

had seriously compromised himself, and they were determined that he should be made to pay to the last exaction possible the price of the compromise effected.

The "Do-Nothings" and Jingoism In The Cabinet.

This Nationalist representation to the exclusion of out-and-out Conservatives in the French-speaking element in the Cabinet had its intended and inevitable effect, namely, **the complete paralysis of the Administration so far as Naval aid or policy was concerned for the period of a year and more after the Ministry was formed.** To have had this paralysis continue for a longer period of time would have meant a revolt of the opposite faction, the jingo element, of which Colonel, the Hon. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia and Defence is the recognized leader. During the summer of 1912 Col. Hughes gave public expression in British Columbia to the fears that were agitating his own mind, and the minds of those of his colleagues in the Cabinet who think like him. Speaking at a public meeting in Vancouver under the auspices of the Conservative Club, on August 7th, the Minister of Militia is reported to have said:—

"They pooh-pooh the idea that this country will ever be invaded. Gentlemen never under-estimate your foe. More unlikely things have happened. Remember that the British Empire is the mother of civil and religious liberties the world over. It stands for law and order and decent living; it is a trite saying that the British bayonet and the British missionary have reformed the world, but our great curse at present is apathy and laziness. Look at our crowded jails, and we call ourselves civilized! Gentlemen we are no more than half civilized to-day, and **war is closer than you dream.** The great peril is from Germany. Why? Because Germany must have colonies within a generation or she will begin to go down. She is building ships on borrowed money and must seek new territory. She has large numbers of citizens in the South American countries, and there are only two fields where she can find the needed outlet for her surplus population. One is along the South American seaboard, the other is in British colonies.

"It is well known that Germany made a tentative offer to stop the ship-building race in return for concessions of British colonies. But this will never happen so long as the old flag floats. There was grave danger last year. The world awoke one morning to find Germany established at Agadir, a port in Morocco. She meant to establish a naval base there, but Britain told her to get out. For two days war was very near.

"**Germany has to be taught a lesson, and the lesson to be taught her is that Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand are behind the Mother Country.** We know that Germany was behind Kruger, and that there was a definite scheme to oust Great Britain from South Africa, but the fact that the colonies sprang to arms and sailed from all quarters of the globe to the assistance of Great Britain caused the scheme to be frustrated.

"Now gentlemen the time has come when a definite plan of Empire defence must be adopted. Let it take the form of a full partnership with the Mother Country."