

### New Principle in Army Outlined by Gen. Pershing

Says "Development of National Force From Economic Standpoint" Now Especially Important.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A new economic principle "to govern practice-time maintenance of all branches of the army—regulars, national guard or organized reserves," was laid before the house subcommittee on army appropriations by General Pershing. General Pershing's statement did not deal with specific questions as to the strength of the regular army during the coming fiscal year, the officer saying, however, that "in view of a possible reduction" in army strength consideration of the "development of a national army from an economical standpoint" became especially important.

The general's statement concluded the hearings of the committee and it is expected to be prepared to submit its report in about a week. After pointing out that the regular army was "relatively small at present" and limited in numbers first by the existing army organization act and later by the appropriations act, General Pershing said that the following economic principle might be stated as to the military organization the country should maintain:

**Favors Lowest Outlay.** "In organizing the peace establishment, no unit should be maintained in a more expensive category if it can be safely and advantageously maintained in a less expensive category and mobilized therefrom in time to meet the requirements of an emergency."

The officer said that the cost of each group of the new army was different, the regulars being more costly than the national guard, which in turn cost more than the organized reserves. In explanation of this, he added that "it would, of course, be understood that regular army organizations must be maintained for duty in foreign garrisons, on the Mexican border, for emergency service at home or expeditionary purposes abroad and for all other duties which, in the nature of things, could not be performed by the citizen soldiers."

"Application of this principle," he said, "would lay the foundation for a military organization at minimum cost."

### Shotwell Defies K. C. Police in Pierce Affair

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them in the police car to "see the town," were not even in the police station at the time Franks and Pierce were there," Walston said.

The Kansas City version is that Franks brought Pierce to the station and was about to turn him over to Chief of Detectives Walston, who sent for the jailer to put Pierce in the "bull pen" over night.

**Assumed Responsibility.** Franks, it was claimed, then told the chief: "This fellow is a good sort, let me have him for the night. I'll stand responsible for him and bring him back to you in the morning. We allowed him a few liberties in Omaha and he didn't break any rules or regulations and he's been in jail a long time. I'll assume the responsibility and see that he gets back to you in the morning."

Walston said "all right" and Pierce and Franks left the station. The next morning Franks telephoned that Pierce had "gone downstairs to get something to eat and skipped."

**Chief Is Investigating.** Chief Edwards is making an investigation into the report that two Kansas City detectives were with Pierce and Franks at the night party and used a police car to go to the Dixon hotel.

He will ask Chief Dempsey for a detailed letter telling what Franks told of the affair when he returned to Omaha. He wants to know how long the two detectives were supposed to have been with Pierce and Franks that night.

The burglary charges against Pierce in Kansas City have not been quashed and one of these is a strong case. Detectives are combing the city in an effort to recapture him.

**Two Basket Ball Teams Get Banquet at Ravenna**  
Ravenna, Neb., Feb. 24.—(Special.) Business men of Ravenna gave the basket ball boys a reception and big feed. Last year's team had been promised a banquet if it won the pennant, but although victorious, the banquet never was served, so the spread this year was given for the teams of last year and this. The banquet was served by the women of the Congregational church. About 125 men attended.

**County Attorney at Crete Files for Renomination**  
Crete, Neb. Feb. 23.—(Special.)—County Attorney J. Dreda has filed for renomination. Vance F. Jelinek, deputy county treasurer, has filed for county treasurer. Under the law the present incumbent, O. J. Kubick, is barred from running again.

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**No Identity.**  
London, Feb. 24.—Great Britain has not yet received a penny of war indemnity from Germany. The house of commons was today notified by Sir Robert Horne, chancellor of the exchequer,

### Aged Parents Pray for Death of Church

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Harvey W. Church, committed slayer of two automobile salesmen, continued today to show no signs of emotion when reference was made to his hanging, now set for March 3, but his aged parents said, "We pray every night and morning that he will die before then."

### Mabel Normand Ill: Improving

Film Star, Down With Attack of Influenza, Expected to Recover.

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Miss Mabel Normand, reported seriously ill with influenza at her temporary retreat in Altadena, was said to be improving today. Her secretary told inquirers that while Miss Normand was seriously ill, it was thought that her recovery was almost certain. The same information was given out by the officials of the studios at which she has been employed recently.

Miss Normand's physician was engaged at a Pasadena hospital and he could not be reached for a statement.

Miss Normand, who was the last friend of William Desmond Taylor,



motion picture director, to see the latter before he was mysteriously shot and killed here nearly a month ago, has been ill ever since that occurrence. She broke down at the Taylor inquest and again at the funeral, and for the intervening time she has been in seclusion except that she emerged to give a formal statement of her knowledge of the case to the officials charged with its investigation.

Miss Normand's parents arrived from their eastern home a few days ago and joined her. She has been denying herself to all callers in the hope, it was explained, that quiet and seclusion would hasten her return to health.

**Fields' Story of Taylor Murder Doubt by Police**  
Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—Growing disbelief in the story of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, here February 1, related in Detroit within the last three days by Harry M. Fields, in custody there, was expressed early today by Los Angeles officials investigating the case.

They pointed out two changes Fields made in his original story. One was the reduction of a \$1,000 bill to a \$100 bill in connection with his statement that he was paid \$900 for having driven a Chinese, a white man and a white woman to the Taylor apartments.

The other was his changing the location where he said the pistol was found. The officers said they found it at neither place he named.

**Fresh Details From Fields**  
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24.—Fresh details of the alleged conspiracy which brought about the killing of William Desmond Taylor, as given today by Harry M. Fields, a forger prisoner in the county jail, were declared by Sheriff Coffin to be "very plausible."

**Sales Tax Beaten in Committee of House**  
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thought it was the present intention of the committee to report out legislation based on the proceeds from the refunded foreign bonds and said the president had expressed disapproval of such legislation.

**Emphasize Political Aspects.**  
It became known today that Representatives Frear and Dickinson of Iowa and Woodruff of Michigan called on Chairman Fordney late yesterday and frankly laid before him the whole situation, placing emphasis on its political aspects. They were understood to have contended that a sales tax would cause general dissatisfaction throughout the country; would make the soldiers' bonus extremely unpopular with the people and might result in political upheavals in many normally solid republican districts.

Those favoring the passage of a bonus bill without any provision for raising the revenue, said such legislation could be followed by another bill giving the secretary of the treasury authority to use proceeds from the refunded bonds in paying the bonus. They said the expectation now was that some, at least of the foreign bonds, would be in hand by June or July and that money could be realized on them before the first payment to the former service men would come due.

Special machinery for paying the bonus will have to be set up in the War department, it was said, with a large staff of clerks necessary to examine the records of the men to determine the exact amounts that each is to receive.

**Two Men File for Sheriff.**  
Geneva, Neb., Feb. 24.—Two candidates for nomination for sheriff to file this week were the present deputy, Eric Johnson, of Geneva, and T. W. Drummond of Fairmont. Both are republicans.

Purchases Made In This Sale Will Be Charged On the April 1st Statement

# Thompson, Belden & Co.

Because of Low Pricings In This Event All Sales Are Final

## February Month-End Sales Start Saturday

Month-End Clearance of All

### Furs

Coats -- Wraps -- Capes

Priced At Cost and Less

Owing to the advance of 10% to 50% in the cost of raw skins at the New York auction sales, it is self-evident that now is the time to purchase furs for next season's wear.

### Hudson Seal Coats

Soft, lustrous skins of the finest quality.

\$595.00 36-inch model, \$250.00  
\$675.00 40-inch model, \$295.00 \$850.00 45-inch model, \$397.50

- \$170.00 Kolinsky Marmot Coat, 40-inch, \$ 75.00
- \$650.00 Jap Mink Coat, 40-inch, \$295.00
- \$270.00 Muskrat Coat, 40-inch, \$125.00
- \$595.00 Siberian Squirrel Coat, 36-inch, \$275.00
- \$495.00 Natural Nutria Coat, 40-inch, \$225.00
- \$750.00 American Mink Cape, \$350.00
- \$295.00 Kolinsky Cape, \$150.00
- Fox Scarfs up to \$55.00, now \$22.50

All other Coats in same proportion of reduction.

Fur Scarfs—1/3 to 1/2 off regular prices.

Fur Shop—Third Floor



### Hand-Made Blouses

\$5

Dainty, attractive models that will exceed all expectations. Fashioned of voile, dimity, and batiste, with trimmings of real filet lace, hand drawn work, hemstitching, and embroideries.

Square neck lines with long reverses, tuxedo collars and Peter Pan styles, are numbered among these charming models. In sizes 34 to 46.

Others Priced to \$12.50

Blouse Shop—Third Floor

### Winter Ready-to-Wear Apparel

Priced Ridiculously Low

Twelve plain Tailored Suits of Normandy, Duve de Laine, Duvetyne and Gaberdine. Sizes 16, 18 and 38. Originally priced from \$65 to \$98.50—

Saturday \$25

Nineteen Misses' and Junior Coats, in mixtures and winter coatings. Sizes 15 to 18. Originally priced \$25 to \$39.50—

Saturday \$9.95

Eleven Hand Tailored Coats, in Normandy, Marvella and Duvetyne. In sizes 16 to 42 1/2. Originally priced \$59.50 to \$98.50—

Saturday \$39.50

Third Floor

### These Hosiery Sales

A full fashioned lisle hose, with or without flare top, with garter tops and double soles. \$1 and \$1.25 qualities, 75c.

All of our children's Cashmere hose, in plain colors and heather mixtures. A broken line of sizes. Values to \$1.50, for 69c.

All of our women's Cashmere and silk and wool hose, originally priced to \$6. for \$1.98.

Imported lisle sport hose, hand clocked in contrasting shades. Colors: black, gray, cordovan, and navy. Also many novelties in stripes and plaids. \$2.75 and \$2.50 qualities, for \$1.69 a pair.

Main Floor



### Extraordinary Savings on Silks and Dress Goods

Seasonable fabrics that come in all the desired weaves and colorings. Not a large quantity, but exceptional values coming at the beginning of the sewing season.

\$2.25, 36-inch, pure dye chiffon tafeta in navy, copen, African, gray and black, \$1.69 a yard.

33-inch Pongee, 89c yard.

\$1.75 and \$1.95, 40-inch, heavy all-silk crepe de chine in pink, turquoise, copen, jade and ivory, for \$1.49 yard.

33-inch kimono silks in a choice assortment of designs, 95c a yard.

\$3, 54-inch all-wool navy blue serge, \$1.69 yard.

\$5, 54-inch natural polo coatings, \$2.95 yard.

\$5, 54-inch sport polo coatings, \$2.95 yard.

\$2, 40-inch all-wool poplin in choice range of colors, \$1.49 yard.

\$5, 54-inch Priestly's imported tricotine, \$3.95 yard.

\$2.95, 40-inch charmeuse in colors and black, \$1.95 yard.

\$4.50, 54-inch novelty wool plaids, \$2.95 yard.

\$1.50 all-wool storm serge, 95c yd.

### White Goods Specials

**Handkerchief Linens**  
\$2.00 quality, 36-inch, \$1.50 yd.  
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\$3.25 quality, 36-inch, \$2.50 yd.  
\$3.50 quality, 36-inch, \$2.75 yd.  
\$4.00 quality, 36-inch, \$3.00 yd.

**Linen Cambric**  
\$2.50, 42-inch cambric, \$2.25 yd.  
\$2.75, 45-inch cambric, \$2.50 yd.

Linen Section

Second Floor

### Men's Winter Furnishings --Special

All first quality merchandise.

\$1 to \$1.50 neckwear, special, 65c.

50c linen handkerchiefs, 3 for \$1.

75c initial linen handkerchiefs, slightly soiled, 49c.

\$2 to \$4 silk-wool-knit mufflers, \$1.65.

\$1.50 wool hose, plain and fancy, 95c.

50c wool hose, black and natural, sizes 10-12, for 29c.

35c soft collars, 20c; 3 for 50c.

\$2.50 outing flannel night shirts, all colors, \$1.35.

\$3 outing flannel night shirts, one and two pieces, \$1.95.

\$4 outing flannel night shirts, one and two pieces, \$2.45.

\$2.50 to \$3.50 winter union suits, \$1.95.

\$4 to \$5 winter union suits, \$2.95.

\$6.50 blanket bath robes, \$3.95.

Men's Section—Just a Step From Either Door.

### Sonia Hair Nets Three Dozen For \$1.35

### Children's Frocks Coats and Furs Reduced

All white and colored dresses fashioned of organdies, voiles and gingham in sizes 8 to 12 years are one-half price.

Winter coats in size 14 reduced from—  
\$21.50 to \$ 9.00  
\$25.00 to \$10.00  
\$30.00 to \$13.00

Fur sets of mole, natural muskrat, coney and Thibet.

\$8.75 sets, \$4.38  
\$11.50 sets, \$5.75  
\$12.50 sets, \$6.25  
\$20.00 sets, \$10.00

Second Floor

### This Sale of Toiletries

Haskin's Queen of Roses Soap. A transparent soap excellent for the bath. Usually 10c a cake. Saturday, 4c a cake; 38c a dozen cakes; a box of 50 (delivered), \$1.59.

25c and 30c talcums, Saturday, 15c. Jess Arbutus, Djer Kiss, As The Petals.

\$1 Prophylactic hair brushes, 69c.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 white ivory combs, 79c.

Hind's honey almond cream, 39c.

Pepsodent tooth paste, 39c.

### French Kid Gloves for \$1.95

A broken line of Trefousse gloves in one and two-clasp styles with Paris point embroideries. Priced up to \$3.75, Saturday, \$1.95.

### These Knitted Underthings 35c

Including women's vests, cotton jersey bloomers, corset covers, union suits—children's fleece lined vests, pants and bloomers.

Values up to \$1 for 35c a garment.

### A Clearance of Corsets for \$4.98 and \$2.98

All odd corsets in sizes that are somewhat broken—but in such attractive models that it will pay you to look them over—formerly priced from \$6 to \$13.50, now for \$4.98 and \$2.98.

Second Floor

75c Brassiere, front fasten style in a satin stripe batiste, for 59c.

### This Clearance of Spring Millinery

Offers many attractive values in street hats, dress hats, tailored hats and banded hats. Five hundred smart models to choose from.

\$20.00 models, \$8.85  
\$10.00 models, \$5.85  
\$ 7.50 models, \$3.85

Millinery—Fourth Floor

