

“The withdrawal of our fleet from the Mediterranean is one of the gravest events in our political history. But concentrating our ships round the British Coast is an acknowledgment by the Admiralty that there is a real danger of a neighboring power striking at us.”

*(North Wales Guardian, July 12, 1912.)*

“Mr. Churchill was equally outspoken (with Sir Edward Grey) as to the requirements of the fleet, and left none of his hearers in doubt that German competition in armaments and the necessity for concentrating our forces in the North Sea have made inevitable an immediate increase in our programme of construction.”

*(Daily Mail, London, July 13, 1912.)*

“It is obvious that Germany, even if she is foolish enough to take upon herself the crushing burden of a navy capable of challenging British Supremacy on the Sea, can never hope to build in competition with all the Dominions of the British Empire added to the Mother Country.”

*(The Mowsey Market Review, July 13, 1912.)*

“For a hundred years and more the people of these islands, with blood and treasure, have kept the flag flying on the Seven Seas, policing and patrolling, while the infant nations, constantly fed from the best stock of the Old Country, have been gathering their strength. And now the reward and the justification of our past sacrifices have come.”

*(The Outlook, London, July 13, 1912.)*

“That (Mr. Borden’s propositions) is the grand ideal which inspires the thoughts and calculations of every sober and patriotic mind.”

*(Country Life, July 13, 1912.)*