,000,000 since the armistice. This year's budget is the largest single annual appropriation ever made for any purpose in the state, and is said to be one of the largest ever made in the United States. It is nearly twice as much as the annual appropriation for the government reclamation service, and approaches the maximum annual appropriation for the construction of the Panama canal. This is part of the \$375,000,000 financing of the Edison Big Creek-San Joaquin River project. It includes the 1924 expenditures for transmission and distribution lines and additional apparatus for meeting the demands of the city of Los Angeles and 312 cities, towns and intervening rural

communities in which the Edison company supplies electricity for light, heat, manufacture, irrigation and transportation.

Enormous Outlay

Since the armistice the Edison company has made enormous expenditures for these purposes, the annual figures being as follows: In 1919, \$9,471,000; in 1920, \$15,031,000; in 1921, \$13,275,000; in 1922, \$24,527,000, and in 1923, \$29,517,000—making a total of \$91,821,000, which does not include the \$26,288,000 appropriated for next year.

Completing the Florence lake tunnel in the high Sierras of Fresno county, the longest tunnel in the world, is one of the big items provided for in appropriation for next year's expenditures. It also provides for making the necessary extensions, improvements and betterments to improve the capacity necessary for supplying electric power to the counties of Los Angeles, Fresno, Kern, Tulare, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino, Kings, and Riverside.

TORRANCE NOTES

Mrs. Walter Berry was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haydon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McFarland and family, of Arlington avenue, were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corn of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burnett have returned from a pleasant visit with their son at Victorville. They report six inches of snow in that vicinity.

Mrs. A. R. Woodington is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Housinger, of Merced.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bradford and family, of Cabrillo avenue, were guests of Long Beach friends Saturday evening.

LEGION TAKES UP FIGHT FOR INJURED VETS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—Hundreds of disabled World war veterans may be enabled to renew their government insurance, now lapsed, as the result of a movement begun by American Legion officials, according to word received at the headquarters of the organization in this city.

Protests have been made by legion posts in the various hospitals over the United States which have resulted in an action by the national legislative committee of the legion which may lead to the reinstatement of many of the policies now inoperative.

The national legislative committee will ask the government officials to reverse a Veterans' bureau ruling by means of which men have been denied insurance.

Prorating of compensation payments to the disabled to pay the insurance carried by the recipient when the compensation did not approximate the cost of the insurance has been refused by the Veterans' bureau on the ground that it had no authority for such action, according to State Commander James F. Collins.

If the legion is successful in the effort to obtain the requested reversal, many insurance policies of disabled men will be considered in force for the amount of insurance which unpaid compensation due and owing from the government would have purchased. The ruling would affect a large number of cases which were allowed to lapse and which the government, later acknowledging its indebtedness for compensation, did not carry for the amount which this money would purchase.

TORRANCE PERSONALS AND PASTIMES

Mrs. A. B. Street was a visitor in Los Angeles Monday.

Mrs. and Mrs. P. G. Briney and Mrs. C. R. Bell spent Monday in Los Angeles.

Mrs. W. C. Von Hagen of Gramercy avenue spent Monday in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Parker of the Ideal boarding house left Saturday for Montague, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Mrs. H. E. Thompson. On their return, after January 1, Miss Clara Johnson will accompany them home, after a two months' visit with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of Kern courts were guests of R-dondo Beach friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson of Gramercy avenue were recent dinner guests of Mrs. McClellan of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Cravens of Los Angeles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bodley of Arlington avenue.

Miss Nancy Shearer and brother Gordon, of Los Angeles, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen of Kern court.

GREETINGS

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