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Mr. Roosevelt said in part: " There has been a great deal of criticism and laughter over the attempt of the Federal Government to say what the men in the Navy shall eat, drink and learn. Personally, I am of the opinion that the men should not be forced to learn, but that they ought to be given the opportunity for study and improving their minds if they care to take advantage of it."

"I believe also that they should be given the chance to learn some kind of useful trade."

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