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 THE NEW PREPAREDNESS

The conception of the steps which the United States needs to fied by the terrific conflict of $1917-18$. Before the World war, most people thought that more battle ships and a bigger regular army were the beat protection. But if the United States had double
its regular army and boit 20 battle hips in 1916, it would have been but little better able to fight the German power. Many persons had an easy going idea that an army could be placed in the field in a short time. The experts knew better and long had urged proparedness. Still it is doubtful if they foresaw all the difficulties that were encountered in 1917. Raising the great army of $4,000,000 \mathrm{men}$ was a problem that worked itself out with a fair degree of speed. It was frained more rapidly than one could expect. But when it came to providing that army with the stupendous equipment of mumitions and supplies that it needed, a problem was encountered that seemed of almost insuperable difficulty. The war deparment is working on plans for induatrial preparednuch, strumele it will be readier to er becomes involved in another such struggle, it will be readier to act. The whole country should approve of and co-operate with the effort. The man-power of the gether is a far different pirvposition. It requires that a material together is a far different proposition. It requires that a great
number of industrial plants shall shift over their production to war atuff. This causes disorganization and frietion, and it can not possibly work smoothly unless every detail is planned in ad vance. The United States fervently hopes to keep out of war, but the present world outlook is disturbed, and preparedness i necessary.

The head of a girl's boarding school wece first lesson that she tried 10 impreas on her pupils waid that the cipline. She feuls that parents have insufficient con was that of dispeople and that fimily goveriment has partly broken down, so that the first business of ruch a school is to teaci respect for au-
thority. The young crowd may look at this as a stern att of touch with the timend, But while modern soung folks are wout derfully bright and capable, they frequently have more freedomthan they know what to do with. The wiadom of past freedom tions said that boys and girls were to attain their freedom at the age of 21 , but ruany get it now-when they are half fhat age. Perhaps self assertion for parents is as necessary in these times as self reliance for children.

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firms use for making an inventory firms use for making un inventory. For many concotm
operating on a close murgin it may be an anxious time, dread to total up the figures that shail show whether has hrought gain or loss. Inventories sométimes reveal startion riala and merchandise, it is not possible to tell whether mig money except through the figures of a carcfully it is mak tory. A fow cents lost all alorg the way may mosan that a business that had aoemed profitable is operatiog at a loss. Cousidering the months, it can reasonably be hoped that the finventories of 1928 will be more satiafactory than those taken a year ago.

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