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### The Navy's Most Pressing Need

If a layman were to ask any of the high ranking officers of our Navy what is absolutely the most pressing need of the United States Navy today, he would unhesitatingly reply "Our most urgent need is more officers and men, and particularly the former."

The highly technical character of the modern fighting ship, filled as it is with weapons of the nicest precision calling for most expert handling if they are to be at all effective, has raised the personnel to a point of importance as an element in the winning of battles which it never before held in all the history of naval warfare.

A modern battleship costing \$15,000,000, and capable, if ably handled and fought, of putting an enemy out of action in a brief quarter of an hour, if it be under-manned and under-officered, or if its officers, fresh from the naval academy, are lacking in sea experience, may easily have its efficiency cut down seventy-five per cent.

One of the most able and enthusiastic of the officers of the Atlantic Fleet, speaking of the shortage of officers and of the fact that very young men from Annapolis, because of this shortage, are filling positions on the ships which should be filled by officers of higher rank and long experience, stated to the writer that, in this respect, the Atlantic Fleet at the present hour is fully 40 per cent below the standard of full efficiency.

"A rather strong statement," you say. Nevertheless, it is amply sustained by a comparison with conditions in other navies—in that of Germany, for instance, where we find that there is one officer to every nine enlisted men, whereas in our Navy there is only one officer to every seventeen men. Last year, moreover, with a total number of enlisted men of 61,000 Germany possessed 2,615 warrant officers, whereas our Navy, with about 52,000 men, had only some 700 warrant officers. The German navy, furthermore, had 40 flag officers last year, as against 18 in the United States Navy, and she had a total of 351 captains and commanders as against only 182 in the United States Navy.

For information as to the fatal shortage of men, amounting to some 18,000, we cannot do better than turn to the testimony of Admiral Badger, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, as given recently before the House Committee on Naval Affairs. In answering the question regarding the number of officers and men needed to fully man all the ships of the Navy for war with navy crews,

the Admiral stated that there are required 64,000. Not all of these would be with the fighting fleet, however, for 6,849 would be required for the hospitals; prisoners' guards, traveling, etc.; the insular force; navy yards and shore stations; radio stations; recruiting stations; training stations; station ships and for manning navy yard tugs, etc. Adding these 6,849 to the 64,000 required for the ships of the Navy, gives a total of 70,849 men. At present there are on the roll 52,293 men, and the difference 18,556, represents the additional enlisted men required fully to man all ships with Navy crews.

On the subject of shortage of line officers Admiral Badger testifies that on January 1st, 1914, we had 1,783 line officers on the active list. He stated that to officer the fleet for war and provide for the necessary shore establishments, without any provision for casualties, 2,716 line officers are required. The difference, 933, represents the present shortage of line officers. The shortage of staff officers is in proportion.

And be it remembered in the presence of these figures that it takes ten years to make a naval officer of all-round efficiency.

So now, gentle reader, follow very closely what Admiral Badger has to say as to Administration policy: "The number of men needed for the Navy depends very largely upon the policy which the administration may decide upon in administering the Navy—how many ships it is proposed to maintain in commission ready for war and how many ships are to be kept in material condition in reserve, ready to be used in case of emergency. If the policy of maintaining all the ships of the Navy available for war of the first and second line is adopted, then we are short of men in the Navy now. Those ships of fighting value held in reserve should, in my opinion, have nucleus crews of such size as not only to be able to keep the ships in good material condition, but also to permit of such organization and drill, including target practice with guns and torpedoes, as will keep them thoroughly trained for immediate service in war."

And yet it has recently been decided by the Administration, we understand, to reduce the strength of the Atlantic Fleet by 4 ships, or from 21 to 17 in the line.

The reduction will make for economy, and a showing in economy will be very popular—perhaps; but will it make for the efficiency of our first line of defense against a stroke which may fall upon us as a lightning bolt out of a summer's sky?—Scientific American.

All the Republicans think the President would make a grave mistake in running for another term. Grave for the G. O. P.

It may be as Dr. Woods Hutchison asserts, that "we live almost twice too long," but Europe is correcting this condition as quickly as possible.

Yankee Editor: "H'm! I need one more stick to fill out. Now let's see; shall I call the Presi-

dent a coward, cuss the Germans or abuse the South?"

Italy, whom the other allies are accusing of failure to save Montenegro, might remind them of the neatness and dispatch with which they saved Belgium and Servia.

The jingo wants to go in and wipe up Mexico like sin; but if you ask him to go long, be sure he'll sing another song.

That mummy sold in New York the other day for \$200 certainly fetched a stiff price.

Whatever the Kaiser's ailment, George will observe that he didn't get it from falling off a horse.

If silence is golden Col. House could start a mint.

Back up your President and the stars and stripes will never have to back down.

At the present rate Newport News will soon put Kiel in the piker class, as far as shielding German ships is concerned.

Kaiser's letter praising the prowess of the Turkish Soldiers lacks many specific reference to Armenia.

Brandeis, says the Hartford Courant, "was weighed in the balance with Mr. Taft." It must have been some balance.

Arkansas seems in sore need of its first syllable.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned C. Lorence has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County executor of the last will and testament and estate of Phebe Jane Martin, deceased, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said executor, at his residence on his farm near Monmouth, in said County of Polk.

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C. LORENCE,  
Executor of the estate  
of Phebe Jane Martin.

OSCAR HAYTER,  
Attorney. 29

### Brief History of Polk County Candidate

B. F. Swope has lived in Oregon for more than 25 years. He has worked on the farm, in the logging camp and the saw mill; he taught in the public schools of Oregon and Washington seven years, and studied law at the law offices of Latourette & Latourette, at Oregon City and in the law department of the State University at Portland, Oregon. He served as Deputy District Attorney for Lincoln County for a period of seven years under Hon. Geo. M. Brown, during which time he attended to all the duties pertaining to the District Attorney's office in said county at least ten months in each of said seven years, and in the absence of the District Attorney when Circuit Court was in session, attended to all criminal matter before the grand jury and in the Circuit Court. He has lived at Independence, Polk County for over six years practicing law at that City, during which time he has acted as City Attorney for Independence, also for the City of Monmouth, and attended to all the legal work at Independence in the paving of

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several streets and the sale of bonds to raise money with which to pay for the same; he also attended to all the legal work connected with the amending of the City Charter of Monmouth, the installing of a Municipal water works plant and the sale of bonds with which to raise money to pay for the same.

He is progressive and has always taken a prominent part in every thing intended to build up the City in which he lives and Polk County. He has made good in all the various offices to which he has been elected or appointed and if nominated and elected District Attorney for Polk County, he will make good in that office.

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### TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I am a candidate for District Attorney of said County, and if nominated and elected, I pledge myself to diligently and faithfully attend to all the duties pertaining to said office, and will fearlessly enforce all the laws in an impartial manner.

I respectfully ask your support at the primary election on the 19th of May, 1916.

B. F. SWOPE.

### FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Surveyor on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the members of that party at the primary in May. I solicit the support of all republicans throughout Polk county, assuring each that if I am nominated and elected the duties incumbent upon the county surveying will be given the very best attention.

Efficiency, Economy and Impartiality is my motto.

WM. A. ("BILL") HIMES

### FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Walter L. Tooze, Jr., of Dallas

I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of District Attorney. If nominated and elected, I shall enforce all laws as I find them without fear or favor, and in a just, conscientious manner. I will give to the County's affairs the same careful, conscientious attention I would give to the affairs of private clients. I respectfully solicit your support, and if nominated and elected, will devote my entire time to giving you an administration of the affairs of this office such as may reward you for the trust and confidence placed in me.

WALTER L. TOOZE, JR.

### NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY OREGON

I hereby announce myself on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May, and respectfully solicit your support.

L. V. MACKEN.

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