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## WOULD MAKE NAVY EQUAL STRONGEST

### Naval Board Says American Fleet Must Be Made Able to Challenge Any Sea Power.

Washington, D. C., Special: The American navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world," not later than 1925, in the opinion of the navy general board, headed by Admiral Dewey.

The annual report of the board discloses that this naval policy was formulated by the body in July last in answer to the following proposition propounded by Secretary Daniels when the administration reached its decision to enter upon a campaign of national preparedness:

"What the navy must be in the future to stand upon an equality with the most efficient and most practically serviceable."

The board's conclusions follow:

"The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to this point by such a rate of development year by year, as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925."

**Offer Building Plan.**

At the same time the board presented a building program for 1917 in compliance with the secretary's request for "a program formulated in the most definite terms, planned for a consistent and progressive development of this great defensive arm of the nation."

Details of the board's reply are not revealed, as subsequently in October of this year the secretary asked the board to prepare "a building program for the navy that will continue over a period of five years, with an expenditure of about \$100,000,000 each year for five years on new construction only." The administration plan for the construction of 16 capital ships within five years is founded on the board's answer.

At the same time the board again developed its idea of the place the American navy should hold in the world in the following language:

"The general board believes that the course of the present war in Europe affords convincing reasons for modifying the opinion which it has expressed for the last 11 years as to the proper size of the navy. A navy in firm control of the seas from the outbreak of war is the prime essential to the defense of a country, situated as is the United States bordering upon two great oceans. A navy strong enough to defend our coast from actual invasion will not suffice. Defense from invasion is not the only function of the navy. It must protect our seaborne commerce and drive that of the enemy from the sea. The best way to accomplish all these objects is to find and defeat the hostile fleet or any of its detachments at a distance from our coast sufficiently great to prevent interruption of our normal course of national life. The current navy has shown that a navy of the size recommended by this board in previous years can no longer be considered as adequate to the defensive needs of the United States. Our present navy is not sufficient to give due weight to the diplomatic remonstrances of the United States in peace nor to enforce its policies in war."

**Cut Down by Daniels.**

The report lays stress upon the board's proposal that seven of the 16 new ships, four superdreadnaughts and three battle cruisers be authorized in 1916. Secretary Daniels has recommended to congress, however, that only two dreadnaughts and two battle cruisers be authorized at this time. Under the board's plan the total expenditure for the five years, including \$7,000,000 for the aviation service and \$11,000,000 for reserve ammunition and material, would be \$499,876,000, the last appropriations for which would be made in 1922; the secretary's recommendations call for a total expenditure of \$502,482,214, the last appropriations shown being for 1921, and increases being made over the board's estimates for submarines and reserve ammunition. The board program contemplates the building of 13 fleet auxiliaries, while the secretary recommends only six.

The board highly commends the proposal to establish a continuing building policy for the navy, saying it will stabilize the warship building industry in the country and tend to reduce contract prices for new ships.

## BRUIN'S PARTY.

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One morning in spring, when everything looked ready to bloom, Mr Bruin said to his wife, "I think, my dear, we should give a coming out party."

Mrs. Bruin said: "Well, perhaps you are right, my dear," as a good wife should.

The woodpecker summoned the guests, and his knock was answered at each home with an acceptance.

The night of the party the moon was shining and the forest was bright as day. Mrs. Bruin in white cap and apron could be seen stirring a pot which hung over the fire, for she would not trust the contents to any one.

"I will not have my soup spoiled by letting some one else stir it," she told Mr. Bruin.

"It smells delicious," said a robin who was feeling chilly in the early spring air, and he kept close to Mrs. Bruin, hoping to be served first.

At last the soup was ready and Mrs. Bruin put it into bowls for the animals and shallow dishes for the birds. Then she stood back and watched the effect her wonderful soup had upon the guests.

The rabbits put their noses into the bowls, and quickly withdrew them.

"Too hot," said one. The squirrels were more cautious, and sniffed at theirs. The birds, perched on the edge of their dishes and looked at the soup and then at the animals, and as none of them excepting Mr. Bruin seemed to be enjoying it, they decided not to dip their bills into the steaming broth.

"It will be cold if you don't eat it," said Mrs. Bruin, watching them over her glasses.

"I will have to be cold before I can eat it," replied one rabbit.

Mr. Bruin, however, had finished his soup and had returned for more, and Mrs. Bruin hastened to fill his bowl.

"How does it taste?" asked a black-bird, as a rabbit took courage and tasted his soup.

"Don't like it," he said turning up his nose.

"Nor I," said a squirrel, wiping his mouth on a leaf.

The robin, however, had eaten his and was feeling quite warm and chipper.

"It really is not very tasty," he said, "but it will warm you."

"Pour it on the ground," said a rabbit, "the Bruins are too busy eating. They will not see you; that is what I did."

Mr. and Mrs. Bruin had their noses buried in their bowls, and the guests took the rabbit's advice, and slyly emptied the contents of their dishes under the table.

"Wasn't it nice?" said a squirrel, swishing his tail over his shoulder and moving toward the sandwiches.

"Yes, indeed," replied a rabbit, "it would take the place of new cabbage with me, I am sure, if I could not get the cabbage."

"Just as nice as cherries," remarked a robin.

"Of course, you all will have some more," said Mrs. Bruin, hurrying toward them all smiles.

"No, no," said each guest, "we really couldn't eat any more."

"Just help yourselves," said Mrs. Bruin. "I think Bruin and I will finish the soup."

The guests did not need a second bidding, for they were hungry.

The guests were so busy with the refreshments that they did not notice Mr. and Mrs. Bruin, but after a while they heard a noise, and, looking in the direction from which it came they saw their host and hostess leaning against a tree sound asleep.

"Well, I never," said the squirrels, sitting up beside the rabbits, while the birds flew about and twittered. "How very strange."

"We may as well go home, said the squirrels, "they will not awaken until tomorrow, and Mr. Bruin will be very cross when he first awakes."

"You don't tell me," said a rabbit, and away they all scampered, calling "good-night" to the others as they ran.

The squirrels followed and the birds flew into the trees, leaving Bruin and his wife making the forest resound with their snoring.

The next morning Mrs. Bruin was awake before her husband, and without waking him, ran to her cave and began making her morning toilet.

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## John Hay's View of McClellan.

From the New York Times.

Patently Hay and Nicolay labored for 15 years on their monumental life of Lincoln, receiving \$50,000 at last from the Century for the serial rights alone. The correspondence of Hay and Nicolay themselves is most interesting in the light it throws upon their methods. One of Hay's letters, indeed, is so frank that the wisdom of its publication, even now, may be questioned. It reads in part as follows:

"As to my tone toward Porter and McClellan—that is an important matter. I have toiled and labored through 10 chapters over him (McC.). I think I have left the impression of his muddled imbecility, and I have done it in a perfectly courteous manner. Only in 'Harrison's Landing' have I used a single injurious adjective. It is of the utmost moment that we should seem fair to him while we are destroying him. The Porter business is a part of this. Porter was the most magnificent soldier in the army of the Potomac, ruined by his devotion to McClellan. We have this to consider. We are all alone in condemning him. We believe in him, but I don't think we need go further than say so dispassionately. A single word of invective, I think, would be injurious to us rather than to him.

"Gilder was evidently horrified at your saying that Lee ought to be shot; a simple truth of law and equity. I find, after careful reading of a dozen biographies and all his reports, that Stonewall Jackson was a howling crank; but it would be the greatest folly for me to say so. I am afraid I had come too near saying so in what I have written about him.

"We will not fall in with the present tone of blubbery sentiment, of course. But we ought to write the history of those things like two everlasting angels who know everything, judge everything, tell the truth about everything and don't care a twang of their harps about one side or the other. There will be one exception. We are Lincoln men all through."