

# COLONEL HAMMERS AT THE PACIFISTS

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OYSTER BAY, L. I., July 28.—Pacifists are "creatures" and "old women" and the officers and enlisted men of the United States army and navy are the very best Americans in this country, in the opinion of Colonel Roosevelt, as stated in his speech to the boys' camp at Fort Terry Tuesday afternoon, which he released for publication today.

The Colonel further asserted that every citizen in this country should be made to take a course of military training which would equip him to join the colors when the call came. There should be a regular army of 250,000, he stated, and with Roosevelt vigor declared that "the man who isn't fit to fight for his country isn't fit to vote."

After congratulating the youthful soldiers for their spirit of loyalty to the country, the Colonel said:

"But I want you to remember this, that no words amount to anything if they are not translated into deeds. The longer I have lived, the greater horror I have felt for mere oratory that is not turned into action whenever the need for action arises. I am glad that you

boys should have the opportunity of seeing the officers and enlisted men of the army. I have always borne testimony and shall always bear testimony to my belief that, on the whole, the very best Americans in this country are the officers and the enlisted men of the Army and Navy of the United States. They are the men to whom I take off my hat. I come a long way from doing it to some of their civilian fellow-countrymen.

"Every now and then you boys, in after life, will hear some amiable creature announce that this country does not need any trained men because a million armed men will spring to arms between sunrise and sunset. You boys, from your own experience, can tell the length of the spring they would have to take."

The Colonel said such a training was the best thing in the world for the youth of the land, as it teaches them responsibility and to know how to obey orders. In regard to the quickness of obeying orders he related a little anecdote regarding the time he was with his regiment in the Spanish-American war. His regiment was quartered next to a regular army regiment a few nights after the Guasimas fight, and just before the soldiers turned in a sergeant of the regular army was heard calling down a "rookie," who had failed to obey orders, in this fashion:

"Now, young man, when I tell you to jump, jump like an electric battery was under you. This ain't no second volunteer picnic. This is war; plain old American war."

Hitting the pacifists again, the Colonel said:

"We hear every now and then from nice old women of both sexes that the United States need not ever fear any enemy; that it is too big, and prosperous to be afraid of anybody. Well, six years ago while I was traveling through Belgium I met a prominent Belgian philanthropist who said that Belgium would never need universal military training service, that such training was a temptation to militarism and that his country was so prosperous and industrious that it would never need it. I wonder where that poor fellow is now?"

"I have no use for the brawler or the tough. If I can get at him I will hurt him. But I have less use for the sissy or the coward. I feel inclined always, and often obey the inclination, to tell my professional pacifist friends that the man that is not willing to fight for his country isn't fit to vote."

The Colonel was generously cheered by the embryo soldiers.