

U. S. NEEDS BIGGER NAVY FOR DEFENSE

PACIFIST TALK IS BUNK

D. A. R. Committee Head Shows How Country Has Been Misled By Foolish Talk of Silly Sentimentalists

Uncle Sam must have new ships for old, must make the necessary replacements in his navy to keep it on a par with the navies of the powers of Europe, according to Flora A. Walker, chairman of the National Defence Committee of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in a vigorous article in the current issue of the National Republic.

"There was a time when the American people took the navy for granted," Mrs. Walker says. "With sublime and childlike assurance we thought of it as standing invincible, between us and any foe. True enough, to most of us, in actuality, it was something as nebulous as a fleet of billowing clouds floating majestically across a summer sky. We had never seen our navy—a fact that in no sense lessened our trust in its protective powers.

Fairy Tales

"Today that faith is challenged, the cherished vision shattered; we are told all sorts of goblin-tales about the navy and are urged to believe, whether we will or no, that it is out for blood. Agencies have come into being that make it their business to confuse the public mind upon all issues pertaining to national defense.

"No longer is it deemed safe to trust to a duly elected Congress to guarantee the security of the nation through adequate provision for the maintenance of our defenses. These once free argents of a sovereign people are no longer free to make decisions and to act in the best interests of their constituencies without first facing a barrage of protest and misrepresentation from various agents of confusion whose aims merge in the one ultimate objective—the final demolition of our national defense.

Same Old Moon

"Much has been said of subversive movements in more recent times. There seems to be widespread belief that these parasitic movements are of mushroom growth, and for that

reason are to be ignored. In the sense that some of them appear to spring up almost overnight, that view is justified. However, it will most likely be found, upon investigation, that what appeared to be a new and independent organization is no more than a branch of some parent vine that has already stretched its existence over a considerable period of years.

"Did we not scuttle 800,000 tons of our capital ships at the only time in our history when we were in position to attain parity at sea? Yet in the face of this demonstration of our good faith and setting of the example which was not followed by other nations, propagandists have the unparalleled effrontery to ask why we should build more ships!

"Why, indeed! Because we need them, for one thing, and for another, because under the terms of the Washington treaty, whereby we destroyed thirty ships, fifteen of which were building, we are entitled to them. We must substitute new ships for old. In course of time, as everyone knows, old ships become obsolete. They must be replaced, or the navy will disintegrate. One nation may use foresight in these matters while another may not. When in 1922 we scrapped new ships, others maneuvered to scrap ships which would have been destroyed in any event because of their age.

"Show me a nation that does not look to her defense and I'll show you a people who are held in contempt."

The Key of Sea

A prize is being offered by a nautical magazine for the best poem of the sea. We are hard at work on one, which begins as follows:

Oh, sing me a song in the key of sea
And tell how the ocean came to be!
—Farm and Fireside.

What Husbands Overlook

The less a husband requires his wife to do the more he is in danger of losing her, a woman leader warns in The American Magazine.

FOUNDATION OF TOWER OF LONDON SINKING

FEAR DAMAGE TO WALLS

Engineers Taking Precautions to Prevent Disaster to Ancient Fortress Centuries Old; Details

Apprehension is felt concerning the historic Tower of London, one of the principal tourist attractions in London, because of the fact that the foundations of part of the structure has begun to sink, says an international news dispatch.

The fact was announced in the annual report of the National Physical Laboratory which states: "Periodic observations of the movements of the quay wall end of the Salt Tower throughout the year. The main displacements are in vertical direction, and indicate a small but measurable sinking of the foundations of the masonry.

Cracks Discovered

"In June, the request of His Majesty's Office of Works, an examination was made of the west wall, in which several cracks had appeared. These cracks have been kept under observation since they were first noted, but have so far shown no signs of extension."

The beginnings of the Tower of London are lost in tradition. The present buildings were begun by William the Conqueror, but as long as there has been a London there has been a fortress where the Tower now stands to defend the water approach. The foundations, therefore, may be in part 2,000 years old.

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