

WHEREAS, It is of importance that the people should know the cost of the work being done by said commission, in such a way as to enable them to form a judgment as to the relation of said cost to the importance of the work, and

WHEREAS, The railroad commission is hereby authorized to employ competent accountants and fix the compensation of the same; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the railroad commission be and the same is hereby instructed and requested to prepare, from and after June 30, 1911, and include in their biennial report, a statement showing the expenditures of said commission up to the time of its last previous report, which statement shall specify and classify the amounts expended in connection with the work of said commission so that it may be easily ascertained what the expenditures have been on any class of utility, municipal or otherwise, privately owned or publicly owned; and

*Be it further resolved,* That each biennial report of the said commission shall contain a similar report and statement for the years covered by said report.

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[No. 135, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63.

Memorializing congress to initiate or participate in a general world-wide movement through The Hague tribunal or otherwise, for international peace and general disarmament and the international policing of the high seas.

WHEREAS, During the last two-year period, in a time of profound peace, our federal government expended for military and naval purposes over five hundred and fifty-five million dollars.

Wisconsin's share of this enormous expenditure, on the basis of population, exceeds fourteen million dollars, and by reason of the high economic, industrial and social development of this state, its contribution undoubtedly far exceeds the above amount.

The total amount of taxes levied directly by this state, during the two-year period, was less than two million dollars, and the total of income and of disbursements of this state for all general purposes was less than thirteen million dollars.

The people of Wisconsin, therefore, pay for the military and naval expenditures of the federal government more than seven times the amount paid in taxes to the state, and a sum far in excess of the receipts or of the disbursements of the state.

This enormous expenditure for war purposes does not include any part of the expenditure during the same period of over

three hundred twenty-two million dollars for pensions and over forty-three million for interest on indebtedness incurred in time of war.

WHEREAS, The progress of civilization and of science has relegated war, as a settlement of international disputes, to a thing of the past, and the growing control of the government by the people, who must bear its burdens, has practically rendered future war impossible, and the present military and naval expenditures constitute wholly an economic loss, which expenditure, in view of our scientific progress, is not even justified for war purposes, benefiting only the great trusts and combinations which fatten on contracts for construction and supplies, robbing the great body of the people of the higher economic plane which is justly theirs.

WHEREAS, Any movement for peace, to insure success, must be placed upon a broad basis, and recent attempts to place the burden or responsibility of this movement upon the people of any race or language must fail.

Civilization is not confined to English speaking people, and the population of our country, and of our state, has come largely from other English speaking countries, making signal contribution to the cause of peace.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* that we respectfully memorialize the congress of the United States to initiate or participate in a general world-wide movement through The Hague tribunal, or otherwise, for the establishment of international peace, and for a general disarmament by all nations and the international patrolling of the high seas, and of territory exposed to or inhabited by savage tribes.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the President of the United States, the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and to each of the senators and representatives of this state in congress.

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[No. 93, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 64.

Relating to the death of Honorable James H. Stout.

On December 8, 1910, the people of this and the adjoining states learned with profound regret of the death of former Senator James H. Stout, at his home in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The death of Senator Stout closed a career of uncommon usefulness, and marked the end of a successful life devoted unselfishly to the cause of humanity. He was peculiarly an American