

three slips capable of building large war vessels, to seventeen. In this last year they have added 38,000 men to the Krupp works at Essen, in order to be able to make all the guns and the equipment necessary for those great battle ships. What has been done since this discussion in the English House of Commons? Austria is building eight great Dreadnoughts. Do you mean to tell me those Dreadnoughts will not be ready to fall into rank against our Empire? Of course they will. And as another proof of the extraordinary danger of the present state of affairs, I just ask you to remember this one thing, that last March the Premier of England, Mr. Asquith, and three or four of his leading Ministers, backed by the leaders of the Opposition, all struck the note of alarm and said that something must be done to try and save the present condition of affairs. Now, if they were all alarmed then, I want to ask any of you what change has taken place since? Are we one single whit safer to-day than we were then when that cry was raised, when the danger was thought so great that the British Government called her people from the ends of the earth to London to have a conference and see what should be done? Has there been any change yet? Are we any stronger? What have we done? We have simply talked. (No, no.) There has been practically nothing done yet. I am glad to say that our Government are going to try to do something now;