PREPARATION FOR WAR

A Bill Pending for the Augmenting of the Army to 104,000.

SOME CHANGES IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM

Six Million Men Available for Military Service in the United States.

Washington, March 17.—The largest measure of preparation yet made by the war department to meet the contingencies of the future, probably has been prepared. It is the people's notion of a bill providing, among other things, for the placing of the army on a war footing for the first time in its peace men. The bill has been carefully drawn by the war department, and was introduced in the house by Representative Hull, chairman of the house committee on military affairs, who, it is expected, will push it vigorously, inasmuch as it is an administration measure.

The bill recognizes in the line of the army. It is a sweeping measure, and makes changes in the existing laws which it makes the duty of congress to make. It makes the regular establishment of infantry now consisting of four companies, to consist of twelve companies, each of which shall be filled to an aggregate of twelve lieutenants, twelve sergeants, twelve corporals, two musicians, one wagoner, one artificer, one blacksmith, two buglers, two farriers, one saddler, one wheelwright, and forty-six privates, or a total of 100 enlisted men, and the organization of the company is to be constituted as now authorized by the law.

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