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TORRENT**

BY EDWARD MEAD EARLE

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At present he is professor in the school of economics and politics at the Institute for Advanced Study, where he has gathered from both the Institute and Princeton University a group of people who are concentrating on various phases of defense problems—economic, military, naval, etc. The group is now working on a syllabus to be used as a study plan for college courses in national defense problems.

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