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M not the flag; not at alt. I am but its shadow.
I am whatever you make me; nothing more.
people may become.
I live a changing
breaks and changing life, a
Sometimes I am strong with pride, when men do an honest work, fitting the rails together truly.
Sometimes I droop, for then purpose has gone from me, and
Sork ynically I play the coward.
Sometimes I am loud, garish, and fuil of that ego that blasts
judgment, but always I am all that you hope to be and have the courage to try for.

I am song and fear, struggle and panic and ennobling hope. I am the day's work
I am the constitution and the courts, statutes and the statute
makers, soldier and dreadnaught, drayman and street sweep cook, counsellor and clerk.
I am the battle of yesterday and the mistake of tomorrow. 1 am the mystery of the men who do without knowing why.
I am the cluteh of anjdea and the reasoned purpose of resolution.
I am nd more than what you believe me to be and I am all hat you believe I can be.
I am what you make
I am what you make me; nothing more.
I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this nation. My stars and my stripes are your dream and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage
firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your heart: you are the makers of the flag, and it is well that you glory in the making.

## THEY HAVE LEARNED NOTHING

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 VE would think that the war had taught us to value a thor oughly up-to-date navy and an efficient air servicenothing else in the way of military preparedness. some people consider it the height of wisdom to slash the nava
appropriation bill regardless of the fact we are not in the League of Nations or any other world combination for preserv ing peace. These people view with disfavor the strengthening of the navy although we are admittedly outelassed at presen
by Great Britain and regardless of the fact Japan has an am bitious navy building program under way. They are unmoved by the fact our administration is pledged to change the Panama canal tolls act in seeming disregard of a treaty with England ese alliance is not yet determined. They fail to consider tha part of Europe is under a bolsheviki regime that makes ope war on democracy and that the rest of the big European states never know from day to day what dangers they may face on the morrow. Our pacificts ignore the ract that the world has been
shown to be small and that when a big fire rages the flames may easily reach our shores.
These people are making a mistake. If they had their way they could lead us into blunders that might prove disastrous
We want peace and disarmament and we should be actively leading a world move to make peace and disarmament effective and sure. But until we do that and bring about security it would be insane for America to neglect its sea strength. Until we get a fire department we can count upon it would be folly
to tear the fire extinguikher from the wall and the hose bib to tear the fire extinguisher from the wall and the hose bib
from the kitchen sink.
A Southern Oregon paper expresses the hope of the state
about the 1925 exposition in Portland is that it wont be run like about the 1925 exposition
the Portland ball team. Much to the joy of the farmers the wheat market is taking
on some needed weight with the advent of springtime.
A man named Enoch I. Will has been brought back to Hills
boro on a charge of wife desertion; you cannot tell much by a boro on
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