

CONGRESS HELD UP WAR

Asserts Lack of Money Caused Big Gun Shortage

LET WAS DELAYED

Appropriation Asked for on April 5 Not Given Until June 15

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Majorly admitting there is too much money in the war government, Major Charles Crozier, chief of ordnance, today placed the bulk of the blame on Congress for the gun shortage.

At a colloquy followed in the Senate war committee, Crozier said that the appropriation of \$2,500,000,000 on April 5, 1917, was not given until June 15, 1917. He said that the money was not given until June 15, 1917. He said that the money was not given until June 15, 1917.

NEBRASKA WANTS TO KNOW What the intricate about ordering guns, demanded Hitchcock. "You know you would need a large number of guns. Why didn't you go ahead and order them? If a business man's place is being done he doesn't sit and figure out to the dollar what he'll need to spend to replace it; he orders by telegraph what he knows he'll need."

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CUT THROAT ENDS FATALLY Chester Man Found Dead in Street by Police and Brother

CHESTER Pa., Dec. 17.—William J. Mullen, aged fifty years, 352 Taylor street, was found dead at Eleventh and Barclay streets today by the police. His brother-in-law, Edward Paul, his brother-in-law, was found with him.

Quits Revenue Service for Law Frank A. Quinn, of 5022 Race street, who for more than twenty-two years has been identified with the internal revenue collector's office, resigned today to enter the practice of law.

Hanscom's "FANCY"

The finest bread flour made, \$13.75 a barrel, or \$1.75 an eighth. Fine Maine Baldwin apples, \$5.50 a barrel, or \$1.20 basket.

Books for Children

Beautifully Illustrated in Colors THE BOOK OF BABY BIRDS. Beautiful illustrations by E. J. Townsend. DUCED FROM \$1.50 to 85c. THE BOOK OF BABY BEASTS. Beautiful illustrations by E. J. Townsend. DUCED FROM \$1.50 to 85c.

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L'OFFENSIVA ITALIANA AL DELTA DEL PIAVE

Gli Italiani Distruggono un Ponte Nemico e Catturano Prigionieri

ROMA, 17 dicembre. Un comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma, ha annunciato che le forze italiane operanti nel settore presso il delta del fiume Piave hanno assunto l'offensiva contro gli austriaci. Indagini a nord, armate, hanno distrutto un ponte che gli austriaci erano riusciti a gettare sul fiume ed hanno spazzato le loro posizioni nemiche. I prigionieri sono stati catturati nelle mani degli italiani.

LA CAMPAGNA PRO CROCE ROSSA AMERICANA

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TO HEAR SHIPPERS' PROTEST

Clyde Line Officials and Commercial Representatives Meet Thursday

Shippers of this city will have an opportunity on Thursday to show why the Clyde Steamship Company should not discontinue its service between this port and New York.

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Public Gets Instructions How to Act in Presence of Military Aerial Activity

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Austrian Alien Arrested

BURLINGTON, N. J., Dec. 17.—Charged with endeavoring to incite fellow workmen against military service and with making other treasonable declarations, J. Doppler, said to be an Austrian enemy, has been arrested and is in jail pending further action of Federal authorities.

Continental Hotel

Winter Garden, 9th & Chestnut HEATED BY STEAM 60c Business Men's Lunch 60c 11.30 to 2.30 DINNER \$1.25 Chicken, Lobster \$1.25 5.30 to 8.30 Dining 9 to 1

FLETCHER TO LEAVE MEXICO ON VACATION

State Department Denies Envoy Is Quitting on Account of Strained Relations

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Man's Death Mystified

Physicians at the Roosevelt Hospital are mystified at the death of William Ficker, forty-four years old, of 2418 Ridge avenue, who was picked up unconscious at Broad and Vine streets last night and taken to the hospital, dying soon after his arrival.

CAPTAIN BLUE BLAMED FOR WRECK OF SHIP

Hero of Spanish-American War Reduced Ten Numbers for Negligence

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Captain Victor Blue, formerly rear admiral in charge of the Bureau of Navigation, but since the war began a captain in command of a battleship in the Atlantic fleet, has been reduced ten numbers in grade.

This punishment was inflicted because the battleship under his command went on the rocks off the New England coast early last September.

Will Remove League Quarters

The headquarters of the National League for Women's Service will be moved this week from 1712 Walnut street to 1792 Walnut street.

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Advertisement for Girard Cigars. Features images of various cigar brands like Director, Broker, Mariner, and Founder. Text includes "10c and up Real Havana" and "Let the Girard carry your Christmas greetings".

Advertisement for Hallahan's Christmas Slippers. Features images of various styles of slippers for men, women, and children. Text includes "Hallahan's CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS" and "For Every Member of the Family".