

# ARMY'S STRENGTH STILL UNCERTAIN

Congress Not Likely to Respond to War Department Request.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26.—It is by no means certain that congress will respond favorably to the recommendation of the war department that the permanent strength of the regular army be fixed at 576,000 men.

The tendency in the legislative body with respect to military affairs is decidedly conservative. This is particularly true of the house of representatives, as was demonstrated recently when the house refused to vote sufficient money to support the army during the present fiscal year and after the senate had increased the appropriation forced a compromise which still left some of the branches of the army without financial support. The conservative tendency in the house is not political in character. It affects pretty much the entire membership of the body.

May Abandon Training.

The inside talk in both senate and house now at this time is that provision will not be made for a permanent army of more than 256,000 men and about the cloak rooms in each of the legislative branches there is any amount of talk to the effect that it will not be an easy matter to provide in the permanent establishment act for universal military training, even of the limited kind proposed by the war department. When one seeks a reason for the reactionary spirit with respect to military affairs he is informed that congress is simply reflecting the sentiment of the country; that the people do not want a standing army of 576,000 men or even 300,000 and that there is widespread opposition to enforced military training for youths.

It is too early, of course, to attempt to speak with finality as to what congress will do with the war department's recommendations, but the outlook is not hopeful from the standpoint of those who favor large standing armies. The senate is just opening up the subject through its committee on military affairs and the house through its military committee will begin hearings the first week in September. There is a general disposition in both branches to proceed with the subject very deliberately. The war department is anxious to have the reorganization bill disposed of before the end of this calendar year, so that it may have ample time to get the new organization in shape before the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Wait For League.

It is foreseen that several elements may enter into the consideration of the department's recommendation before either house acts. Many of the senators and representatives desire to know more about the demands that might be made through the league of nations before they finally make up their minds as to how much of a permanent army the country should have. The anti-militarists in both houses, or perhaps it would be better to say the men who are opposed to any such permanent army as the war department has proposed, are making use of the observation of Lloyd George in London a few days ago that unless the major nations reduce armaments under the influence of the league of nations the league will be a failure.

There is also a general disposition in both houses not to reach a final decision as to the policy that will be pursued in framing the new legislation. The arrangement now is for the nation until Gen. Pershing is heard, general to sail for home on Sept. 1. Both the senate and house military committees expect to seek his advice as to a permanent military policy.

## METHODIST CONFERENCE CONFRONTED BY NEED OF MORE MINISTERS

GREENFIELD, Ind., Aug. 26.—With the need for 75 ministers confronting them, members of the faculties of the Methodist Protestant conference, which closed its annual session here today, found less than 50 ministers available as pastors. As a result several churches were left unsupplied.

The conference appropriated \$1,000 for the Adrian (Mich.) college, the money to be collected in the churches of the state.

The appointment of pastors for the Ft. Wayne sub-district follows: Ft. Wayne Sub-District—W. Strait Harper, chairman; Berne, J. W. Albright; Bryant, W. H. Carnes; Ellsworth, Fred Clark; Barrett, to be supplied; Harlan, Milton Kidd; Kendallville, J. H. Elson; Keystone, to be supplied; Lagrange, W. R. Kuhn; Laporte, D. F. Myers; Liberty Center, B. M. Petty; Lincoln, supplied from Tippecanoe; Logansport, A. L. Witten; Maples, to be supplied; Maxinkuckee, O. B. Roberts; Maxinkuckee, circuit, to be supplied; Monticello, to be supplied; New Haven, W. W. Lineberry; Plymouth, O. B. Roberts; Rosebud, F. E. Crider; St. Joe, C. O. Johnson; Salamonie, C. H. Simons; Tippecanoe, W. Smith; Harper, Tracy, S. P. Johnson; Unionsville, S. S. Stanion.

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## 10,000 Yanks To Guard 40,000 Hun Prisoners

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Ten thousand American troops are held in France to guard forty thousand Germans taken prisoner by the Americans who cannot be returned to Germany until the peace treaty has been ratified by three powers. It is estimated that it is costing the United States roughly \$1,000,000 monthly to care for these prisoners.

England's German prisoners number a quarter of a million and more than sixty thousand British soldiers are required to look after them.

### ST. LOUIS EDITORIAL MEN GET BONUSES

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 26.—A bonus of 20 per cent on salaries from Jan. 1 last to Aug. 22, was distributed Monday by the Pulitzer Publishing company to editorial and other employees of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, except mechanical workers under union contracts as an emergency measure to meet the extraordinary increase in the present cost of living.

It was announced that another bonus of 20 per cent, dating from Aug. 22 would be paid at the end of the present year.

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