

**AMERICAN NAVY ALONE  
CAN SAVE SEA FREEDOM**

**Britton, of Illinois, Gives Facts To  
Controvert President's Pet  
Treaty Expression.**

Washington, June 22.—Reliance upon the upbuilding of the American navy as the only means of maintaining "freedom of the seas" is the Republican answer to the British league of nations pact.

Representative Britton of Illinois thus expresses the Republican idea:

"It is argued by friends of Great Britain that she simply will not allow us to supersede her on the high seas, and to these I can only reply that England is now completing but one battle cruiser of the Hood type of 41,200 tons displacement with a 31-knot speed, carrying eight 15-inch guns, which is in no direction the equal of our Indiana type of superdreadnought of 43,000 tons and 23-knot speed, carrying twelve 16-inch guns, and that during the past 12 months Great Britain has destroyed the form works and keel of at least one sister ship of the Hood type in the interest of economy, and I maintain that until she can pay interest on her bonded indebtedness, at least to her foreign creditors, she would not be justified in going ahead with a costly competitive battleship program, and particularly so not with us, when she realizes fully that we have no designs upon anything she may have.

"While the pride of England may be hurt by her slide into second place among the naval powers of the world, she certainly can not hope to successfully compete against us if we are really determined to take the place we are entitled to on the seas as the world's foremost nation and where American commerce can receive the protection it failed to get prior to our entrance into the World War.

"The phrase 'the freedom of the seas' will mean just exactly what it says, and our supremacy thereon will never justify the control and regulation of the commerce of all nations merely because we have the power to do so, as England has done in the past, much to our disappointment and, at times, humiliation.

"If the naval establishments on the Pacific Coast prior to the last year were but adequate for a few obsolete cruisers and gunboats, they certainly are now inadequate to supply the wants of that portion of the American navy which must in the future base on the Pacific Coast for the protection of American commerce and diplomacy, and it is quite hard to explain just why a great naval base in San Francisco Bay is not now in course of construction.

"Mr. Speaker, some years ago the Helm Commission was appointed by act of Congress to make a thorough study of conditions on the Pacific Coast and to report its findings to Congress.

"Among other things, the commission said that in order to be as effectively operated in the Pacific as in the Atlantic the size of the fleet now existing and authorized makes desirable immediate provision for a marked extension in berthing, docking, and repair facilities on the Pacific Coast.

"For strategic reasons it was found necessary and desirable that there should be at least two navy yards of the first class on the Pacific coast of the United States; that the strategic location, physical characteristics, industrial advantages, and defensibility of the navy yard at Puget Sound are

of such character as to make its development as one of these yards not only necessary and desirable but imperative, in view of the requirements of that region for national defense; that the extension of the present navy yard at Mare Island adjacent to San Francisco Bay to meet the requirements of one of two main navy yards on the Pacific Coast is impracticable, due to physical limitations, but that its development within certain restriction is desirable, practicable, and recommended."

**LITTLE BITS OF WIT AND WISDOM**

**Present Address.**

A man faithfully followed "Tips to Investors" in several magazines for several years. His present address is Park Bench No. 457.

**Wouldn't Do It.**

Boston Transcript: Cassidy—Ye're a liar! Oi did not.

Dugan—So ye called me a prevaricator?

**Couldn't Match It.**

Kansas City Star: Her Husband—Did you vote today?

Mrs. Newvoter—No. I went to the polls, but they didn't have a single ballot to match that pink sample ballot you gave me.

**SAVING TIME.**

Kansas City Star: "Peanuts, popcorn, crackerjack!" called the train boy as the iron horse whistled for Kansas City. "No need to wait till you get to the station to buy your refreshments. Peanuts, popcorn, crackerjack, loaded dice, marked cards, oil stock!"

**Right On the Job.**

Birmingham Age-Herald: "Is your new maid prompt in answering the doorbell?"

"Yes, indeed. She has a sweetheart somewhere who sends her a special deliver letter every day."

**HIS LIMIT.**

American Legion Weekly: "How much will this cloth cost a yard?" asked the man who was being measured for a suit.

"Twenty-seven fifty," replied the tailor.

"Mm," mused the customer. "I guess I don't need a suit. You'd better just make me up a watch fob."

**"Give Till It Hurts."**

Oregon Journal: Grownups may learn something from little Johnnie. On the morning of his birthday this notice was found posted on the door of his room: "Remember my birthday; give till it hurts."

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**Playing Up.**

Boston Transcript: "Hiram," said the farmer's wife, "what makes you say 'By gosh' so much and go round with a straw in your mouth?"

"I'm getting ready for the summer boarders that's comin' next week. If some of us don't talk an' act that way, they'll think we ain't country folks at all."

**Learned Something.**

American Legion Weekly: They were looking down into the depths of the Grand Canyon. "Do you know," asked the guide, "that it took millions and millions of years for this great abyss to be carved out?"

"Well, well," ejaculated the traveler. "I never knew this was a government job."



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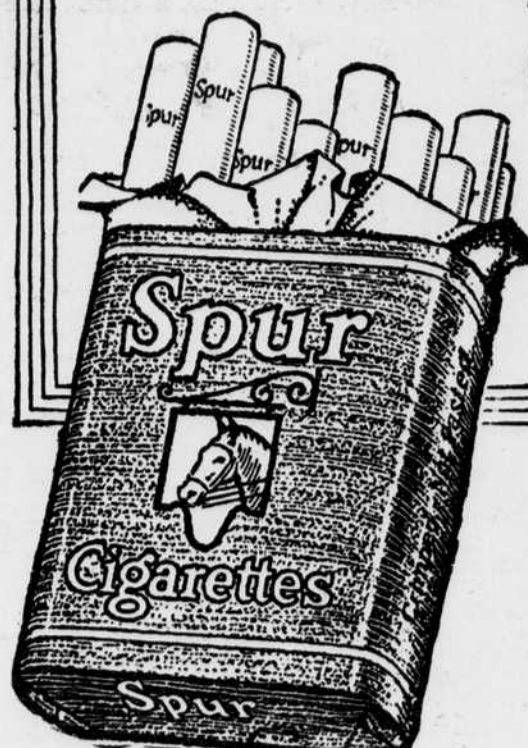
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