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# THE DRAIN OF ARMAMENTS 

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The following tables, showing the present annual cost of modern armaments, its increase during the past thirty years, and the increase in national indebtedness on the continent of Europe during the same period, are based on the financial reports of the States of the world as given in the Almanach de Gotha and the Statesman's Year Book for the years 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911-12,* verified by other authorities when necessary. They represent military and naval outlay in time of peace only: expenditures for actual war are not considered.

In the tables showing the increase in annual outlay for armaments, those nations only are cited which had a military establishment thirty years ago and have since materially enlarged it. Of these, only five are used in the tables showing increase of debt and annual interest charges, the United States and Great Britain being omitted because in time of peace each has steadily diminished its indebtedness, the interest-bearing debt of the United States now being about $\$ 915,000,000$ in contrast with $\$ 1,725,000,000$ in 1881. Japan was not a military power in 1881.

The figures have their own eloquence for the man who pays. They will perhaps appeal more strongly to the five great military nations of Europe, whose indebtedness is steadily growing, than to us, whose resources are less heavily taxed. Yet when we consider that in the past thirty years we have spent something like $\$ 4,000,000,000$ for military purposes (see Table VIII.), exclusive of pensions, and that a saving of less than one-third of that amount would, if applied to the payment of the national interest-bearing debt, have more than extinguished it as

[^0]it stands to-day, it is clear that even we have reason to deplore so large an outlay.

The figures may be depended upon as faithful to the authorities consulted. Where calculations and inferences have been made, the method is explained, so that the reader may judge for himself whether the results and conclusions are correct. There has been no effort to force the figures to fit a preconceived idea. So far as known, no compilation so complete or compact from this standpoint has heretofore been presented, and it is hoped that it will serve as a convenient reference table for those having occasion to employ military and naval expenditure as a basis of argument. For those who have not the time to analyze the tables, the following summary and analysis is given:-

[^1]The ten chief military nations are Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Russia, Spain, Turkey, and the United States:

These ten nations spend in one year (Table II.) over $\$ 1,900,000,000$
The number of men composing the armies of these nations on a peace basis is (Table III.) about . .

4,200,000
The present average cost per man per year, as nearly as can be reckoned, is (Table III.) about
$\$ 295$
The average cost per man in the United States army -of, say, 85,000-is (Table III.) about
\$1,900
The present average cost per year of the combined armies and navies of these ten nations per unit of population is (Table IV.) about
$\$ 3.33$
That of the United States is (Table IV.) about ..... $\$ 3.07$
The same nations now spend in one year for armies and navies, as compared with their total expendi- tures, an average of (Table V.) ..... $29 \%$
The United States spends (pensions not considered) (Table V.) ..... $43 \%$
The increase in annual military and naval expenditureswithin the past thirty years is startling.Omitting Japan, Spain, and Turkeyfrom the list of nations beforegiven, the remaining seven nationsthirty years ago spent in one yearfor their armies and navies about $\$ 656,000,000$
Their present annual expenditure isabout\$1,742,000,000
Excess of one year's expenditure now over one year's expenditure thirty years ago (Table VIII.) ..... \$1,086,000,000
Percentage of increase, about ..... $165 \%$
Had their annual expenditures re-mained stationary, the total forthe entire period would have been(30 years at $\$ 656,000,000$ ) . . . $\$ 19,680,000,000$
Their actual expenditures are esti-
mated to have been (Table VIII.) $\$ 32,200,000,000$
Indicating a total increase in thirty years of ..... \$12,520,000,000Considering only the five principal military nations ofEurope,-Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Italy, andRussia,-we have the following portentous showing ofsteadily increasing military expenditures, debt, and in-terest charges:
In thirty years these five nationshave increased their annual ex-penditures for armies and naviesfrom\$478,000,000
to ..... \$1,117,000,000
Excess of one year's expenditures now over one year's expenditures thirty years ago (Table VIII.), ..... \$639,000,000 ..... $134 \%$
Percentage of increase about
Percentage of increase about
Had their annual expenditures re-mained stationary during thattime, the total would have been( 30 years at $\$ 478,000,000$ ) about . $\$ 14,340,000,000$
Their actual expenditures are esti- mated to have been (Table VIII.) $\$ 21,841,000,000$
Indicating a total increase in thirtyyears of$\$ 7,501,000,000$
Their combined indebtedness thirty years ago was about ..... \$8,596,000,000
The present combined debt is about $\$ 18,244,000,000$An increase (Table IX.) of$\$ 9,648,000,000$

A comparison of these last two amounts shows that, on the average, these five nations have borrowed the entire amount of their increased expenditure and some two billions of dollars additional. Whatever the nominal reason for the loans, it is manifest that, had there been no increased expenditure for armament, most of the increase in loans could have been avoided; and it is equally clear that those nations whose debts have not increased with their military expenditures could have reduced their indebtedness, had their expenditures remained stationary.
The total annual interest charge of the same five nations thirty years ago was about

\$341,566,000

The present charge is about . . . . $\$ 651,667,000$

Excess, last year over first (Table X.) . . . . . . \$310,101,000

Had the annual interest charge re-
mained stationary, the total interest payment for the entire period would have been ( 30 years at $\$ 341,566,000$ ) about $\$ 10,247,000,000$
The actual total interest payment is estimated to have been (Table X.)
\$16,847,000,000
Indicating an increase of . . . . . . . . . . . . \$6,600,000,000

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Combining, we have as the esti-
        mated total outlay of five na-
        tions in thirty years:
    Cost of army and navy (Table
        VIII.) . . . . . . . . . . . $21,841,000,000
    Increase of interest charge as a re-
    sult of increased debt (Table
    XI.)
    $6,600,000,000
Making a total estimated charge due to military
    preparation during the past thirty years of . . $28,441,000,000
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Has any one been able to show, can any one show, what purpose this steadily increasing outlay has served or promises to serve? Why should the present annual armament bill of the seven nations grouped in Table VIII. be 165 per cent. greater than it was thirty years ago?

At the root of all military preparation lies the desire, somewhere, to attack: defensive preparation follows as a matter of course. This we can at least understand; but it is discreditable alike to morals and to common sense that in this age the most enlightened nations should consume their substance in preparation for a possible war which every nation fears,-a preparation defended mainly on the ground that it is an insurance against war. If the cost were not so preposterous and the insurance really insured, this argument would have force; but the history of the past fifty years demonstrates that armament, however great, does not prevent war when the provocation or the excuse is sufficient. It only makes it more costly and destructive. Prussia and Austria, by the standard of the period, were both fully armed in 1866, and the same was true of Germany and France in 1870, of Russia and Turkey in 1877, and of Japan and Russia in 1904. Armaments are designed for fighting, and sooner or later find employment. Peace under arms is only an extended armistice.

Attention has been called to the fact that military expenses bear a very small ratio to total wealth, and that the percentage in the case of the United States-on a valuation of $\$ 130,000,000,000$-is only about one-fifth of one per cent. for the army and navy combined. The first purpose of armament is to protect and preserve nationality, but were its function to conserve property, as the insurance idea implies, it still does not insure the total wealth of a country as a fire insurance policy covers a house, for under no conceivable conditions would an enemy be able to destroy that wealth if he wished to. Financially speaking, armament insures only against the actual cost and loss of war, and, if we consider the four billions* we have paid within the past thirty years, to say nothing of the eight billions and more which, without increasing our present annual expenditure, we bid fair under the existing system to pay out during the next thirty years, we may well question if it might not be cheaper, as a mere financial proposition, to take our chances.

But comparison of expenditure to total wealth is not the crucial test on any theory. Expenditure, of whatever character, is properly comparable not to wealth, but to income. Many a holder of unproductive property has been com-

[^2]pelled to yield it to the tax-gatherer. And, though we in the United States now carry our load easily as compared with the great military nations of Europe burdened with taxation and with growing debts, it is well for us to ask what it would mean if our military and naval expenditures bore the same relation to national wealth as those of some of the nations of Europe. Russia now spends nearly four times as much proportionately as we do; and this rate applied to our army and navy would put our annual armament bill well over a billion of dollars, while compared with Austria we should spend more than four hundred and fifty millions.* It requires little imagination to realize what an outcry would go up, were we spending relatively as much as either of these powers, notwithstanding the fact that the "insurance rate" would not be high, as underwriting rates go. Yet, with the present tendency, we may before many years easily reach the five hundred million mark. If these tables furnish useful arguments for those who are so strongly working to check this tendency and substitute international reason for the present wasteful policies, they will serve their purpose.

[^3]
# THE WORLD'S ANNUAL ARMAMENT BILL. 

TABLE I.

| Country. | Fiscal Year. | Expended for Army. | Expended for Navy. | Total Military Charge. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Great Britain |  |  |  |  |
| the Continent of |  |  |  |  |
| Austria-Hungary | 1911 | \$73,513,000 | \$13,731,000 | \$87,244,000 |
| Belgium . . . | 1911 | 11,987,000 |  | 11,987,000 |
| Bulgaria | 1911 | 7,928,000 |  | 7,928,000 |
| Denmark | 1911-12 | 6,053,000 | 3,044,000 | 9,097,000 |
| France | 1911 | *187,632,000 | 83,286,000 | 270,918,000 |
| Germany : | 1911-12 | 203,938,000 | 114,508,000 | 318,446,000 |
| Great Britain | 1910-11 | 138,800,000 | 203,020,000 | 341,820,000 |
| Greece | 1911 | $4,262,000$ | 1,703,000 | 5,965,000 |
| Italy | 1911-12 | $\dagger 81,033,000$ | 39,643,000 | 120,676,000 |
| Montenegro | 1911 | 38,000 |  | 38,000 |
| Netherlands | 1912 | 12,120,000 | 8,146,000 | 20,266,000 |
| Norway | 1910-11 | 3,798,000 | 1,460,000 | 5,258,000 |
| Portugal. | 1910-11 | 8,592,000 | 3,997,000 | 12,589,000 |
| Rumania | 1911-12 | 13,856,000 |  | 13,856,000 |
| Russia | 1911 | 265,642,000 | 54,128,000 | 319,770,000 |
| Servia | 1911 | $5,402,000$ | 13,696,000 | $5,402,000$ $51,367,000$ |
| Sweden | 1912 | 15,314,000 | 13,251,000 | 22,565,000 |
| Switzerland | 1911 | 8,785,000 | 7,251,00 | 8,785,000 |
| Turkey | 1911-12 | 42,071,000 | 6,223,000 | 48,294,000 |
| Total (Great Britainand the Continent) . | - | \$1,128,435,000 | \$553,836,000 | \$1,682,271,000 |
| United States | 1910-11 | \$162,357,000 | \$120,729,000 | \$283,086,000 |
| Japan | 1911-12 | 49,196,000 | 43,405,000 | 92,601,000 |
| British India | 1910-11 | 100,099,000 | , | 100,099,000 |
| Mexico and South America: |  |  |  |  |
| Argentine . | 1911 | \$10,583,000 | \$8,236,000 | \$18,819,000 |
| Brazil | 1911 | 24,520,000 | 20,431,000 | 44,951,000 |
| Chile | 1910 | 9,852,000 | 7,653,000 | 17,505,000 |
| Colombia | 1911 |  |  | 1,900,000 |
| Ecuador . | 1909 |  |  | 1,500,000 |
| Mexico | 1911-12 | Army and | Navy | 10,700,000 |
| Peru | 1910 | not differen | tiated. | 5,400,000 |
| Uruguay | 1910 |  |  | 3,000,000 |
| Venezuela | 1910-11 |  |  | 1,500,000 |
| Total (Mexico South America) . . | - | - | - | \$105,275,000 |

World Total
\$2,263,332,000

* Including gendarmes.
$\dagger$ Including carabinieri.


# MILITARY BUDGETS OF TEN NATIONS ANALYZED. <br> Tables II., III., IV., and V. <br> TABLE II. <br> Cost of Armies and Navies. 

| Country. | ${ }_{\text {Fiscal }}^{\text {Year. }}$ | Expended for Army. | Expended for Navy. | Total Military Charge. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | 1911 | \$73,513,000 | \$13,731,000 | \$87,244,000 |
| France | 1911 | 187,632,000 | 83,286,000 | 270,918,000 |
| Germany | 1911-12 | 203,938,000 | 114,508,000 | 318,446,000 |
| Great Britain | 1910-11 | 138,800,000 | 203,020,000 | 341,820,000 |
| Italy | 1911-12 | 81,033,000 | 39,643,000 | 120,676,000 |
| Japan . | 1911-12 | 49,196,000 | 43,405,000 | 92,601,000 |
| Russia. | 1911 | 265,642,000 | 54,128,000 | 319,770,000 |
| Spain | 1911 | 37,671,000 | 13,696,000 | 51,367,000 |
| Turkey | 1911-12 | 42,071,000 | 6,223,000 | 48,294,000 |
| United States | 1910-11 | 162,357,000 | 120,729,000 | 283,086,000 |
| Totals . | - | \$1,241,853,000 | \$692,369,000 | \$1,934,222,000 |

## TABLE III.

## Cost of Armies per Unit of Fighting Force.

| Country. | Fighting | Cost of Army. | Cost per Man. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | 396,000 | \$73,513,000 | \$186 |
| France | 582,000 | 187,632,000 | 322 |
| Germany | 626,000 | 203,938,000 | 326 |
| Great Britain | *262,000 | *138,800,000 | *530 |
| Italy . | 291,000 | 81,033,000 | 279 |
| Japan . | †225,000 | 49,196,000 | $\dagger 219$ |
| Russia. | 1,250,000 | 265,642,000 | 212 |
| Spain | 115,000 | 37,671,000 | 328 |
| Turkey | †375,000 | $\dagger 42,071,000$ | $\dagger 112$ |
| United States | 85,000 | 162,357,000 | 1,910 |
| Totals | 4,207,000 | \$1,241,853,000 | \$295 |

[^4]
## MILITARY BUDGETS OF TEN NATIONS

(Continued)
TABLE IV.
Cost of Armies and Navies per Unit of Population.

| Country. | * Population. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cost of } \\ \text { Army and Navy. } \end{gathered}$ | Cost per Unit of Population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | 51,000,000 | \$87,000,000 | \$1.70 |
| France | 39,000,000 | 271,000,000 | 7.00 |
| Germany | 65,000,000 | 318,000,000 | 4.90 |
| Great Britain | 45,000,000 | 342,000,000 | 7.60 |
| Italy | 35,000,000 | 121,000,000 | 3.45 |
| Japan | 52,000,000 | 93,000,000 | 1.79 |
| Russia. | 160,000,000 | 320,000,000 | 2.00 |
| Spain | 20,000,000 | 51,000,000 | 2.55 |
| Turkey | 22,000,000 | 48,000,000 | 2.18 |
| United States | 92,000,000 | 283,000,000 | 3.07 |
| Totals . | 581,000,000 | \$1,934,000,000 | \$3.33 |

* World Almanac, 1912.

TABLE V.
Proportion of Total Military Charges to Total Expenditures.

| Country. | Total Expenditures. | Cost of Army and Navy. | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | *\$890,656,000 | \$87,244,000 | 09.8 |
| France | 877,292,000 | 270,918,000 | 30.9 |
| Germany | 731,286,000 | 318,446,000 | 43.5 |
| Great Britain | 997,410,000 | 341,820,000 | 34.3 |
| Italy | 500,595,000 | 120,676,000 | 24.1 |
| Japan | 284,452,000 | 92,601,000 | 32.5 |
| Russia. | 1,360,054,000 | 319,770,000 | 23.5 |
| Spain | 224,526,000 | 51,367,000 | 22.9 |
| Turkey | 154,033,000 | 48,294,000 | 31.4 |
| United States . | 654,138,000 | 283,086,000 | 43.3 |
| Totals . | \$6,674,442,000 | \$1,934,222,000 | 29.0 |

[^5]
The estimated total for thirty years is obtained in all cases: (1) by averaging the amounts at the beginning and
 thirty.

## TABLE VI.

Increase for Armies.


[^6]GROWTH OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES
(Continued)
TABLE VII.
Increase for Navies.

| Country. | 1881. | 1891. | 1901. | 1911. | Excess 1911 over 1881. | Estimated Total for Thirty Years. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | \$4,355,000 | \$5,672,000 | \$8,698,000 | \$13,731,000 | \$9,376,000 | \$234,130,000 |
| France . . . | 42,557,000 | 43,754,000 | 65,857,000 | 83,286,000 | 40,729,000 | 1,725,325,000 |
| Germany | 11,434,000 | 23,470,000 | 38,195,000 | 114,508,000 | 103,074,000 | 1,246,360,000 |
| Great Britain | 51,130,000 | 68,935,000 | 137,615,000 | 203,020,000 | 151,890,000 | 3,336,250,000 |
| Italy | 8,870,000 | 24,293,000 | 24,477,000 | 39,643,000 | 30,773,000 | 730,265,000 |
| Russia | 13,098,000 | 21,880,000 | 46,799,000 | $54,128,000$ | 41,030,000 | 1,022,920,000 |
| United States | 13,537,000 | 22,006,000 | 55,953,000 | 120,729,000 | 107,192,000 | 1,450,920,000 |
| Totals . | \$144,981,000 | \$210,010,000 | \$377,594,000 | \$629,045,000 | \$484,064,000 | \$9,746,170,000 |
| Excluding the United |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| States and Great Britain . . . . . | \$80,314,000 | \$119,069,000 | \$184,026,000 | \$305,296,000 | \$224,982,000 | \$4,959,000,000 |

## (Continued)

TABLE VIII.
Increase for Armies and Navies Combined.

| Country. | 1881. | 1891. | 1901. | 1911. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Excess } \\ 1911 \text { over } 1881 . \end{gathered}$ | Estimated Totals for Thirty Years. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary, | \$66,182,000 | \$64,317,000 | \$68,424,000 | \$87,244,000 | \$21,062,000 | \$2,094,540,000 |
| France . . . . | 156,154,000 | 185,448,000 | 204,580,000 | 270,918,000 | 114,764,000 | 6,035,640,000 |
| Germany . . | 102,509,000 | 144,434,000 | 205,783,000 | 318,446,000 | 215,937,000 | 5,606,945,000 |
| Great Britain | 126,256,000 | 157,575,000 | 445,115,000 | 341,820,000 | 215,564,000 | 6,367,280,000 |
| Italy. | 49,455,000 | 80,777,000 | 78,709,000 | 120,676,000 | 215,889,000 | 5,658,425,000 |
| Russia ${ }_{\text {United }}$ States . | $103,881,000$ $51,654,000$ | $145,206,000$ $66,589,000$ | $208,811,000$ $190,728,000$ | $319,770,000$ $283,086,000$ | 215,889,000 | 3,696,870,000 |
| Totals | \$656,091,000 | \$844,346,000 | \$1,402,150,000 | \$1,741,960,000 | \$1,085,869,000 | \$32,205,215,000 |
| Excluding the |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and Great Britain . . . . . | \$478,181,000 | \$620,182,000 | \$766,307,000 | \$1,117,054,000 | \$638,873,000 | \$21,841,065,000 |

GROWTH OF DEBT AND INTEREST, FIVE MILITARY NATIONS OF EUROPE,
1881-1911.
Tables IX. AND X.
TABLE IX.
Increase of Debt.*

TABLE X.
Increase of Interest Charge.

| Country. | 1881. | 1891. | 1901. | 1911. | Excess 1911 over 1881. | Estimated Total for Thirty Years. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | \$65,108,000 | \$116,595,000 | \$128,793,000 | *\$144,496,000 | \$79,388,000 | \$3,501,900,000 |
| France . . . . . | 149,681,000 | 256,000,000 | 249,073,000 | 192,762,000 | 43,081,000 | 6,762,945,000 |
| Germany | 1,752,000 | 12,335,000 | 18,525,000 | 41,981,000 | 40,229,000 | 527,265,000 |
| Italy. . | 69,900,000 | 89,818,000 | 96,000,000 | 92,145,000 | 22,245,000 | 2,668,405,000 |
| Russia | 55,125,000 | 80,881,000 | 140,065,000 | *180,283,000 | 125,158,000 | 3,386,500,000 |
| Totals . | \$341,566,000 | \$555,629,000 | \$632,456,000 | \$651,667,000 | \$310,101,000 | \$16,847,015,000 |

## THIRTY YEARS COST OF ARMED PEACE.

TABLE XI.
Summary of Tables VI.-X., showing the Combined Cost of Armies and Navies, and Increase of Interest Charges of the Five Great Military Nations of Europe during Thirty Years.

| Country. | Armies and Navies. | Increase of Interest Charges Due to Increased Debt. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria-Hungary | \$2,094,540,000 | \$1,548,660,000 | \$3,643,200,000 |
| France . . . . . | 6,035,640,000 | 2,272,515,000 | 8,308,155,000 |
| Germany | 5,606,945,000 | 474,705,000 | 6,081,650,000 |
| Italy. | 2,445,515,000 | 571,405,000 | 3,016,920,000 |
| Russia | 5,658,425,000 | 1,732,750,000 | 7,391,175,000 |
| Totals | \$21,841,065,000 | \$6,600,035,000 | \$28,441,100,000 |

## OUR OWN MILITARY BURDEN

## TABLE XII.

## The Army, Navy, and Pension Bill of the United States for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1911.

| Expended for |  |
| :--- | :---: |
|  |  |
| Army . . . . . . . . . . . . . | Amount. | | Percentage |
| :---: |
| of Total |
| Expenditures |

[^7]
## INTEREST-BEARING DEBTS OF THE SOVEREIGN NATIONS.

TABLE XIII.

| Country. | Date. | National Debt. | Approximate Annual Interest Charge. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Great Britain and the Continent of EuROPE: |  |  |  |
| * Austria-Hungary | Jan. 1, 1911 | \$3,612,389,000 | \$144,496,000 |
| Belgium | Jan. 1, 1911 | 740,681,000 | 21,249,000 |
| Bulgaria | Jan. 1, 1911 | 122,040,000 | 5,992,000 |
| Denmark | Apr. 1, 1911 | 90,682,000 | 2,545,000 |
| France | Jan. 1, 1910 | 6,286,435,000 | 192,762,000 |
| $\dagger$ Germany | Jan. 1, 1911 | 1,224,158,000 | 41,981,000 |
| Great Britain . | Apr. 1, 1911 | 3,389,577,000 | 101,060,000 |
| Greece . | Jan. 1, 1911 | 155,823,000 | 6,233,000 |
| Italy | July 1, 1909 | 2,614,183,000 | 92,145,000 |
| Netherlands | Jan. 1, 1912 | 465,295,000 | 12,886,000 |
| Norway | July 1, 1910 | 86,386,000 | 3,024,000 |
| Portugal | Jan. 1, 1911 | 818,578,000 | 28,650,000 |
| Rumania . | Apr. 1, 1910 | 315,966,000 | 12,639,000 |
| Russia . | Jan. 1, 1911 | 4,507,071,000 | 180,283,000 |
| Servia | Jan. 1, 1911 | 135,886,000 | 6,115,000 |
| Spain . | Jan. 1, 1911 | 1,886,221,000 | 75,448,000 |
| Sweden | Jan. 1, 1911 | 145,105,000 | 5,079,000 |
| Switzerland | Jan. 1, 1910 | 24,360,000 | 853,000 |
| $\ddagger$ Turkey | Sept. 13, 1911 | 508,981,000 | 20,359,000 |
| Total, Great Britain and the Continent | - | \$27,129,817,000 | \$953,799,000 |
| United States | July 1, 1911 | \$915,353,000 | \$21,311,000 |
| Japan | Apr. 1, 1911 | 1,325,198,000 | 59,312,000 |
| Mexico and South AmerICA: |  |  |  |
| Argentine | Jan. 1, 1911 | \$531,858,000 | \$26,593,000 |
| Brazil | Jan 1, 1911 | 654,303,000 | 32,715,000 |
| Chile | Jan. 1, 1911 | 175,000,000 | 8,750,000 |
| Colombia | Jan. 1, 1911 | 16,622,000 | 831,000 |
| Ecuador | July 1, 1910 | 22,000,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Mexico | July 1, 1911 | 219,537,000 | 10,977,000 |
| Peru | 1909 | 8,400,000 | 462,000 |
| Uruguay . | Jan. 1, 1911 | 134,229,000 | 6,711,000 |
| Venezuela | Jan. 1, 1911 | 39,300,000 | 1,179,000 |
| Total, Mexico and South America | - | \$1,801,249,000 | \$89,318,000 |
| World Total | - | \$31,171,617,000 | \$1,123,740,000 |

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[^0]:    * Statesman's Year Book, 1911; Almanach de Gotha, 1912.

[^1]:    Including the native army of British India, but excluding all other colonial forces and militia, the civilized world now spends in one year for armies and navies (Table I.) about
    $\$ 2,250,000,000$
    Of this amount Great Britain and the Continent spend (Table I.) nearly \$1,700,000,000
    The United States spends (Table I.) . . . . . . \$283,000,000

[^2]:    * We quote the following from the New York Herald as an aid to the imagination in attempting to conceive what a "billion" means:-
    "Where is the human brain that can adequately grasp the vastness of a billion? How many financiers, in speaking casually of a billion-dollar corporation, realize that they are naming a set of figures that, when carefully considered, appalls by its very vastness?
    "How many of them know that since the birth of Christ there have but a few more than a billion minutes passed into history? A minute is such a trifling space of time, and a dollar is such a small sum, yet since the beginning of the Christian era there have been but a few more than a billion minutes, and the silver dollars would plate the sides of every warship in the United States Navy.
    "At an ordinary valuation of agricultural lands in the best farming sections of the country, a billionaire could buy a farm as large as the combined area of the States of New York, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. If he could buy land at $\$ 1$ an acre, he could purchase all the territory of the United States east of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.
    "On the entire surface of the earth there are but a comparatively few more than $1,500,000,000$ human beings, yet science tells us that for untold ages they have been increasing with steady regularity."

[^3]:    *Wealth of United States, $\$ 130,000,000,000$; Russia, $\$ 40,000,000,000$; Aus-tria-Hungary, $\$ 25,000,000,000$. (World Almanac, 1912.)

[^4]:    * Regular army only. Deducting about \$19,600,000 appropriated for reserves and territorials, the average per man of the regular force is about $\$ 455.00$.
    $\dagger$ Uncertain.

[^5]:    * This is probably larger than it should be. It is difficult to separate the imperial expenses from those chargeable to the two separate nations.

[^6]:    $\dagger$ Reckoned as $\$ 107,500,000$, in estimating total for thirty years, to allow for extraordinary expenditures in Boer War.
    Leaving the five nations named in Tables IX., X., and XI.

[^7]:    * Showing that more than two-thirds of the present total annual expenditure of the Government of the United States is for expenses incurred in past wars and in preparation for problematical future wars, leaving less than one-third for all civil constructive purposes.

[^8]:    * Austrian Empire, Austria proper, and Hungary proper, combined. Since 1867 no Joans have been contracted by the Empire.
    $\ddagger$ German Empire only. Prussia alone has a separate debt of nearly $\$ 2,400,000,000$.
    $\ddagger$ Report of Sir Adam Block, 1911.

