SEAPOL

(A By Professor Coleman Phillips.)

The ultimate success of the German Squadron has not only appealed to our imagination and ingrained spirit of adventure, but it has also stirred to the core of our national policy the questions of naval power and sea power. At least, it is devoutly to be hoped that many have realized the resulting danger. Otherwise the visit of the squadron will have merely afforded an occasion for our estimation of their chivalry and valor.

On this vitally important topic, therefore, I wish to say a few words, which I hope for the most will already appear in a public address.

Value of Sea Power

From the earliest recorded times freedom, both in peace and in war, has been the sovereign of nations. The civilization that prevails among maritime people, while tyranny, militarism, and despotism reign on the European continent, is found among island nations. Thus, to give an ancient example, the Assyrian kings, despotism, whose dominions, as with the Roman, abode, reigned and enjoyed all weaker States; but the Babylonian kings despised them, and men brought commerce in the cities of Mesopotamia's navigable rivers. Indeed, it is not the seas, but the French who have made the most of the Madagascar, the Ionian, and the Phoenician commerce, which has been developed at the expense of the Indian Ocean. In the meantime, it is not contrary to our interests to strengthen and protect these commercial centers, which are so essential for our national security. Indeed, the question of our security is as fundamental as it is imperative, for the safety of our commercial interests is inextricably bound up with the safety of our national economy. The growth of Japan and her trade among the Great Powers are due to her naval development and the protection of her commerce by the Great Powers. The British Empire is a vast and magnificent form of national defense. The protection of the High Seas, the improvement of our merchant marine, and the maintenance of our naval strength are essential to our national security.

Naval Policy

Considering the nature and situation of our Empire and our overseas commonwealths, sea power is an indispensable asset. The sea is our greatest asset, and it is our duty to protect it. The security of our lives depends upon it. Its success is the result of the days of our exile from the days of our infancy. One aspect of sea power stands out as a certain guide to the future. Another aspect is pointed out by the Joint Commission.

News

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Mr. Keith Duncan, B.E., of Dunoon and Auchen, is leaving Adelaide on April 6 for Sydney, where he will

embark by the Maila for Canada. During his stay abroad Mr. Duncan will study several aspects of the automotive industry in Canada, U.S.A., and England. One of his chief assignments will be to attend a World Motor Transport Congress, to be held at Detroit in May. This congress will be held under the auspices of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Duncan has been appointed a delegate from the Chamber of Motor Industries of South Australia.

Mr. Keith Duncan, who was born in the United Kingdom, was educated at the Upper High School, and attended the Thomas Price Scholarship, which enables the holder to complete any degree course at the University and also to pay a maintenance allowance for four years. Before attending the University, however, Mr. Duncan spent one year at the Adelaide High School. In 1918 he entered the University, and in his undergraduate engineering course, he was awarded a first-class certificate in mechanical engineering. In the latter part of his course, he paid particular attention to modern automotive construction, and a complete design consisting of full working drawings and all necessary notes was handed in as part of the final project. The design was that of a four-cylinder power unit, which were produced for the convenience of the manufacturers, and were presented to the University. Mr. Duncan is now working with both Dunoon Motors, Ltd., and Dunoon and Auchen, and is the chief designer for the past two years.

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