

# War News.

## Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

### BONAR LAW MOVES VOTE OF CREDIT.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The total amount of votes of credit since the outbreak of the war was £3,552,000,000, including £32,000,000 for extra administration expenses. 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, 'The Allies require there shall be adequate security for the future.' That is still the policy, still the determination of His Majesty's Government." The statement was received with prolonged cheering. In moving the vote of credit, Bonar Law said: "Assuming the rate of expenditure was the same as at present, the vote would carry them until February 24th. The total for the financial year would be about £1,950,000,000. The biggest estimate for the financial year, he said, "was exceeded by £250,000,000. The loans to Allied Governments amounted to £400,000,000. An additional £200,000,000 would be required from Feb. 24th to which time to-day's vote is expected to suffice until the financial year which would bring up the total vote for the year to £1,950,000,000 or £350,000,000 in excess of the estimate made some months ago by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Reginald McKenna. The enormous increase in the output of munitions was emphasized by the Chancellor who said, if he could give the figures for June, 1915, and those of to-day the difference would be almost incredible. Something has happened which I think necessary that I should say a word about," Bonar Law continued. "Naturally the papers are full of peace proposals from Berlin. Until now no proposals have reached His Majesty's Government. It is obvious, under these circumstances, no member of the Government can make any statement on the subject, considering its nature." Referring to the country and how entirely its energies had been devoted to peace, Law went on to say "it was marvellous to consider how she had been organized for war. No more striking proof of the vitality of

the country from an industrial point of view was found than the enormous extent by which the output of munitions had increased during last year." Referring to the increase of loans to the Allies and the Dominions, the Chancellor said, "it would be gratifying to the House to know that it had gone largely to Britain's allies, the Dominions having been able to finance their expenditures. These advances were just as much war expenditure, as the amount expended on British troops." In response to a question the Chancellor said it was hoped to expedite the business of the House as much as possible so that it might be prorogued on Dec. 22, in regard to the bill introduced in order to avoid the election of new ministers who are members of the House, the Chancellor expressed the hope that the House would allow it to pass through all its stages. Law said the House would be occupied with the Appropriation Bill on Monday and Tuesday, by which time any business might be discussed. Being asked by John Redmond as to the possible length of the recess after prorogation he replied, "I have been considering that, but the Prime Minister is ill and the doctors will not allow me to see him, so that I am unprepared to answer." Philip Snowden urged a full day be given for a discussion of the speech before the Reichstag by Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg, at which there were cries of "No" from all parts of the House. Two great advantages are possessed by the Germans, said Bonar Law. One is their preparedness for war. They have to-day another advantage, that is that circumstances have so fallen out that the control of all the resources of our enemies is practically in one hand. One of the drawbacks of the alliance is that it is very difficult to get this control. To secure it has been the object not only of this Government, but of the governments of our Allies. A great deal has been done in this direction during the last year, particularly during the last six months. In my belief the success of this war and the rapidity with which we can bring it to a victorious conclusion must depend on the extent upon which the resources of the Allies in men, money and munitions can be pooled and thrown into one common cause.

**THE WILL OF FRANZ JOSEF.**  
MUNICH, Dec. 14. The Neueste Nachrichten says that sixty millions of crowns were willed by Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary from his private for-

ture for a fund for the benefit of the wounded soldiers, invalids and relatives of the men who were killed in the war. Two daughters and one granddaughter receive twenty million crowns each. The remaining ten million crowns of the late Emperor's private fortune are divided among various legatees.

### STEAMER SAFE; SIX OF CREW LOST.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14. H.M.C.S. Grilse, reported lost with all hands yesterday, arrived at Shelburne to-night, and reports the loss of six members of the crew, Lieut. Fry with wrist broken, the wireless carried away and other minor damage to the ship.

### TAKES ACTION IN BLAIKIE'S CASE

LONDON, Dec. 14. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons to-day that the Government had taken such action as it considered necessary regarding Capt. Blaikie who was taken prisoner by the crew of the German submarine which sunk his steamer the Caledonia.

### VISCOUNT FRENCH ON PEACE PROPOSAL.

CARDIFF, Dec. 14. Field Marshal Viscount French speaking here to-day said, "Germany's so-called peace proposal will only serve like the Zepplin raids to draw the nation closer together. The Kaiser will thus prove our best recruiting agent. His latest piece of arrogant insolence will only prompt us to additional efforts."

### DENIES STORY.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The Belgian Legation in London has published a denial of the story printed in the Morning Telegraph of yesterday, of a peace offer to Belgium by the Central Powers.

### A. E. KEMP FOR EAST TORONTO.

TORONTO, Dec. 14. Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, was elected by acclamation in East Toronto to-day.

### BRITAIN'S EXPENDITURE.

LONDON, Dec. 14. Fully alive to the dangers of delay in dealing with what he termed "the unsatisfactory situation in Greece," Lord Robert Cecil told the House of Commons this afternoon that the Entente Allies were about to present certain demands to the Greek Government for the purpose of clearing it up. Andrew Bonar Law announced in the Commons that the daily average expenditure of Great Britain in the war had risen to £5,710,000 (\$28,500,000).

### DISSATISFIED WITH MINISTRY.

PARIS, Dec. 14. The disappointment shown by the press over the new administration, is emphasized in the comment on yesterday's sitting of the Chamber of Deputies. Even Premier Briand's sensational announcement of his intention to prohibit by decree the sale of spirituous liquors, passes almost unnoticed. The steady supporters of the Premier, such as the Figaro, are but lukewarm in their appreciation. In the Senate to-day the new ministry will have to face another onslaught, this time from Georges Clemenceau, who characterized the new government as an attempt to mend a broken down engine by putting on a new pair of tyres. Henri Breger and Adrien Gauden De Villaine and others intend to interrogate the Government on the general situation. If Briand accepts the debate the Senate will go into a secret sitting, for which all preparations have been made. It will not, however, be as long an one as that Chamber debate, as the Senate is unanimously of the opinion that the sitting should not last more than three or four hours.

### THE REPLACING OF ADMIRAL DUFOURNET.

LONDON, Dec. 14. There is neither an official explanation nor a trustworthy indication here as to the reason for the replacing of Admiral Du Fournet, the Commander-in-Chief of the Entente Allies' sea forces in the Mediterranean, by Admiral Gauchet, and the announcement is printed here with scarcely any comment. One or two papers, however, interpret the change in the command as a first step in a stronger policy by the Entente Allies towards Greece. The Daily Mail, quoting a statement of Premier Briand in the French Chamber of Deputies, that to-morrow a new front will be formed, says it is difficult to see how this can point anywhere but to Greece, but remarks that it is not clear whether Premier Briand used the word to-morrow rhetorically or literally. The Times' Syria correspondent, telegraphing under date of Dec. 12th, says: "Venizelist troops have just disembarked at Herakopolis, the port of Smyrna, and the island passes under the rule of the National Government. Crowds cheered the troops as they landed. Royalist officers and men of the local forces are detained for the present under a Brit-

ish safeguard, but several of them have declared their wish to join the National Army, and have been accepted. The remainder of the Cyclades will shortly be taken over by the National Government. The new governor is about to land."

### APPEAL REFUSED.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The House of Lords refused the appeal in the Silingsby legitimacy case without calling upon the respondents.

### MORE MEN WANTED.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The supplementary estimate issued to-day provides for an additional 1,000,000 men of all ranks for the army service during the present fiscal year. The original estimate was for 4,000,000 men. In moving the vote of credit of £400,000,000 to-day, Bonar Law has 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 a 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 Empires had not been received at the Foreign Office this morning, and as it is understood simply to offer negotiations containing no terms, the consultations of the Entente Allies regarding it are expected to be purely normal, 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.

### STATEMENT EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 14. The Times says it understands an important statement will be made in the House of Commons to-day with regard to the making prisoner by the Germans of Capt. Blaikie, of the steamer Caledonia, after the steamer had been sunk by a German submarine.

### AT VERDUN.

BERLIN, Dec. 14. French troops took the offensive in the Verdun region this evening, says to-night's supplementary war statement, advancing on both banks of the Meuse.

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**Citizens' Committee** — Take Powers From The Secretary-Treasurer. The Citizens' Committee held a very successful meeting at the Board of Trade Rooms last night, Chairman A. Soper presiding. The sub-committee on taxation reported progress and asked leave to sit again. Section 242 which gives to the Secretary-Treasurer power to detain for taxes, was amended so that the responsibility for the collection of amounts due was placed on the Council itself. It was considered that such powers being in the hands of one person may not be in the best interest of the citizens and the city alike. Touching on Section 245, wherein the Governor in Council shall appoint a Commission to be known as the Municipal Arrears Commission, consisting of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council and two other members, the section was passed, with the addition of a clause directing the Commission to make a full report to the Council, the said report to be available to rate payers. Section 246 states that the three members of the Arrears Commission shall receive 7 1/2 per cent. of the net amount of such arrears collected after paying the cost of collectors. The total arrears owed the city are estimated to be about \$100,000, of which it is generally understood that \$40,000 is uncollectable. The Arrears Commission have a hard road to travel, and while they will have the support and good will of every fair-minded citizen, the amount which they will receive may be small compared with the abuse and harsh things that may be said about them by others. The meeting adjourned at 10.40 p.m. until Thursday, Jan. 4th, 1917.

**Obituary.** — On Wednesday night there passed peacefully away at Twillingate, Eleanor Elizabeth, beloved wife of Mr. George Roberts, ex-M. H. A., and daughter of the late Mr. Elias Peyton. Deceased was one of Twillingate's best citizens, a noble woman, possessing a kind and loving character and was loved by all who knew her. The loss to the home is a great one, as she was a faithful, loving, and affectionate mother to her children for whose welfare only she wished to live, who are now left to mourn a heavy loss. She leaves a sorrowing and devoted husband, five daughters, the eldest being twenty years and the youngest five, two step sons, one at home and one in the employ of the Royal Stores of this city; also two brothers and one sister at home and one sister, Mrs. J. K. Percory, at St. John, N.B. She is mourned by a large circle of friends many of whom are in St. John's, Mrs. Roberts with her husband visited here in September of this year hoping to regain her lost health but all efforts were of no avail and the end came sudden and unexpected.

**Here and There.** — **Turkeys, Ducks and Chicken at ELLIS'.** — **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.** — The Ladies' St. Vincent de Paul Society gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) from Mr. W. Hally, Pittsburgh, P. A., through his sister, Mrs. J. Cole, King's Bridge. **JUST RECEIVED—Holly and our Celebrated English Cakes, Iced and uniced. Phone 679. BISHOP, SONS & CO., LTD. (Grocery Dept.)—dec14,tf** **KHAKI GUILD CONCERT.** — The ladies of the Khaki Guild are holding a Scotch concert and sale of Christmas puddings, etc., at the Presbyterian Hall on Tuesday night next. These energetic ladies are working assiduously to provide a fund for returned soldiers. Their Christmas concert deserves to be largely attended. **Stafford's Phorotone Cough and Cold Cure is what you should take for that cough and cold you have had for such a long time. Price 25c. Postage 5c. extra.** **Kyle's Passengers.** — The following Kyle's passengers are on the express due this afternoon: C. Corcoran, C. E. Preston, E. O. Brewer, S. M. Graham, A. E. Moore, H. H. Blanchett, G. H. Gostwyck, Mrs. J. P. Kelly, Miss A. Paul, Miss A. Patrick, Miss A. Strang, Mrs. A. Footen, M. Webb, W. E. York, J. Plett, J. Spinks, R. A. Murphy, E. Read, E. R. French, J. Snow, J. White, J. Rowley, C. Dawson, C. Peters, J. Parsons, M. Smith, M. White.



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