

WILL ASK FOR ORGANIZATION CITIZENS' ARMY

WAR DEPARTMENT TO URGE DEFINITE MILITARY POLICY FOR UNITED STATES—WATCHING GREAT BRITAIN.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The war department will urge upon congress, it is understood tonight, that it is vital that a definite statement of military policy for the United States be put through at this session and that machinery be created for the organization of a citizen army, volunteers to begin with, but based ultimately on universal service. It was learned authoritatively that the administration's continental army plan is de-

signed to operate with either the volunteer or the universal service system.

It is known that the continental army plan is regarded in its present form by its framers as a preparatory measure paving the way to a decision by the people at large for or against universal service.

While Secretary Garrison has made no public declaration of his opinion, Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who frequently has spoken for his chief, has clearly indicated belief that universal service is the only fair and democratic solution of the military problem confronting the country. It has been indicated that the military committee of congress will be formally advised of this view at the coming hearings.

Great Britain's effort to carry on the war without resort to conscription is being anxiously watched by the American war department, because army officers say the United Kingdom's situation touches at the root of conditions the United States faces in carrying out the administration army increase program.

Watching Results in Britain.

If Great Britain decides for conscription, high officials said today, a long step will have been taken toward the time when universal service will be generally accepted in the United States as a national necessity. If Great Britain goes on with volunteers, American officials feel that nothing short of a great military defeat would bring the United States to universal service.

Entirely aside from its part in the European war, officials believe the question of whether service with the colors in time of need shall be a legally recognized duty of citizenship is of vital importance on this side of the Atlantic. The virtually unanimous opinion of the commissioned personnel of the army and civil officials of the war department is said to be that adequate preparedness only can be secured on the basis of universal military service.

Signs are not lacking that the military committee of congress will be formally acquainted with Secretary Garrison's view at the coming hearings either by the secretary himself or by an authorized spokesman. It is understood, however, that the department will urge that the vital thing is to put through at the present session a definite statement of military policy and create machinery for organization of a citizens' army, volunteers to begin with, but based ultimately on universal service. Department officials are unwilling to see the fate of their policy, as expressed by the general staff and Mr. Garrison, jeopardized by tying it up with the universal service issue, which may be well disposed of after the policy has been written.

The administration's continental army plan, it was learned authoritatively tonight, is designed to create



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A defense force with either the volunteer or universal service system. It was framed with the Swiss system as a model and lacks only one feature—that of compulsory service—to adapt that system to what army officers regard as American needs and conditions.

Regulations contemplated by the framers of the plan include the division of the country into military divisions corresponding generally to the present congressional districts. Each military district would be called upon for 333 recruits annually. In the event that compulsory service were decided upon, it is stated, the only action needed would be an amendment to authorize the war department in any year, when the quota of recruits from any district has not been made up voluntarily by a pre-determined date, to draft the necessary men for that purpose from the portion

of the population of the district liable for military service.

Advocates of the administration plan say that the 100,000 men with the colors and 400,000 reserve proposed to be produced within six years will not constitute a force adequate to the needs of the nation, and they do not contend that the proposed two months of intensive training a year for three years is sufficient to make a soldier.

As a matter of fact, they do not believe it is possible to secure more than thirty days' training annually under a purely volunteer system.

Regarded as Preparatory Move.

It is an open secret that the plan is regarded by its framers in its present form as more of a preparatory measure than anything else, paving the way to a decision by the people at large for universal service and establishing immediately the correct fundamental principles that must underlie any proper military system. That conclusion must be reached, the officials insist, by any process of reasoning based upon facts, and they look to the men who will enter the continental army, whether they come by the tens or hundreds or thousands in the first few years, to carry home a practical view of the country's military problems.

In determining upon his plan, Secretary Garrison is known to have consulted every general officer of the active army and many of the retired list.

Efforts of the departmental officials first will be directed toward convincing congress that the urgent thing is to get the foundations laid upon which such features as universal military service and extension of the general staff idea of scientific control may be superimposed later. To attempt all of this now they fear would send the whole plan toppling of its own weight.

There is no difference, except in the number of men and amount of training, it is asserted, between the secretary's proposals and those of the war college division of the general staff. The general result that all authorities are agreed upon is the fundamental soundness of the idea of the continental army scheme which embodies the central idea of placing the national defense in the hands of the nation instead of under the control of forty-eight state governments.

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The sinking of the French steamship Ville de la Ciotat has intensified the feeling aroused in Japan by the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. The French ship carried a large amount of medical supplies and clothing for wounded Italian soldiers, purchased with contributions by Japanese and foreigners in this country.

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DR. COOK MAKING HIS WAY HOMEWARD THROUGH SIBERIA

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the American explorer who went to India in June to ascend the Himalaya mountains and was detained in India for five weeks as a German spy, is making his way across Siberia, intending a return to New York, according to E. S. Brooks, a motion picture operator with Cook's party. Brooks left Dr. Cook and his companion, F. H. Thompson, November 30 at Yokohama, Japan, and arrived on the steamer Dairen Maru.

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2:05 7:04	West Ardmore	10:25 6:44
3:30M7:25	Lone Grove	10:05 6:20
4:05 7:55	Wilson	9:35M5:50
4:45 8:35	Ringling	8:55 5:15
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