

Crisis With Germany Finds U. S. Preparedness Is Anything But a Realty

Facing this grave crisis with the Teutonic Powers, the people of the United States find themselves today with scarcely more military and naval force than before the great war started.

There has been much talk of preparedness, but little has been done.

Large sums have been appropriated by Congress, but the results of their expenditures remain to be seen.

Of the two—the army and the navy—the latter is by far the more formidable when compared with the armed forces of the other great powers.

According to the latest records, the American navy totals 1,097,502 tons displacement, taking into account both ships built and building.

This tonnage compares with the following for the great powers on July 1, 1914, or almost three years ago:

Great Britain	2,713,756
Germany	1,354,640
France	899,915
Japan	699,916
Russia	701,253
Italy	497,815
Austria-Hungary	372,008

In the period since then these great powers, all at war, have increased their navies by giant strides. They naturally have kept their naval developments secret, but it is known for instance, that in the first two years of the war Great Britain launched a new navy fully equal in size to the whole of the United States sea fighting forces.

Exactly how the American navy compares with others today is impossible for most experts to say. Perhaps a few secret service men, if the employ of the big fighting governments know, but if they do they are keeping this valuable information for their own nations' purposes.

The number of officers and men in the United States Navy on July 1, 1916, was 58,039. This compared with pre-war strengths on July 1, 1914, of 150,609 officers and men for Great Britain; Germany, 79,197; France, 67,846; Japan, 55,738; Russia, 52,467; Italy, 39,913, and Austria-Hungary 19,531.

It has been stated in newspaper dispatches that the officers and men in the British navy now number 350,000 and that a round million workers are constantly employed in Great Britain building new ships of war and repairing old ones. Less is known about Germany's naval strength as developed under the stress of war, but she is supposed to have between 500 and 800 new submarines in commission.

In a nutshell, the naval forces of the United States today (built or actually building) are shown by the following table:

Type	Number	Tons
Battleships (dreadnought type)	17	467,460
Battleships (pre-dreadnoughts)	25	340,140
Small battleships and monitors	4	12,500
Battle cruisers	None	
Armored cruisers	10	149,080
Cruisers	15	75,620
Destroyers	74	60,211
Torpedo boats	6	1,080
Submarines	75	

Total 226 1,097,502. Pre-dreadnoughts have main batteries of more than one size of big guns and would be of little use in a great naval battle where dreadnoughts (battleships having main batteries of all big guns) were engaged.

Besides the ships included in the above table, there is a large number of transports, colliers, repair ships, torpedo depot ships and other auxiliary vessels.

There are vast hordes of fast private motor boats and yachts in the United States which would be promptly taken over by the government in time of war. No country in the world approaches the United States in the number of such craft.

The government also has arrangements with many private shipping firms to take over larger vessels as agreed prices in time of need.

Naval Militia.

To reinforce the navy there is to day no regular reserve, although one is contemplated. Former navy men would be urged to re-enlist, retired officers would be called back to the quarterdeck, and the naval militia would be utilized as far as found available.

This force is now organized in twenty-two states, the District of Columbia and the territory of Hawaii and has a total enlistment of 8,511 men. New York has the largest number of naval militiamen—1,498; another leading state in this respect are California, 887; Illinois, 561; Massachusetts, 748; Michigan, 496; Minnesota, 439, and New Jersey, 442.

The Naval Militia is partly under state and partly under federal jurisdiction. The officer of the Navy Department having charge of naval militia matters is Captain T. P. Magruder.

The New Navy.

Great plans for the naval expansion were included in the naval act approved August 29 of last year. These had just begun to be carried out when Germany a few days ago sent her declaration that she repudiated all her submarine pledges to the United States. In addition, the present Congress now has under consideration a bill which would expand last year's program slightly.

The act of last year authorizes the

ry, Trippe, Tucker, Wadsworth, Wainwright, Walker, Warrington, Winslow, MINE FORCE. Commander Reinhold R. Belknap, Commander. Baltimore, Duquesne, Lebanon, Ontario, Patuxent, Patuxent, San Francisco, Sonoma.

TRANS. Captain William L. Rodgers, Commander. Vestal, Arethus, Celtic, Calceos, Cyclops, Jupiter, Neptune, Orion, Prometheus, Solace.

RESERVE FORCE. Alabama, B. 2d L.; Chester, C. 2d C.; Chicago, C. 2d C.; Georgia, B. 2d L.; Kansas, B. 2d L.; Kearsage, B. 2d L.; Kentucky, B. 2d L.; Louisiana, B. 2d L.; Maine, B. 2d L.; Minnesota, B. 2d L.; Missouri, B. 2d L.; Nebraska, B. 2d L.; New Hampshire, B. 2d L.; New Jersey, B. 2d L.; North Dakota, B. 1st L.; Ohio, B. 2d L.; Rhode Island, B. 2d L.; Virginia, B. 2d L.; Washington, A. C.; Wisconsin, B. 2d L.

Pacific Fleet. Admiral William B. Caperton, Commander-in-Chief. San Diego, A. C.; Albany, C. 3d C.; Annapolis, G. B.; Buffalo, trans.; Chattanooga, C. 3d C.; Denver, C. 3d C.; Raleigh, C. 3d C.; Yorktown, G. B.

COAST TORPEDO FORCE. Commander Arthur G. Kavanaugh, Commander. Hopkins, Hull, Lawrence, Paul Jones, Perry, Preble, Stewart, Truxton, Whipple.

TRANS. Brutus (fuel ship), Glacier (supply ship), Ironclad (tug), Nanshan (fuel ship), Nero (fuel ship), Saturn (collier).

RESERVE FORCE. Rear Admiral William F. Fulm.

Commander. Colorado, A. C.; Cleveland, C. 3d C.; Maryland, A. C.; New Orleans, C. 3d C.; Oregon, B. 2d L.; Pittsburgh, A. C.; Saratoga, C. 1st C.; South Dakota, A. C.; West Virginia, A. C. Asiatic Fleet.

Admiral Albert G. Winterhalter, Commander-in-Chief. First Division. Brooklyn, C. 1st C.; Cincinnati, C. 3d C.; Galveston, C. 3d C.

SECOND DIVISION. Wilmington, G. B.; Monocacy, G. B.; Palos, G. B.; Queros, G. B.; Samar, G. B.; Villalobos, G. B.

THIRD DIVISION. Helena, G. B.; Elicano, G. B.; Pampana, G. B.

VESELS OF TORPEDO FLOTILLA. Daie, Bainbridge, Barry, Chancy, Decatur.

FLEET AUXILIARIES. haredna (fuel ship), Ajax (fuel ship), Monterey (mentor), Piscataway (tug), Wompatuck (tug).

Abbreviations: A. C.—Armored cruiser. B. 1st L.—Battleship, first line. B. 2d L.—Battleship, second line. C. 1st C.—Cruiser, first class. C. 2d C.—Cruiser, second class. C. 3d C.—Cruiser, third class. C. G. B.—Converted gunboat. Des.—Destroyer. G. B.—Gunboat. M.—Monitor. Mer. Cob.—Merchant complement. T. B.—Torpedo boat. Trans.—Transport. Sta. Ship—Station ship. R. S.—Receiving ship.

Manna Loa, in the Hawaiian Islands, 13,350 feet high, is the highest mountain which rises directly from the sea.

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ing and there is no doubt of its passage. It will then go to the house where the temperance committee will put it on the floor immediately with favorable recommendation. Speaker Shanahan intends to bring it to an issue as soon as possible.

The drys claim that many members of the house who would not sign their legislation program have agreed to vote for the state wide bill and the prospects of its passage are said to be good. If it should fail, however, an effort will be made at once to push the Bruce bill onto the floor and secure a test on it. It prohibits the sale of any liquor containing more than ten per cent. alcohol and probably would be acceptable to many of the drys in case they cannot pass a prohibition bill.

The County Option bill, pending in the house and senate, is not being pushed by the anti-saloon league this year. Heretofore this has been the "big bill." In substituting the state wide bill for county option the anti-saloon league sprung a surprise on the liquor interests. The county option measure will be taken up and voted upon after the state wide bill is disposed of.

Loami, Ill., Feb. 9.—Twenty-five families of Loami are under quarantine for diphtheria here after Mrs. A. C. Hatcher, while suffering with the disease attended a lodge meeting. The woman did not know she was more than slightly ill. However a day later a physician diagnosed her case as diphtheria. So far the state authorities have not been appealed to but the local health authorities decided to take no chances and ordered wholesale quarantine.

Superintendent E. Scott McBride is encouraged by the general outlook on liquor legislation. The state wide prohibition bill will be up in the senate for final action Tuesday morning.

Had Terrible Pains in Kidneys and Back.

Dear Mr. Editor—I want to write you about "Anurie." I was very sick, could hardly be up; I was in bed most of the time. Had terrible pains in my kidneys and back, so much so that I had to scream sometimes when I was sitting down and wanted to get up, the pain was so great. I had tried a well-known kidney medicine but it didn't help me. I heard of Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets so I thought I would try them. I took only one box of the Tablets, and my back is now free from pain and I can work and take care of my family. I feel I cannot say enough for this medicine. Sincerely, Mrs. Wm. Keller.

NOTE: This "Anurie" is adapted especially for kidney complaints and diseases arising from disorders of the kidneys and bladder, such as backache, weak back, rheumatism, dropsy, congestion of the kidneys, inflammation of the bladder, scalding urine and urinary troubles. The physicians and specialists at Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets, at Buffalo, N. Y., have thoroughly tested this prescription and have been with one accord successful in eradicating these troubles, and in most cases absolutely curing the diseased kidneys.

Patience having once used "Anurie" at Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, have repeatedly sent back for more. Such a demand has been created that Dr. Pierce has decided to put "Anurie" in the drug stores of this country, in a ready-to-use form. If not obtainable send one dime by mail to Dr. Pierce for trial package or 50 cents for full treatment.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a blood cleanser and alterative that starts the liver and stomach into vigorous action. It thus assists the body to make rich, red blood, which feeds the heart, nerves, brain and organs of the body. You feel clean, strong and strenuous.

Public Sale of Farm Lands

To be Held on the Premises at 1:30 P. M.

Monday, Feb. 19, 1917

Investors and Speculators be Sure and Attend This Sale.

Of a good combination grain and stock farm, located alongside of a good level gravel road, about 70 miles southwest from one of the best markets in the world, Chicago; and 2 miles southwest of Seneca, Illinois, one of the best grain markets outside of Chicago "WHY?" Because Seneca is located at the intersection of the Rock Island and Big Four railroads, which furnishes a direct run to Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and other eastern markets without going through Chicago. On this account, the freight rates are lower, and the grain buyers can afford to pay a higher price for grain at Seneca, than at other points where there is no such railroad competition.

The legal description of this farm is as follows, to-wit: The southwest quarter, and also that part of the north half of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Five (5) East of the Third Principal Meridian, lying south of the Illinois River, containing 339.11 acres, more or less, situated in the county of La Salle, and State of Illinois.

This land can be divided, 160 acres in one tract, 144.54 acres in another, and 34.57 acres in the other tract. It will be offered for sale first in separate tracts, although it all lays in one body, and then it will be all offered together, and will be sold without reserve to the highest and best bidder, whichever way it will bring the most money. About one year ago I was offered \$100.00 per acre cash for this land if I could give possession on March 1, 1916, but it was under lease, and I could not deliver possession. NOW, MR. INVESTOR, this land is reasonably worth \$125.00 per acre, but as I wish to improve my Minnesota land, you will have an opportunity to purchase this land at your own price, and can have possession on March 1, 1917.

The improvements on this land consist of an eight-room two-story house, in fairly good condition, located on a very beautiful building site. There is a barn large enough to hold about 10 head of horses and the same number of cattle, and about 20 or 30 tons of hay. There is also a good double corn crib, and a good granary, and coal and wood shed, and other out-buildings. There is a good flowing well of the finest kind of artesian water. This land is fairly well fenced and cross fenced, and is underlaid with a good vein of coal, and there have been several oil companies trying to secure oil leases on the land, which indicates that there must be valuable deposits of oil on this farm.

There are about 150 acres of this land under cultivation, and partly tilled out, and the balance is in blue grass pasture, with a little scattering timber. The land is all practically level, and if the timber was removed, and the pasture land tilled, there is no reason why this would not make one of the best stock and dairy farms in the county. The land is bounded on the north by the Illinois river, and is about 14 feet higher than the high water mark, which affords good drainage and easy access to market in case the Illinois river is made a navigable stream, and the owner wishes to mine and market the coal. There is a good landing place right alongside of the land, where all the produce and stock could be loaded for market, right off the farm. And should he desire to irrigate the land, it can be done very cheaply from the river.

This sale will be held on the premises, and will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock p. m., on Monday, February 19, 1917. The terms of sale will be about \$5,000.00 in cash on day of sale, and the balance cash on the first day of March, when deed and possession will be given. There is now a loan of \$15,000.00 on this land, secured by a mortgage, which can be all paid off on March first, or the purchaser can arrange for a new loan, to suit himself.

MR. INVESTOR, if you fail to attend this sale, you are standing in your own light, and you will regret it. I have several very good prospective tenants, who will be very glad to rent this farm and enter into a lease with the purchaser on the day of sale.

I will pay a reasonable commission to any legitimate dealer who brings the buyer. Any interested parties can see the abstract at McDougall & Chapman's office, Ottawa, Illinois; and the plat and survey of the land, made by the County Surveyor, can be seen at my office.

WILLIAM JAMISON,

COL. JAMES DARLING, Ottawa, Illinois;
COL. T. J. KELLY, Seneca, Illinois;
COL. H. M. LARSON, Morris, Illinois,
Auctioneers.

720 La Salle Street, Ottawa, Illinois

P. S.—There will be no by-bidders.

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