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"Secretary of War Patterson, who was confirmed in his cabinet post by the Senate this week, assured the nation that men would not be kept in the service in order to give jobs or rank to higher officers, or because the Army wished to retain a great number of men.

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"'If Selective Service should be abandoned at once,' the Secretary said, 'the people should face the fact that it would mean that a large number of men who have seen hard service in the war and are now scheduled to be released will be retained in the Army, for the benefit of men who have not served at all.'"

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