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CAN THE U. S. BE INVADED?

With preparedness as the paramount issue before congress, made so by conditions that have arisen since the Great War began and by the stress placed upon it by the president who voiced sentiments that have been crystallizing rapidly during the past few months, we take it that every thoughtful citizen is making it a part of his business to give earnest study to the question. As far as the majority of us are concerned, the problem is a comparatively new one and the open-minded attitude is therefore particularly useful if we are to decide it upon its merits and not from preconceived notions which may or may not have been based upon a consideration of actual facts. One of the often and emphatically asserted objections to the United States entering upon a program of national defense is the claim that it is utterly useless since no foreign foe could ever land an army on our shores to successfully attack us. Views differ widely on this question and naturally, being one which calls for some technical knowledge of the military art, it is no easy matter for the ordinary layman to form an intelligent opinion on it. While military experts are generally believed to be prejudiced witnesses in this important case, we take it that the testimony of the war college is well worth considering and we therefore print below a portion of the report of this division of the general staff of the United States army. The report opens with a consideration of the military problem confronting the United States from which it reaches the conclusion that "the safeguard of isolation no longer exists" since "the oceans, once barriers, are now easy avenues of approach by reason of the number, speed and carrying capacity of ocean-going vessels." It declares that the successful outcome of the wars in which the country has been engaged has given the public a wrong impression, inasmuch as careful study of these wars reveals "a startling picture of faulty leadership, waste of lives and property, costly overhead charges augmented by payment of bounties to keep up voluntary enlistments, undue prolongation of all these wars and finally reckless expenditure of public funds for continuing pensions." The report contains a table of the military strength of the seven leading foreign powers as of August, 1914, and

also an estimate of available shipping for a military expedition to the United States. It says a "reasonable estimate" shows that Austria-Hungary, with a total trained force of 4,320,000 men, could send 180,000 men across the seas within 40.7 days in two expeditions; France, with 5,000,000 men, 404,226 in thirty days; Germany with 5,000,000 men, 827,000 in 30.8 days; Great Britain, with 695,000 men, 170,000 in twenty-seven days; Italy, with 2,600,000 men, 227,000 in thirty-five days; Japan, with 2,312,000 men, 238,367 men, in forty-one days, and Russia, with 5,000,000 men, 104,074 men, in forty days. Presenting the military problem of the country the report continues: "Without superiority on the sea or an adequate land force there is nothing to prevent any hostile power or coalition of powers from landing on our shores such part of its trained and disciplined troops as its available transports can carry. The time required is limited only by the average speed of its vessels and the delay necessarily consumed in embarking and disembarking." The report then makes this statement of the military problem: "From what has been stated, we are forced to the conclusion that we must be prepared to resist a combined land and sea operation of formidable strength. Our principal coast cities and important harbors have already been protected by harbor defenses, which, by passive method alone, can deny to an enemy the use of these localities as bases for such expeditions. "The enemy being unable to gain a foothold in any of these fortified areas, by direct naval attack will therefore be forced to find some suitable place on the coast from which land operations can be conducted both against the important coast cities and the rich commercial centers in the interior. Long stretches of coast line between the fortified places lie open to the enemy. The only reasonable way in which these localities can be defended is by providing a mobile land force of sufficient strength so located that it may be thrown in at threatened points at the proper time. "It has just been shown that the strength of these expeditions might be, as well as the time required for any one of them to develop its whole effective force, hence it can be seen, when we take into consideration the possible two months' delay provided

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by the navy, that our system should be able to furnish 500,000 trained and organized mobile troops at the outbreak of the war and to have at least 500,000 more available within ninety days thereafter. Here, however, it must be pointed out that two expeditions alone will provide a force large enough to cope with our 1,000,000 mobile troops, and consequently we must at the outbreak of hostilities provide the system to raise and train in addition at least 500,000 troops to replace the losses and wastage in personnel incident to war.

Express Packettes. Less than two weeks now remain - Doubtless this song gives you pain. Early morning hours are best. Hurry up - you know the rest. The Ardmoreite suggests that it will be the best Ford joke of all if Henry happens to pacify Europe. After all, probably the most perplexing problem of the whole business is what to get "Dear Old Dad."

What People Are Saying. School Bond Issue. To the Daily Express - I have just read Professor Ramey's letter in regard to the needs of the Chickasha schools. I note that we need another building and from the crowded condition of the present buildings, we undoubtedly ought to have another building. But let's see the matter from a business standpoint, as well as from the "needs" of the schools. The three buildings, north, west and south, cost the city about \$43,000. Suppose we construct another building, similar to one of these, - only that we put \$20,000 in its construction instead of \$14,000. How would it do then to allow \$5,000 to the high school. Where does the necessity come in for any \$70,000 bond issue. Now between our "needs" and our "necessities" there is a great step. And, financially, between our real need of \$25,000 and a bond issue of \$70,000, there is such a marked difference, that every voter in the city ought to vote against this proposition. Now, there's another item to be considered: If we vote the bonds now, and cannot come into real use of the buildings until next year, it will cost us \$2,500 in interest, for the dead and idle time between this and September 15. Now, let's defeat this issue of bonds, in April or May, approve an issue of \$25,000, put the building in in the summer and save all this interest waste. These are the observations of a TAXPAYER.

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Brother G Lyle Smith wants it distinctly understood that he is not the pot-shooting preacher mentioned by Packagettes the other day. He says the bloomin' birds flew before he could get a chance to shoot.

Scripture. A STOLEN SMILE'R TWO. What He Appreciated. "I have never owned any automobiles," said the man who hadn't yet paid for his home, "but I can say one thing in praise of them."

Another practical sort of preparedness consists in having a good supply of kindling on hand to use when the fire goes out on a cold night.

But while you are making your arrangements for a supply of Christmas spirit, you might do well to take Hodge Bailey into consideration.

But ordinarily when a man bears about so much avoidence around with him, he is bound to be called "Colonel" by somebody in this part of the country.

J. D. Carmichael is getting along fairly well in the golf game but so far he has not achieved anything like the success of his business partner in the matter of proving an alibi.

Having been informed that Bud Gibbs went to the country to transact some hog-killing and sausage making, we have decided to cultivate a closer acquaintance with him.

Brother G Lyle Smith wants it

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