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## NAVY IS FRIEND OF PEACE, SAYS WRITER

**Interesting and Stirring Review of Its Pacific Achievements**

That memorable day in 1773 when Captain John Paul Jones sailed into the Bay of Quiberon, France, and from the deck of the frigate received the first European salute to the Stars and Stripes may seem remote to us now, when we are the most powerful nation in the world. But in one vital respect there is in this close parallel between the thirteen states of 1773 and the United States of 1929; we were then a nation whose prosperity lay largely on the sea, and today, after a hiatus when development of our continent absorbed all our attention, a large part of our future prosperity must come to us in ships. Navy Day, therefore, is no empty anniversary, but a significant symbol of where our true interests lie.

### Good Insurance

We maintain a navy as insurance for this future and in a larger sense as protection for the whole nation. The glorious traditions of our sea service and its present high standard are well known, but the cheapness of maintaining the navy is perhaps not so fully realized. President Hoover's estimate that our building program over fifteen years totals only \$1,700,000,000 shows this with all the finality of cold figures. As Mr. William Howard Gardiner has pointed out in an article in the current "United States Naval Institute Proceedings," this total would mean an annual expenditure of \$78,000,000—not much when compared with a total government cost, federal, state and local, in 1927 alone of \$12,000,000,000. It seems even less when compared with our

present national income of about \$90,000,000,000, which will probably go to \$100,000,000,000 before the fifteen years are up, this making a payment for the navy of 78 cents on every \$1,000 of income!

Mr. Gardiner also proves that, while the country has grown, our whole military establishment has shrunk in proportion to our total federal, state and local governmental expenditure. In 1903 we spent 14.5 per cent of our total government outlay on the army and navy. In 1927 this had dropped to 5.8 per cent. The per capita cost of government is now about \$94—and of this \$6 goes to the total military establishment. Clearly, he who would reduce the navy on grounds of economy alone is tempting Providence.

### Friend of Peace

The navy is the friend of peace and in many cases its promoter. It rejoices at the prospect that fleet equality with Great Britain will be secured at London, and one may hope that it will be allowed to participate in an agreement affecting it so closely and on which it can speak with more authority than any political official. Navy Day this year is, as in the past, also a tribute to President Roosevelt. It is especially appropriate that we recall him at this time, for he saw perhaps more clearly than any of our statesmen the place of the navy in our national life.—New York Herald-Tribune.

## Son of Founder Sells

### Village in Illinois

The village of Eliza, in Mercer county, was sold at auction for \$15,300. Representatives of national news organizations and a moving picture cameraman were present to cover this unusual sale, in which an entire village, excepting four residence properties and the telephone building, was sold by the son of its founder and principal owner.



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