

“It certainly does not seem a just thing that this enormous burden (the navy) should be borne entirely by the taxpayers of the United Kingdom.”

*(Leeds Mercury, July 23, 1912.)*

“The direct cause of these supplementary estimates is to be found in the New German Navy Law.”

*(Churchill in House of Commons.)*

“The German menace was hitherto adequately met by building two ships for one, or sixteen for ten, but now a new factor enters and the strength of the fleet maintained in full active readiness for war at any moment will have to undergo an enormous increase.”

*(Dublin Freeman's Journal, July 23, 1912.)*

“Very probably he (Churchill) will be criticised in some quarters at home for basing his policy on the assumption that there must be perpetual antagonism between Great Britain and Germany.”

*(Newcastle Journal, July 23, 1912.)*

“Diplomatists might suggest that Mr. Churchill was too direct and explicit in his allusions to Germany, but, after all, everybody knows now well enough the naval aspirations of Germany and the naval needs of this country. It is folly to blink the fact that Germany has challenged British supremacy at sea, and it is unfair to suggest that the policy of this country is directed to anything else but the maintenance of our Naval Supremacy, which is so necessary.”

*(Bristol Western Daily Press, July 23, 1912.)*

“Mr. Churchill's prophecy is that a United British Empire would carry with it the safety of its component parts, and that the safety of the British Empire would probably carry with it the peace of the World.”

*(Liverpool Daily Post, July 23, 1912.)*