

## GREATER NAVY URGED AS BEST GUARANTEE OF PEACE AT HOME

Gospel of Preparedness Is  
Spread by Dr. J. P. Bullitt  
While Guest in This City.

### EXPLAINS LOCAL MISSION

Representative of Navy League Thru  
to Address Number of Civic  
Organizations.

Representing the Navy League of the United States, Dr. James P. Bullitt, of San Francisco, field secretary of the Pacific coast department, is making an extended stay in Portland to interest the people of Oregon in a growing organization of some 100,000 members who believe adequate preparation for war is the surest guarantee of peace.

As indicated by the title of their organization they believe that the navy is the best and surest form of defense.

Full of enthusiasm for his mission, Dr. Bullitt is in Portland prepared to explain the objects of the Navy League and tell why America needs a larger and more efficient navy. He has been invited to speak before several of the civic clubs of the city and welcomes any opportunity to hold meetings.

Dr. Bullitt holds that the present European war has shown the futility of disarmament at this time and emphasizes emphatically the need of preparedness of the greatest kind.

**Congress Neglects Question.**  
"Some years ago a plan for the rebuilding of our navy was adopted which, if it had been carried out, would have kept us second to Great Britain in strength," said Dr. Bullitt at the Portland hotel yesterday. "Changes in administration and other reasons made for the gradual dropping of this plan and as a result we have dropped down the list in naval strength. But we have continued to spend money, millions of dollars, but the money has not been spent."

"We have developed our army and navy and coast defenses with no view to coordination. Influential members of congress have obtained thousands of dollars through pork barrel methods for army posts in out of the way places. System has been entirely lacking and as a result we have spent money without getting results."

"Congress has neglected the question of adequate defense in favor of river and harbor improvement, post-offices, pensions and the like with a view to getting as much pork as possible for individual districts rather than the whole country at large."

"Congressional log rolling has been directed toward individual and not toward the people as a whole. Considerations because the people have not been alive to the need of defense and have not as a consequence demanded its upbuilding."

**Belgium and China Cited.**  
"The people will get what they want as soon as they make it plain to congress that they want national defense. The purpose of the Navy League is to arouse public sentiment that will reflect on congress, to awaken the people to the need of being prepared for emergency, to the realization that the time may always come when national honor is at stake and it is impossible to avert actual hostilities."

"The case of Belgium, the weakness of China in face of the Japanese demands show plainly the need of adequate defense. China was actually humiliated because of her lack of strength. Had the doctrine of absolute justice held neither of these countries would have suffered. Their cases should be a lesson for us to consider."

"The American people are beginning to appreciate the need of adequate defense as never before because of the European war and I believe there is a growing sentiment in its favor. It is the purpose of the Navy League to keep up this sentiment and not let it fall like a rock."

**Navy Logical Defense.**  
Dr. Bullitt believes that the navy is the logical means of defense from aggression, in that it is mobile, it can be moved to any point, it is the only defense open to land attack from the rear, he states, and there is nothing to prevent landing of forces at unprotected spots. The fleet, he states, offers the means of checking any aggression."

Dr. Bullitt indorses Senator Chamberlain's idea for a council of national defense that would coordinate all branches of the national defense and would plan defense from all angles. Need of such coordination was most evident, he asserts, in the Spanish war where more men died of fever than in battle."

In line with its purpose to awaken the nation to its needs, the Navy League has just begun publication of a most attractive and interesting magazine called "The Seven Seas," the first number of which is dated June 1. Membership in the organization includes a subscription.

**General Secret, Roads League.**  
At the head of the league is General Horace Porter, Civil war veteran and former ambassador to France. Colonel Robert M. Thompson, mining man and graduate of Annapolis, is chairman of its executive committee. Arthur Henry Dudson is secretary of the organization and there are several field secretaries, including Dr. Edward Breck, naturalist, former consul and journalist; William Mather Lewis, D. D. Houston-Shaw and Dr. Bullitt.

On the executive committee are Charles A. Fowler, of New York; Perry Belmont, of Washington; and New York; Frank J. Symonds, of San Francisco banker who formerly was in

the navy; and John Callan O'Loughlin, well known newspaper writer and former assistant secretary of the treasury.

**Vacant House Fire**  
Stirs Forest Grove

Forest Grove, Or., June 1.—A fire in a vacant house on Third street in this city at 2 o'clock Sunday morning called out the fire department and most of the citizens. The house, which was owned by a Mr. Brown, was practically destroyed. The owner lives out of this county and it could not be learned whether or not he carried any insurance.

Forest Rehearsal lodge, No. 44, of this city, has elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: N. C. Anna Fogue, V. G. M. McNamara, secretary, Mary Hill; treasurer, Connie Tauton. The state president will visit the local lodge June 16, and will be given a reception by Forest lodge members.

Professors L. R. Clayton and C. C. Voller, of the local public schools, will leave this week for a walking trip, their first stop being Tillamook. From there they will go to Astoria, and plan to reach Portland in time to attend the Rose Festival.

**WILKINS AT EMPRESS**  
IS SO SAD HE MAKES  
HIS AUDIENCE 'ROAR'

Lee Barth, Expert at Dialects, Adds to Entertainment.

The saddest person that we know is at the Empress vaudeville show. His name is Wilkins. And, oh, how very sad this man can be! Grief grips him as he does his chores—the audience roars and reels and roars because, you see, the sadder he is, the funnier he seems to be.

He has a partner, name the same—who has him at his merry games—but though we like the Wilkinses much more to this week's show there is—For instance, one Lee Barth affects a dozen different dialects. At walking speed he rattles through—the list from Chinese unto Jew.

Three sweet and agile little girls are seen in dances swift and neat—and as they fly on dazzling feet—they play the banjo and the bugle—with their good talents they're not afraid of no, no, you cannot call it crime—to make two words like those two rhyme. "Her Name Was Dennis" is a play—that shows a faithful wife the way to win a husband back who thinks his wife, home loving dame, his jinks. Gets by divorce, and then the faithful wife, of course, takes pains to let the poor chump see—the flaws in his affinity.

Oh, sure, he had one who, he thought—had all the culture that he sought—but he was cured, if such as he—can laugh but asses ever be. Annual act, on bars and rings—my acrobats do clever things—enough, my muse, as poets say—the boss says space is shy today.

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## Italy Wonders if Germany's at War

Subject of Italian-German Relations  
Seems to Be Clouded; No Step Taken  
Since Severing Diplomatic Relations.

Rome, June 1.—(I. N. S.)—La Tribuna publishes an article beginning: "Are we or are we not at war with Germany?"

The question has been asked frequently in the last few days and very different answers have been given. Germany broke off diplomatic relations with Italy when Ambassador Von Buelow asked for his passport, but no further step has been taken by either power. In all probability no steps will be taken until Italian and German troops find themselves face to face, but the report is being spread that Germany is anxious to have at least one power to say a kindly word for her at the peace negotiations, and with this end in view German troops will not be sent into the field against Italy.

It may be that Germany, which cannot have many troops to spare, may have tried to that end to impress upon Italians that she will not be a vigorous enemy, and there are still some sufficient allies who say Italy has no quarrel with Germany, though popular feeling on the whole is all the other way.

**Interruption Proves Slow.**  
London, June 1.—(I. N. S.)—The interruption of subjects of enemy countries is proceeding slowly owing to the difficulty of finding suitable accommodations, which are all required for new recruits and military purposes of other kinds.

**FOR NERVOUS DYSPEPSIA**  
Take Horford's Acid Phosphate  
Sufferers from acid stomach or sick headache will find welcome relief from this tonic. Adv.

**Swan Song of  
Cabaret Is Sung**  
Melody of Singers Will No Longer Garish  
Meals in Local Hotels and  
Cafes.

Goodbye, everybody,  
Goodbye, dear old diner,  
No more you'll hear us sing;  
It breaks our hearts to tell you we're  
going.

So long, goodbye!  
Here's kisses to make you remember  
the days of old lang syne;  
Goodbye, dear old diner,  
Goodbye, song and wine;  
Goodbye, everybody,  
Goodbye, old cabaret!

Such were the songs sung in Portland cabarets last night, the last of the cabaret as a Portland institution. This particular parody was sung as it broke our hearts to tell you we're going.

No more will meals be garnished with melody—at least not the melody of singers. There will be orchestral music, but no more dancing, no costume, no more dancers, no more akat.

Today carpenters are tearing out the stage in the Arcadian Gardens at the Multnomah.

The change was accomplished by mutual agreement of hotel and grill proprietors.

**Women Chosen Fit  
Parts Given Them**

In selecting the cast for "Everywoman's Road," which opens tonight at the Heilig, the women in real life live the parts they will represent in the play.

Miss Edith McDonald, for illustration, in the very picture of "Everywoman's Road," in face and form is a Joy Giver.

Miss Josephine Hammond, the talented author and producer of "Everywoman's Road," in face and form is stately Truth. So all throughout the characters are lived rather than personified. With by Miss Grace Davis; Will, by Miss Bess Owens; Keeper of Flame, by Miss Josephine Saunders.

**Return From Mt. Hood.**  
A party of 13, led by J. M. Griley, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., returned yesterday from a Memorial day climb of Mount Hood. In the party were Mr. Griley, C. H. French, Dr. Edith McDowell, Thomas R. Sattor, E. Russell White, William C.

**Washington County  
Fair Is Scheduled**

Forest Grove, Or., June 1.—The annual Washington county fair will be held this year October 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,