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Speech before the War Veterans and Sons Association on the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, at the Music Grove, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N.Y., September 19, 1919.

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The Nation has paid no little attention to the proper and honorable needs of its public servants, said Assistant Secretary of the Navy Mr. Navy, addressing a large audience in the Music Hall of the Morning Sun. [The speech was broadcast over many radio stations and telegraphed to many newspapers.]

Mr. Navy referred to the recent division among public employees, saying that the time had come for a recognition of their work. An increase in pay was the immediate objective, he thought, and it should be granted.

"If the people would do more in the interests of the country, we would be less satisfied with our pay," said Mr. Navy. The audience listened, understanding the statement.

The speech was well received under the pressure of the War Department's recent statement. Mr. Navy, one that has taken its share in the national's good time, referred to the recent reorganization of the Civil War Veterans' Association, which had been formed by the former of the Civil War, but this year under the leadership of a man from one of those who had been there. To the necessity of the Association for the support of public employees, Mr. Navy referred, pointing out that the Association had an essential part in the work of the government.

"The people must have more in the way of service and respect," said Mr. Navy. The audience agreed.

The President of the Association, Mr. Swift, who was present, also addressed the audience. He referred to the accomplishments of the war of '61 and the spirit of the men who fought.

"It was the men who struggled at Antietam," said Mr. Swift. "They were the men who made it possible for democracy to triumph over autocracy." He described the bloody battle at Antietam. He explained how much better the present generation's system of government was than that of a century ago when a rich man could be dumped from service on the ground of favoritism without question being asked.

"We must continue to improve our system," said Mr. Swift. "We must keep the men trained to obey without question, and we must give the men who serve in the army and navy the same respect and consideration that we have given to the men who served in the Civil War." He concluded by expressing the hope that the people would continue to support the government and the service of the men who serve in it.

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