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UNITED STATES MEN; TOO FEW NAVY SHORT OF TORPEDO EXPERTS Personnel Laws Prevent Promotion of Officers to Proper Grades, Declares Rear Admiral Blue.

SERIOUS shortcomings of personnel in the American navy are emphasized by Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, in his annual report. The principal are these: Shortage of expert torpedo officers. Shortage of line officers. A shortage of 18,000 men in the enlisted personnel.

Another abnormality is that practically all officers on ships in Mexican waters during the last year were in the grade of ensign, except the heads of departments, and nearly half of the heads of departments were lieutenants. This would be a grave condition in the event of naval warfare.

Admiral Blue points out that one result of the shortage of officers has been inability to train a large number of expert torpedo officers. During the last year, according to Admiral Blue, this deficiency has been partly overcome, but only partly.

There is every indication that this feature of Admiral Blue's report will attract attention in congress, particularly on account of the added importance that has been given to torpedo proficiency by the exploits of the torpedo boats of the German navy operating in submarine attacks on British warships in the North sea.

Admiral Blue expresses the hope that congress will remedy this deplorable condition of the personnel and recommends that speedy action be taken. He says further that about 50 per cent of the 351 lieutenants are now performing duty which formally should be performed by lieutenant commanders, while about 10 per cent are performing watch duty in the fleet, which should be the normal duty of the grade.

"The recent Mexican situation," says the admiral, "created an emergency that made great demands upon the commissioned personnel. It particularly illustrated the shortage of personnel compared with the number of ships we possess and would be compelled to commission in time of war. Practically all officers on ships in Mexican waters except heads of departments were in the grade of ensign, and nearly half the heads of departments were lieutenants.

"This state of affairs obtains with more than 75 per cent of the line officers at sea—a greater percentage than ever known before in time of peace. A redistribution of officers in the various grades of the line is urgently needed and recommended."

Admiral Blue also points out that there is a shortage of 18,000 in the number of men necessary to properly man the vessels of the navy. During the year the navy was recruited up to the full strength of enlisted men allowed by law, and many applicants for enlistment were refused in order to avoid exceeding the number allowed by law.

"Unusual demand," says the admiral's report, "have been made to commission various ships needed in the West Indian, Central American and Mexican waters. These have happily been met principally because the quota of enlisted men gained its full strength. The north Atlantic fleet has been kept nearly up to full complements during the year.

"During the coming year and a half it is expected that eight destroyers, ten submarines, two dreadnoughts and several auxiliaries will be ready for commission, calling for a larger number of men. As no extra allowance is provided for these ships, retrenchments will have to be provided in various ways to meet the situation."

"That dead bodies can remain in the upright position without support from without is, of course, absurd," says the Journal. "But it is interesting to mention that the favorite modern explosive is tri-nitrotozol, and this gives off incidentally a large volume of carbon monoxide gas, which, when inspired, produces a healthy pink and lifelike appearance in the corpse. Imagination has probably filled in the picture as to these victims appearing to retain a living posture."

THE CALL OF THE COUNTRY

Rural life offers to young men days of toil and nights of study. It offers frugal fare and plain clothes. It offers lean bodies, hard muscles, horny hands and furrowed brows. It offers wholesale recreation to the extent necessary to maintain the highest efficiency. It offers the burden of bringing up large families and training them in the productive life. It offers the obligations of using all wealth as tools and not as means of self-gratification. It does not offer the insult of a life of ease, or aesthetic enjoyment, or graceful consumption or emotional ecstasy. It offers, instead, the joy of productive achievement, of participating in the building up of a higher rural civilization.

DIFFERENCE IN LONGITUDE.

Five Hours, 17 Minutes and 36 Seconds Between Washington and Paris.

Actual difference in longitude between the official meridians of Paris and Washington is 5 hours, 17 minutes and 36.658 seconds, naval observatory officials have announced after completing their reduction of elaborate wireless observations in which French scientists participated. The observations made through the wireless station at Arlington and the Eiffel tower at Paris, constitute the first direct determination of longitudinal differences between Washington and Europe. When the work was half completed the scientists exchanged stations.

NO LIFELIKE POSTURES.

Pictures of Dead Men Erect in Trenches Only Exist in Fancy.

That picture of dead men erect in the trenches of France, rifles in hand, eyes open, limbs set as if in life, has been corroborated by the London Lancet. Correspondents at the front have sent in this narrative repeatedly, varying locality and details. Essentially, however, all accounts have been the same. Briefly, the victims have succumbed to a noxious gas given off by shells and have perished as they stood or sat after the manner of occupants of a castle in fairyland over which some evil spirit had cast a spell. But the Lancet says this cannot be so.

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