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## THE BEACON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1918

BOYS. R. N.

committal and almost uninterested way because one knows that they, are only birds of passage. Their chief subject of conversation is how long demobilization " CALLS it child-stealing, that's

what I calls it," said the Quarter. will take, and the chance of success of a master to the Corporal of the fried-fish shop in Bethnal Green. With master to the Corporal of the internal snop in Betnal Green. With gangway as the draft came over the boys, it is their future in the Service. the side.' Certainly they did look a One looks over the crowd and realizes bit juyenile, and the bags that came with that it is from this material that the them were in some cases about as tall as the in this material that the Mates of the next decade will be made, their owners. They'd had a forty-hour journey, but when they lined up on deck Service lies in the way we handle them they looked as cheerful as a lot of cock- now. Keep them happy, fit, and content sparrows. They were good to look at in now, and we shall see the fruits of it in these days. These were no turned down after years. Yet the golden mean has to applicants from the Exemption Tribunals, be carefully kept. There is no room for for they need not have troubled the Tribunals for two years or more. The Officer of the Watch looks them over be-fore sending them for ard to their Mess. "Here, my boy," pointing to a Signal Boy standing fourth in the row, "what have with a rod, not of iron certainly, but of a you got on your sleeve?" "Please, Sir, a much more flexible material, and they wound-stripe." The Quartermaster gave loved him and had the happiest Mess 1 a strangled cough and enhanced his ever struck. The proof of the soundness reputation as a scholar by breathing into of that Captain's treatment lies in the the Corporal's ear; "Hout of the mouths fact that I am continually knocking up of babes and sucklin's." It was a fact, against those one-time boys, and they all all right. have a rate of Leading Hand, or higher.

Some of the draft were proper old salts I tell you, if you once get into working who had sniffed the air of the Mediteramongst these youngsters, you never ranean from the deck of a monitor, or want to shift, especially when your work that of the North Sea from a destroyer. lies, as mine does, in their free hours and They catch 'em young in this Serviceamusement times

make men af them quick. These are our There are many pitfalls nowadays, how-Active Service Boys, destined to become ever, so it behoves one to be careful. the long-service seamen, signalmen, and The boys, after a few months' experience, wireless operators. The big training become imbued with the idea that there establishments are their nurseries, and is but one kind of boy in the Service, there they get a thorough good grounding and that is the active Service Boy. in their job, which when completed is They get on toppingly with the R. N. R rounded off by their being drafted to sea- Trawler boys and others who are in the going ships. Once on board a big ship Service temporarily, but the fact remains

form the pupils of a kind of rough pre- and compared with that every one else is paratory school, being put in messes to an "Also ran." Don't sneer, ye shorefolk, they were all out of there. Still, that be an insult to the U. S. to suggest that themselves. In many cases these messes it's a fine trait, really. There's not an was nothing compared to my last message she would in future advocate any course are entirely separated from the rest of the ounce of snobbishness in it; it's simply for the Captain, as I had to find the Chief in a war such as this inconsistent with ship's company. In charge of them is an Pride of Trade. I nearly got into trouble Engineer in the engine-room. That was what she did in the war, and that was the officer specially detailed for the job, who about this the other night. I took thirty almost a swimming job. Hello! it's my complete blockade of an offending nation. is responsible to the Commander for their of these budding salts out to a kind of turn in : give us a bat, Nobby." general welfare, and under him is a trus- concert-conversatione, where our hosts

have a hundred boys in the complement, thanking 'em and all that sort of guff?" the type of the Boy, R. N., and there are league of nations is the solution to the t is easy to see that we have no light job, I shifted pervously in my seat, and inti- hundreds like him, God bless 'em. Bish. whole question and cannot be discussed for the training and welfare of these boys mated that I had thought of it, if he The Spectator. is one of the most important and respons. didn't mind. I wondered whether he was ible duties in the Service. We pay so going to give me a tip or two. He was. much attention to them because they are "Well, Sir, take care to say Active Service our future Navy. Many of the men of Boys, R. N., or they'll think we're 'dur to-day one looks at in a kind of nonations' "!

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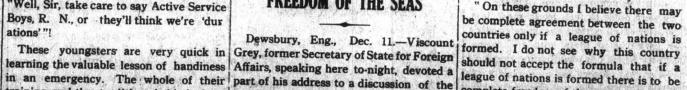
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Not much varnish there, a very ordin- bably what is in President Wilson's mind tee P. O., generally of the Physical Train- were the lads of a local parish club Just ary yarn, and he hardly thought it would is that freedom of the seas should be ing Staff, who lives with them in the before the end of the entertainment, one interest me much, but I was able to put secured to any nation observing the Mess, and acts the part of Father, In- of my sportsmen comes alongside where the missing details in. I could see that covenants of the league of nations, and I was sitting and says cheerfully; "Are Boy stumbling along with his messages should be denied to any nation breaking When you realize that sometimes we yer going to sling a speech at 'em, Sir, and the ship with a heavy list. That's those covenants. If that is so, then a apart from it.

> COMPLETE AGREEMENT " On these grounds I believe there may



## **Press Advertising Sold Victory** Bonds

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DEFORE the war, bond buyers were "marked men." In number they were 40,000 in March 1917-this is shown by the number of purchasers of the Government War Loan of that date. But in the autumn of the same year, their number increased twenty times-to 820,-000 ! This was the number purchasing the Victory Loan, 1917. Last month--November, 1918-over 1,000,000 persons purchased the Victory Loan, 1918!

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in an emergency. The whole of their part of his address to a discussion of the freedom of the seas. He said in part : nd the tradition behind them are responsible for it, and I was very glad "This is a matter which, it is feared, but if the covenants or the league are observed, but if the covenants are broken then there of this adaptability one evening at a may create difficulties between President is to be no freedom of the seas and every certain seaport where the ship was re- Wilson and the British Government. I means are to be used against the power fitting. I had to provide some amuse- think it is a great pity that so much has which has broken them." ment for the boys in the evenings, as, un been said about the freedom of the seas less they have a responsible chaperon, without it being defined. It is true there they have to be on board by seven. On is considerable prejudice against the one evening I received an invitation from phrase. It is not German, but American. the Missions to Seamen Chaplain of the It was made in the U.S. and the Germans saying that in such case there would be a Port to bring the boys to a concert at the adopted and used it for their own pur-Institute. It was a pouring wet night, poses in a sense to which we have never While giving credit to the present Governbut we got there all right, and found the agreed. Hence its unpopularity. But ment, he said that the people must be fair Chaplain of the Institute tearing his hair until President Wilson defines it and to the men who preceded the present because his concert party couldn't come. comes to discuss it with our Government Cabinet in office and who made ultimate The only artist was a lady who had there is no need to anticipate difficulty fought her way through the deluge. about an agreement as to what it means.

FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

AGREE IN PEACE TIME

What were we to do? "Hi, 'Erbie, got yer mouth-organ with you?" 'Erbie, proud mam, stepped forward, and thenceforward for two solid hours, with the help of our lady friend, that party kept the navy has been in position to exercise its concert going with a kick. What a influence and power on the seas in times of peace it has exercised that influence sportswoman that lady was | Her accomimpartially for the freedom of the seas paniments to the mouth-organ and other original items were masterpieces, her interest unabated, her sympathy real. I U.S., I think, has some rule forbidding don't know her name-we sailed forty-eight hours after-but if this ever catches U. S. and the Phillippines. Some other eight hours after-but if this ever catches

countries have rules of the same kind. her eye, then just "Thank you." It is not only in moments like these, have been more completely for the free-

though, that the youngsters show their dom of the seas in times of peace than any worth. Time after time, I come across other nation. However great our sea cases of how the boys have borne them- power has been, we have used it for imselves in moments of stress and danger, partial freedom of the seas for every other which show that they back up their pride nation as much as for ourselves, and I in the Service by actions worthy of it. think we ought to receive a little more No one hears anything about these things recognition than we do for the fact that outside. They are too common to make we have never used British naval power and Great Britain possible. We must not be jealous of any shipbuilding on the part that of Boy Cornwell catches the public teas easier for ourselves, without simuleye, but for that one which is chronicled saneously making it easier for others on

take our turns at the wicket one day when Boy S-, a survivor from a torpedoed merchant cruiser, said to me: "I ad a letter from the Captain this morning," and the precious document was pushed across to me. The simplicity and kindness of the letter were apparent in Allies' have now won. I cannot emphasize every line. It just said that the writer that too much nor express too much adwas glad the boy had recovered from his miration of it. But since the U.S. entershaking, and that because he had done so ed the war, she has not only acquiesced well the Admiralty would allow him to be rated Ordinary Seaman six months, ahead in carrying out the blockade of Germany. of his time, and that though this rating In the early stages of the war the blockade would not come for some time, the boy was not nearly so complete, because the must work hard to take full advantage of U.S. raised many questions about it, but it. That was the letter. I waited for a in the later years of the conflict the blockboyish recital, perhaps a little exaggeratade was made complete with the coed, of what he had done, but it was not forthcoming, and an hour or two later 1 operation of the U.S. Without the blockhad to pump it out of him. "I was on the ade success could not have been won. Bridge when the mouldy bit us just abaft Indeed, without the blockade, Germany Bridge when the 'mouldy' hit us just abaft of it," he told me- "We soon had a might have won. proper list on us. The Chief Yeoman

uad a lot of important papers in his cabin, "Suppose this situation should exist and he asked me to try and get them for again, and it is impossible to suppose the him. It was a bit of sport wading about U.S. would say the blockade, which was in the Chief's cabin with the water up to so essential for success, should not be al-

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plete freedom of the seas, so long as

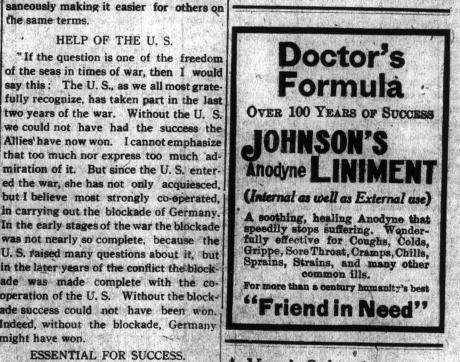
BOLSHEVISM

Viscount Grey protested against the election of a servile House of Commons, drift towards dictatorship or Bolshevism. success possible. He praised Viscount Haldane, former Lord High Chancellor; Viscount Milner, Secretary of State for War; Colonel Winston Spencer Churchill, "Freedom of the seas in time of peace. Minister of Munitions; Lord Kitchener, If so, we agree. Wherever the British Premier Lloyd George and Walter Runciman, former financial secretary to the Treasury and Liberal member of Parliament for Dewsbury. Viscount Grey said that even the success that these men had for all nations without distinction. The achieved would have been impossible without the support of former Premier H. H.

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