REAL PATRICIAL KEEP COOL! "Preparedness"—What for? DEFENCE? or DOMINION?

Our present "preparedness" program surpasses in expenditure any military program ever adopted by any nation — not excepting Germany.

Can we hope to control this monstrous machine when once we have set it in motion?

Let's not start something that will finish us.

Are we "preparing" ONLY to defend ourselves?

"Strictly speaking, if national defence applies solely to the prevention of an armed landing on our Atlantic or Pacific coasts, no navy at all is necessary." — Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, October 5, 1915.

"The protection of the harbor itself should be sufficient by forts, mines, and submarines, without the aid of the fleet." — Admiral Fletcher, Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Fleet.

"The coast fortifications of the United States are impregnable." — Gen. E. M. Weaver, Chief of the Sea Coast Artillery Corps, March 15th, 1916.

Watch your step!

Are we, in reality, "preparing" to crush others?

"A nation has a right to improve its position by every legitimate means, including world conquest." — *The Seven Seas*, Official Organ of the Navy League.

"World-empire is the only logical and natural aim for a nation that really desires to remain a nation." — *The Seven Seas*.

"We must play a great part in the world and . . . perform those deeds of blood, of valor, which above everything else bring national renown. By war alone can we acquire those virile qualities necessary to win in the stern strife of actual life.

— THEODORE ROOSEVELT

The hope of the world is that the present war will end militarism.

America armed to the teeth is MILITARISM VICTORIOUS.