

# STRONG AIR FORCE ASKED BY PERSHING

General Warns Country of Weak Defense.

ARMY HELD TOO SMALL

Regular Strength of 150,000 Men and 13,000 Officers Advised Minimum for Safety.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—America must be prepared to "take the immediate offensive" in the air in case of war, and to so expand its air strength that it eventually can assume its offensive, General Pershing declared today in his annual report as chief of staff of the army.

"This is the basis of our present defense policies with our arms and should be considered a minimum," the general of the armies continued. "A very important part in such a defense would be the operations of an effective air service."

General Pershing said he desired to call attention to the condition of the air service today and the fact that there existed a "present shortage of facilities and personnel for a completely balanced and adequate service of this vital component of defense."

**Air Influence Growing.**

"No man can estimate with present certainty the value which can be ascribed to a few years to the possession of an adequate resourcefulness in the air," he said. "It is certain, however, that the influence of air power will become increasingly great and that the nation cannot afford to neglect this arm."

"The air service which we develop should be capable of offensive application. This does not mean that we must immediately build an air service that could take the offensive against any great power or group of powers. It does mean, however, that we should have a force that can take the immediate defensive, and that can, during a reasonable period of operations, expand to the strength required for an offensive."

The report said the reserve of airplanes for such a policy and even facilities for personnel training were lacking, and that "industries and the air ways of our country are not prepared for an emergency."

**Early Action Asked.**

"I earnestly hope, therefore," General Pershing added, "that early steps will be taken to bring about the effective co-operation of states with the agencies of the national government to the end that this vital need can be effectually filled."

Discussing the development of the army and post-war reorganizations, the general said he had "witnessed with approval the accomplishments of the present administration in attaining efficiency and economy of operation, and it has been source of distinct pride to observe the response of our military personnel." He pointed out, however, that he regarded the army at its present strength of 120,000 officers and 125,000 men as "below the minimum required for effective performance of our various missions."

**Army Cut Decried.**

"It is my conviction," he said, "that our regular force is cut too much for safety and that a strength of at least 150,000 enlisted men and 13,000 officers should be permanently fixed as the minimum."

Outlining the plans of the department for future mobilization, General Pershing said:

"In our general plan for emergency mobilization, I have contemplated that in a major eventuality our regular army would expand from its limited peace strength to form nine infantry divisions, our national guard, also kept at a very low peace footing, would form 15 infantry divisions, and the organized reserves, always a mere skeleton

in time of peace, would form 27 infantry divisions, each to furnish a proportional strength in corps, army and general headquarters units.

**Last War Lesson.**

"For the organized reserves this contemplates a total of 33 infantry and cavalry divisions and nine groups of non-divisional units. These are allocated to geographical areas on the basis of density of population.

"As one looks back upon our experience at the beginning of the past year, it is easy to appreciate what a tremendous advantage this would give us were our forces again required to mobilize. A glance at the estimates involved in the fulfillment of this plan will also give assurance of the relatively insignificant cost of the project, as compared to the money wasted during the former mobilization.

"Finally, the resulting mobilization would be of a character that might well dismay the most stubborn adversary and hence would in advance be of great weight in the maintenance of peaceful relations."

## MAN FORGETS TROUSERS

**Absent-Minded New Yorker Is Taken to Police Station.**

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Patrolman Goodyear Thursday night glanced into a doorway and saw a man in the hall who was fully dressed except for one article of attire—his trousers.

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