M'KENNA DEFENDS POLICY OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY

Shows Ample Provision Is Be- But the fact is that every earnest has ing Made to Maintain Supremacy of the Seas.

Explaining in the House of Commons the vote of £3,145,100 for personnel, shipbuilding, repairs and main- that the Austrian programme of four (Mr. McKenna) said: The form in which the navy votes were introduced from time to time promised that a ships when vote 8 came to be (Some cheers.) matter what was in the estimates self. (Cheers.) when laid on the table in March, 1909, no action would have been taken up to the present moment in respect to these second four ships. It would of intention, no action following on the decision. In past years we have seen the result of this definite laying down of programmes in anticipation of the requirements of the moment. In each of the years 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6 and 1906-7, after a programme had been The Scene of the Legend of with all the possibilities of a large Handefinitely declared to Parliament, the programme was substantially reduced later in the year by the Government of the day. A programme which is presented to the House in February or March of one year, and is not to be

The One Vital Thing. the first time within the memory of any honorable member of this House the Government are not only laying down battleships in the course of the financial year, but it is their hope and exas immediate and real as possible. (Ministerial cheers). Ships have not been put down in the programme on which money is only to be expended vital thing in presenting the programme to the committee is that the yond the moment at which a final and mediaeval streets and buildings. definite order would have to be given. I am able to assure the committee that that moment has not yet passed. and that whatever view the committee may take of the final decision Germans call him, is supposed to have which the Government have come to lived. Relating to the famous legend, in regard to their programme, the one man read in old German on its side delay has not been in the least in- wall the inscription; jurious. After very anxious and careful examination of the condition of shipbuilding in foreign countries, the Government have come to the conclusion that it is desirable to take all the necessary steps to insure that the second four battleships referred to in this year's programme should be completed Browning's ballad; but then, how many by March, 1912. (Cheers). They propose Englishmen know of Wolff's "Rattento take all the necessary steps in the fanger"? It is in this last poem that the way of preparation of plans, getting story of the Piper is told at length: how out of specifications, invitations to tender, and finally the giving of orof these ships in the time I have her and how he promised the Burgomasnamed. As was stated in March, there ter to rid Hameln of its rats in exchange will be no need to lay the keels of for her hand; how he piped the rats to these ships in the course of the pres- the Weser; and, when he claimed Ger- gables and modern white houses are ent financial year. It will be quite trude, how her father denied him, and time enough if these keels are laid in of his vengeance. Such is the poem of are fragrant with blockering building to the land of the wearer. The mist. Mrs. Eddy is a conceited opti-April next. It is also not certain at the present moment, although liability sections of the bark may then be cut every garden bright with blossoming magnitors. The question is not whether a sections of the bark may then be cut every garden bright with blossoming magnitors. The question is not whether a shops little carved and painted figures of shops little carved a the present moment, although liability the Piper and Gertrude, and rats in all faint, sweet music and the ripple of happy feels superior. A man may quite reain respect of these ships will be in- forms. curred, that any payment will have to plained in many ways. A "dancing comes due for discharge before March who left the town and never returned. \$1, a supplementary estimate will in Others have thought they have seen in due course be introduced next Febru-

ary or March in order to authorize the payment of the necessary money. Foreign Shipbuilding Programmes.

An examination of the state of foreign shipbuilding programme is bound, I think, in the minds of most honorable members, to lead to the conclusion course open to them. The committee had stated to them last March very amply what was the condition of foreign shipbuilding up to date. Since in foreign countries has gone on apace. Two countries, Italy and Austria, With regard to the Austrian programme,

been given of the determination of the Austrian Government. Two large slips have been prepared for the construction floating dock capable of lifting 23,000 tons is actually under consideration for the Austrian Government at this moment. (Cheers.) Their declarations, their acts. all point beyond doubt to the conclusion

to be an actual reality. the vote for the earlier stages of their depends upon our being able, if necesasked the powers, or rather gave no- to say anything as to our intentions with

Mr. Murray Macdonald (Liberal, Falkirk shall ask the House to sanction this vote. Burghs)-Will the right honorable gentle- (Cheers.)

man give a reference? (Cries of "Order.")
The First Lord—I am referring to speeches made by the late prime minister, and, I think, the present prime minister speaking as chancellor of the exchequer who on more than one occasion express ed the most earnest desire that there should be a curtailment of the rate of shipbuilding construction. (Cheers.) Mr. Murray Macdonald-That was two

not three years ago. The First Lord-I am speaking of the of battleships of the largest size, and a year 1906-7. The British Government not thing much stronger than words showed its determination to give a lead in restricting armaments, and for three successive years the British Government did battleships of the largest size is likely its utmost to convince the world of the futility of the race for armaments and of As regards later information, I have to the desirability of curtailing construction. inform the committee that with regard During these three years the British this year, which as I think in the cir- to types a chage has been introduced in Government laid down eight large arcumstances was convenient, requires the programme of the admiralty since mored ships, three the first year, three that I should make some brief state- last March. I believe I then stated that the second year, and two the third. Durment to the committee before the gen-eral discussion on the vote opens. In the estimates provision was made in not be a battleship, but an improved ed ships, one the first year, five the secthe ordinary way for four large armission was made in cruiser. We have information that there ond, and five the third. Of the five laid down in the third year four belonged ored ships; that is to say, these four cruisers which are more powerful and only to the programme of that year, and ships were definitely announced in the faster than our Invincibles and Indomit- the fifth was laid down last year in the programme, and money was taken in ables, and as the safety of our commerce programme of the current year. That was acceleration which is admitted, and building. In addition, however, to sary, to outrun and to capture any hostile for which the only possible explanation those four ships a contingent programme was referred to of a further four large armored ships. The Government in the estimates specifically ernment in the estimates specifically at the present moment. I do not propose eight, as against the German eleven. It is possible upon the same lines to go on tice that they would ask for powers to regard to the hypothetical ships which expedite the construction of these have now become real, because as no est aims and to await developments which second four large armored ships, al order would have to be given for a con- might occur at the end of ten or twelve a definite geographical necessity. That though no monetary provision was siderable time in respect of the hull of these ships, it is undesirable to bind or tarring from time to time promised that a siderable time in respect of the hull of these ships, it is undesirable to bind or time to time promised that a siderable time in respect of the hull of the true years, but it is perfectly obvious that if, starting from a given date, we continued to lay down less or no more large arto lay down less or no more large ar-Mr. Dillon (Nationalist, East Mayo) mored ships than a foreign power, in definite announcement should be given -Have the Germans anticipated their ten or fifteen years from that given date of the final decision of the Govern- programme, or do they keep to the un- our superiority at sea would have dis- forehand, so that intentionally no spement as regards these second four derstanding with the foreign office? appeared. (Cheers.) I don't say that in cific date is given. Only this stands the year 1909, as the result of our having discussed. This novel form has among other advantages given occasion for the has among other advantages given occasion for the has among other advantages given occasion for the has a stable to enter any further into that, but man eleven, there is the faintest ground the temperature for the most part is the exercise of a considerable amount as the honorable gentleman has address- for alarm. Our superiority is such that above the freezing point, or at any to cross the writer's mind. Nor does it ed the question to me I will answer him we can afford to wait-(cheers)-and we rate only a few degrees below the ever cross Mr. Kipling's. These two of wit and ingenuity. We have had very briefly. Three years ago the most could afford to show our earnestness of freezing point; and that these jourthe classical couplet of the right hon- earnest expression of desire was made on our desire to restrict armaments without news will start from the supporting remember that we should never have orable member for Dover (Mr. Wynd- behalf of the British Government of the running any ultimate risk. But I submit point in the Great Bay (meaning, as inherited the notion of an empire exham), and we have had various epi- day to restrict the rapid growth of ar- to the judgment of the committee that I take it, Independence Bay, near the thets ascribed to these four ships, such maments both in this country and in after three years' experience it would not northeastern corner of Greneland). The from which they cut themselves off, as "phantom ships," "hypothetical foreign countries. It is evident that no be safe to continue, and that the time continuous sun of the polar summer ships," and "mythical ships," which were meant I think to east ridicular to restrict its armaments, except in the were meant, I think, to cast ridicule minds of some persons who have more is always willing to make-(cheers)-we the use of an airship." on the methods which had been adopt- sanguine views of the possibilities of in- are bound to take the necessary steps to ed by the Government. How does this ternational relations, though I regret to secure our predominance at sea, not only say optimistic—more optimistic than I The truth is, of course, that the noground, and on that ground alone, that I

these second four ships. It would have been a perfectly idle declaration of intention no action following. TOWN OF HAMELU

the Pieper as It Is Today.

Browning's ballad of the "Pled As a holiday resort it has a pectation that two of the battleships lead one into unexpected nooks. Then with them; and, besides, when one goes back with mathematical certainty. will be launched as well as laid down the town is in the Province of Hanover, to Pyrmont one either goes to take a in the course of the year. That is to where the purest German exists; indeed, mud-bath or see the toilettes. say, they have made their programme like Indre-et-Loire in France, Hanover is famous for its purity of accent. Again, it is cheap; so cheap that it will not cost so much as the eternal English seaside hotels are good and cheap. Two marks resort. It has also the additional charm | will give you a palatial room on the first of being quite unique in its way, somein the last month of the financial year, thing novel to English eyes. It has bebut the ships which have been ordered come customary to talk about the "souls" one already laid down this month of towns: the canals and bells, for in- Twain painted it), and an early breakfast and another to be laid down in the stance, are the souls of Bruges, and so of coffee, brotchen and butter. (To drink course of the next ten days-in re- on. And if one may apply the expression tea here is a sign of illness, and for other spect of those ships ample financial to a little town of 20,000 inhabitants, reasons one should avoid it.) Krondort's provision has had to be made in the Hameln (for so Browning's Hamlin town or the Bremer Schlussel are two hotels course of the present year. The one appears on the German maps), too, has a that provide this; the first, an old Renaissoul of its own. And over its inhabit- sance building in the principal street, ants it seems to have a potent influence the second a modern hotel with a good presentment should not be delayed be- legendary past that is still vital in its mann's, the dearest hotels, cost double and rent him. In fact, Mr. Rudyard

The Legend.

The building that will naturally attract the Browningite is the Rattenfangerhaus. where the Piper, or "Ratcatcher," as the

"On St. John and St. Paul's Day 1284 the 26th of June 130 children born in Hameln were led astray to Calvalry and lost at Koppen by a Piper dressed in divers colors.

It is curious, but I have not yet found

a German in Hameln who has heard of he came to Hameln and to the wedding feast, where the guests were dancing; how he fell in love with Gertrude, the ders which will procure the delivery Burgomaster's daughter, and danced with The legend itself has been ex- laughter. be made in the course of the present mania" (choreomania) is said to have financial year. If such a liability be- seized some young people in Hameln,

poets make believe. Its Entourage. that the Government have no other Good boating on the Weser, good tennis courts, and swimming should recommend uniforms (for Hameln is a military staof four large armored ships of the latest peasant and the immaculate young lieuits "grosses helles," close beside you, on ing so.-McClure's. skeptics might say that they would not the river, pleasure steamers are running believe in it until, as in the case of Italy, up and down the Weser to Munden and they saw the keels actually laid down. Minden, stopping at some old vilage or BURNS, ETC.

Gottingen, with its rampart walls, lies looks like a plan of continuous travel close by. But if you grow tired of sight- in any direction. seeking in the historical sense, you can

Where to Stay. As Hameln is not fashionable, the

(which is not nearly so black as Mark take a room for twenty marks, or a sit- ists for running her down. ting-room and bedroom on the first floor Pyrmont and Hameln have

CAT'S FONDNESS FOR MICE.

If anything in the entire animal kingdom would seem to be a matter of pure the legend a distorted recollection of the instinct, that thing is the traditional fellow for fellowship. The evil comes children's Crusade (1211). As a matter antipathy of cat and mouse. Yet a reof fact, rats still abound, and all one cent study of C. S. Berry, made in Procan say is that the Pied Piper, if not born fessor Munsterberg's laboratory at Har- more important than his sin. The of a myth, was hardly so effective as the vard, shows pretty clearly that a cat has no instinctive impulse to kill and eat mice -nor the mouse any instinctive fear of moment he is sad or glad; but what is cats. Berry finds that a mouse may The attractions of Hameln itself are not smell the nose of an inexperienced cat, merely, however, confined to the legend. or even perch on its back, and be quite than others. safe, so long as it does not run away. For the instinct of the kitten is it to the athlete. The lazy can easily idle chase any small moving object-ball, away a pleasant summer's day in the spool, tail, mouse-indifferently. It is not shady garden of the Bornemann Cafe, the mouse that interests it, but the mouse eating cream cakes and watching the va- in motion. Some day, often by accident, then the development of shipbuilding et-vient of the streets. The numberless the kitten plays too roughly with its have got very thoroughly lost in Pal- the present rate on the growth of Gercaptive, and discovers that there is meat tion) and the bright colors of the school- inside. It is well known that cats special- When I read this strange document I seems, the aggregate yearly savings have now declared a definite programme boys' peaked caps; the harly Hanoverian ize their hunting, some catching mice, some squirrels, some birds. It seems, in matter with Mr. Rudyard Kipling. He billion dollars. And now the Reichtype. In Italy one of these ships is alternants; the great rolling wagons, to each case, to depend on accidents of disready laid down. The second will be laid down immediately, and the remaining two in the course of the present year. If you are tired of the beer garden and mice, but one with a strong habit of do-

THE POLAR PLANS OF ZEPPELIN

Count Thinks Less of Mathematical Point Than of Surrounding Region.

Prof. Hergesell, who is the scientific member of the Zeppelin combination explained briefly the other day what this Arctic project means and what it does not mean.

"The main purpose of his undertak ing," he said, "is not to organize an expedition for reaching the north pole, but to be of service in making a scientific examination of the unknown Arctic regions lying between East Greenland and Franz Josef Land. Reaching the north pole is scientifically of very little interest. The north pole is mathematical point which is exactly as important and valuable as every other point in the high latitudes. Of particular interest, on the contrary, is the geographical exploration of unknown regions."

Prof. Hergesell went on to say that the Zeppelin airship possesses striking advantages for this kind of scientific work. Let me quote his own

words: "The airship used in the polar regions will be applied first of all as a surveying ship, and as such it will show what actually exists there by means of photographs. Landings on the ice fields are distinctly intended, not only in case of need, but also as the Zeppelin airship in its existing form can carry through this task easily has already been repeatedly proved. The undertaking will be most carefully planned and tested in all its parts befast that the individual journeys will

Prof. Hergesell is confident, not to Saxon word. of this sort. If I am right about the the Germans will set up their work-

pole. Measured by a piece of paper, Josef Land is greater than the distance return; and Hildesheim, the famous me- the Zeppelin airship can travel from people great. diaeval city, with its magnificent cathe- Greenland to Franz Josef Land and dral and the marvellous rose tree in its back, then a journey of equal length Lost Ten Tribes, I should say that the

thousand and one advantages, beside the take the train to Pyrmont and mingle in hour the Zeppelin airship can travel purpose is served in pointing out that There is a further circumstance in fact, which must be ever dear to the true the well-dressed crowd at this fashion- 1,440 miles in three days, and it is Anglo-Israelite insanity, which is the the present year which strengthens the Browning lover, that one is treading the able resort. Here, in the magnificent only some 600 miles from Greenland root of Kipling and Kiplingism. It is case for this method of procedure. For same streets down which the Piper piped kursaal, one may drink one's coffee after to the north pole, or 1,200 miles out not that the jingo poet praises England of old the rats to the Weser and the a dose of the waters, and listen to a firstchildren to the hole in the hill. Indeed, class band, and look out over the avenues mastered it would be a very easy matthese streets would seem to have changed and lawns of the Prince Waldeck. There ter to lay out stations on a given little during the lapse of centuries. Still is a castle here with a marvellous bed; course, with food and fuel supplies at praise a buttercup too much. But if the quaint old mediaeval gables lean out but such things as castles I refrain from each station, and thus ta make the I praise one buttercup while burning over the road, and the bizarre old streets mentioning, as the neighborhood abounds trip to the "mathematical point" and all other buttercups as weeds, then

KIPLING KICKED BY HIS FRIENDS

floor, the experience of a German bed His Real Trouble Not His Pessimism But His Pride, Says Chesterton.

of the oldest and boldest champions of other men can be lonely also. -the influence of a soul expressed in a view of the river. Schaper's and Thie- Kipling lately turned upon his master would like to be isolated in isolation. this, and the cheaper just half. En Kipling, having been kicked by radipension one can live at a sommerfrische cals for cracking England up, is now for four marks a day inclusive; but if one stays longer than a week one should to be kicked by his fellow-imperial-

> Now I have no instinctive, no emofor thirty marks, both with early break- tional objection to any imperialist poet cloth, it is remarkable that in some fast, and for a month. In the Kaiser- being kicked. But I think he ought to portions of the tropical world there are strasse will be found some good rooms. be kicked on correct philosophical at the present day races of men who Living thus, one eats wherever one is-far principles, and for the right reason. It the best course to pursue, as German is not wrong either to crack your the advance of civilization such like all other German towns, Hameln country up or to run it down, if you terial, it is believed, provided the affords plenty of opportunity to hear do either from a clean and patriotic principal articles of "clothing" for ingood music, there being nightly concerts motive. There is a place for both ex- habitants of tropical regions, as did in Thiemann's Hotel and excellent Sun- ercises. In poetry it is best to crack the skins of animals for people in the day concerts at the Dreyers Berggarten. the country up. In politics it is nine cooler climes. One of the best samweekly times out of ten best to run her down; dances, and Hanover has many theatres, which one can easily see and then return for then she may begin to behave her tain the bark of this the tree is felled to Hameln. As I write these words of Mr. Kipling's work has nothing to merged in still water for several weeks a green valley-land, through which, like do with either one or the other. The for the purpose of rotting the bark, a silver ribbon, runs the River Weser. weakness in his work is pride, which the latter being then washed and Hills, whose summits are hidden in dense may be optimistic, but is always pounded so as to separate the paren-Hills, whose summits are nidden in dense may be optimistic, but the conservation of the closely masses of boskage, shut the town round weak. Tambourlaine, in Marlowe, is interwoven layer of fibres. The bark from the distant world, and make it a petimistic and arrogant; Timon of is afterwards dried and bleached, when haunt of ancient peace. Its mediaeval Athens is pessimistic and arrogant; it is ready for use in a fashion acbathed with iridescent gold; its streets Schopenhauer was a conceited pessi- cording to the fancy of the wearer. The sonably regard himself as a jolly good fellow. He may at the same time quite consistently regard himself as a miserable sinner. The evil comes in when he thinks himself too good a in when he thinks himself so very miserable a sinner that his misery is good man is welcome whether at the

> > utterly intolerable is the Best Manthe man who is consciously better The other day I came across

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Israel was promised an empire and that England had an empire; therefore England was Israel. That anybody else had ever had an empire did not seem cept from that Christian continent since it is not even a purely Anglo-

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form of procedure actually stand? No say that I am unable to hold them my- now, but in the future, and it is on that should care to be with an undertaking tion of an empire has come to the Eng-Great Bay being Independence Bay, tion, having been tossed about from shops and store their supplies in the one nation to another ever since the neighborhood where Lieut. Peary has fall of Rome. Except for the Swiss 1 wintered for his new dash for the can hardly think of any nation so dull or sensible as not to have had an It is clear enough that if the Zeppe- empire at some time. Even the nalin airship can make explorations from tions that are only just big enough to the east coast of Greenland to Franz be called nations (like Belgium and Josef Land, then it can go to the north Holland) are quite big enough to have the distance from Greenland to Franz colonies and dependencies and empirebuilders and mine owners and Levanover town, costs just over three marks from Greenland to the north pole. If tine financiers, and all that makes a

If I went in for the problem of the

For those who are contemplating a cloisters, the same. One can go to would take it from Greenland directly the first time. The first time a cloisters, the same to Hanover (for half a over the north pole to the Siberian many, Austria, Italy, Spain, Portugal, holiday in Germany for the first time, I mark), and then return from there to Islands on the other side. The specific Russia, Greece and Sweden. That is can imagine no happier choice than the Hameln. The old university town of intention to make landings on the ice what one might call being lost on a But however it was ex-At an average speed of 20 miles an actly that the tribes got mislaid. my too much, any more than one can that is idolatry. The Kiplingite praises his country, not with too much ardor, but with an implied denial of the existence of other countries in the same quality and degree. He is right to praise his country because it is his own; but he is only wrong to praise it as if it were the only country that could be praised. Patriotism should be passion, like first love, or a woman's pride in a baby; that is, it should be special and fastidious in the particular case, but quite vulgar and universal in So many people are repudiating the general character. There is a de-Mr. Rudyard Kipling that I really feel gree of evil insolence which is not even that I ought to rush to his rescue. One content to be lonely if it thinks that

COSTUMES OBTAINED FROM TREES.

Considering the great antiquity of the art of weaving vegetable fibres into obtain their rude costumes from the inner bark of certain trees. Before ples of these trees is the "Sack tree" (Antiaris innoxia), of Ceylon. To obshirt.-Strand Magazine.

GAMES THAT CAN'T GO ON.

ive improvements in naval warfare that promise to result from the navigation of the air, and of the likelihood that they will presently make the whole naval industry so ridiculously elaborate and costly that the world will have to drop it. So be it, and when navies are checked, armies will be checked, too. War materials and preparations can't go on indefinitely costing so much more than the pamphlet of that peculiar sect which from Berlin says that the doctors of tries to prove that the Anglo-Saxons, finance in that learned capital are conwhoever they are, are the Lost Ten sidering with glum faces the ultimate Tribes, whoever they were. They must effect of Government expenditure at estine to turn up in the German Ocean. many's wealth. They compute, it suddenly realized what is really the of the German people at about a is not an imperialist; he is an Anglo- stag is asking for new taxes to the Israelite. His error is not that he amount of \$120,000,000 a year in addiblesses and curses them as the chosen tion to very heavy taxes already exrace, instead of blessing them as a isting. The fiscal need of putting a Christian nation in the comity of brake on human foolishness is obvious. my little Anglo-Israelite pamphlet egregiously expensive nonsense called tional expenditure and the mainten- Harper's Weekly.

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