

“that the alternative to Imperialism is national extinction.”

*(Fairplay, July 25, 1912.)*

“This murderous competition must press more and more heavily on Germany and on Britain, and the danger is that in an hour of extreme weariness and tension the die may be cast.”

*(British Weekly, July 25, 1912.)*

“Any kind of divided command would be fatal.”

*(Eyewitness, July 25, 1912.)*

“If Germany’s huge shipbuilding programme have compelled Britain to enormous expenditures for the maintenance of our sea supremacy, they have had the effect which was perhaps not anticipated for they have stimulated the patriotism of the Great Empire Colonies, and confronted the menace of the North Sea with the young and growing powers of the children of the Empire whose material interests, as well as their affections, are bound up with the safety and security of the Mother Country.”

*(Evening Citizen, Glasgow, July 25, 1912.)*

“Our independence and our daily bread depend upon our supremacy at sea.”

*(The Royal Cornwall Gazette, July 25, 1912.)*

“The defence of nations under modern conditions cannot be made cheap; nor can the most admirable of general staffs and war boards enable two Dreadnoughts to perform the work of three.”

*(Standard, London, July 26, 1912.)*

“Mr. Bonar Law comes last with his sensible criticism and tells us that his reason, as opposed to his instinct tells him that the German menace is really grave.”

*(Morning Advertiser, July 26, 1912.)*