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MISLEADING PUBLIC DECLARATIONS.

The average reader of newspapers is often misled by seeing some statement made by a leading man of the country and accepting his statement as fact without questioning its accuracy.

A short time ago Senator Hoar made the public statement that the United States had the most expensive military establishment in the world.

This statement at once raised a cry from every person who was against the present national administration, politically, or who was otherwise inclined to pick exceptions with the conduct of the management of public affairs.

Of course this statement was made with the purpose of representing that there was mismanagement in the conduct of military affairs in this country.

But a few figures at once prove the falsity of this claim.

The United States army of 100,000 men costs $155,000,000. Germany's 585,000 men cost $160,000,000. England's 600,000 men cost $125,000,000. Russia's 900,000 men cost $159,000,000.

These are the figures of money given in the respective countries on war department for their military establishments.

To show the reason of the disparity in figures in the above, which would be indicative so much against this country, it is well to state that while the men serving in the army of this country are paid for their services, those in the other armies receive no pay.

If the men serving in the armies of Europe were paid as are the soldiers of the United States the military force above noted for the several foreign countries, would be double in amount.

Take the soldiers of the countries with their rations and pay, and compare the lot with those of any foreign country where the soldiers are compelled to serve through conscription their conditions would and could be other.

All soldiery is non-productive. Where garrisons of soldiers in this country are to be found, there is the money to be spent.

A garrison of foreign soldiers in a town means many hard-earned pay in the place who have nothing to spend.

The military war tax in Europe means the impoverishment of the countries with the armies, while in this country the tax means more an exchange from one pocket to another, without any detriment of national resources as is existing place in Europe.

The military tax of the United States is large but this country is not carrying by a long way the most expensive military establishment in the world.

It is best to be correct on this and on all public matters and not exaggerate for political or any other reason, the actual facts concerning governmental affairs which too often is the case.

AS OUTSIDERS MUST SEE US.

North Carolina in her continuous political act, must truly prove an edifying spectacle to those living beyond the boundaries of this State.

If the press outside of this State has severely criticised the deeds political that have taken place in North Carolina during the past three years, there is little heard of such criticisms among the newspapers of this State.

Naturally here and there a newspaper abroad has taken a fling at North Carolina's political methods, but there seems to have been no general attack, as might seem warranted by the continual political wrangling going on in this State.

Perhaps other States have had political troubles of their own, and then it may be that North Carolina's political wranglings have become an old story, even to the outside world, as they have become monotonous to the people of this State.

The recent mix up at Raleigh, which involved a lawyer and Judges of the Supreme Court, is what the Greensboro Telegram says [illegible] Record and the Spectator and the Telegram seem to [illegible] up that Speakership [illegible]

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