

a moment the incalculable millions wasted and worse than wasted in the preparation for war. The hard-earned savings of the poor, the blood-drops of labor, the brawn and brain of men and women and children, all swept away to feed the maw of this monster whose hunger is never satisfied. In the insane rivalry of armies and navies the taxes on the peoples doubled, trebled, were multiplied by ten. To her enormous outlay on the navy Britain was compelled in recent years to increase it by about fifteen or twenty millions of pounds sterling in each successive year. Think of the enormous cost of building up and maintaining, in such a comparatively short time, Germany's army of millions and adding to that a navy to rival Britain upon the seven seas. Contemplate the expenditure to-day. Think of the millions poured out by each nation day after day. Think of the British Parliament in two separate votes—just two—and at this early stage of the war, authorizing the expenditure of £350,000,000, and doing it with the utmost ease. Not that I condemn that action—under the circumstances by all means let it be done. But it is easy enough to see