

House Slash in Standing Army Imperils Plans

Pershing Aroused by Proposals and Says Success of Military Policy Is at Stake.

Washington, March 15.—House appropriation committee proposals to cut the regular army to 113,000 called men and 11,000 officers aroused General Pershing yesterday to a renewed declaration that the whole national defense project put through in 1922 would be imperiled if the slash recommended was made by congress.

Efficiency is Lowered. "Referring to the 'frequent slashes' in army strength made by congress since the war, General Pershing said, 'vaccinations' course with respect to army personnel discouraged competent men from entering the service and lowered morale and efficiency within the army until it was 'difficult if not impossible to use to advantage the services of even the best of such personnel.'

"But whatever congress may see fit to grant," the chief of staff added, "the army will, as it always has, apply itself to giving the nation its much national defense as it can. It will not quit, no matter how badly crippled."

General Pershing made no direct reference to the proposal to slash overseas garrisons, but in explaining the missions of the garrisons he made it clear that the War department does not believe that the forces in Hawaii or Panama can be reduced with safety and that there is no thought in the department of reducing the Philippine garrison until the various treaties worked out of the Washington conference become effective.

Outlining the disposition now made of the army under the authorization for 150,000 men and 13,000 officers, which Secretary Weeks has asked for the coming year, the chief of staff said that the organized citizen soldiery is our main line of national defense.

"In time of war," he added, "being the thin outpost line of professional soldiers, the standing army, it must mobilize, complete its training and take the field."

Anthracite Miners and Operators Begin Parley New York, March 15.—Anthracite miners and operators were prepared today to begin negotiations for a new wage agreement to take the place of the two-year contract which expires at the end of this month.

The miners are asking for a 20 per cent increase in contract rates, among other things, while the mine owners are on record as favoring a decrease below the present working basis.

Clyde W. Norton Is New Postmaster at Kearney Kearney, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—Clyde W. Norton assumed his duties as postmaster of Kearney, succeeding Hobart Swan. The latter will devote all his time to his moving picture interests.

Road Conditions (Paraphrased by the Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln highway, east: Roads good to Danicon; fair to Marshalltown; roads drying rapidly; some making fair progress through Cedar Rapids.

All of David City "Fell for" 11-Wived Romeo, Wonder Wooer, Church Soloist Who Neither Smoked, Drank, Nor Gambled, and Hated Jazz

"I Could Wring His Neck," Cries Nebraska Girl He Duped.

By ELLA FLEISHMAN. There is no fury like that of a woman whose love is scorned. One deserted after a six-weeks' honeymoon. Or whose widowed mother's mate has been stolen.



"I hate him! I could wring his neck!" cried Florence Johnson of David City, Neb., one of the 10 known ex-wives of Isaiah Moore, alias James A. Vaughn, alias Howard Wilson and a half dozen more aliases, now under arrest in Indianapolis.

"But I suppose I ought to be thankful. He might have killed us, like that beast of a Landru in France, or he might have kidnaped my boy for spite. Now I'm glad he went when he did. There might have been children—"

Never Doubted Him. And she shuddered with the dread conjured up at the thought. Then an ironic sense of humor rose to her rescue. "I think we discarded wives ought to form a society for the comparison of our experiences with that of yours. Wouldn't it be unique? I wonder what we could call ourselves?"

Move to Omaha. The deserted wife heard never a word from him since the Saturday night in May, 1920, when he kissed her goodby at the little David City depot as he boarded a train for Omaha to buy the bakery.

Waried of Fighting. "I wasn't so keen to marry again after my first unfortunate marriage," said Mrs. Johnson. "But he was so attractive, had such lovely, refined manners. And I've been working so long to support myself and my boy."

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Howard was notified that a phonograph had been stolen from School District No. 36 in Hamilton county. Then, District No. 18 claimed to have lost a machine. The sheriff looked around but got no trace of either machine until last week.

D. A. R. Opens State Meeting in Lexington Lexington, Neb., March 15.—(Special.)—The state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened at the First Methodist Episcopal church here Tuesday night.

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George Hendricks, 1017 South Eleventh street, was robbed of \$2 by the same two men at Nineteenth and California streets five minutes earlier.

Sam Turner, proprietor of the Dodge hotel, beat off two thugs who tried to rob him after they had injured him to show them to a room under pretense they were guests.

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Western Banker Has Money for Feeders

According to D. A. Criss, cashier of the First National bank at Stuart, who was a visitor at the stockyards, hay in that section has gone to \$6.50 a ton, having advanced \$1.50 a ton in two months.

Mr. Criss said there was a scarcity of hay around Stuart and that it was the first time in two years or more that such a condition had existed. He said there had been a scarcity of cattle around Stuart, but that farmers were making efforts to get feeders and that there was plenty of money for that purpose.

"Hogs and dairy cattle have been the backbone of our section during the recent depression," said Mr. Criss. "Hogs have been up to a good price and there always has been money in dairying. Farmers can get money for feeding operations, but no loans are being made for longer periods than six months. Of course it is understood that the loans can be renewed at the end of maturity, which will not hamper farmers who want to go into the feeding game."

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Advertisement for Thompson, Belden & Co. featuring a woman in a tweed suit and the text "TWEED" and "The costume which is as lovely as it is practical, and a vogue which combines all simplicity and smartness of style with strictest economy."

Advertisement for Fur Chokers for Spring Wear, listing prices for various types like Natural Squirrel, German Fitch, and Alaska Fox.

Advertisement for Dainty Necessities for Baby, listing items like Bibs that are plain quilted pads and Table bibs.

Advertisement for A Pump for Semi-Dress or Street Wear, priced at \$10, with details about the pump's features and price.

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