

A.R.P. AND HIGH EXPLOSIVE

A.R.P. AND HIGH-EXPLOSIVE, by Major-General H. L. Pritchard (Duckworth, 1s.), is a handbook for the private citizen which will also fill a gap in the bookshelf of the A.R.P. officer and of the local government official, for high-explosive, delivered in the form of bombs, is still, and for long must continue to be, the main weapon of the world's bombing fleets. Other and more novel weapons can add to the horror and panic caused by attack from the air—and because of their novelty tend to attract more attention than their military value merits—but the high-explosive bomb is the aerial weapon from which the citizen and the community have most to fear.

Major-General Pritchard, who has had long and distinguished service in the Royal Engineers, is not concerned with the technique of bombing nor with active defence against bombers; he tells, without exaggeration, what the various types of high-explosive bomb can do and how they do it, and then describes the best measures to take in self-defence against such bombs and how to implement those measures; and he provides excellent diagrams to illustrate types of protection suitable for various circumstances and types of dwelling. A note written since the recent period of international tension comments on the A.R.P. measures then taken, and another note states that "if there are any author's profits from this publication they will be handed over to the Government's A.R.P. organization, trusting they will be used to purchase sandbags."

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Verstärkung der finnischen Kriegsmarine

Drahtbericht unseres ständigen Vertreters.

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Der finnische Wehrminister Niukkanen kündigte an, er werde dem Reichstage bald ein vollständiges Flottenbauprogramm vorlegen können. Zu dem in Auftrag gegebenen zwei Minenlegern sollten Torpedoboote treten, die für den Dienst im Schärengebiet geeignet seien. Sie werden etwa 1000 Tonnen verdrängen und neben leichter Bestückung drei Torpedorohre tragen. Im ganzen dürften drei Küstenpanzer, drei große und sechs kleinere Torpedoboote, neun Unterseeboote und eine Anzahl Hilfschiffe angefordert werden.

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Die finnische Kriegsmarine bestand bisher aus 2 Küstenpanzern zu 3900 Tonnen, 5 U-Booten, 4 Kanonenbooten, 6 Minenlegern, 19 Minensuchern und 7 Schnellbooten nebst einigen Hilfschiffen.