

ALLIES DEMAND REPARATION AND SECURITY NORTHCLIFFE SAYS GERMANY IS BREAKING UP INTERNALLY

Another Million Soldiers And Two Billion Dollars Only Answer to Peace

Grand Total of British Expenditure for the War Reaches \$17,000,000,000—Peace Advocates May Attempt To Disturb House.

Army of Five Million Provided For

London, Dec. 14, 11:50 a. m.—A supplementary estimate issued today provides for an additional one million men of all ranks for the army service during the present financial year. The original estimate was for four million men.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 14.—In moving a vote of credit of £400,000,000 in the House of Commons today, A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, decided to confine his speech entirely to the financial side of the war and, in the absence of Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith, owing to illness, it was expected the debate would be merely along this line. However, this will not prevent members of the small group of peace advocates from asking questions in an effort to draw out the Government in regard to Germany's peace proposals, although it was regarded as unlikely that they would succeed.

The proposal of the central powers had not been received at the foreign office this morning, and as it is understood simply to offer to open negotiations, containing no terms, the consultations of the Entente Allies regarding it are expected to be purely formal, preliminary to the transmission of a joint reply. In any event, Great Britain will make no official comment until Russia, France, and her other allies express their views.

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LLOYD GEORGE TAKES TURN FOR THE WORSE

London, Dec. 14.—6:05 p. m.—The condition of Premier David Lloyd George has taken a slight turn for the worse. He suffered considerably from a severe chill contracted early in the week, and his physicians have ordered him to remain in bed a few days more.

Friends of the premier express the hope that he will be able to appear in the House of Commons next Tuesday, as planned.

STRENUOUS REPRISALS IF GERMANS HARM BLAICKIE

Press Demanding Stern Policy If Captured Captain Meets the Fate of Captain Fryatt.

London, Dec. 14.—The Times says it understands that an important statement will be made in the House of Commons today with regard to the making prisoner by the Germans of Capt. Blaickie of the steamship Caledonia after the steamer had been sunk by a German submarine. A strenuous campaign for reprisals by the Government if harm befalls Capt. Blaickie, is being conducted by the press and sundries as the Navy League and the Merchant Service Guild.

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BRITAIN ASKS PENALTY FOR PAST, SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE

Bonar Law Thus Rejects German Peace Offer.

STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE

Answer To Germany Before Proposals Are Received.

London, Dec. 14.—4:33 p. m.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said in the House of Commons this afternoon that no proposals for peace had yet been received by the British Government from the central powers. He added that the Entente Allies required adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future.

Referring to the peace proposals of the Central Powers, Mr. Bonar Law said:

"In moving the last vote of credit Mr. Asquith used the words: 'They (the Allies) require that there shall be adequate security for the future.' That is still the policy, and still the determination of His Majesty's Government."

The statement was received with prolonged and general cheering.

THE BLOCKADE AND NEUTRALITY. London, Dec. 14.—(Reuter.)—Replying in the House of Commons today to a question put by Arthur Lynch, Nationalist member for West Croydon, suggesting that the British Government with regard to the United States had been of an irritating kind without any compensation, Mr. Bonar Law said:

"It is unfortunate that it is inevitable that our measures should cause inconvenience to the citizens of neutral countries. Much as we regret it I can only say that consistently with the paramount duties of using our belligerent rights, we have done and are doing all we can to make their exercise as little irksome to neutrals as possible."

NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN. London, Dec. 14.—A. Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the British war council, announced in the House of Commons today that the Government had taken "such action as it considered necessary" regarding Captain Blaickie, who was taken prisoner by the crew of a German submarine and after the submarine had sunk his steamer, the Caledonia.

As soon as the last vote of credit was known, the message, men rushed wildly from cafes and restaurants, snatched newspapers from strangers, and shook hands with each other, while women crowded the churches, where Protestant pastors and Catholic priests offered extemporary prayers for peace.

The popular excitement, according to the message, was reflected on the Berlin and Frankfurt bourses on Wednesday morning when at the opening shares rose with astonishing rapidity, only to collapse suddenly on the receipt of unfavorable forecasts of the probable tenor of the Entente reply.

Emperor William is reported by the correspondent to be in Berlin, conferring with Field Marshal von Hindenburg and the heads of the German states and planning to remain there until the Entente answer is received.

ROUTING OF PARCELS. Camp Orders Give Directions for Shipment to France and England.

Camp orders today state that all consignments of goods intended for France should be routed to Halifax over the Canadian Government Railway. Shipments of goods to England should be routed over the C. P. R. to Pier 7, West St. John, N. B. All such consignments should be forwarded to the A. D. of S. and T., as that point.

Only parcels of 25 pounds and under may be sent by express, all in excess of that weight must be sent by freight. If parcels are sent to the wrong port, the extra cost involved will be charged to the shipper.

BRITAIN CAPABLE OF BOLD STROKE ANY PLACE ON WESTERN FRONT

A Series of Recruiting Articles

Corporal McFarlane, A. M. C., formerly assistant pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and later pastor of a Presbyterian Church at Ramble, has written a series of recruiting articles for The Advertiser. They will be published in order, with an introduction, and will be under the following titles:

- 1.—Enlistment and the Boys Under Age.
- 2.—Enlistment and the Men Who Won't Go.
- 3.—Enlistment and the Women.
- 4.—Enlistment and the Men Who Cannot Go.
- 5.—Enlistment and the Followers of Christ.

RIOT AND FAMINE HARASS GERMANY SAYS NORTHCLIFFE

Reign of Terror, Food Shortage and Trouble Among Central Powers at Root of Peace Offer—Fear Might of Britain.

BY LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

London, England, Dec. 14.—Germany's peace proposals are due to the fact, which interned neutral correspondents in Berlin have not been allowed to indicate, that during the last few weeks grave internal dissensions have arisen owing to food shortage and the reign of terror.

Moreover, relations have been greatly strained between the various German and Austrian states, and also with Turkey.

The Prussian Government has also learned that the British Empire will, during 1917, put forth an effort equal at least to that of Germany in 1914, AND FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF GUNS AND SHELLS, WILL HAVE THREE TIMES THAT OF GERMANY AT ANY PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The proposals have been received here with contempt. We