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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Aug. 28.—The allegations in the recent criticisms of one of the English naval reactors that the limitation treaty leaves their navy in a distinctly second place, after being compared with the similar statements by one of our own reactors regarding the resulting inferiority of our navy, may well be eliminated from further consideration.

The chief motive for the treaty was to prevent competition in building. The secondary considerations were the saving of expense and the extension of the policy of parity to all ships. Because the needs of the British were felt to differ from the needs of the United States as to types of ships and caliber of guns, parity could only be approximate. Experts differ about it. But the main object of preventing present competition was fully secured.

Further discussion of parity is not only vain but is almost an exhibition of an unfriendly attitude. Representatives of three great and peaceful naval powers have reached a temporary agreement mutually advantageous. It will be best for all concerned to adopt it and abide by it. No good purpose will be served by constant discussion of the relative strength of the different navies involved.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Aug. 29.—There are people who complain that they do not have any luck. These are the opportunists who think that their destiny is all shaped outside themselves. They are always waiting for something to happen. Not only is nothing very good likely to happen to this class, but if some fortune seems to come it tends to turn out disastrously. They are usually ruined by success.

Our real luck lies within ourselves. It is a question of character. It depends on whether we follow the inward light of conscience. Such men rise above the realm of temporary circumstance. They are great even in defeat.

Napoleon following his star, seeking luck outside himself, was great only in victory. But in Egypt, at Moscow, at Waterloo, his glory departed. General Lee, sacrificing himself for what he felt was his duty, was no less great after Appomattox. Poverty, obscurity, assassination, only revealed the greatness of Lincoln. The wrath of man praised him. If we cannot entirely control our environment, we can control ourselves and our destiny. The man who is right makes his own luck.

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