

EXPLAINED FOR GUN FAMINE

Struggle to Enter Critical Phase in 1918. MANUFACTURER TELLS WHY TROOPS ARE IN FRANCE UNARMED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Evidence of how the War Department ignored danger of war and refused to take heed of the necessity for machine guns was laid before the Senate Military Affairs Committee today by Louis E. Stoddard, vice president of the Marlin Rifle Corporation.

Stoddard testified that he had been in the War Department when it was charged the Ordnance Department with rejecting his offer to begin manufacture of machine guns immediately after severance of diplomatic relations.

Mr. Stoddard said on February 3, the day after the United States broke off relations with Germany, he came to Washington at the request of Admiral Earle, chief of ordnance in the navy.

Stoddard went into other details of haggling over production and prices. "How many machine guns would you have been able to produce by this time if the Ordnance Department had told you to go ahead on February 3?" asked Secretary Wadsworth, of New York.

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INSISTENT HOUSEHOLDERS DEMAND COAL



Despite the fact that many coal dealers have posted signs on their office windows to the effect that their supplies of coal are exhausted, scores of fuelless householders demand personal explanations as to why their orders cannot be filled.

FIRST AID TO CUPID NAMED FOR MEADE. Y. M. C. A. Procures a Parson to Look After "Boys' Interests."

DR. WASHBURN SERVES. Number of Philadelphians Sent Home Because of Physical Defects.

ACCUSE JAIL WARDEN; SAYS IT'S FRAME-UP. Berks Official Is Charged With Selling Drugs to the Prisoners.

MAKES ARMY OF REFUGEES. PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French Government today formally authorized creation of a "Czechoslovak army" under national control.

Armenian Church Benefit Today. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Evangelical Church of Armenia will give a bazaar on Tuesday afternoon.

DISCUSS SAFETY DEVICE CODE. Elevator Experts From Four States in Session Here.

CREEL'S WAGE LIST SOUGHT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Committee on Public Information is requested to inform the Senate of the amount of salaries or allowances or expenses granted to the chairman, George Creel, members of his staff or others and as to the committee's expenditures generally by a resolution introduced yesterday by Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader.

COURSE AT U. OF P. Two weeks' training course for men to enter the ordnance field service will begin on January 16 at the University of Pennsylvania.

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BRITTEN DRAWS DANIELS'S WRATH

Secretary Irritated by Charge Submarine Chasers Failed CALLS IT 'NASTY RUMOR'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An attack on construction of submarine chasers marked the beginning of the House naval investigation today, followed by a sharp tilt between Secretary Daniels and Representative Britten (Illinois).

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NEW GERMAN PLOT Had Planned Secret Treaty With China to Aid India Revolt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A secret treaty between Germany and China whereby the Kaiser would protect the Chinese from all aggression for a period of five years if Chinese forces were sent into India to aid a proposed revolution there was described yesterday in the trial of a number of Hindus and others charged with conspiring in America to set up a revolutionary government in India.

Details of the supposed plot were outlined in code messages purported to have been passed between Dr. C. K. Chakravarty, one of the Hindu defendants, and a committee of German officials and officers in Berlin. Copies of these messages in the original and decoded form were introduced.

Suffocated by Charcoal Fumes. READING, Pa., Dec. 19.—Francis Ross, sixty-three years old, was suffocated by fumes from a charcoal stove in his home here, when he was found by Charles Horienbacher, police sergeant.

Rumanian Minister Dead. TOKIO, Dec. 19.—M. Xenopol, Rumanian minister to Japan, died here after an operation. He was a distinguished lawyer, who only recently arrived in Tokyo to take up his post.

Advertisement for Charles Beck Company, featuring 'Aladdin Covers' and 'Gloves at \$1.50'. Includes a small illustration of a hand holding a glove.

Advertisement for 'GIVE JEWELRY THE SENSIBLE XMAS GIFT' by Hollander & Fleishman Co. Features a '1 WEEK' badge and a small illustration of a watch.

Large advertisement for 'Heppe Victrola Service' by C. J. Heppe & Son. Includes a list of record prices and a small illustration of a gramophone.

ROOKIES FORBIDDEN TO PLUCK MISTLETOE Philadelphia Boys at Hancock Had Hoped to Send Sprigs Home

CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Philadelphia cadets of the 108th Field Artillery were today forbidden to pluck the holly boughs from the southern hills in the interest of conservation.

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Advertisement for 'The Mystery & the Mastery of Matter' featuring a canary and the text 'The Most Wonderful Singing Canary In the World'.

Advertisement for 'Golden Opera Singers' featuring a canary and the text 'The Most Wonderful Singing Canary In the World'.

Advertisement for 'Louis Mark Shoes' with the text 'OF QUALITY Here's a worth-while Xmas gift—for yourself—for the other chap. Real Russia Calfskin Shoe—genuine Gun-metal call—wing tip. A gift, too, of your part of two dollars—for it's an \$8 shoe. Guaranteed, of course, and priced here at—Six Dollars'.

Advertisement for 'Blasius Player Pianos' with the text 'Start with the right idea when buying a piano. It is a lifetime investment. Its quality of tone, action and performance most not vary. It must be up to standard always. Blasius measures up to every demand of these—and more. It is the one piano you can be sure will be a lifelong companion to you and your home. Hear it. Write for Special Player Proposition.'

Advertisement for 'A Gift for the Whole Family' by Frank H. Stewart Electric Co. featuring an electric lamp and the text 'Permanent enjoyment and utility make an electric portable lamp, as a gift, worth many times more than its intrinsic value. We've a vast collection of exclusive designs from \$2.50 up. Also a number of specials—at reductions of a fourth to a half. Frank H. Stewart Electric Co. 37 and 39 N. 7th Street. OLD MINT BUILDING.'