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TRAINING FOR DEFENSE

The European war has at last brought this country to a sharp realization of what preparedness may or may not failed to stir the public.

the public could grasp; nor has the public sought one. That has been changed. The lesson of Russia, the less ly to the depression in business. son of Great Britain, the lesson of France has struck

home with us.

Thomas A. Edison upon the board which is now being wind." organized. Edison will devote himself to the development of submarines, while Wright will give his attention to field, Secretary Daniels regards the submarine and air- possibly because they are actually doing little. craft as likely to play the most important part in the sea warfare of the future, and is most desirious that they receive the most attention from the new board.

through a great constructive stage in the history of its of fun and entertainment during the trip. military policy. It is trying at last to determine not how great a military force we should have, but what is an adeis the essential.

In this country a standing army more than sufficient for police duty and show is all but an impossibility.

If there must be a higher state of preparedness, the obvious way to it is through the construction of a reserve alarming that will supplement or supplant the present National Guard organization. By some means or other the civilian of preliminary military training.

It is on the civilian, in the last analysis, that every military project or purpose of this country depends for its success.

TROUBLES IN NEUTRALITY

Neutrality is a hard row to hoe. Taking active part in war seems to require not much discretion or much principle, but keeping out of it calls for both in eminent degree

The worst of it is that the more strictly neutral main, the more displeased with us are both our English. and our German friends in this country.

Between the complaints of the Anglo-Americans and German-Americans, the plain Americans—the real, the German-Americans, the plain Americans—the real, dyed-in-the-wool Americans—find little peace, although

The Anglo-Americans insist on something more helps at a second second ful than mere sympathy, something more partial than neutrality; they think we ought to have protested against tion of precious monuments of architectural or sacred interest to the whole world, against the laying of mines and against various other acts of the Teutonic allies. If these wishes, well intended, were granted, we should soon be in war up to our ears. the violation of Belgium's neutrality, against the destruc-

On the other hand the National German-Americans
League has clearly indicated its purpose to make the European war questions the main political issues in this country, the German-Americans proposing to stand together in our elections.

It is easy to carry this sort of thing too far, and the pro-German propaganda is containly going too far. The American public is tolerant in politics to the extreme, but one thing it never would and never will stand for is coercion by alien influences and interests.

A French military official asserts that it takes three with a manufacture of the decimal that tons of metal to kill one man in the present war. Pretty bigh estimate when accepting the current ngares of approximately four million men killed. It would mean the expenditure of 12,000,000 tans of projectiles up to the ways of the second s

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Any movement which deals with mothers and children touches the welfare of both, and deserves encouragement, If a child's education begins two hundred years before it is born, as Dr. Holmes once declared, then the child is a perplexing problem. The mother is the proper teacher of fants at the Friends Neighborhood House in Philadelphia the other day was an opportunity for practical advice in matters involving public welfare. With apologies to the poet Pope, it may be said that the proper study of mankind is not man, but the baby. That the baby's mother should be its first teacher is natural. It is a social crime for mothers to bring children into the world without the least knowledge of how to care for them.

About 120 carloads of dried prunes have already been mean We have long had greater-Navy talk, greater-sold by the Salem packing houses, which indicates a fair Army talk, but the subject is one that has just as long demand for the coming crop. The price is not high but it There has been no settled purpose of armament which large amount of money in this territory. Last year the

"Summy California" is hardly living up to its advertis-The United States is to have the greatest combination ing literature charing the exposition year. Returning fair of inventors in the world on the civilian board of a bureau visitors tell of rain, fog and wind such as they never saw of development and invention in the navy department. on the Northwest coast, and the Oregon commissioner This was made evident today when it became known writes to the Capital Journal advising visitors to "bring that Orville Wright is understood to be scheduled to join beavy winter clothing. It is foggy and cold with much

The Italians seem to be conducting a very quiet, orderaviation. While the electrical wizard and the aeroplane ly sort of a war and so far haven't even employed the inventor will not be limited in their work to any particular usual number of press agents. They are saying little.

It is costing the city of Philadelphia \$35,000 to send the liberty hell across the continent. And its patriotic-Unless all signs fail, the United States is passing guardians are going to have about a million dollars worth

Now that Germany's reply has been received the newsquate force for what purpose we mean to follow. That papers will keep up interest by speculating upon the nature of this country's rejoinder.

> Kueds in Mush are massacring Armenians, so the latest advices state. It is needless to say the situation is

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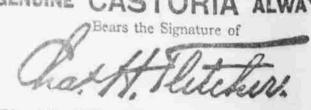
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