on the President's friendship which ought to lead to the construction of an article of this kind. If you can use your friendship with Mr. Roosevelt to get him to write me an article of say 2,000 words on this subject, something that will be a ringing call to the patriotic spirit of this country, I would be willing to pay you $500 for your services and your expenses from Washington to Oyster Bay and return. I should want you to take action at once, and let me know what the result is, so that if possible, the article could be got in our October number, which we are working on now. If it cannot be had for that number, of course I would be willing to use it in the November n umber, but would much prefer it for the other. The all-essential thing is immediate action.

Mr. Blythe is writing you in referance to the matter. If you can put this matter through for me, I shall not only consider it well worth the money, but will see if some other material cannot be thrown your way.

Very sincerely yours,

Theodore Dreiser

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Mr. Richard V. Oulahan,
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Dear Mr. Oulahan:

At the suggestion of Mr. Samuel G. Blythe I am writing you to see if you can carry out a scheme which interests me very much.

Recently in the daily papers there appeared a supposed interview with Admiral Sakamoto, of the Japanese Navy, in which he was made to say:

"Should hostilities break out between Japan and America, the result would be indecisive, owing to a want of proper bases of operation. Even if the Washington Government should decide on war, it is doubtful whether the Americansserving in the Navy are sufficiently patriotic to fight. American Navy officers are brilliant figures at balls and social gatherings, but they are very deficient in professional training and practice. It is too much to expect burning patriotism for the American naval service in case of war with Japan. It is likely that most of the crews would desert and leave the ships".

This statement suggested to me that an article on PATRIOTISM, particularly from the women's point of view, the American wives and daughters in the Civil War, the Spanish American War and other significant stages of American history, would be most important, if it were done with considerable feeling and enthusiasm by some person whose name stood for sentiment and patriotism in this country, But the thing which I want you to do is to put this proposition up to President Roosevelt, with a view to having him do it.

I may as well speak frankly. I understand from Mr. Blythe that to a certain extent, you have a claim