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> PREPAREDNESS By Robert E. Peele

We are living an evil times As bad as war is conditions that led to it are worse. Materialism and commercialism have stamped the dollar mark on everything, not excepting parriotsm and relation We spell patriousin with a P A Y and our souls are saved at so much a head, with an emphasis on the their heart in the ballot The spirit of the age is a woman in breeches and a man in pantiets

Our God is a goody goody who has swallowed the world. fiesh and the devil and has bridged over the great gult between heaven and hell so that Lazarus and Dives can be hall fellows-well-met. The Hardshell has become softshed and Carvinism has lost its spinal I am a Hardshell, Missionary Baptis .. The anti-missionary Baptist is all shelt and no heart. The o-missionary Baptist is all pulp and no shell.

(Too many of us are living on the experience of the fathers, because we've got none of our own. We believe the doctrine of the New Birth but know nothing of the

As no man should practice law who is an anarchist, and no man should practice medicine who does not believe in the reality of bodily ills, and no man should be a merchant who does not believe in the acquisition of private property, and no man should be soldier who does not believe in the right of the government to use force, so no man should be a citizen who does not believe in preparedness. I believe in preparedness along the whole line of life for the individual and the nation.

I am a militant Christian, first, last and all the time. To be sure, Christ is the Prince of Peace and Peace is the end of his mission but we've got to fight long and well to get it. Christ came to send a sword because this was one of the means to the end for which he He came to send fire because this was the only way to destroy or burn up the chaff. He came not to destroy as an end, but to fulfil. And yet, He must destroy the works of the devil before he can fill full the whole world with His glory.

The peace that Mr Bryan preaches It asis a peace without law. not under law, but under grace. It assumes that our government is Christian. which is not so. It assumes that love is the motive in politics when

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collannels is the spirit of the age. Mr. broun's kingdom of peace s lo! here and lo! there, and the Millster repulliates this and says hal it is within you. There is Hore hel than heaven in our counley and woo unto us if we ignore he tast. Hell is butning all around us and our country will burn like an oven if we are not prepared to git be thines. A state of an archy exists in Mexico and we have not to help them set their nouse in order or be the prey of their incendiarism. Europe, after this war will be a horde of ravenng woives, and unless our defenes are strong we shall be devoured. Not only so, but South America China will be looking to us for And it is not enough for us to hold our own; the strong must\*bear the infirmities of the These are troublous times and we need to be a nation of citizen soldlers for our own defense and the protection of our neighbors. Besides, our internal conditions military organization. war; but greed for gain. "What will thou not compel mortal hearts to do, thou cursed hunger for gold!" Materialism and commercial greed are eating the soul out of us. The world still needs a crucified and risen Savior and it is damned with

In Mr. Bryan's speech against preparedness, his whole argument is based on selfishness. Take care of your property and save your skin at any cost is his speech in a nutshell. His doctrine is a wolf in sheep's clothing. The Master says he that saves his life shall lose it and he that loses his life Remember that whatever is not sacrificial is sa-

out Him. We've got to die to live.

Wealth has never made an indi-

vidual, man or nation, but the love

of it has been the downfall of all

men and nations that have gone

Mexico will never be saved until there is some innocent bloodletting. Blood,-the giving of life, is the only remedy for sin. Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Only the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleangeth from all sin; but all innocent blood is His blood. I am willing to give my blood, such as it is, and the blood of my children to save my I am about sixty-four years old, but if my country needs me in her army of preparedness, I stand ready to go and hereby volunteer as a high private for immediate

In conclusion let me say a word about the kind of preparedness I believe in. I believe in universal good roads at the expense of the government, in a military feature in all our public schools, in a navy second only to Great Britain and in a citizen army of 500,000 men with the best equipment in the world.

### A HARD LEARNED LESSON

The Advance believes in thrift. We have learned to believe in it n the hard school of experience. Time was when the other or this newspaper could not easily be brought to listen to one who took his lext on any phase of thrift.

Earning a smary not monabelent in adequate to his needs, he was rather proud of the rac; that he seldom save thought to wast he was carming or west he was spending enat he was Saving. Ail of this seemed sorded. The only Imag worth white was to work and b

We have come to know now that or him to have assumed early in me He resson of three world pro ably save added mays to his me, strongth to his body and in other ways have multiplied his usualities will emelency.

Thr.It, of course, does not mean he mere saying of money. Some arways tural is carerus panning to ease of time, was a of energy sase of resolver. Similar John palence and the sister of Tempersince and the mother of Liberty. A bril less individual can more save he word, no master how unselfish none do not make a great general ir even a great fighter, along with ravery and courage there must be erve energy, to foresee and pro-

The Advance would be and if the young men of Elizabeth City could learn thrift at less cost than we have done. And that is why we throw aside no opportunity to say omething that may come in teachng them this lessou.



Thomas P. Sale, 55, warden of he North Carolina penitentiary at a half hour after he had superin tended the electrocution of two Physicians who nessed the executions declared the warden appeared agitated as he unstrapped the bodies of the negroes from the electric chair after death had occurred. Mr. Sale retired to his office and shortly afterward became unconscious. He had extired when physicians reached

Jeff Dorsett and Ed. Walker, the nezroes executed, were convicted on circumstantial evidence of the murder in Guilford County last year of John Swain, an aged farmer in an attempted robbery.

Prison authorities said Walker, prior to leaving his cell for the death chamber, confessed that he shot Swain. It was the first double electrocution to take place in this State.

The Trustees of the University of North Carolina, in semi-annual session at Raleigh have received the annual report of President E. K. Graham, showing a year of remarkable progress. The registration January 1 was 1,823. a gain of over three hundred the past year. The report shows that 93.5 per cent of the students registered are from Nor'h Carolina and ninetenths of the counties are repre-

Dr. Charles Lee Raper, head of the department of economics in the University of North Carolina, and rural investigator for the United States Department of Agriculturae, has accepted an invitation to confer in framing a new taxing system in New York.

Dr. Raper is ranked as one of the taxation experts of the country. He is author of a book on taxation and a book on railway transportation. He has studied the system of taxation abroad and extensively in the United States.

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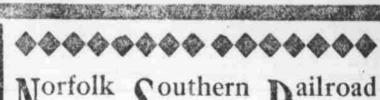
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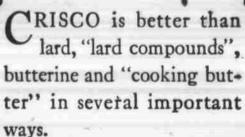
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