

PERSHING FACES TASK OF RAISING 2,500,000 ARMY

Will Build Up and Maintain for Emergency Huge Force of Reserves to Be Called for War.

Washington, May 14.—The apparent determination of the "small army men" in congress to keep down the size of the regular army will add materially to the monumental task assigned to General John Pershing. It was said in army circles here today.

With only a small regular establishment as a nucleus, the task will devolve upon the new chief of staff of building up and maintaining for an emergency the great army of reserves upon which the nation would have to depend in the event of another war.

HAS BIG TASK

The task of planning a war time army of approximately 2,500,000 men faces General Pershing.

In naming Pershing chief of staff, Secretary of War Weeks made it plain that the principal duty of the World War commander will be to have time to prepare the United States army for war.

Major General James G. Harbord, named executive assistant to Pershing, will carry out the administrative functions of the staff chief.

The present plans of the war department to prepare the army for war, it was learned today, are to put the military establishment on a basis where, in the first mobilization after declaration of war, 2,500,000 men can be put immediately under arms.

AIM IS HIGH

As the perfection of this huge military machine progresses, new plans probably will be evolved by the war department to cover further mobilizations, possibly up to the maximum of American military manpower, estimated by the war department as between 16,000,000 and 18,000,000. If provision were ever made for a war time army of 2,500,000 men, this would be an unheard-of military achievement.

PERSHING MADE CHIEF OF STAFF TO END FRICTION

By David Lawrence
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Washington, May 14.—Secretary of War Weeks has started in earnest to head the forces of the war department.

The appointment of General Pershing as chief of staff of the United States army, with the unprecedented selection of an assistant chief of staff who will undoubtedly have charge of all administrative detail may seem difficult to explain to outsiders, but viewed as a part of a general policy of reconciliation between jealous factions and conflicting personalities the move is hailed as the best way out of a controversy which had its origin during the war and which had to be settled harmoniously before the war department could function smoothly.

FRICITION CREATED

During the war and, indeed, since the armistice, there has been more than one clash between the officers who save service overseas, some of whom had a tendency to regard as less important the stay-at-home officers, and the folks who directed the training of troops and the mobilization of resources on the American side of the Atlantic.

Conversely the officers on this side showed a sensitiveness concerning the overseas officers, the latter having insisted upon a voice in promotions, which, upon more than one occasion, upset the scales on this side.

The conflict between General Peyton C. March, chief of staff in Washington, and the headquarters of General Pershing overseas, was never a matter of open break.

MARCH ANGERED SOLONS

Details were repeatedly made and probably will be made that any friction exists, but the fact is, when people try to issue orders to each other 3000 miles away and without specific knowledge of the circumstances under which each side is working every day there is bound to be friction.

Secretary Weeks has the highest appreciation of the ability of General March.

Were it a question of just having a chief of staff with whom the secretary of war could get along there wouldn't be the slightest hesitation on the part of Weeks to retain the present head of the army. But General March in connection to some extent the ill will of members of congress who were not accustomed to be treated brusquely even in wartime.

CROWDED MADE ENEMIES

Just as General Crowder made enemies by congress by a rigid enforcement of the draft law, so will General March be known in army history as one of the martyrs of the war in Washington.

Secretary Weeks, however, has taken a practical and not a sentimental view of the situation. To start out the various controversies and start things going, he had to appoint a new chief of staff.

General Pershing's ability and prestige bulked large yet it was realized that to put General Pershing in the closest contact with administrative de-

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Tacoma Police Nab Three Youths in Blackmail Plot

Tacoma, Wash., May 14.—A blackmail demand for money from Dr. A. G. Hicks, a dentist, in a plan to finance a drug smuggling ring between Puget Sound and the Orient was thwarted by the police here yesterday. The police waited for the blackmailers' messenger, arrested him after he had received from Dr. Hicks a fake packet of money, secured his confession, and captured the ringleader in the plot, Jack Hathaway, 20, with a companion, in a garage near the messenger's home.

Hathaway's companions were Clifford Powell, messenger, 19, and Jack Blake, 21, two shipyard workers. Hathaway confessed. The blackmailing note threatened to expose through the newspapers that three years ago G. P. Senter, a high school instructor, obtained a book of narcotic blanks from Dr. Hicks, using them to obtain drugs. Senter, who is a Harvard graduate, subsequently resigned his position. The note asked for \$250.

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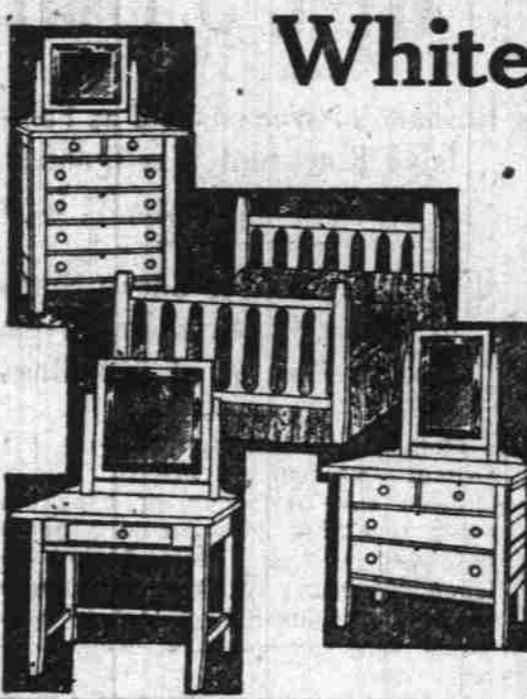
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