UNITED STATES DEBT CUT 705 MILLIONS

Washington.—A reduction of $705,-300,000 in the national debt, according to a report by the treasury, was accomplished in March. The national debt now stands at $24,698,000,000.

March payments on the public debt were confined almost wholly to retiring certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of income and profits taxes.

As the public debt now stands it is made up of $15,616,800,000, comprising the four issues of liberty bonds; $4,-422,700,000 of victory short-term notes; $2,667,220,000 in treasury certificates; $870,000,000 in war savings certificates and approximately $1,000,000,000 in bonds issued prior to the world war.

Future monthly reductions will hinge largely on new appropriations and tax legislation, officials said.

MILITARY POLICY DEFINED

Senate Clears Way for Consideration of Proposed New Legislation.

Washington.—The senate has cleared the way for consideration of legislation proposing establishment of a definite military policy. Debate on the army reorganization bill framed by the senate military committee, is to begin soon and its passage in about 10 days or two weeks is predicted by senate leaders.

The bill differs radically from the house measure passed March 18, in that it provides for compulsory military training, consolidation of the national guard, regular army and reserves, composed of trained men, into one citizens' army, and also for a general staff eligibility system similar to that in the French army. The house bill left the compulsory militory training issue for seperate legislation.

Japanese Siberia Troops Stay.

Washington.—Japan is unable to draw its troops from Siberia at this time because of the danger confronting Japanese citizens in that country and the "n enace" to Manchuria and Corea growing out of present political conditions in Siberia, according to a statement published in the Official Gazette at Tokio, which was transmitted to the state department.

Jews in Clash With Moslems.

London.—Jews clashed with Moslems at Jerusalem on Sunday and 188 casualties resulted.

A Long-Felt Want.

What this world needs is a spray and a germicide for the humbug.—Wilmington News.