Preparation for Possible War Is Bleeding the Nations Weak

Francis W. Hirst Thinks Uncle Sam Has a Splendid Opportunity to Win Unfading Glory by Playing the Part of a Common-Sense Mediator in This Foolishly Extravagant Contest.

during which Schmidt and Jones would have made their fortunes.

AN ARGUMENT BY DISRAELI. The more you reduce the burdens

will be your strength when the hour of peril comes,' said Disraeli. That is a sound milkary argument for economy in

Just here the correspondent asked Mr. Hirst: "How do you view our prospects for a reduction of army and navy

good position for taking the initiative. and powerful, and so far removed from panicky contact with armed neighbors, that she is free to play the part of medi-

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opinion?" was the next question,

by a submarine mine com- years ago, however, an agitation was have been used in the interests of ded by Schmidt, the famous inter- femented by William T. Stead and oth- economy chemist, with the assistance of ers, who declared that our naval expen- "There followed some economies, such Jones, the famous electrician. Or, if it diture was not large enough. It was as the reduction of the China and Medit-

had not come to that, 'brave Brooke's' declared that a readjustment of the erranean squadrons and a discontinuance

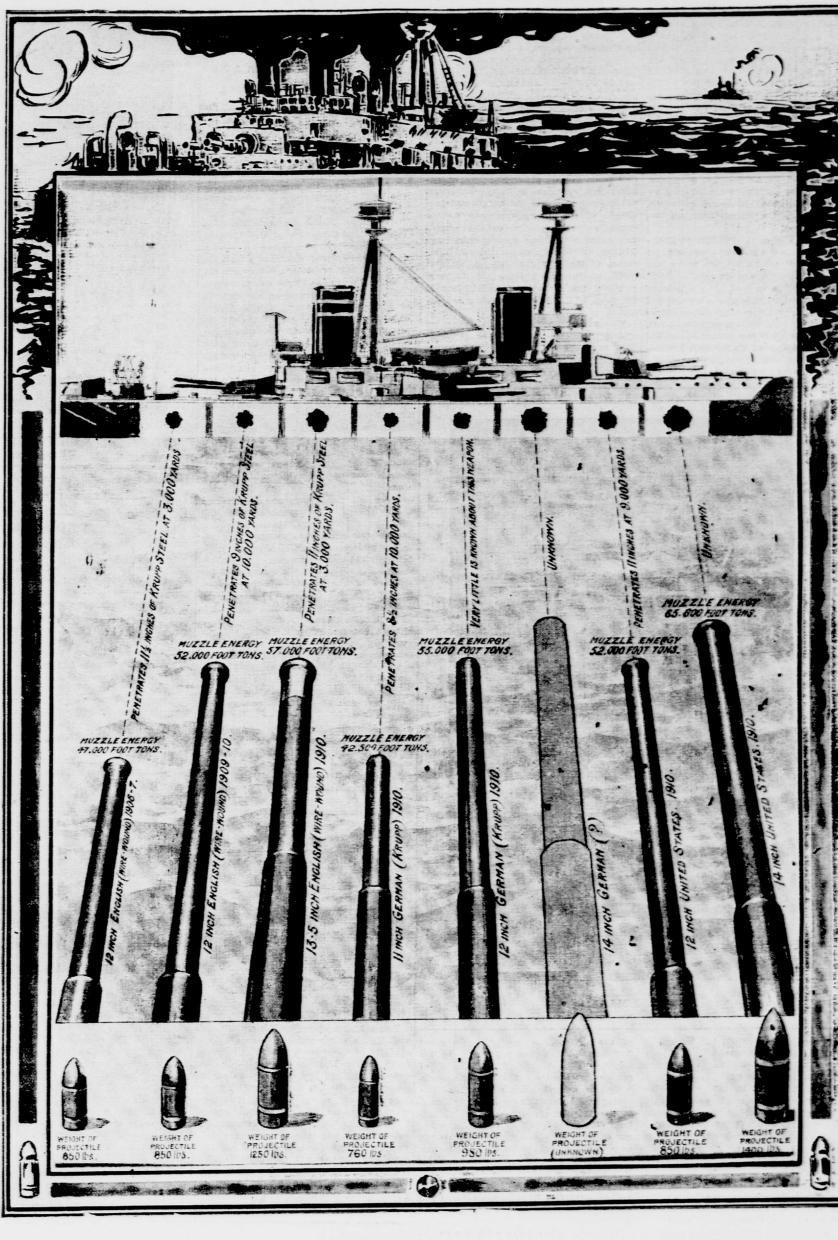


FRANCIS W. HIRST, EDITOR OF "THE LONDON ECONOMIST." The growing wealth and power of contractors who supply governments with stores and armaments of all kinds is portentous."

naval balance had become necessary, of the practice of maintaining great and eventually the formula of the twopower standard was invented in order to world. But these economies were almost give a plausible excuse for naval ex- construction. All this time prodigious pansion. So our expenditure began to and unparalleled sums were being exrise. The £13,000,000 point was passed pended on new ships, so that the British in 1886, and in 1889, with £1,000,000 fleet attained a fighting strength absotransferred from the army vote, the lutely beyond all precedent; the twofigure nearly reached £17,000,000. This power standard, indeed, was far surincrease, of course, incited France to passed, and our fleet rose to something fresh efforts, and the French vote rose between a three and a four power from £8,000,000 to £10,000,000 in 1892, standard. while Russia was spending a little over "However, the craven spirit of the while Russia was spending a little over However, the Caren spending a little over agencies and the theatrical columns of the Spending a little over agencies and the theatrical columns of the same time Germany may who is frequently seen in Broadway proting tots of the third generation. A the newspapers mighty carefully, and ent on forcing the pace, and our estiwent on forcing the pace, and our est this expansion, the stage each and all nope that before the dulmess and went forward by leaps and million they got the naval contractors 7; France, 8; Russia, Austria and Italy "Notice that woman?" said an ac-

nates went forward by leaps and minion the grant and account of the last eight years have to be lest eight years h mates of the last eight years have to- many are very much exaggerated. the big bazaar. "She's of the type and greatnieces to provide for. A clown innumerable "No. 2" companies of "es-"In that year the French vote reached talled more than £276,000,000."

The expensive fight between the manufacturers of big guns that can penetrate anything, and the manufacturers of thick armor that cannot be a



PICTORIAL DIAGRAM SHOWING MUZZLE ENERGY, PENETRATING POWER AND WEIGHT OF PROJECTILES HURLED BY THE GREAT GUNS OF THE WORLD'S NAVIES.

The British 13.5-inch gun and the statement that Germany has in hand a 14-inch Krupp weapon of even greater to the enormous guns of the navies of the world. It is significant of the progress made that since 1906, when the 10-inch gun and the original Dreadnought was floated, the calibre 12-inch of 1909 and 1910, which diameter of the bore of a gun. The statement that Germany has in hand a 15-inch gun of the new 13.5, which was a muzzle-energy of something over statement that a gun has a length of 45 calibres, for example, implies that the appropriate that the gun's length is forty-five times the progress made that since 1906, when the 10-inch gun of 1909 and 1910, which diameter of the bore of a gun. The statement that a gun has a length of 45 calibres, for example, implies that the progress and has a length of 45 calibres a projectile weighing 1,250 pounds. No original Dreadnought was floated, the calibre 12-inch of 1909 and 1910, which diameter of the bore of a gun. The statement that a gun has a length of 45 calibres, for example, implies that the projectile weighing 1,250 pounds. No original Dreadnought was floated, the calibre 12-inch of 1909 and 1910, which diameter of the bore of a gun. The statement that a gun has a length of 45 calibres, for example, implies that the projectile weighing 1,250 pounds. No original Dreadnought was floated, the calibre 12-inch of 1909 and 1910, which diameter of the bore of something over statement that a gun has a length of 45 calibres, for example, implies that the projectile weighing 1,250 pounds. No original Dreadnought was floated, the calibre 12-inch of 1909 and 1910, which diameter of the bore of something over statement that a gun has a muzzle-energy of something over statement that a gun has a muzzle-energy of something over statement that a gun has a muzzle-energy of something over statement that a gun has a muzzle-energy of something over statement that a gun has a length of 45 calibres that the gun of the projectile weighing 1,250 pounds. The new 12-inch of 190

rise of a new naval power. Until a few men of international disputes, said: in the world; but more recently, alarmed, world will with gratitude remember the Frederick the Great America's states- United States?" perhaps, by the close alliance between sustained efforts of the American gov- men have pressed for the commercial power. For this change the Emperor for it does not appear to be popular the masses of the people, if we may maid are after now?" judge by the growth of the Social Dem-

to the King Edward; and no one can be menacing as ever.

"Are your armament contractors the portance of the conference just held in ernment in this good cause and will freedom of the seas. He is also thinkchief cause of this continued expan- Washington I took counsel with the treasure them among the loftiest en- ing of the splendid way in which British Lord Chancellor, who, writing to me deavors of great nations. "The official answer is found in the upon this effort for the judicial settle-

and American statesmen have co-oper-"The Lord Chancellor is no dealer in bitral proceedings. Why should not this years ago the German government con- "It is the hope of the future and will conventional compliments. He is think- process be made automatic in future, so tented itself with the possession of the be realized-of that I am confident- ing of the magnificent pertinacity with as to exclude all possibility of serious most powerful and best organized army sooner or later. And when it comes the which ever since Franklin's treaty with disputes between Great Britain and the

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by the 'isolation' which is supposed to be the result of a malign British diplo-

Five minutes afterward came another department store sensation-the arrival "The German fleet which has struck of a bushy haired exponent of Shakesuch panic is largely imaginary, how- speare's tragic heroes. Sombre were his ever, and the supposed danger is entirely features in thought. Was the great man due to the fact that our Admiralty in- meditating a new interpretation of Hamvented the Dreadnought and fostered an let's "To be or not to be," or did his impression that this type of ship had noble rage simulate Macbeth's when that superseded all others. It is only by kingly warrior dared Macduff to come on imagining that at some future date Ger- and damned the fellow who should cry as Great Britain that any material for Thespian took the elevator to the toy panicky extravagance can be got to- department. For the next half hour he gether. But many eminent authorities, was busied with bobsleds, "belly whopand apparently most of our naval cap- pers" and gocarts, and when he had Dreadnought type is positively inferior terra firma he came, as sombre and as

found to suggest that battleships of Over in a part of the store where the every other type should be 'scrapped,' crowd was thickest a determined looking ceived notions about the youth and Bo- they were on the wing again. Boston, which would be the loglical consequence woman was elbowing her way in and hemian status of noted Broadway "stars" Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington (to of adopting the Dreadnought principle, out among the throngs of shoppers, were rudely shattered. A Titian haired say nothing of Naugatuck, Pocomoke "According to the Navy League An- Somehow she always caught the atten- actress, famed for her fiery passion in and Tunkhannock) called them. But as nual, the Dreadnoughts of the world's tion of the clerks, made her choices emotional plays, might have been noticed the policeman said, there are thousands navy in 1911 will be: Great Britain, 12: carefully and precisely, completed the purchasing a motor car for her thirty-United States, 4; Germany, 5; Japan, 2. purchase expeditiously and then was off year-old son. A youthful looking come- has not yet swung wide. According to the same authority, in to the next department, where again she dienne and a leading "juvenile." his hair "Something doing after New Year's!" 1914 we may have 27 Dreadnoughts won out in the battle of the bargains, slightly tinged with gray, put their is the cry of these optimistic folk. and post-Dreadnoughts, together with It was some time before the observer grandmotherly and grandfatherly heads They're watching the managers, the whatever number we lay down next recognized her as a well known actress together to equip a Christmas tree for agencies and the theatrical columns of

hours devoted to acting, sleeping and own brood and four adopted ones, was eating, the shops have her undivided at- playing Santa Claus to them all in sober tention. No mere gadabout, either, like earnest, while at another counter a either with the military caste or with Tillie. Wonder what she and Mary the most of these actors trying to kill the dainty musical comedy dancer and singer dull pre-Christmas week. I've seen her was purchasing supplies needful for her in most of the principal cities of the eighteen-year-old boy in college. United States, and always as the per- But how did it happen that fifteen sistent buyer in the retail stores."

"What does she do with all the funk?" "near shopping" in town last week? It's "Sells a lot of it. Her judgment of this way: The power plant of stageland Oriental fabrics, china, old silverware, runs half time-and half salary-the jewelry, antique furniture and the like is excellent, and her friends send her many commissions. Then she often fits up vaimagining that at some future date Ger- and danned the lenow who should try many may have as many Dreadnoughts "Hold! Enough!"? The thunderclouded cant apartments with the loct, finding half salary or laying them off and paytenants for landlords and purchasers for her artfully arranged goods. And her ing them nothing. With many of the private collection of curios is a marvel; whenever she holds an auction sale of her tains and admirals, consider that the completed his purchases down again to belongings, which is every now and then, and to Broadway most of those laid off she gets fancy prices for a lot of these 'bargains.' "

"On learning of the scope and im- known as the store 'fan,' and outside the who loves "kids" and has nine of his tablished New York successes."

thousand actors were shopping and weeks preceding Christmas and Easter. The managers, according to the wording companies the latter course was taken. Broadway is the actor's idea of Paradise. within easy distance of New York hur-

bachelor actor, who skips about the stage each and all hope that before the dulness