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## PREPAREDNESS

A DOPTION of an immense military preparedness program by the peace-loving administration is extremely disheartening to humanity.

Europe today, torn and bleeding, with five millions slain and twelve millions under arms, with the resources and industries of all the people devoted to unholy slaughter, is the answer to the military preparedness program. It was the possession of large armies for defense that occasioned the war.

If barbarism and butchery are the chief aims of civilization, the United States, following in the footsteps of Europe, is in a fair way to realize them. Yet there never was a time in the history of the nation when there was less need of armament. Isolation makes invasion impractical, despite the lurid shrieks of jingoes. The war's conclusion will leave an exhausted world—no matter who is victor. Years of recuperation will be necessary before any power recovers sufficient strength for a war of conquest. And instead of advocating universal disarmament and paving the way for a parliament of the world, the United States will be keeping militarism alive after its collapse in Europe.

While no one advocates non-resistance and all believe in some preparation for defense, the degree of preparation is the issue. Certainly the need of the nation does not call for the monster two billion dollar military establishment outlined. If a half-billion dollars is necessary this year, a billion dollars will be declared necessary the next year. A standing army of a quarter of a million will be declared inadequate, and a million, then two millions and then the entire nation in arms. And we will be asked to keep the barbaric ideals of militarism alive by training school boys for future slaughter, under the sham pretence that the nation is endangered.

Why this frenzied stampede towards militarism? Why this expenditure of hundreds of millions in warships before we know whether a battleship is of any use in war? Why not wait to secure all the lessons taught by conflict before wasting our money in structures obsolete before completion? Science is revolutionizing warfare—why not secure the benefits of the revolution before expending the blood money of the people?

The example of America in spending two billions for militarism will be followed by other nations, just as Germany's example was, and this will force America in turn to increase armaments, and the insane rush will be on to culminate in another world conflict. Why plunge the nation into such criminal folly?

Mr. Roosevelt stands ready to sacrifice his program of economic reforms for militarism—but because Teddy is a miniature edition of the kaiser is no reason for the nation's sacrificing these reforms. The causes of war are economic. If economic justice prevails, the cause of war is removed. Military preparedness cannot prevent war, though the issue raised may sidetrack social and industrial reforms vital to the life of the nation. That nation is unconquerable in which social justice prevails. Securing it is the best preparedness.

TWO DOLLAR OIL  
REALIZED AT WELLSHERRICK ASSERTS  
G. O. P. REUNITED

PITTSBURG, Nov. 18.—Two dollar oil, the goal of hundreds of producers throughout the country, was reached today when the South Pennsylvania Oil company announced the second advance in crude oils for the week as follows:

Pennsylvania crude, \$2. Mercer, Black, Newcastle, Corning, \$1.60; Cabbell, \$1.55; Somerset, \$1.12; Rossland, 70 cents.

This is an advance of 10 cents a barrel on each grade, except Rossland, which remained unchanged.

Oil started to advance last August, and impelled by cutthroat of production abroad, and increased consumption in this country, has been going up ever since.

HALF A MILLION  
DOPE FIENDS IN U.S.

The coat and give it a final "soaking" at the sign of the three balls. (Ed. Hong Kong Kolum.)

Today's Beltringer  
Frank Daniels, the musical comedy star, has now entered moving pictures. Mr. Daniels and Herbert Prior were leaving the Lamb's club in New York when they espied a drunken individual leaning against the show window of a clothier.

"Now go back to bed Maria," this party was saying. "I'm all right."

Daniels and Prior looked in the window and saw a wax figure in a fancy night dress.

## A Dangerous Job

Sergeant (in trench)—Now Malloy, you're been asking me to use the periscope. Here it is—why don't you use it?

Malloy—I was trying it, son, but twice I almost got a bullet through it!—Punch.

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New York, Nov. 18.—Fully 500,000 persons in the United States are addicted to the use of drugs, according to Dr. T. D. Crothers, president of the New York Medical Legal society. Dr. Crothers told the members of the society in a meeting last night that users of drugs are always more or less incompetent, impaired mentally and unable to judge of their own acts.

"This is a two-party country," he said. "It has never had, and I presume never will have, those multiple divisions by which the citizenship of some other nations is split. Between the two wings of our party there is no difference as to the route or direction, but only as to the speed limit."

MEDFORD PEOPLE PRAISE  
SIMPLE MIXTURE

Many in Medford praise the simple mixture of blackthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-ka. This remedy is the most thorough bowel cleanser ever sold, being even successful in appendicitis. ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. ONE MINUTE after you take it the gases rumble and pass out. Adler-ka cannot gripe and the INSTANT action is surprising. L. H. Haskins, Druggist.—Ad.

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CHURCHILL OFF  
TO JOIN REGIMENT  
ON BATTLE LINE

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Winston Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty and chamberlain of the duchy of Lancaster, in the uniform of his regiment, left for the front this morning. His wife bade him farewell at the railroad station, where he passed unrecognized on the platform as he waited to enter a sped car.

Mr. Churchill became widely known as a soldier before he began his political career. He entered the army in 1885, after being graduated from Sandhurst. He served with the Malakand Field in 1897; was present at the operations in Bajour, served with the Tirah and Nili expeditionary forces, being present at the battle of Khartum. He also saw service as a lieutenant of South African light horse before he became a newspaper correspondent to report the Boer war.

Mr. Churchill is listed as a major of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, and it probably is this regiment which he has left to join.

ITALIANS CAPTURE  
HEIGHT OF GORIZIA

ROME, Nov. 18.—A victory for the Italian forces which are attempting to capture Gorizia was announced to-night by the war office. A strong Austrian position northwest of the city was captured. The statement follows:

"On November 14 the enemy fired twelve-inch shells into the villages of Loeca and Bescecca, in Conegliano valley. Yesterday the enemy's batteries directed bombardments against the once flourishing towns of Mossa and Lucinico, on the Isonzo plain. These towns are now heaps of smoking ruins.

"Our infantry took by assault a strong entrenched position on the height northwest of Gorizia."

Thoughtful Woman  
"My mother," said the thin man in the smoking compartment, "was the most admirable housekeeper in the world. She was a missionary in Africa and was finally eaten by cannibals. And when they thrust her into the pot she cried out with her last breath 'Don't forget the salt and pepper!'

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RAILROAD MEN  
PREPARING TO ASK  
EIGHT HOUR DAY

CLEVELAND, Nov. 18.—The four railroad brotherhoods, including more than 350,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen in all railroads in the United States, announced to-day they are preparing to make formal demand about March 1 that the railroads grant them an eight-hour day with the same pay they now get for ten hours.

Action will be taken at a meeting of the executive committee of the brotherhoods in Chicago, December 15, when ballots for a referendum will be prepared. The votes, it was said, are expected to be tabulated before March 1.

The eastern association of the general chairmen of the engineers and firemen's brotherhoods in joint session here last night decided to join the conductors' and trainmen's brotherhoods in the eight-hour day and a half and a half for overtime demands. Similar action is expected at the meeting of southern associations of engineers and firemen at Washington next Monday, and of the western associations at Chicago, December 16.

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Grant Chesterfield, the noted thought reader and clairvoyant who has startled the populace in all the large cities on the Atlantic coast, possesses powers most marvelous if the statements of the most prominent citizens of Medford are to be believed. They claim that he has given them readings, immediately told them of the past, diagnosed their physical condition, described their present sit-



uation of affairs, and then proceeded to define for them their future. They further aver that many predictions made by the enigma have already come to pass. Seen at his parlors at the Palm Rooming House, 125 West Main street, Chesterfield said:

"Possibly some reports are exaggerated, but then you must remember that I have been endorsed by such authorities as the Press Club of Chicago, practically by such universities as St. Petersburg and a long string of others. Again among the noted personages whom I have read for are the most distinguished of either hemisphere, so I hardly think this report you have heard is at all exaggerated."

"Do you read one's future?" was asked.

"I read the past as well as the future."

"Do you give legal advice?"

"Yes."

"The same is in the certain cases. I diagnose ones condition and advise accordingly how to recover their lost nerve, energy, and power and what to do to take care of their health in the future. Some have certain business changes they should make, others have marriages, divorces, lawsuits in store for them; still others have mining interests or geographical changes to undergo, and so it runs on."

"How many readings do you give daily?"

"Oh, that's hard to say. In Omaha I read 2000 in several weeks. Now come in another time and I'll give you a reading."

Then the wonder worker, who kept New York, Boston, Copenhagen, and other cosmopolitan cities in a flurry called "next," and vanished into his consulting room.—Adv.

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