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January 28, 1916. -1.

Mr. B. B. Peete, and others,
Madison, Alabama.

My dear Sirs:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 25th instant, and its contents have been carefully noted. I can see no reason why we should "get up in the air" and launch and extensive and extravagant military policy at this time. In my opinion, the danger of trouble with any of the great powers of Europe for many years to come is very remote. Your suggestions as to certain increases in our Navy is a good one, and it appears now that sentiment is in favor of making a conservative increase along this line. With the present lights before me, I could not get the consent of my mind to vote for any extravagant military program.

I have for many years been a strong advocate of a rural credits system, but am in favor of a farmers' bill and not a bankers' bill. In my opinion, most of the bills of this character that have been introduced in Congress are favorable to the bankers instead of the farmers. It is hoped, however, that when consideration of a measure of this character is had, that the necessary amendment may be added to eliminate this undesirable feature of the measure.

I thank you for your letter, and shall be glad to hear from you at any time with any suggestion you may care to make, and if I can be of service in future in any way, I shall be glad to do so.



Sincerely yours,