

8. China's policy of evading militarism on both land and sea has been accompanied by disastrous defeats and untold humiliation.

9. Germany was once defenseless and her enemies swarmed over her borders and took possession of her land.

10. Germany with an adequate army and navy has been practically free from war on land or sea for forty years and more.

11. Turkey lost Tripoli because of pitiful naval weakness.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

12. The navy is our main defense.

13. Undefended resources invite aggression.

14. The navy has 21,000 miles of coastline to defend.

15. The United States navy has more harbours with large cities and a larger number of strategic points to defend than any other nation's navy.

16. The navy must defend Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Panama Canal.

17. "Better to be despised for too anxious apprehensions than to be ruined by too confident security."

AMERICAN POLICIES

The effectiveness of the following American policies depends finally on a strong navy, viz.:

18. The Monroe Doctrine,* particularly in its relation to the West Indies and lands north of the Amazon.

*Note 1. — The Monroe Doctrine went by default from 1862 to 1865 because it could not be enforced during our Civil War. Napoleon III, wishing to colonize Mexico, placed Maximilian on the throne, through the aid of a French army, and against the protests of the United States. The close of the Civil War enabled the President to send Sheridan and the army to the Mexican borders and naval vessels to the Mexican coasts. Napoleon III withdrew his troops, Maximilian was captured, and the Monroe Doctrine was again in force.

Note 2. — The Monroe Doctrine was again upheld by the presence of the United States battleship fleet during the critical period when Germany and Great Britain virtually declared war against Venezuela.