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ENGLAND WANTS A MILLION MORE MEN FOR ARMY

That Many Soldiers and Four
Hundred Million Pounds Is
What Government Asks
to Carry on War.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY LAW

New British Ministry Submits
Needs of Army for Coming
Year to Commons.

COST OF WAR INCREASES

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.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of
the exchequer, announced in the
House of Commons this afternoon
that the daily average expenditure of
Great Britain in the war had risen to
£5,710,000. Mr. Law said the actual
expenditure had exceeded the estimate
owing to the increase in munitions
and additional loans to Great
Britain's allies and to its dominions.

In moving a vote of credit of £400,000,000, Bonar Law decided to continue
his speech entirely to 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 proposal, although it was re-
garded as unlikely that they would
succeed.

The proposal of the central powers
had not been received at the foreign
office this morning and it is under-
stood simply to refer to opening nego-
tiations, containing no terms, the
consultations of the entente allies re-
garding it are expected to be purely
formal, preliminary to the transmis-
sion of a joint reply. In any event
Great Britain will make no official
comment until Russia, France and its
other allies express their views.

Today's note of credit is the four-
teenth since the outbreak of the war,
bringing up the total for the present
financial year to £1,750,000,000 and
the grand total for the war to £3,532,000,000.

While there is always a large at-
tendance of members on the day a
vote of credit is moved, even more
than usual interest was shown in to-
day's proceedings, owing to curiosity
as to whether any change would be
announced in the manner of financing
the war and as to the reception by
the liberals of the new chancellor's
policy.

German People Anxious

Copenhagen, Dec. 14.—(Via Lon-
don.)—A dispatch to the Politiken
from Berlin says:

"What the entire city and the coun-
try are discussing now is not procla-
mation by the emperor or the speech
of Chancellor von Bethmann-Holl-
weg, but the nature of the reply from
abroad. The anxiety before the deliv-
ery of the chancellor's speech was
great, but now it is many times
greater."

"Despite the press opinions from
many countries of a discouraging na-
ture telegraphed to Germany it is
hoped they do not express the opin-
ions of the respective governments."

Canada Would Continue

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—Canada's
attitude toward the German peace
proposal is indicated in a message
sent by Sir George Foster, acting
premier of the dominion, to Premier
Lloyd George, as follows:

"Canada stands with you and the
empire for vigorous prosecution of
the war until complete victory is
attained."

Not Taken Seriously at Tokio

Tokio, Dec. 14.—Officials of the
Japanese foreign office said today
that they do not take the German
peace proposals seriously. They ex-
pressed belief that the entente allies
would have to fight to the end. Japan,
it was stated, has not yet been offi-
cially notified of the proposals.

Reports from Stations at 3 P. M.

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