

### ARMY BILL STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Chamberlain Bill in Senate First Sincere Effort Congress Has Made for Better Army.

#### HOUSE IGNORES WAR COLLEGE

(Special From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The Chamberlain army bill, or rather the senate military affairs army bill is looked upon by army officials hereabouts as the most constructive measure for the army that has been presented in a quarter of a century.

The assertion of a portion of the daily press that the senate bill in its present form creates a large army will provoke a smile among the military authorities of the larger powers. For instance, what will Japan think of the program of the senate committee which gives this country at the end of five years seven divisions, with a total strength of about 150,000.

Japan, according to the latest reports, now has an active or regular army of twenty-five divisions, with a strength of about 250,000. This is composed of 100 regiments of infantry at war strength, compared with twenty-five regiments at peace strength, as provided in the senate bill at the end of five years. Japan has thirty-three regiments of cavalry, as compared with twenty-five in the senate bill; 186 batteries of field artillery, as compared with 126, and a correspondingly greater strength of other auxiliary troops in its active or regular army.

**Two Million Reserve.**  
But this is the smallest part of Japan's war strength. Back of its regular or active army it has a reserve of about 2,000,000 men with regular army training of not less than two years. Congress and the senate committee is discussing plans for about 750,000 national guardsmen and volunteers, with a few months' training. In shaping her diplomatic policy Japan will not take into consideration what this country thinks it has in the way of an army, but really what it has. Japan will compare its forces with the trained troops of the United States in making demands upon this country.

The same process of reasoning will be employed by other countries in shaping demands they may decide to make upon the United States at the close of the European war.

**Simply a Step.**  
This is not said in criticism of the general character of the senate bill. The senate bill is the first sincere effort that congress has made to give the country a well balanced army. It places our military policy on a sound basis, but does not give it a large regular army or provide means for creating an adequate force of trained soldiers. It is simply a step in the right direction.

The senate bill goes the limit in an effort to secure trained citizen soldiers by the volunteer system. It authorizes the president to maintain volunteer organizations with terms of enlistment which will suit any class of people or any local condition of the country. If the people do not respond voluntarily to the call under the Chamberlain bill, it will be clearly demonstrated that trained citizen soldiers cannot be obtained unless this country adopts the Swiss, Australian, or some other compulsory military training system.

As far as the regular army or first line troops go, the house bill is a continuation of the old piece-meal system of legislation which has been the weakness of the country's military policy. No attempt is made to accept the recommendations of the war college and the non-military organization that is provided for in the bill is even more objectionable than the small increase for which it calls.

**Difference Between Bills.**  
The senate and house bills provide organizations as follows:

	Senate House, once	Differ-
Infantry regiments	65	41
Cavalry regiments	25	15
Field artillery (bat'tns)	126	108
Coast artillery (co's)	252	222
Engineers (companies)	11	11
Signal corps (battalions)	7	7
Aero squadrons	7	7

The senate bill provides seven infantry divisions (sixty-three regiments), plus one regiment for garrison for Alaska and one for garrison for Porto Rico, and two cavalry divisions (eighteen regiments) with the necessary additional cavalry, field artillery, engineers, signal troops and staff to complete, in every detail, the seven infantry divisions and two cavalry divisions, and provides that these divisions be maintained in time of peace at two-thirds their war strength, giving a total, including line and staff, of 178,000 men in the army at peace strength and approximately 248,000 men at war strength.

The house bill provides for four infantry divisions complete, plus four regiments, one cavalry division complete, plus two regiments, a surplus of thirty-six batteries of field artillery, the equivalent of six regiments, and a surplus of signal battalions and aero squadrons sufficient for seven divisions.

Under the house bill, the peace strength of the army, including line and staff, is 125,000 men, including the troops, and the war strength, including line and staff, is approximately 172,000 men.

#### Follow General Staff.

The senate bill appears to follow very closely the recommendation of the general staff in its policy report as to number of divisions, but reduces the strength for these organizations from full war strength as recommended by the general staff, to two-thirds of the war strength. In its policy report, the general staff held that the minimum number of mobile troops needed in the United States in organizations of the mobile army was 212,000 under training with the colors and 170,000 which had received the minimum training of two years with the regular army in the reserve, giving a total of 400,000 thoroughly trained mobile troops with the colors and with the reserve. The divisions in the reserve to be fully organized into regiments, brigades and divisions, so as to be immediately available upon mobilization. This number was based on the number that could be brought on August 1, 1914, in one expedition by one of the strongest single powers—150,000 men.

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