

The Navy League of the United States



*The Pioneer Organization for
National Defense in the United States*



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Pursuant to the call issued by Jarvis B. Edson, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the *Naval Order of the United States* for the formation of a "society to insure the United States against the possibility of being invaded", the Navy League of the United States was organized at the New York Yacht Club.

Present at this meeting were: Jarvis B. Edson, a naval veteran of the Civil War representing the Naval Order of the United States; Washington Irving, an officer of the New York State Naval Militia, representing the Association of the Naval Militia of the United States; C. W. Rushenberger, representing the Naval Academy Alumni of Philadelphia; and J. D. J. Kelley, an editorial writer of the New York Herald, representing the Naval Academy Alumni of New York.