

ARMIES OF 14 BIG NATIONS APPROACH SIX MILLION

These are the figures that will be submitted to the Forthcoming Conference on Limitation of Armament, Washington, Oct. 2.—Active armies of the fourteen most important nations of the world today include approximately six million men, according to figures obtained here and regarded as reasonably correct. With the inclusion of land armaments in the agenda of the forthcoming conference on limitation of armaments, these are the figures with which it is expected the assembled commissioners will have to deal.

While China stands first among the nations in this summary of soldiers

actually under arms, about September 1 last, being credited with 1,370,000 active troops, France is far ahead among the nations not distressed by civil strife, in the number of men with the colors. The French army strength is placed at 1,034,000 men, the British empire standing next with 740,500 and Germany last with 100,000. The United States stands thirteenth with 149,500 men in the regular army, exceeding only Germany, while Italy has 350,000 and Japan 300,000 active troops.

Figures for other powers include Russia 538,000; Poland 450,000; Greece 255,000; Spain 253,000; Switzerland 170,000; Turkey 152,000; and Czechoslovakia 150,000.

In considering problems connected with attempted reduction of armed forces ashore, it is to be assumed, however that the Washington conference will of necessity take into consideration many other factors than the forces actually under arms in computing the army strength of any action for purposes of discussion. Reserve systems, the extent of which reserves have been organized for quick mobilization and the degree of training they have received all would be reviewed by technical experts. In many countries some form of universal military service obligation rests upon the entire male population. Japan, Italy, France, Greece, Szechoslovakia, Poland, Switzerland and Spain all have in force such laws while among British colonies South Africa, New Zealand and Austria have similar enactments.

By these factors the relative figures take on an even wider discrepancy than the national army strength is viewed from the standpoint of active armies alone. France, for instance, is estimated to have beyond her million men in arms, 4,270,000 reservists, the majority of them highly trained as a result of war experience and the

whole body included in a highly organized reserve system that will keep the nations' trained fighting personnel at that point. Italy's 350,000 fighting troops are backed by 4,627,000 reserves in an equal state of preparedness and Japan's 300,000 by another army of 1,845,000 trained and equipped to take the field on short notice.

The United States has at present nothing in the way of organized reserves behind the regular army except the national guard, the movement for organization of a voluntary reserve having just been started.

Still another angle of the army reduction problem which may come up at the conference is the proportion of active and organized reserve personnel to the man power of the nation, the available number of males of fighting age in the population. In France, Italy and some other countries, virtually every male fit for army service already either is in the active army or has a definite place in the organized and trained reserve.

One thing clearly established by these army figures, military experts said, was that the United States alone among the victor nations in the war, seems to have completely demobilized. The regular army today is little stronger in numbers than it was before the mobilization in 1917. The national guard, due to reorganization after the war, is actually weaker.

DESTROY COTTON STALKS NOW

Most Important Single Step in Any Fight Against Boll Weevil.

Clemson College, Oct. 3.—The early fall destruction of cotton stalks is the most important single step in any fight against the cotton boll weevil. So says Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist, who adds that it has been shown time and again in practice and by experiments that the most favorable conditions for the boll weevil to pass the winter successfully are found in those fields in which the cotton stalks, together with grass, weeds, fallen leaves and other refuse are left undisturbed until nearly time to plant the following season. On such fields the greatest number of weevils will survive, and every farmer should ask himself the question, "Will I permit my farm to be a winter hotel for the pest?"

In other words, will the farmer choose to destroy the weevil this fall or have the weevil destroy his cotton next season? The earlier the stalks are destroyed the fewer weevils will survive the winter. In infested fields it is common to find weevils at the rate of five thousand to twenty-five thousand per acre at the time of first frost. It is a well known fact that the weevils developing late in the fall are the ones most likely to survive the winter, as they are not worn out by long flights and the rearing of the young as are the older weevils. For this reason, development of weevils in late fall must be prevented as the first step in making the next cotton crop.

Therefore, we should start now a cleaning campaign such as South Carolina has never before witnessed. The boll weevil is a pest with a terrible amount of fight, and to meet this situation our farmers must develop the best fighting spirit of which they are capable.

Early stalk destruction and clean farming with cover crops, constitute the most powerful gun that can be used against the pest at this time. Whatever method of cleaning is employed, one thing is certain: the weevil's winter hotels must be destroyed. In the words of General Neville before Verdun, "They shall not pass."

AMERICAN LEGION ASSUMES BIG TASK

Will Undertake Job of Caring for 900,000 Idle Ex-Service Men.

Indianapolis, Sept. 30.—The task of caring for the 900,000 unemployed ex-service men of the country will be taken over by the American Legion, it was announced today at a special unemployment conference at Legion headquarters here. The conference, which was called by Commander John C. Emory, was attended by national officers and members of a committee which had been appointed to investigate unemployment among members of the Legion. Data gathered by the committee and presented at the meeting showed that approximately 900,000 veterans were out of work two weeks ago. It was shown that 21.5 per cent of the ex-service men are unemployed and that those employed had experienced an average cut in wages of 32.5 per cent since the war.

The findings of the Legion's investigating committee was said to have prompted today's action.

President Harding was notified of the decision and instructions for taking care of the jobless World War veterans were sent to the 11,000 Legion posts. The instructions to the posts asked that every effort be made to secure employment "for our buddies and see that they have food and shelter."

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