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ON THE

NAVAL SITUATION

AND

THE NEED OF AID

"Next year Germany will have twenty-nine battle-ships in full commission, seven or eight years hence the number will be forty-one, all of them modern vessels. We had 49 at Spithead, but 31 of these were pre-dreadnoughts, which will be mostly out of date and written off the list by the time the new German programme is completed. It will be seen that we have no margin to spare for extra European waters, even if we continue by a great effort to replace the Mediterranean Squadron. For the protection of the Imperial Territories and commerce in the Atlantic, the Pacific and the South Seas, we must rely mainly upon the Dominions."

(London Standard, July 11, 1912.)

"We cannot divorce our fate from that of the Dominions."

(Pall Mall Gazette, July 11, 1912.)