

GERMANS DON'T WANT WAR

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 29.—"Our people do not want war with England," said Baron Bissing, a banker in Berlin, Germany, who is in Edmonton with Baroness Bissing on a tour of the Prairie Provinces. "There will be no war as long as the German emperor lives," he added. "It is the English newspapers that talk of war with Germany. They do a lot of harm."

"We want to see the two nations growing more and more friendly," the baron continued. "Great Britain and her colonies are the best customers Germany has. Why, then, would she want to ruin her trade by going to war? The trade of the world would be at a standstill if ever the two nations went to war with one another."

Asked why Germany is going ahead increasing its navy, the baron replied: "Germany builds her fleet for the same reason that she maintains her great army—because they are protection against war. Neither the people nor the rulers in my country want war with England."

BRITAIN'S MARGIN OVER GERMANY

Speaking of the relative German and British strength in the North Sea, Hon. Winston Churchill informed the House of Commons as follows, according to the London Standard:—

"What he said was that we should have 33 battleships in full commission by the time Germany had 25. That was the fact. We should have the Fifth Battle Squadron of eight more ships fully manned with active service personnel against the four German parent ships which were in the reserve. We should thus have a total of 41 battleships manned with active service personnel as against Germany's total of 29. It was quite true to say eight out of these 41 would be at Gibraltar, but they would very frequently be in home waters, and the admiralty would arrange that they were in home waters at such times as it might be thought their presence would be required. They would certainly be in home waters at any time when the Fifth Battle Squadron was cruising away from its own ports, and was consequently available."

DISARMAMENT IDEAL SAYS GERMAN MINISTER

Paris, Aug. 7.—Figaro today published an interview with the German minister for foreign affairs, Herr Von Kiderlin-Waechter, regarding the limitation of armaments ideal. The minister said that international disarmament was Utopian and quite out of the question. Even supposing that France and Germany agreed to disarm, it would still be necessary to keep armed forces to maintain peace in view of the danger that might befall Europe from America or the Far East. Germany's increased land forces were due to Great Britain's threat that public opinion would force France to attack Germany in the event of an Anglo-German war.

CHURCH'S DUTY TOWARD CRISIS

Nowhere else in all Christendom has the church a freer hand or a more urgent duty than in Canada at this very moment. Surely not for nothing has this self-governing young nation received into its citizenship so rare a compositeness of Europe's great peoples, Anglo-Saxon, French and German. Surely the triple-toned voice of Canada should speak with authority to the dogs of war in London, in Paris, and in Berlin. And surely the church of Canada, with its untrammelled pulpits in every great city and in every pioneer hamlet, can make the righteousness, and truth, and charity of the Kingdom of Peace mean something positive and potent in Canada's influence on her mother nations in Europe. To be indifferent to justice in international affairs, and to back up a perverse diplomacy with the pagan gospel of Dreadnoughts, is to deny the power of Christianity and to turn from Jesus to Belial. As the preacher says, the thing would be monstrous, hideous, barbaric.—Toronto Globe.

AEROPLANES VS. DREADNOUGHTS

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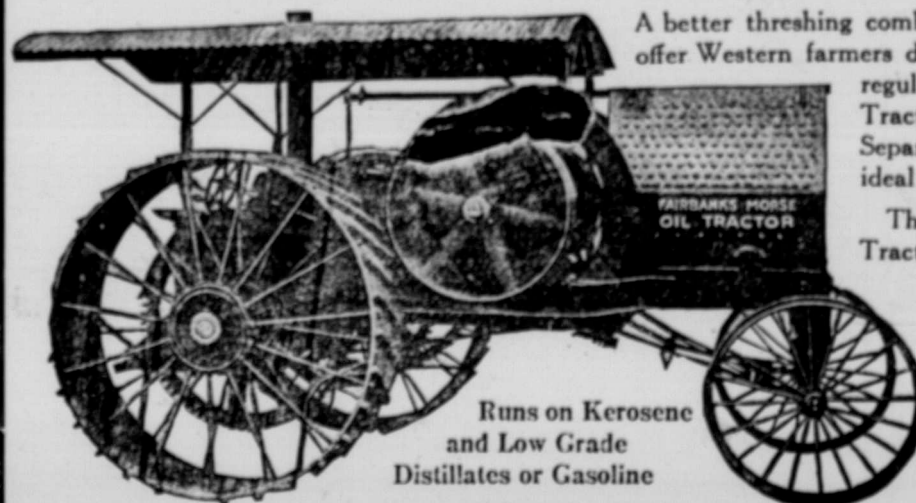


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