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PREFACE

THIS book has been written by one who is neither a military nor a naval expert. It has taken, therefore, the standards of adequacy and efficiency as laid down by the military and naval experts themselves, and has used them as a measurement of the adequacy and efficiency of the programmes for preparedness which are now being spread before the American people.

The innumerable facts and figures upon which it is based have been taken, in so far as is possible, from the official documents.

The book is by no means purely or chiefly negative. It seeks not only to show the utter inadequacy of the programmes for military preparedness, and the evils of a genuinely adequate military programme; but also to state concisely the parts of the American programme for preparedness, their support by reason and experience, and the inevitable and insuperable obstacle which each and all of them find in the military programme.

It endeavors to give full credit to the genuine and laudable desire of most of the military prepareders "to defend this country"; but it attempts to determine precisely what a "defensive war," against a first-rate power, in Twentieth Century warfare, would mean, and precisely what kind of a military programme would be truly adequate for it. Finally, it endeavors to prove to the countless Americans who loathe the thought of militarism, but who see no other adequate means of defense, that there is another means which is as definite, as practicable, as adequate and as American, as it is justified by reason and tried and proven by experience.

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