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The Forum

To the Editor of the Nebraskan:

May I add a word to your military drill symposium?

readers are opposed to war. The peo. doned the notion that every man must ple who really want war, for its own sake, may easily be divided into two classes. To one class belongs the pro-recogn zing that the possession of arms fessional soldier, who frugally desires is a temptation to use them. Even the to give the country more work for his popular logic say that whoever looks pay that present conditions permit, for trouble will be likely to find it and who also hopes to benefit by the Just why this principle, which is held rapid promotion which would follow valid for individuals taken separately. his anticipated by liant service in the should not apply to individuals taken field. He surely cannot be blamed for coffectively, is not clear. I can explain desiring war. To the other class be it only as superstition on the part of longs the contractor who furnishes us who pay the \$300,000,000 a year, and arms and munitions of war, and he surely cannot much be blamed for wanting business to pick up. The great majority of us, however, who might be inconveniently killed, and who feel that the third of our national income which we now spend on militarism is just about enough to pay for international burglar insurance, are desirous of seeing peace continue.

But we would not consent to even this trifling erpenditure of some three hundred millions annually if we did not regard war as in some cases, a necessary evil. We regard it with abhorrence, but we tolerate it in perhaps somewhat the same spirit as we tolerate capital punishment. With this difference: We keep the gallows and the hangman pretty much out of our gallant young prospective executioners on the athletic field with all possipossibility of war with Mexico, or with Japan, or with Ethiopia, we say, makes it necessary that six hundred ablebodied men devote half a working day art of wholesale homicide. It is because of the possibility of war, runs the pop-

ular logic, that we have trained sol diers and other armaments.

A few of us, however, hold the opin ion that we have a possibility of war because we have trained soldiers and armaments; that militarism causes war rather than that war causes militarism. It is surely safe to assume that your The civilized world long ago abancarry weapons in order that his person might be secure. Our laws in fact for bid a man to carry his own arsenal,

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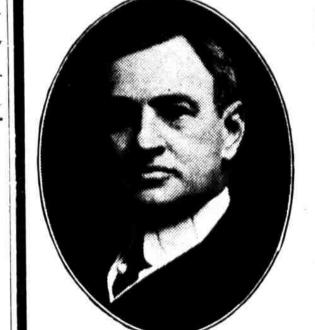
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