

Pershing Wants Backbone Kept In Defenses

Speaks Before Civic Federation, Asserting Military Forces Must Be Alert and Have Trained Officers

Sees Danger to America

Says Turkish Victory Indicates Possibility of Getting in Near East Mix-Up

General John J. Pershing delivered the principal address at the closing session of the National Civic Federation at Hotel Astor yesterday morning. He spoke for the maintenance of a military force that could always be counted on as a strong backbone for the larger army a war might call forth, and for a well balanced, fully manned navy. At the same time the United States, he said, should not be permitted to become the battleground for racial antagonisms, nor an open field for the distribution of European propaganda.

General Pershing's speech supplied the keynote for resolutions on preparedness and international policy that were adopted before the convention adjourned.

Key of Eastern Hemisphere

"The Near East has been the theater of practically continuous military operations since 1914," General Pershing said. "Standing at the crossroads of three continents, it is pre-eminently the key position of the Eastern Hemisphere. Here the Orient and Occident find a common frontier and diverse races and conflicting religions have their origin. The developments which have taken place in the Near East, the Turkish victory over the Greeks have sufficiently indicated the danger which America runs of becoming involved in the tangled meshes of this racial, religious and political situation."

"It is folly to profit by the lessons of experience as it would be folly to permit the development of militarism in America. We only ask the merest skeleton of an army, but it should always be alert, wide-awake and have sufficient officers, including those of the National Guard and reserves, to command any force that might be required."

Declaration of Principles

In a declaration of principles the association backs the adoption of a consistent American policy and the continued enforcement of the Monroe Doctrine, co-operation with the League of Nations and the encouragement of international congresses of science, education, commerce and industry. A self-righteous attitude is deprecated.

Speaks at Dinner and Dance

General Pershing spoke along the same line in the evening at the Armistice Day dinner and dance of the New York chapter of the Military Order of the World War. He was telling about Congressmen who proclaimed in committee rooms that the United States never would have another war, when one of his audience yelled: "They're liars!"

"I wouldn't dare say that myself," remarked General Pershing after a brief hesitation, "but I'm glad that you draw the right inference."

In Shadow of War

"As long as hatred and jealousy exist between people and nations," he said, "we are in the shadow of war. It is inevitable in some form or other."

Greece Sends Bible to Envoys, and Whisky, Too

Both Arrive at Legation in Good Condition, for They Are Packed Together

Vassar Girls Ousted by \$10,000 Dormitory Fire

Swaps Blows With Girl Who Calls Him Masher

Thomas McAndrews, of 800 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested last night on a charge of assault preferred by Miss Ellen Reeves, of 237 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn. The girl declares that he had struck back and knocked out two of her teeth when she slapped him for calling her "sweetheart" and asking her to take a walk with him. He had approached her on the corner of Nostrand Avenue and Kosciuszko Street.

The prisoner was taken to the Gates Avenue station and will be arraigned in Gates Avenue Court this morning.

which the blaze started were absent at the time, as were the occupants of the two adjoining rooms reached by the flames. The fire was reported by a passer-by who saw flame-tinged smoke bursting through the windows.

Suspect "Murder Trust" Of Women in Poisonings

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—So startling has become the "poisoned dinner" murders case involving Mrs. Tillie Klimek and Mrs. Sturmer Koulik that a special prosecutor has been assigned to the case by the city attorney to devote all his time to the "murder trust." Twelve murders are now estimated to have been committed. Orders were issued to-day by the coroner for the exhumation of three more bodies, those of two men and a woman.

Rail Heads Fear Action Of Radical Legislators

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Financiers and railway presidents are deeply concerned over the results of Tuesday's elections, especially in the northern and central states, where candidates of the extremist radical stripe received the principal support of the electorate. It is feared that there will be immediate attempts to pass immoderate legislation affecting industry and transportation.

Weather Report

Local Forecast.—Cloudy to-day; to-morrow showers; fresh south-west winds, becoming variable.

General Weather Conditions

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