

tled, and then England got on top in 1805, and from that day to this we have been able to sing: "Britons never shall be slaves." (Hear, hear.) But we have got to remember that when this thing is settled, it is not going to be settled by ships built in Canada, nor is it going to be settled by ships in the harbors of our eastern coast that are waiting there till the thing is decided. That will do no good. That is not strategy. It is not common sense. The fact of the matter is, when the fight comes, if we are spending any money we must put it in some place where it will do the greatest service: I hope that our Government will consider these things. They ought to be able to see them as well as I can, or as well as any other military man can. They ought to be able to get skilled advice. They ought to be able to get authoritative information, and, gentlemen, if you look at the report of the conference in London, you will find they got the information. The British Admiralty told them that if they did not want to put money into the British fleet, it would be the very best to have one fleet, and have it altogether. If we did not want to do that, and wanted to have fleets of our own—and I must say I like that idea best—because whatever we do have it ought to be Canadian—(hear, hear)—but they gave this advice to the Commission. They said: "If the colonies want to establish fleets of their own they should establish fleet units, and in making these fleet