

gation in their homes and elsewhere would not permit them to leave, except in case of war, when the rate of pay recommended by the Secretary of War for this Continental Army is based upon the United States Army standards, which amount to fifty cents a day for the private soldier. All of the States have found it necessary to make the rate of pay not less than one dollar per day for the private.

"In the same three companies I found among the private soldiers, a superintendent of public schools, principal of a high school, a banker and a dentist. It is an evident fact that State pride and State officers only can induce the best character of men to enlist and an army of this type is entirely in harmony with the traditions of our country. The National Guard is all for the nation and the Association well urges the prompt introduction of an amendment that would remove what constitutional limitations that now exist, preventing the guardsmen from being used the same as the Regular Army. Ninety-nine per cent. of the men in the National Guard today are there for national defense and not for State police protection.

"Peter J. Campbell, President of the Maryland Senate, now in session, recently introduced a Bill providing for the creation of a commission that will report to the Legislature thirty days before adjournment the desirability or undesirability or co-ordinating a progressive athletic and military system of instruction in our State schools with the National Guard. This is an advance step, but a practical one, as the States control both the schools and the National Guard. The project was recommended by General Mills, of the Militia Division of the War Department, in an address at the convention of the National Guard Association.

"The recommendations for direct Federal pay are both reasonable and just. From the economic point of view the Federal Government is not paying its share towards the support of the militia, when it is true that all of their training is for the nation. The States at present pay \$12,000,000 for the support of the Guard, while the Government spends but \$6,000,000. Direct Federal pay for the Guard would permit Congress to demand a higher plane of efficiency that would greatly increase the dependability of the Guard as an available force for field service.

"It is proposed to have a partially-trained Continental Army, which for the first three years would cost \$242,500,000, and \$62,000,000 every year thereafter, or an expenditure of nearly \$400,000,000 in four years. This amount would pay