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What are the new duties that would devolve upon missions as a result of the war ?

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This would seem to be a question not of new kinds of duties but that missions have infinitely more duties of the same kinds. For example, the correspondence of this mission (Copenhagen) for the year 1913 was bound in two volumes while that for 1920 will require at least eight volumes of the same size. The necessary field of observation has vastly enlarged; the importance of that observation vastly increased. The more our country's legitimate interests extend into foreign fields, foreign seas and foreign markets, the more is the Diplomatic Service called upon to represent those interests. For one case eight years ago, we have a dozen cases today. And similarly, as American business men and others are obliged more and more to travel abroad and to send their agents into every quarter of the globe in the conduct of their expanding business interests, so must the Diplomatic Service be prepared to render more and more assistance to American citizens.