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American militarism

The talk about fortifying our country's war efforts will probably be a reality. Last Saturday the plans that lately have been worked on in Washington were released. The plans were presented by war minister Daniels and Garrison and have been approved by President Wilson. These plans include one six-year program. The idea is that at the end of the period the troops of the United States, including the reserves, will be 1,200,000 men trained for war. The Navy will get 16 larger war ships, 10 "dreadnaughts," 6 cruisers, 85 submarines, 50 destroyers and 15 other boats.

The presumed subvention for this for the defense of the country is estimated to \$182,000,000 for the Army and \$216,000,000 for the Navy. Adding these numbers up the total comes to about \$400,000,000.

Garrison's plan is to increase our current Army from 87,000 to 140,000 through a six-year enlistment contract, which would mean two years in active duty and four years in the reserves. That would come to 300,000 in the reserves after six years. The plan also includes the efforts to use the enlistment contract during the six years for recruiting during two months every year during the first three years and for training during the last three years as reservist, always ready to be called to duty. Through this plan the government's armed forces in six years would reach 1,200,000 men.