

BAKER-MARCH BILL  
CALLED PATCHWORK

Secretary of War Told Army Measure Is Unsound.

LEADERS LEFT UNTRAINED

Training Camps Official Gives Indorsement to Kahn-Chamberlain Proposed Act.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 6.—Protest is made against the Baker-March army bill in a strong letter addressed to Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, by Major Tompkins McIlwaine, acting chairman of the executive committee of the military training camps association.

Major McIlwaine declares that the Baker-March bill is a patchwork and thoroughly unsound. In the same letter he gives unqualified indorsement to the Kahn-Chamberlain bill for universal military training.

"In my opinion the Baker-March bill in its main features is thoroughly unsound and would perpetuate our worst mistakes. It provides for a standing army of some 500,000, peace strength, and for three months of training (for, rather, half training, since the period of training should be six, not three months) of the male youth of the country during their 19th year.

"No attempt is made to organize the young men so half trained into a citizen army and to give to any selected percentage of them the further progressive training necessary to qualify those selected to become reserve officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted specialists, without whom no citizen army can be organized and maintained. We must rely solely on professional soldiers.

"There is a great difference between half-training and then turning loose a number of young men as private soldiers, and creating an organization, a citizen army, that can be mobilized in an emergency, and that, when mobilized, will be ready to take the field and function efficiently.

Leaders Need Training. "This administration bill altogether loses sight of the fact that it takes longer to train officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted specialists than does the private. Without training the private in advance, it is, from the citizen army standpoint, largely a waste of time and money to train the private soldiers.

Major McIlwaine expresses doubt as to the efficiency of giving education and vocational training to enlisted men as a stimulus to enlistment. He believes the strength of the regular army will be no larger in the future than in the past. In the event of war it would be necessary to raise a citizen army again, as it would be to raise a citizen army to fight our battles, he adds.

The Baker-March bill, he says, leaves the country in the same position from a military standpoint as it was before the war, he contends. Continuing: "From the military standpoint the universal training provisions are useless because first, the period of training is too short; second, the young men trained are not organized territorially, according to the places of residence, into a regular army; third, no adequate provision is made for the training of citizens as officers, non-commissioned officers and enlisted specialists; fourth, because no citizen, not even the half-trained young men, can be organized into units until after a formal declaration of war, and even then we shall have to wait until, through the slow machinery of the draft law, they can be registered, examined, selected, called to the colors and knit into some organization.

Bill is Called Patchwork. "As a whole the bill is really as bad as can be. It seems like patchwork, not the logical development of a practical system. On the other hand, writes Major McIlwaine, the Kahn-Chamberlain bill provides a regular army system based on the American democratic principles of equality of obligation and opportunity for all. This system has been tried in France, England and Australia, and has proved a success, he asserts. The Kahn-Chamberlain bill, he says, provides an adequate system of national defense which will cost less by hundreds of millions of dollars than the Baker-March bill.

A universal six months' training for youths in their 19th or 20th year, at option, with further progressive training for those who desire to become officers or non-commissioned officers, is provided in the Kahn-Chamberlain bill.

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