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A Menace to Civilization

(Ottawa Citizen.)

Not long ago it became known that owing to the decision of the British admiralty to arm the new super-Dreadnoughts with 15 5 inch guns, the German naval authorities had suspended work on warships under construction, and set about the preparation of entirely new plans, a large amount of material which had been prepared having to be rejected. The 13.5 gun which, after much experimenting, has been perfected for use in the new British battleships of the most powerful type, is capable of penetrating the armor on any ship now afloat at a range of six miles or more. It is now stated that Germany is building 14 inch guns made; and on the heels of that report comes the announcement that the British admiralty is planning for the construction of 14.5 inch guns.

This last mentioned calibre is said to be very near the limit. But who can tell? One fact is plain, that the size of the battleships that could carry guns of heavier calibre than 14.5 would have to be so great that its cost of construction and maintenance would utterly dwarf the cost of the costliest battleships now afloat; and such monsters of the deep would necessitate the construction of special docks and other equipment. The loss of one such battleship would be a heavy calamity. There is no way of estimating what the results would be of a battle between fleets armed with guns of such long range and terrific power of penetration. Naval warfare in the past was largely a matter of personal daring, and ships, even when badly damaged, often got away to fight another day.

In Nelson's time no gun could inflict such damage on the 'wooden walls' as the guns which are now being made and the still larger guns that are, as announced, being planned, can inflict on the steel armor with which modern ships of battle are clad. A British admiral has recently said, and in so saying he has spoken an unquestioned and unquestionable truth, that there are in the British navy many young fellows who would take their chances in a small, swift craft of sinking the greatest battleship afloat. That there are just such young fellows in the navies of other powers is no more to be doubted.

Where is this costly and terrible competition in the construction of fighting sea monsters to end. There seems to be only one answer. It must end in war, or in disarmament.

The London Chronicle reviews the situation in an article that compels attention. It begins by quoting the words of a leading German military critic, Colonel Richard Godke, who writes that a war between the two Germanic nations would be a crime against humanity, which must be prevented at all costs, and will be prevented as long as there is a single spark of conscience or common sense left in the statesmen or in the peoples. A correspondent of the Chronicle who has lately visited Berlin sums up the situation as it seems to him by saying that the German people want peace, but that there is a general feeling in Germany that the British diplomatic service is actuated by unrelenting hostility to Germany and German interests. The Chronicle presents that view for what it is worth. It quotes with approval the

statement of the same correspondent that "the two countries have drifted into a blind alley of misunderstanding," and cites, in this connection, the recent remark of Mr. Asquith that the present British government has approached the German government on the subject of disarmament with very ill success. "Why, then, is no attempt made to bring about an Anglo-German understanding? If a wise and bold statesmanship could achieve that blessed result, the relief to Europe would be immense, the gain to humanity incalculable. Money now wasted by the million on implements of destruction could then be applied to energizing measures of social reform in Germany and Great Britain. Relieved from incessant alarms, and an insistent pressure that is sapping its vitality, Europe would rejoice in a new stimulation to every humane and merciful work."

If, on the other hand, statesmanship is bankrupt, the outlook for the future is gloomy in the extreme. Unless it is checked, the ever-rising wave of military and naval expenditure will, to use Sir Edward Grey's grim image, submerge civilization. If statesmanship is played out, nothing can prevent a hideous catastrophe, unless, indeed, as Lord Rosebery suggested, the working classes of the world step in where statesmen have failed, and declare with united voices: "We will have no more of this madness and foolery, which is grinding us to powder."

This appeal to reason however, seems hopelessly destined to fall on deaf ears, as far as Germany is concerned. That power, not content with its military supremacy on the continent of Europe, is doing its utmost to build up its naval power, with what is regarded by many as the intention, or the hope of ultimately challenging the sea supremacy of the British flag. Great Britain, an island power, had had of necessity to maintain her command of the seas, to protect her shores from the possibility of being menaced. And it is undeniable that British sea power protects not only British interests, but the independence of the world at large against a power whose prodigious outlays upon armaments cannot be regarded as being inspired by a desire for the maintenance of world peace.

For the Coronation

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The Militia Council has now under consideration the question of sending a representative contingent of the Canadian Militia to participate in the coronation ceremonies in London next June. It is probable that a composite regiment of about 200 will be sent, embracing each arm of the service and drawn from each Province. There will also be a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police. —Exchange.

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BACK BAY

Cecil McGee made a short business trip to St. George on Wednesday last. Frank Leavitt O'Brien Harris an O'Brien Hinds who have been clamoring for the past few days report claims very scarce.

Skating has been greatly enjoyed by the young folks of this place for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh have returned home from Lunenburg where they have been visiting relatives.

George Phinney of St. Mary's Connors a few weeks at his home here while the stmr. is laid off.

Mrs. Hugh Thompson of La Pointe spent a few days here recently, on her return she was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. S. Craig.

We are glad to report that the Turn Road Club has been organized in this place. We also trust that the chairman will get a hustle on and get some gift of gab as that is the only thing wanting in the club so far as it has been carried on.

Miss Rice of Lunenburg was the recent guest of Miss Flossie Harris.

Miss Maggie Milliken of Red Rock is visiting her sister Mrs. Leander McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Leavitt and son Harry and Eben Leavitt have gone to West Upton to spend the winter.

Isaac L. Harris of Eastport is a guest at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Kinney.

Messrs G. Phinney, W. Phinney Z. McGee and Joseph Mitchell have gone to the woods.

Listen for wedding bells in the near future.

A Radium Wedding.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The latest novelty in Paris is the radium wedding. It is a rarity, as its name implies, for it commemorates the seventieth century of marriage.

This wedding celebration took place in Paris, the parties being M. and Mme. Ferdinand Dugue.

Their joint ages are 187 years, M. Dugue is the oldest dramatic author in the world. He is over ninety-five, his wife is ninety-two, and they were married on November 22, 1840.

M. Dugue is an excellent health and spirits, but he is not quite certain whether he has written forty-two or forty-three plays. The best known of them are The Pirates of Savannah and Cartouche. The Pirates has been played more than ten thousand times. His last play—a drama at the bottom of the sea, was produced in 1877, and was revived with success in Paris only a few weeks ago.

Mme. Dugue has been confined to her bed for the last two years owing to a broken leg. "My bones are too old to mend," she said to her guests, "but that is all that is the matter with me, and it was my own fault that I broke my leg. I fell on the stairs of the railway station when I was running to catch a train."

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