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<p>GREAT BRITAIN TO BE AN ARMED CAMP</p> <hr/> <p>Huge Military Scheme Planned for Next Year -- Regular Army as Invaders---Terri- torials to Defend.</p>	<p>ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION NEARING READINESS</p> <hr/> <p>Final Arrangements Being Completed for Capt. Scott's Coming Dash for the South Pole--Scientific Personnel.</p>
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London, Dec. 27.—Next year may very possibly see Great Britain one huge armed camp assembled to repel an invasion now being arranged. The defenders will be as many of the Territorials as can be mustered, the "invaders" will be the Regular Army, which will, under escort of the Royal Naval Reserve, land large parties of sailors be landed at various points on the coast line stretching from Sussex to the northeast coast of Scotland.

The exact landing places are not yet decided upon, though the choice is the northern coast, and is somewhat signified. The general idea will be that two or more invasions, destined to split up the defending forces, have

London, Dec. 27.—Good progress is being made with the preparations for Captain Scott's Antarctic expedition, officially designated "British Antarctic Expedition of 1910"—and one member of the staff will leave for Siberia before the end of the year to obtain the necessary dogs and ponies.

Captain Scott has himself only recently received the approval of his appointment at the Admiralty, in order that he may devote the whole of his time to the work of his expedition. Work has already commenced on the ship *Theraps Nova*, and the removal of oil tanks, with other minor work, is in progress. The electric motor, the members of the scientific staff has not yet been definitely made, but it is

The actual disembarkation will not be opposed, the supposition being that the Japanese will be conducted to the shore and the Territorials are mobilized. The war office is now making inquiries among the various Territorial commanding officers in order to see how many men could be mustered to form a part of an expeditionally scheme of manoeuvres.

Should the plan mature the whole of the Territorial Army will be employed, and after the ordinary training—which will last from July 23 to Aug. 1—the "invasion" will take place, operations being arranged to last for a month.

Each Territorial district will be attacked, either directly or indirectly, and hostile forces will be landed which the citizen division will have to engage and, if may be, repel each as nearly as possible in its own territory.

Mr. Wilson, chief of the scientific staff, will also be a zoologist and artist, but it is expected that the zoologists will be included in Captain Trott's personnel, and steps are being taken to induce a man having special knowledge of marine biology to join the expedition.

The services of Mr. C. R. Meares, a well known traveller, who lately completed a most interesting journey on the coast of Alaska, have been secured for the expedition, and he has been in England almost immediately after his return from his tour in Siberia to get suitable ponies and dogs. Mr. Meares will collect his animals at Vladivostok, whence they will be sent to the coast of Japan for Australia and New Zealand. He will join the Terra Nova in New Zealand. The landing parties probably

For Thorough Test. By this means a thorough test of the value of the Territorials will be obtained, for the home defence army will be made up of men who will know that it would have to face in real war, and active service conditions will prevail, as far as they can be reproduced in the Territorial Army.

Whilst the whole of the territorial forces will be employed, the army of invasion will, in all likelihood, be skeletoned.

Nothing as yet is definite, nor can any more steps be taken until the general election is over, and it is known what the government in power will do.

influence exists that despite all the efforts of the United States and the States the Great Republic is, in a military sense, a Colossus with feet of clay and that the defenseless condition of American possessions in the Pacific is a menace to the United States situation so far as the insular portions of American territory are concerned except a fleet stronger than the Japanese navy as a whole and permanently stationed in the western Pacific. It is not clear when, if ever, such a fleet can be provided, while, as General Lea considers that Germany can place 550,000 men within the Union in four days in the future, it is not without uncovering the East.

"Unpalatable though it may be to the United States, the security of their territory depends largely upon the influence of the British Empire. It was this friendship which stifled at their inception the designs of Europe to intervene during the war with Spain, and it is the same influence which has kept the British Empire from aggressive war, cause him to think twice and to think better of committing such a folly. But Japan, as she may, has never yet displayed the same spirit, to which the moderation and prudence of all her foreign policy is entirely alien. Nor can one think for a moment that she would ever be so insane as to attack, with annexation as her object, the States of the Union which border the Pacific Ocean, for, though she might capture and confirm her hold of them, she would begin a war of such length and such exhaustion, so certain to bring other combatants into the field, that no one but a fanatic or a madman could contemplate it."

England's Problems.

Meanwhile Great Britain is endeavoring to clinch with its own problems, under the spur of the awakeners and the lash of politics. With reference to the obtaining of suitable candidates for commissions in the regular army, the British War Office states the problem is assuming serious proportions. Cadets of the "right social and educational stamp," it is pointed out, are becoming fewer every year, and the examinations for commission in the infantry, artillery and engineers have had to be dispensed with. Previously the examinations for entrance to Sandhurst were abandoned because of the paucity of candidates presenting themselves. It is sufficiently evident that parents and guardians are seeking to send their sons to the universities and conventual commission is regarded, comprising a far reaching representation in membership to inquire into the subject.

THIRTY YEARS ASLEEP

Blow on the Head Had Curious Effect on Kalamazoo Man—Another Blow Made Him Sleep.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Henry Stephens, night watchman, who resides at Kalamazoo, has gone without sleep continuously for the past 33 years on account of a blow on the head. Ordinary cuts and bruises on his body he did not feel in the slightest.

A few days ago Stephens fell and struck his head on the slippery sidewalk, immediately his sleep came. The incident became reversed, and now it is almost impossible for him to remain awake long enough to eat his meals. His body is as sensitive as the ordinary man's to superficial wounds and he has lost of nearly 100,000 hours of sleep bears heavily upon him. This is the only instance on record of a man being going without sleep and appearing to be unaffected in general health.

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