

Enormous War Expenditure Made by Great Britain

The Total so far is Over Twenty-Seven Billion Dollars---Credit of the Motherland is Still Undiminished---Predictions of Pacifists Have Been Falsified--Germany's Financial Standing Gets a Blow.

London, Aug. 8. — The financial correspondent of the Times, reviewing the three years of the war, gives the following figures:

Total national expenditure, \$25,750,000,000.

Provided out of revenue, \$6,250,000,000.

Added to national debt, \$15,000,000,000.

Loans to Allies and Dominions, \$5,855,000,000.

Present total national debt, \$16,900,000,000.

Total debt before the war, \$3,250,000,000.

Germany's debt today, \$25,000,000,000.

Germany's daily expenditure, \$32,500,000.

British daily expenditure, \$26,666,667.

Daily, including loans to Allies, \$35,000,000.

British revenue before war annually \$1,000,000,000.

British revenue in 1917, \$3,250,000,000.

In commenting, the writer says:

"Whatever has been taught us in the last three years, it has been definitely shown that such a war has not made 'impossible' financial considerations, as the Russian economist, Bloch, followed later by Norman Angell and others, had previously contended.

"Even soon after the war started, it is safe to say that no competent economist or financier would have admitted to himself it was possible that at the end of three years this country would be successfully financing it at the rate of daily expenditure now actually reached.

"It is not for want of money that there is any appearance of the war being stopped.

Credit is Undimmed.

"The huge absolute increase in our national debt is amply covered by the increase in revenue, while in proportion to the national wealth, its total is still far short of what the national debt was in 1817, at the end of the Napoleonic wars, proportionately to national wealth a hundred years ago. It is reasonable to suppose that we, our children and grandchildren, will be able to shoulder this burden no less successfully than the generations of 1817.

"After three years of war, we may feel securely that British credit is even more firmly rooted than in all our history. This single factor, we believe, is destined in the future to play a most potent part in our recovery from the destructive effects of the war itself. Alone of the European belligerents we remained on the gold basis, in spite of the necessity of making the pound sterling the medium of payments abroad on behalf of our Allies as well as ourselves. German credit particularly as attested by the depreciation of the mark abroad to a mere half of its

value under conditions where its overseas trade is virtually killed and therefore not calling for payments abroad, whereas British imports have been hugely increased, is not likely to recover in our time, but British credit is undimmed.

"With the whole English-speaking world standing together, we may look forward with full confidence to whatever may be demanded of our finances until victory is secured."

Where Britain Failed.

Col. Reppington, military critic of the Times, reviews the three years of the war, eliciting a few new facts. He says that one million seven hundred thousand recruits had joined the army by May of 1915 in which month nine months after the declaration of war, the first division of the new armies disembarked in France. Colonel Reppington declares that the three great overseas expeditions have caused heavy loss in life, money and tonnage, destroyed our resources and not brought the end of the war a day nearer.

"It has been and remains true that it is in the higher direction of the war that we have most failed," says the writer. "We have never placed in France more than a quarter of the aggregate number of German divisions in the field. Our force disposed in secondary operations

amount in the aggregate to as many men as we have rifles in France, and we have not yet encountered a single complete German division in our secondary campaigns, which have wasted our strength without a corresponding reaction on the forces of our principal enemy in the main theatre.

"This disposition of our forces and the unsatisfactory character of our recruiting have been twin causes which have needlessly prolonged the war. Both have been essentially political errors, and a muzzled press has been unable to expose it.

"Germany has lost four and a half millions of her best fighters. Her resources are reaching exhaustion, her people are hungry and sick of war. If the weakness of revolutionary Russia brings the Germans a few cheap artificial laurels, if their appetite for plunder is merely limited by impotence to satisfy it, the Allies have in the United States an ally to balance the Russian disappointment, an ally whose population, energy and resources promise eventually more than Russia could ever afford.

"Almost all the men and women of the British race at home and overseas have done their best, according to their lights and opportunities. We have endured without murmur the loss of our dearest and best. The country has never failed its Government in any single particular."

WANTS THE GOVERNMENT TO BONUS WOODEN SHIPS

Mr. H. H. Blanchet Presents His Views on a Letter to the Montreal Star--Scores the Dominion Government for Its Do-Nothing Policy.

Mr. H. H. Blanchet, Maritime traveller for the Canada Metal Company, who takes a warm interest in ship building, contributes the following breezy letter to the Montreal Star on the subject:

Sir: Quick action is required by the Dominion Government to pass an act to boom wooden shipbuilding at \$20 per ton for fifteen years, as is now in force by the Government in Newfoundland. The Dominion Government will not listen to reason or common sense as presented to them for the last three years, but for party, political and sweets of office reasons they cling to their seats while every month the submarine pirates sink hundreds of our ships and drive us into slavery. Now is the time for a change of Government and to put live men in with real back bones. We have had enough of the jelly fish variety. (Voice calling, "This is a speech!") It is intolerable to think that since February 1st, when the submarine pirates started, four months have gone by, and not one wooden ship has been built in Canada to help England in a life and death struggle. (Voice, in an aside, "This must be an attack on the Dominion Government.") To add insult to injury wooden shipbuilders in Canada are not allowed by the Dominion Government to take timber to build wooden ships from one province to another. By this childish arrangement no ships can be built on the Atlantic coast for the Imperial Government. In the war of 1812 wooden ships were built in sixty days on the Great Lakes and rendered splendid service, yet four months have gone by and not one wooden ship has been built. The Hansard, May 29--Hon. Wm. Pugsley: "I want to know if the Government is

going to do anything toward assisting western shipbuilding."

Sir George Foster—"I may say that with a Government so active as ours"

—Question. Is there not one Canadian with enough red corpuscles in his blood to put a Government in power to do this job like a man and bonus wooden shipbuilding and build wooden ships by the hundreds, now, immediately, not several years from now. Fred Heans, St. John, N. B., can put 45 ship carpenters to work at once, and many more have promised him to come back from the States. They are Canadians only too glad to get home again. 22,000 sailors have been driven from Canada by a hostile Government to alien lands as our Dominion Government encourages Norwegian wooden ships to kill off our Canadian merchant marine. These Norwegian ships sail from Norway and are sometimes owned in Glasgow, Scotland. It does not matter if our Canadian schooner crews and their families starve to death, the Dominion Government likes to build up Scotland. When Sir Geo. Foster was in St. John, N. B., he called on Willard Smith, a large wooden ship owner, and said, "You know, Willard, the Dominion Government could not have a wooden shipyard in St. John, as Halifax would want one also." About the same week he called on the Halifax Board of Trade and asked them to persuade some of the rich men of Halifax to start a steel shipbuilding yard, and build one ship to see what it would cost! Loyal fellow Canadians, I appeal to your good common sense, is it not time for a change of Government? The Dominion Government has not built one wooden ship in four months since the submarine pirates' war started and they have no ship plate rolling mill, so they can't build steel ships. Do you know what this means? The war is indefinitely prolonged. It means your husband and your sons killed or wounded in this death struggle of a nation. Yes, the time is ripe for a change of Government. By all means have a general election at once, not next year. I appeal to your loyalty as honest men. H. H. BLANCHET.

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Skinny Bather — Do you have many wrecks here? Fisherman — You're the first I've seen this season.

MANY KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

Alexandria, Italy, Aug. 9.—Thirty-four persons were killed and 100 injured Tuesday night in the derailling of the Genoa-Milan express at Arquata.

EXPLOSION AT CRAEW.

Zurich, Aug. 9. — In the explosion of two storehouses near Craew, Galicia, on Aug. 1, 48 artillerymen were killed and many injured according to Vienna newspapers. The storehouses were part of a munition works and the explosion is attributed to spontaneous combustion due to the excessive heat. Great damage was done in Craew, thousands of windows being shattered and many doors blown from their hinges.



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SOME LITTLE SURPRISES.

A writer in the Portland, Me., Express has collected some of the most surprising replies made to questions asked in his city. In answer to a query, the grocer is written down as having said:

"No, sir, this isn't genuine olive oil. That's the reason it is so cheap."

A jeweler said,

"No, sir; your watch doesn't need any repairs or even cleaning. You simply forgot to wind it."

The noblest answer was that of hubby who said after the quarrel, "It was all my fault." Wife is said to have taken to her bed suffering from nervous shock.

But the gem of the collection was the answer of the pedestrian on whom the chauffeur stubbed his toe:

"It was all my own fault I was knocked down. I got right in the way of your automobile."

The driver did not dare enter his car again for several days. He was afraid of a hoodoo pursuing him.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON
FOOD CONTROL**
Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard

To get her poor dog a bone;
But when she got there
She found that the bone had been
used by Miss Hubbard, her daughter,
in making a tasty dish from
yesterday's left-overs.

The American money market is practically closed to Canada for the present. The obligation is great upon every man and woman to save every possible cent and invest the savings in Government War Savings Certificates. By such investment, the Dominion is assisted in clothing, equipping and rationing the men at the front. Canada's war expenditure will increase and not decrease in the future. Scores of millions of dollars are still being wasted in the Dominion. The spirit of sacrifice which characterizes the men of the firing line, does not yet characterize the people at home. There must be that spirit in Canada if the war is to be won. Every bank and every money order post office sells War Certificates. The National Service Board is urging you to invest in them as a national and essential duty. Are you investing or are you wasting your dollars? E-7.

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CARDBOARD COFFINS.

Amsterdam, Aug. 9. — Coffins of waterproof cardboard are now being made in Germany, according to the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin. The lids are glued instead of being nailed down.



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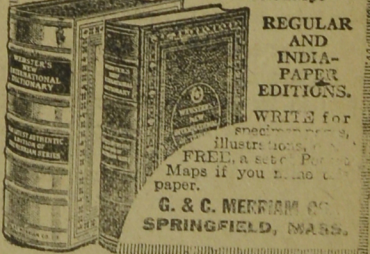
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