

A SCHEME OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE. One Queen, One Flag, One Fleet.

III.—THE ARMY. (From the London Daily Graphic.) Sir—The writer of a recent leading article in one of your contemporaries lays down, with much justice, that "without an adequate army even a supreme navy is powerless, except for maritime defence, which includes, of course, maritime attack as the best form of defence, but does not include that ulterior defence which consists in territorial attack, and, as such, is the specific function of the army."

Why NOT A COLONIAL ARMY CORPS? I am not of those who believe that in an empire like ours a separate military force for each colony is a superfluous or a wasteful dissipation of energy. On the contrary, that sort of force undoubtedly ought to exist everywhere, and in all the great colonies it happily exists. It fills, in fact, the functions of the volunteers here, though I am willing to admit that many of these colonial organizations are much more efficient than some of our volunteer battalions, and that, in certain respects, they stand upon a wholly different plane.

HEADQUARTERS AT HOME. It is not enough to thank and honor the colonies for their exhibition of British spirit. Something ought to be done to utilize their goodwill, and to prove to them that we do not think lightly of their generous attitude, and that we feel that they mean what they say. And it is not enough to put forward the suggestion save in the humblest and most tentative spirit; yet it is surely permissible to ask at this time, when the colonies have so lately and so spontaneously assured us of their desire to stand with us in the business of holding the empire together: Why not a Colonial Army Corps?

AT THE SERVICE OF THE EMPIRE. Here is the peace organization of our first army corps: Twenty-five infantry battalions of 800, 20,000. Seven machine gun detachments. Four cavalry squadrons of 124. 448. Twelve field artillery batteries of 167. 2,004. Three horse artillery batteries of 188. 504. Three ammunition park sections. Four engineer field companies of 213. 862. One bridging troop. Eight a telegraph battalion. 172. One engineer field park. One transport section. Twelve Army Service Corps companies. 600. Six bearers companies. Ten field hospitals. One signal company.

THE RENEWING OF YOUTH. The various contingents might be provided by the establishment in the colonies of the system of linked battalions, and one of each pair of such battalions might be always on imperial service, or lying here, awaiting it, while the other remained in its colony, where the station would also be. All expenses of transport would be the affair of the imperial government, which would also provide accommodation here. The term of service of a battalion with the Colonial Army Corps might be either three or four years, and the officers might be in the first instance taken from existing colonial corps, and thereafter entered and educated exactly like officers of the home army. The advantages to all parties would be great. The empire would gain defenders, and would benefit from the increased intercourse among its component parts. The young men of the colonies would obtain opportunities, such as comparatively few of them now enjoy, of seeing and knowing their motherland, and of understanding the greatness of her inheritance, and the proud significance of their Britishness.

tain opportunities, such as comparatively few of them now enjoy, of seeing and knowing their motherland, and of understanding the greatness of her inheritance, and the proud significance of their Britishness. And the Old Country would, as it were, renew its youth by intimate association, in peace as well as in war, with the strong actions of its most venturesome stocks. Nor can I but think that the military efficiency, even of the home-staying portions of the colonial forces, would be improved by the periodical flowing back to them of officers and men who had met, either as foes or as friends, people of all sorts and hues, in all corners of the world, just as our own army is undeniably improved by its turns of service abroad.

AT THE WAR OFFICE. Within the new Army Corps proper colonial pride and esprit de corps might be assisted, as in the navy, by the wearing of appropriate badges, as well as, of course, as by the continued wearing of such characteristic uniforms as have already become identified with the particular bodies of colonial troops; and the interests of the corps, and of the colonies furnishing it, might be looked after by the agents-general, represented at the War Office, as an admiralty, by some one who should be ex officio a member of the joint naval and military committee on defence; to which, in that case, the United Kingdom would send nine and the colonies two members. I have now only to look at the financial aspects of these proposals. This I will do in my fourth and concluding letter.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, "SPLENDID ISOLATION."

IV.—FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS. Sir—The measures which I have described in my former letters contemplate an addition from colonial sources of eight or ten thousand officers and men to the imperial army, and of about twenty-five thousand officers and men to the active army, and the representation in London of colonial interests, naval and military, by two emissaries who should be ex officio members of the joint naval and military committee on defence. The carrying out of the scheme would, of course, incidentally involve the gradual creation, in every colony, of considerable naval and military reserves of highly-trained men, and would thus be beneficial alike to local and to imperial security, though the rules regulating the period for which the reserves after completion of service with the imperial fleet or with the active army might well be different in the various colonies. Each of the emissaries would be authorized to expend a substantial sum yearly on local defence; but the amounts now disbursed would not, it is clear, suffice to meet the necessarily increased expenditure called for under the scheme which I have invited attention. The financial problem then is—How are the additional funds to be found, and who is to find them?

HOW TO SAVE MILLIONS. It is calculated that if, in addition to the sums already dispensed by the colonies for defensive objects, an amount a little exceeding £2,000,000 a year were available, the cost of the proposed measure would be covered. Now, the self-governing colonies have been considerable borrowers in the past, and the total amounts of their indebtedness is, at the present time, somewhere in the neighborhood of £40,000,000. The mean rate of interest which they are paying on this is apparently about 3.1-2 per cent, and the annual interest paid, at that rate, is roughly £12,400,000. The United Kingdom can borrow up on easier terms than this, and no one can doubt that a loan guaranteed by the United Kingdom would be very eagerly taken up at 3 per cent, if not at an even lower rate. Supposing, therefore, that the United Kingdom were to say to the self-governing colonies: "On condition that you will join me, as suggested, in this scheme of imperial defence, that you will bear the current additional charges, and that you will guarantee me 3 per cent on the amount of your debts, I will take over the whole of them. The result will be that instead of paying annually £12,400,000 as interest, you will only have to pay £14,100,000, and that consequently, without imposing any additional burdens on your taxpayers, you will have a sum of £2,300,000 available for the imperial objects in question." Stated more briefly, an advantageous conversion of the colonial debts would, as far as can be seen, solve the problem without pinching anybody. Later, as the prosperity of the colonies improved, it is possible that arrangements might be made for the furnishing of still larger contingents both to the navy and to the army.

AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM. There are, of course, many details to be considered. It would be inappropriate to go into them in this place, and I will not touch them. I will confine myself to saying that if colonial feeling be what it seems to be, and if, here, at home, there be that real desire which I believe to exist—see this great empire of ours something more than a heterogeneous congeries of atoms, there can be no insuperable difficulties in the way of the kind of defensive union which I have ventured to sketch.

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