

Lloyd-George Sees Victory For British in a Few Months

War Minister Says That British Infantry is Greater Today Than In the Days of Wellington and Napoleon--Pressing Back a Formidable Foe Which has been Preparing for War for Generations--War Credit of Four Hundred and Fifty Million Pounds Asked for.

London, July 24.—Premier Asquith today asked the House of Commons for a vote of credit of £450,000,000. This vote is the largest asked by the government since the beginning of the war. This will bring the total voted this year to £1,050,000,000, and the total since the beginning of the war to £2,832,000,000 (approximately \$14,160,000,000).

In moving the vote of credit the Premier said the recent expenditure out of the vote of credit was approximately £5,000,000 daily. The £6,000,000 daily referred to by Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, represented all the outgoing expenditure, the Premier said. All the expenditure from April 1 to last Saturday was £559,000,000.

Mr. Asquith said that the navy, army and munitions cost £379,000,000; the loans to Great Britain's allies, £157,000,000, and food, supplies, railways, etc., £23,000,000. The average daily expenditure for the war, he said, was £4,950,000.

May Not Increase.

The Premier said he hoped the expenditure for the army and the navy would not exceed the present level in the near future. The munitions cost of our men they are leading. Great

remained stationary at the highest level yet reached, he added, and might increase.

Premier Asquith said that since the out break of the war there had been twelve votes of credit for £2,832,000,000. The present vote was substantially larger than its predecessors, but this was not because any great expenditure was anticipated, but in order to make provision for a longer period and the covering of any necessary emergencies.

During the first period the average irrecoverable expenditure was £3,000,000, being exclusive of supplies to the Allies. During the second period it was £3,600,000. From both these figures should be deducted the average peace expenditure of £220,000 daily.

Prospects Are Good.

After a speech by Winston Spencer Churchill, criticizing Premier Asquith for not reviewing the war situation, David Lloyd George, Secretary for War, replied, saying that it would be premature to survey a military situation and the prospects in the middle of a battle.

"The prospects are good," the War Secretary said; "our generals are more than satisfied and proud of the valor of our men they are leading. Great

as the British infantry was in Wellington and Napoleon's days, it never has been greater than now.

"One thrills with pride when one thinks one belongs to the same race. They are pressing back the formidable foe who devoted his best brains to the study of war for generations. I feel confident that victory is assured to us," continued Lloyd George.

Blood Will Tell.

"Numbers and all other resources are on our side. There was only one fear—that years of training and of thought on the part of a great military power might be something insuperable.

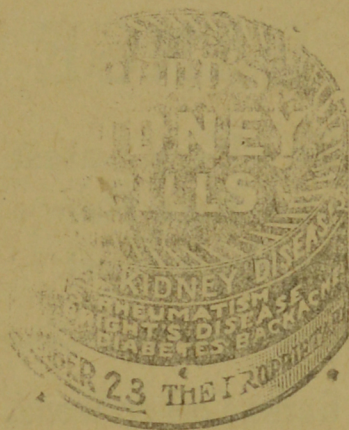
"Our men have demonstrated that it is not so, and that British resourcefulness and intelligence are, as in fields of commerce in the past, when they have been able to snatch victory out of what appeared to be complete commercial disaster, going to snatch victory again in a few months from what appeared at one moment to be something that was invincible.

"There is no doubt at all that the lesson of this battle is that we have simply to press on with all our resources and with the material at our command, and victory will be ours."

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