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BONAR LAW ASKS FOR FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS

New Vote of Credit Brings War Total to 3,532,000,000 Pounds—Interest in Commons as to Peace Proposals

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.

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. Today's vote of credit is the fourth since the outbreak of the war bringing up the total for the present fiscal year to £1,720,000,000 and the grand total for the war to £3,532,000,000. While there is always a large attendance of members on the day a vote of credit is moved, even more than usual interest was shown in today's proceedings, owing to the curiosity as to whether any change would be announced in the manner of financing the war and as to the reception of the new chancellor's policy by the Liberals.

PEACE NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON

Now Being Put in Shape for President HE IS TO FORWARD IT

Thought He May Had Expression of Hope That It Will Result in Something—Bulgars Also Eager to See End of War

Washington, Dec. 14.—The note conveying the proposal for peace by the Central Powers, which the United States is to transmit to the Entente belligerents, arrived during the night and was being prepared for President Wilson early today. The document was said to be substantially the same as published in the official dispatches from Berlin in the report of the Overseas News Agency. Accompanying it was a confidential report from American charge Greer, understood to be an outline of affairs which led up to the German chancellor's speech in the Reichstag and the sending of the peace proposals.

Provide for Another Million Men in Khaki

London, Dec. 14.—A supplementary estimate issued today 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.

STROUGE POLICY ALL GOES TO VINCENT ASTOR

London Figures on Reason For Change of Command

Income Here For Life Unless She Married Again But She Has \$1.2 million Real Estate

London, Dec. 14.—There is neither an official explanation nor a trustworthy indication as to the reason for the replacing of Admiral Du Fournet, commander-in-chief of the Entente Allied sea forces in the Mediterranean by Admiral Grandy and the announcement is printed here with scarcely any comment.

Not Enthusiastic Over New French Cabinet

Feeling Shown in Chamber of Deputies and Press Gives Expression to Disappointment

Paris, Dec. 14.—The Chamber of Deputies after a lengthy debate last night registered its confidence in the government by a vote of 314 to 165. The previous vote of confidence—that of last Thursday, was 344 to 160. That some of the deputies were dissatisfied with the new ministry and the present policy of the government in the conduct of the war was evidenced by speeches made.

peace proposal as a trap and warned the country not to be deceived. The announcement that the government proposed to restrict the liquor traffic was also received with much approval. Press Disappointed 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 liquor passes almost unnoticed. The steady supporters of the premier, such as Fiquet, are but lukewarm in their appreciation.

TODAY'S WAR NEWS

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The enemy continued his attacks in the direction of Buzou (in central Roumania) on Tuesday, says the communication today from the war office.

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MANY ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF F. C. SMITH

Tribute Paid to His Worth by Pastor of Centenary Church

A large number of his friends assembled in the Centenary church this afternoon at three o'clock to pay their last tribute to respect of Frank C. Smith, whose death occurred on Tuesday evening in the St. John Infirmary. Private services were conducted at his late residence, 207 Rockland road, at 2:30 o'clock, following which the body was taken to Centenary church, where Rev. W. H. Barraclough conducted the funeral service. Rev. Mr. Barraclough, in delivering the funeral sermon, said in part: "One of the byproducts of life is bound up in the passing of one whose future promised so much and who seemed just to have laid the foundation for a wide career of usefulness."

DRIFTING OFF THE NOVA SCOTIA COAST; FAINT S. O. S. CALL

Italian Steamship Algiers in Trouble—Vessels Sent in Search of Her

Hull, Dec. 14.—The Italian steamer Algiers, which had put into Gaspe and was being towed here for repairs by the tug Lord Strathcona, broke adrift, and was last seen drifting in a northeasterly direction. Faint S. O. S. calls were recorded here yesterday afternoon.

AMALGAMATION OF OTTAWA NEWSPAPERS

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—The Ottawa Evening Journal and the Ottawa Evening Free Press today contain announcements of their amalgamation commencing on January 1. F. D. Ross says that the Free Press is to be associated with him hereafter in connection with all the journal publications, which will include a new Conservative morning paper to be called the Journal Press.

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PROPOSE TO CUT BASEBALL EXPENSES

American League Magnates Grapple With Problem—Nine Game World Series Probable

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Proposals to reduce the high cost of the baseball next season were before the club owners of the American League in the annual session today. Suggested reductions include curtailing of practically every expense, especially salaries of players. President Johnson said he believed the game has been conducted on too extravagant a basis.

EXPECT BIG SPRING DRIVE

Wounded Officer Says Britons Are Looking Forward to Great Battles

New York, Dec. 14.—British soldiers on the Somme front and all along the fighting line in France expect the war to end with a great offensive next spring, according to Second Lieutenant R. H. F. Devereux of the Rifle Brigade, now here recuperating from his wounds. He expects to report for active service again after January 1. Like many of the officers of the British army, he is in his early twenties, and does not consider himself or his experiences worth talking about.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN THE MAINE WOODS

Ellsworth, Me., Dec. 14.—Frank Tredek of Ellsworth, aged 32, was accidentally shot by a bullet from the 38 Winchester rifle of his brother-in-law, Fred Smith, yesterday, while hunting in the woods. He died soon afterward. The men were passing through the woods a short distance from the road, walking in single file, with Smith behind. The hammer of Smith's rifle caught on a twig and the bullet struck Tredek in the small of the back, passing out through his abdomen. Smith ran for assistance and Dr. L. F. Hodgkins was soon on the scene. Mr. Tredek, however, lived only a few minutes. Mr. Tredek was a native of Ellsworth Falls. He is survived by his widow and two children.

ANOTHER BIG HOTEL TO BE BUILT IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 14.—Joseph J. Lannin of the Garden City Hotel announces that he has bought the old Hotel Greendale on the northwest corner of Seventh avenue and Fifty-sixth street with adjoining property and that he will erect a sixteen-story modern hotel, with 1,000 rooms. The Greendale is a seven-story building and is one of the oldest hotels in that part of the city.

GIVE UP BUSINESS POSTS

New Cabinet Men Drop Directorships to Take Office

MAKING UP THE NEW AUSTRIAN MINISTRY

London, Dec. 14.—The emperor has accepted the resignation of the Austrian ministry, according to a Vienna despatch received by Reuter's by way of Amsterdam, and has entrusted to Alexander Spitzmueller the formation of a new cabinet.

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CHIEF BY CHIEF The funeral of Mrs. George Dick, who died in Brooklyn, and whose body was brought here for burial, took place this afternoon from the Central Baptist church. Services were conducted by Rev. D. J. MacPherson, and interment was made in Fernhill.

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