

REDUCTION OF THE AMERICAN ARMY.—In accordance with law, the United States army is now being reduced as rapidly as circumstances will allow to the minimum total of 30,000 enlisted men. In order to come down to this point, discharges will be made of enlisted men until the average remaining number reaches the standard. Recruiting will be in a measure suspended, and hereafter it is intended that the new material admitted to the ranks shall be of the very best physical character, so that none will be enlisted except good tall fellows with plenty of muscle, excellent health, and firm in sinews.

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