

## 300,000,000 Pounds, The New War Credit, Will See Things Through Till August

LONDON, May 23.—In proposing the vote for further credit, Premier Asquith laid before the House of Commons an account in detail of some of the Government's recent financial operations. He took up the period between April 1 and May 20, stating that the actual outlay during those 55 days was £2,410,000,000. The expenditure for army munitions in that time accounted for £149,000,000, loans to Allies and Dominions, £745,000,000, outlay for food supplies, railways and miscellaneous items £175,000,000. Eliminating payments by the Bank of England in respect of advances abroad for which allowances had been made in previous votes, the daily average expenditure had been reduced £4,000,000. There had been no increase, but a slight decrease in expenditures for the fighting forces. The total outlay was somewhat larger mainly on account of loans to the Allies and Dominions. The average expenditure for the army and navy for munitions was just under £3,000,000 daily. Speaking of the loans to the Allies, Asquith said, without that financial assistance it literally was true that the combined operations of the Allies could not be prosecuted with success and efficiency. The House would not grudge the addition to the expenditures in order that the whole financial, naval and military fabric, upon whose co-operative work the success of our joint effort depends, should be kept in a state of efficiency. The Premier added that he could hold out no hope that there would be any appreciable reduction in

expenditures, estimating that the £300,000,000 asked would last until the middle or first week of August. The Premier said he moved this vote with the same confidence that he felt in moving the first vote, but that at this stage he would deal only with the financial position.

**Churchill Criticizes.**  
Winston Spencer Churchill, former First Lord of the Admiralty, who was the first speaker in the general debate which followed, expressed his regret that Asquith had not reviewed the general strategic situation and said it was unreasonable for people to expect the war to turn suddenly and decisively in favor of the Allies, contending that the armies at war were too evenly matched at the present time to permit such a change. The Allies felt they were stronger and had the preponderance of men, Churchill continued, but against this was the central position of their opponents, the superior unity of their war direction and the advantage of being able to retain the initiative. The Allies had larger reserves, actual and potential than their enemies, but it was in the use which was made of them that hope of final victory lay. The frequency of the German and Austrian attacks on all parts of the front might be a sign of the measure of their strength, Churchill said, but it might be a sign of the measure of their profound anxiety. If the Germans were beaten decisively they would be beaten by a lack of men, accordingly the best use must be made of the men now being called to the

British Army. Speaking in the light of his experiences at the front, Churchill referred to the position of the British in France. He mentioned two salients which the British troops held, and added, "we should not continue to hold places of no vital importance on a line where our men are at a disadvantage, and suffer undue losses." There are three or four such places, he stated and the Germans have orders not to push out in order that they may continue to reap the benefits of our occupation of them. No reproach could be made against the government if the line was readjusted. The British were holding on all front 45 German and Turkish divisions. That does not correspond with the Premier's description of our military efforts, he continued as the Prime Minister said the total military effort of the Empire was three million men. Where are they? They certainly have not been in contact with the enemy. Our military efforts should be measured by number of the enemy forces we are holding on our respective fronts. There were great masses of cavalry which should be used. If the Government would build new formations from the men of these famous regiments he believed they could be organized into a force of the highest military quality. Much had been heard, said Churchill, about combining this and that industry. He would say to the War Office, "Physician combine thyself." He contended that all available reserves in the East including Salonika, Egypt, India, the French forces in Africa, should be drawn upon. What were the great armies in Egypt and Salonika doing, he asked. A great mistake was being made every day these forces were left inactive when they ought to be employed diminishing the number of the Allies' force.

The vote was agreed to unanimously of cavalry requests. He pointed out that there were 200,000 officers in the army with an equal number of servants and 60,000 grooms. In addition there were great masses of cavalry which should be used. If the Government would build new formations from the men of these famous regiments he believed they could be organized into a force of the highest military quality. Much had been heard, said Churchill, about combining this and that industry. He would say to the War Office, "Physician combine thyself." He contended that all available reserves in the East including Salonika, Egypt, India, the French forces in Africa, should be drawn upon. What were the great armies in Egypt and Salonika doing, he asked. A great mistake was being made every day these forces were left inactive when they ought to be employed diminishing the number of the Allies' force.

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## TO-DAY, (THURSDAY), AT THE NICKEL.

THE BIG EMPIRE DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME WILL BE REPEATED.

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## EMPIRE DAY GREETINGS

Telegram from General Joffre, the Generalissimo of the Allied Forces on the Western front, forwarded through General Sir Douglas Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force:—

May 24th.—Following is the text of a telegram received by me from General Joffre (begins):—  
"A l'occasion de la Fete de l'Empire je suis heureux de vous exprimer les sentiments de haute estime et de cordiale camaraderie qu'éprouvent les Armées Françaises pour les vaillantes troupes des Dominions, des Indes et des Colonies dont elles ont admiré la belle conduite et les brillants faits d'armes sur tons les champs de bataille ou elles ont combattu."  
"Je vous prie de transmettre ces sentiments aux officiers, sous-officiers et soldats des Dominions et des Colonies avec lesquelles les troupes Françaises sont heureuses de combattre, cote a cote pour le memo ideal." (ends)

### GENERAL HAIG.

Translation of the above message.  
"On Empire Day I am glad to express to you the feeling of deep esteem and cordial good-comradeship which the French Armies feel for the valiant troops of the Dominions, India and the Colonies. They admire the fine conduct and brilliant feats of arms which these troops have displayed on every battle-field where they have fought.  
I beg you to transmit these sentiments to the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men from the Dominions and Colonies. With them the soldiers of France are proud to fight, side by side, for the same ideal."  
From Sir Douglas Haig, General Commanding-in-Chief of the British Forces in France and Belgium:—  
To Governor, Newfoundland:  
"May 24th.—All ranks under my command in France join with me in greetings, on Empire Day, to our fellow subjects throughout His Majesty's Dominions. Representative of every part of those Dominions, bound together not only by ties of blood, but by similarity of ideals and loyalty to one Crown and one Flag, our armies are united—heart and soul—in this great fight for Freedom and Justice, the old watchword of our race.  
"Confident in ourselves, in the ungrudging help and support of our kin throughout the world, and in our gallant Allies, we look forward to certain victory."  
(Sgd.) "HAIG."

### The Governor's Reply, on Behalf of Newfoundland:

"The loyal and Ancient Colony of Newfoundland returns the greetings of the British Armies on Empire Day. The flower of our race are in the King's service, and the hearts of us all are with you and the gallant forces who fight this good fight for Freedom and Justice."  
(Sgd.) "GOVERNOR."

### A FREE FIGHT.

Yesterday afternoon a free fight, occurred at the foot of Cochrane Street between three stokers of a ship now in port and an equal number of citizens of the East End. It was hot for a while but the "bush horns" were too much for the others who went on board ship much the worse for wear after the Terra Novans were through with them.

### AN ENJOYABLE DANCE

The dance given by the members of the Star of the Sea Society in their hall, Tuesday night, was a very enjoyable affair. Over 150 couples participated, the music was furnished by Messrs Myron, O'Grady, Bennett and Bailey, refreshments were served and the dance did not terminate until this morning.

### ENJOYABLE BELL ISLAND CELEBRATION.

The dance given by the C. L. B. Band, which must have a favor in their armoury at Bell Island crable effect on re-acting at the Tuesday night was very largely attended and proved a most enjoyable St. John's were shown through the affair. The C. L. B. Band of this submarine areas of both companies, city played an excellent programme Last night a most enjoyable concert of dance music, refreshments were was held.

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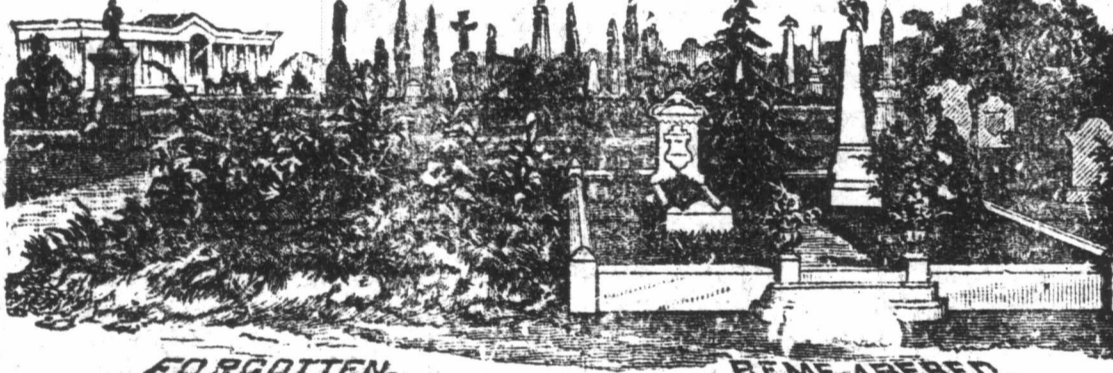
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DEAR MADAM,

Do you ever realise the increased comfort to the entire household—yourself included—that would be secured by the adoption of gas fires?

Have you ever contemplated the amount of labour spent, to say nothing of the time wasted, by your maids in carrying coals, cleaning grates, laying fires, coaxing stubborn fires into a blaze and keeping them going when lighted?

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Bedrooms become pleasanter (and safer) resorts in bitter weather. The half hour's dressing for dinner, the undressing at night after leaving a cosy sitting room, can be done in comfort and safety—and at leisure.

To economise in the gas consumed is easy. When, after dinner, you leave the dining room, out goes the fire, to be lighted in the drawing room, or study or billiard room. And so, throughout the day, the fire "travels from room to room" by the simple turning on and off of taps.

Consider how habitable these gas fires make every room in the house!  
Half the dust in your living rooms comes from the coal fire—there is no dust with a gas fire.  
No work is entailed—no fire irons, coal scuttles or shovels to trouble about, no smoke, dirt or ashes to cause annoyance—no noisy poking or replenishing to disturb and irritate. That is why the gas fire is ideal for the sick room.  
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