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Friday November 28, 1915.

We see by the papers where Serbia has moved to Belgrade.

Speaking of the weather, it feels real good to have 'em, don't it?

Mr. Kitchin can prepare a statement even if he's opposed to preparedness.

Tennyrate it will convince everybody who is not in favor of preparedness any how.

We take pleasure in announcing that if you are going to do that c. s. e. it must be done now.

We are publishing this week the complete statement of Hon. Claude Kitchin in regard to his position on the important matter of national preparedness. We are glad to do this in order that our readers may have the opportunity of learning at first hand Mr. Kitchin's reasons for the position he has taken. As is well known, we do not agree at all with Mr. Kitchin's position, but we realize his right to be heard and gladly co-operated with Mr. J. T. Chase in his efforts to bring Mr. Kitchin's statement before the people of this community. The columns of this paper are open at all times to the expression of opinion of our patrons without charge regardless of whether we coincide with the views expressed or not.

Berserker Methods

We have had brought to our attention a kindly little article which appeared in last week's issue of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth assailing the editor of this paper in no measured terms. Considering the source from which the article came, we will give it the merest possible notice. It would be gratifying to the editor of this paper to reply at length and to mention many of the obvious defects of the Commonwealth, its editor, and its owner, but in deference to our subscribers we will be as brief as possible.

Another sentiment that causes us to refrain from the retort caustic is that of pity for a newspaper once the pride of the county but now a byword and reproach to all enterprising and progressive county papers. Fallen so low from the high place Mr. Hilliard gained for it, that in pure self defence its own patrons were compelled to organize another newspaper in Scotland Neck which would serve the interests of the people and supply their needs.

So low in fact has it descended that it will soon serve no longer the purposes of the faction that control it. Perhaps it is this state of affairs that makes its editor so bitter and virulent in his attacks on other papers who have the misfortune to be unable to meet his views on national questions. Waning influence, diminishing advertising patronage, and dwindling subscription lists, can be inductive neither to calm and orderly processes of thought, nor gentlemanly manners in controversial efforts.

That Statement

Mr. Kitchin's article on preparedness, which appears in full in this issue, is open to criticism and rebuttal on practically all of the points brought out.

To begin with, a cursory review of the whole question shows that in final analysis, for the average layman it is simply a question of choosing which set of authorities on the navy of the United States he prefers to believe. In Point No. 1, Mr. Kitchin states that we are at present threatened from no quarter. This is true, but a few short weeks ago war clouds were ominous and in days like these no man may say what hour will not see this country brought again to the brink of war. We cannot expect present conditions to continue forever -- change is inevitable.

Mr. Kitchin says we have the second navy in the world -- the naval board says we rank third and possibly fourth -- again a matter of authorities. Between a naval board consisting of scientific experts in construction and equipment and between Mr. Kitchin who knows little more of naval science than the average citizen must the choice be made. As to the enormity of the proposed increase in naval strength, it is sufficient to state that President Wilson has stopped far short in his recommendations of what the experts say is needed to defend our coasts and our growing commerce with other nations.

As to its cost, one year of disastrous war, with our navy bottled up as that of Germany and our ocean borne commerce destroyed, would cost more than the entire naval program of a decade. The argument about taxation is worse than futile if we need to be better prepared we should pay the price regardless of the sacrifices entailed. This country is the richest on the globe and amply able to pay for adequate protection.

Mr. Kitchin states that mines and submarines are ample for the defense of our coasts and corroborates this statement by calling attention to the way Germany and Russia have defended their short coasts with such equipment. He forgets our countless sweep of coastal line and probably has not computed the number of mines and submarines which would be necessary to make our own coasts safe from attack as Germany's short little hundred miles of sea frontage. And even so, granted that we had them and that they were adequate for defense purposes, what defense would they be for our trade with other nations? What would it cost us to be unable to ship a bale of cotton, a bushel of wheat or a pound of meat across the ocean? How could we expect to enforce the Monroe doctrine with a system of defense comparable only to that of a porcupine?

Mr. Kitchin says that other nations will increase their navy proportionate to the increase of the navy of the United States. It has been stated repeatedly that the great powers of Europe are staggering under the load of their military expenses and that for the past twenty years they have been increasing their military and naval resources as fast as they possibly could. We think they will continue to do this in spite of Mr. Bryan and independent of any action the United States may take in the way of preparedness. Properly prepared the United States, fighting in a just cause, need fear no foe.

The United States will be properly prepared when it has a navy strong enough not only to defend the coasts of this country but strong enough to enforce the Monroe Doctrine and to follow and protect our legitimate commerce with other nations on all the seas of the world.

President Wilson is both able and conscientious; able to study the question of preparedness in all its details and map out the imperative needs of this nation; conscientious enough to consider it his duty so to do and having done so to carry the issue in a clear cut manner to the people of the country.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Seen in the last week's issue of the Herald an account of the shooting of Mr. J. H. Odum by Wm. Richards.

It is not the subject on we regret so much. But it is another stain in our history of Rosemary quietness.

We feel that the record of Rosemary is as clear of stains as any other town, especially to be made up of people from different sections of the country and from different towns. But we are pleased to believe that most of our people are good God fearing citizens.

And any good citizen would rather bleach the pages of history than to stain them. Let each of us be in sympathy with anyone in trouble. But every good citizen should strive to see the law take its course on anyone who abuses his freedom in a land of liberty.

Suppose we all hope for this to be the last crime so black to be committed in our town.

JOHN B. DILLON, Rosemary, N. C.

The Spirit Behind Our Guns

President Wilson

Our principles are well known. It is not necessary to avow them again. We believe in political liberty and founded our great government to obtain it, the liberty of men and of peoples -- of men to choose their lives and of peoples to choose their own allegiance. Our ambition, also, all the world has knowledge of. It is not only to be free and prosperous ourselves, but also to be the friend and thoughtful partisan of those who are free or who desire freedom the world over. If we have had aggressive purposes and covetous ambitions, they were the fruit of our thoughtless youth as a nation and we have put them aside. We shall I confidently believe, never again take another foot of territory by conquest. We shall never in any circumstances seek to make an independent people subject to our dominion because we believe, we passionately believe, in the right of every people to choose their own allegiance and be free of masters altogether. For ourselves we wish nothing but the full liberty of self-development; and with ourselves in this great matter we associate all the peoples of our own hemisphere. We wish no only for the United States but for them the fullest freedom of independent growth and action for we know that throughout this hemisphere the same aspirations are every where being worked out, under diverse conditions but with the same impulse and ultimate object.

All this is very clear to us and will, I confidently predict, become more and more clear to the whole world as the great processes of the future unfold themselves. It is with a full consciousness of such principles and such ambitions that we are asking ourselves at the present time what our duty is, with regard to the armed forces of the Nation.



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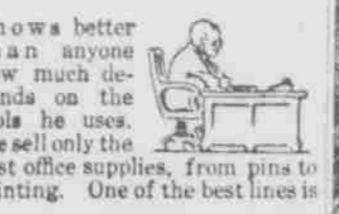
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