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U.S. IS BLAMED ICIAL YEAR FOR GUN FAMINE ruggle to Enter Manufacturer Tells Why **Critical** Phase **Troops** Are in France in 1918 Unarmed AR PLANS VITAL FIRST OFFER REJECTED

LONDON, Dec. 19.

volved in the world war on the threshold of the of the struggle, and the few ng before the beginning a new era of war man-

ures that loom up as the and most dominant for n the Entente side during the President Wilson and

s of the present year that the most powerful influence

1918 campaign are these: entry of the United States the struggle, with the Amer-

lapse of Russia as a fightunit and the possibility of a peace involving Russia and

reorganization of the Allies' hod of conducting the war to absolute unity and co-ordina-conly in directing the armies, supplying them as well. Austro-German invasion of

thern Italy, carrying the fight-o the Venetian plains for the me since Italy entered the war. concentration of Britain's forts against Turkey in the Near with the evident purpose of ing forever Germany's imperial of complete control of trade from Berlin to the Persian

is every indication that there cortinuous fighting on the west-Italian fronts throughout the and that spring and early sum-line a tremendous impetus to had blows, with great masses of ans on the firing line.

America's original war plans for troops upon the western declaration of war against icates that 1918 will see the and Stripes on the Italian battle-

's submarine war, aimed against British shipping, has a fallure. The ruthless under-varfare has been in progress al-year and, despite the claims and made in Berlin, Ergland is as being starved as she was be-submarine got active.

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any is to make her greatest et-1918, with the hope of delivering thing blow on the western and fronts before the American army tfully into action. She has a the maximum of her submarine and a great fleet will be operat-and under the high sean, while miss released from the eastern released from the eastern gun for the army, were not closed until hurled against the gallant ing for the Allied cause in France and Italy.

the Allies are not to be caught. The leaders of the Entente know what to look for from Gertestimony. J. E. Otterson, president of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, chair-man of the small arms manufacturing committee co-perating with the War Department, told of many conferences and plans are being made to meet

France has suffered from her held to determine the time it would restruggie, but there is still that left in the men upholding critics look for the following would require from four to six months. In 1918: he said.

y will deliver her most tre-troke. It will fail, The Alilies company, he said, they called for deliv-eries in November. Some deliveries were back with a smashing blow end the Teutons reeling. That actually made in August. As a matter of fact, he said, the manufacturers are about two months ahead of their conthe turning point and the vision which has been hidden so long the black clouds of war, will in the splendor of an Al-



: XIRVINO WASHINGTON: Dec. 19 emoh (2004) 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. Mr. Stoddard openly charged the Ordinance Department with

rejecting his offer to begin manufacture of machine guns immediately after severof machine guns immediately after sever-ance of diplomatic relations. If the War Department had told him George, the Allies' two to go ahead, he testified, the army could have been more than adequately 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 ~> navy. "Admiral Earle wanted to know how many machine guns we could make." Stoddard testified. "He said he hadn't any money and didn't know whether he

would get any, but he wanted to know what we could do. I told him we would get busy right away and make machine guns. Already anticipating trouble, we had begun making jigs and ules and

ather machinery for emergencies. "I then walked down the corridor to see General Crozier, chief of army ord name. I found Colonel John P. Rice who was in charge of the machine gur division. I introduced myself and told him what we had done in the way of

What did you do that for?' he asked. "Well, we thought there was going to be trouble and we thought we had better get ready," I answered. "Well, there won't be any trouble— we're not interested," he said.

"'I don't see how you can fail to be interested," I insisted. 'We can make

200 machine guns a day." That ended however "Afterward the War Department bought 2500 of these same guns. They have been usingg them. I understand, in

nave been using them, i understand, of some of the training comps and have found them very satisfactory. We still have four hundred up at our plant which they won't take." Mr. Stoddard went into other details

Old Christ Church, Philadeipma, Doc-tor Washnurn has volunteered to serve in that capacity for a week or ten days, and will be subceeded by the Rey, Rob-

ert C. Dennison, of New Haven, Conn. The Y. M. C. A., which is very much on the job at Camp Meade, is creeting three new recreation centers, which will swell the number of organization buildquire to change the Enfield rifles to three new recreation centers, which will make all American ammunition inter-changeable. Manufacturers thought it ings to thirteen. One of the new buildings will be located near the remount

ings will be located near the remound station, a second at the gas station and a third at the base hospital. Surgeons at the base hospital an-nounced today that George Burton, of Lackawanna County, Pa, will probably as well as some Russians When contracts were closed with his

terday when kicked by a horse. Burton, a member of Battery F. 311th Field Ar-tillery, was thrown from a norse which he was riding and fell directly in front of another horse. The animal kicked



as to why their orders cannot be filled.

SAYS IT'S FRAME-UP

Selling Drugs to the

shaghan, Manuel M. Abella, Local FIRST AID TO CUPID Board T, Andrew J, Curley, Local Board Hoard T, Andrew J, Curley, Local Board H: John Clark, Jr., Local Board 16; George Emmons, Jr., Benjamin E, Sat-tier, Local Board 43; John A, McKer-nan, Local Board 33; Louis Vellozzi, Local Board 33; Louis Vellozzi, NAMED FOR MEADE han, Local Board 33, Louis Velozz, Local Board 3. From points near Philadelphia the following men appeared in the same list: Daniel J. Campbell, Bryn Mawr, Raymond B. Barndt, Pottstown, Harry Deynolds, Michael Kiswi, Thomas C.

Y. M. C. A. Procures a Parson to Look After "Boys' Interests Pearson, Conshohocken; Corson C. Sny

er, Skippack. DR. WASHBURN SERVES ACCUSE JAIL WARDEN;

Number of Philadelphians Sent Home Because of Physical

Berks Official Is Charged With Defects

Mr. Stoddard went into other details of hagging 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 37 asked Senator Wadsworth.
"How use the part of the witness." Would they have been better than the witness. "Would they have been better than no gun—they would have been better than no gun—they would have been better than no gun—they would have been to the contracts with his plant for the Browning machine gun 7. Stoddard stated that contracts with his plant for the Browning machine gun 7. Stoddard stated that contracts with his plant for the Browning machine gun 7. The Y M. C. A., a very copendable or and appointed a camp parson. This would have been better than no gun—they would have been to closed until the state that fail within the province and appointed a camp parson. This functions and, in a word, handle all the details that fail within the province of a pharmachite here. The mark adopted as the standard machine details that fail within the province of an ordained clergyman. He is to work independently, but with the struct May. The army needs the the work in the X. M. C. A. and the store timperior of a political plate the work independently, but with the standard machine details that fail within the province inspector. Allower the box at the the work independently, but with has plant for the Browning machine in the details that fail within the province inspector. The would be details that fail within the province inspector. The would be detailed that contracts with the X. M. C. A. and the work matter was first brought up by Harry Y. Miler, a prisoner inspector. Allower is the details that fail within the province is the store. The work independently, but it took no actions. Body and Tanezer is the Course. The would be detailed they course the would be inspector. Allow the sector the box is the store the work independently but it took no actions. Body and Tanezer is the

tion of a Czechoslovak army under na-tional control. Headquarters are to be established in Paris. Already, it was stated, a force of 80, and are apprehensive of registing lest army. BTRDY.

Armenian Church Benefit Today

BRITTEN DRAWS oo-small. DANIELS'S WRATH

Secretary Irritated by Charge Submarine **Chasers** Failed

CALLS IT 'NASTY RUMOR'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. An attack on construction of subma rine chasers marked the beginning of the House naval investigation today. followed by a sharp tilt between Secretary Daniels and Representative Britten (Illinois). That the millions put into these craft

had beer virtually a dead loss appeared to be Britten's conviction. He attempted to draw from Secretary Daniels the admission that large numbers of the chas

which took over some of the chasers, had denounced them, as Britten was in-

Stirred by repeated implications by Britten that the Navy Department had not properly supported Sims, comman-der-in-chief of the American fleet in for-eign waters, Daniels heatedly denied any friction with Sims.

At the same time he attacked Britten or "bandying about in public session petty, nasty rumors given currency in for s the press"; refused flatly to discuss ties. "either in open or executive session" any reports of alleged complaints from

TO PLUCK MISTLETOE "You don't think a committee of the House of Representatives has any right

Philadelphia Boys at Hancock to know if the department has failed to

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Had Hoped to Send Sprigs Home Bive our foreign commander the support the asiss." Britten reforted. "I certainly do not think any such nasty, petty things should be discussed." CAMP HANCOCK, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.

"Don't you think facts are entitled to consideration?" Philadelphia cannoneers of the 108th Field Artillery were today forbidden to "If you have any facts give pluck the holly branch from these south- now." Daniels demanded. SIMS DEMANDS REFUSED

ern hills, in the interest of conservation. according to an order of Colonel W. S. Lianiels said Sims had made requests for assignment of certain officers who according to an order of Colonel W. S. Brigade, in the absence of Brigadier were needed here and his requests therefor had not been granted. Daniels said he knew a rumor was General William G. Price, now home on a short furlough.

current that he had declined to furnish The boys had been curtishing the hope Sims an officer he had asked because that they could send home a real piece this officer occasionally "took a drink" of holly plucked by themselves while in but that this was "absurd." the field and accordingly had made ar-rangements to surprise the folks at "But when you ask such questions in from rangements to surprise the folks at Body home with a summent of Georgia bally home with a shipment of Georgia holly. thing wrong

Mistletoe has been found in large quanis no intention by the committee or the Secretary to show merely the favorable tities by the artillery boys, whose labors carry them over much territory, but the mistletoe also is taboo.

The promised change: in the officer present two members who have been presonnel of the division have not yet ma. abroad many months and to ask that terialized. There is much conjecture on officers of both fighting ships and trans-Y. Miller, a prisoner inspector, at the prison board meeting last Wednesday, Schwartz was called before the board, but it took no action. Body and Tanezer then engaged counsel. MAKES ARMY OF REFUGEES PARIS, Dec. 19.—The French Gay ernment today formally authorized crea-tion of a Czechoslovak army under na-

ROOKIES FORBIDDEN

Important announcements are ex-A Czechoslovak army would probably pected every day new on the situation relude in its personnel residents of Ser-

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Evan-geheal Church of Armenia will give a bazaar from 2 o'clock this afternoon until 11 o'clock tonight for the benefit

had received large shipments of sho Heading Daniels's testimony was the

disclosure that the navy today has under construction 428 "capital and im-portant ships." This does not include 350 submarine chasers. The Secretary opened the getaway

hearing with a recital of strenuous war preparation beginning with the fall of 1916, more than a year before the United States entered the war.

"The navy has made 'creditable speed' in some of its war work and has had team work in all," he said.

Admitting that there may have been some mistakes Daniels added: "I believe however, when you know all we have attempted we will receive all we have attempted we will receive your confirming judgment that we have done as well as was possible under all the circumstances, always bearing in mind the necessity of doing everything under whip and spur, conscious that it must be done in such a way as would not necessitate doing it all over ugain

not necessitate doing it all over again because of hasty or unconsidered action. The committee was deeply interested

in Secretary Daniels's statement about the manner of awarding contracts. This subject will be exhaustively gone into mission that large numbers of the chas-ers had been built on faulty lines and failed to come up to expectations. Daniels, however, declared the chasers had proved effective for their coast pa-takes the stand. Mr. Daniels explained that of 106 Mr. Daniels explained that of 106

contracts made since April 1 last, only sixty-two had been on a basis of cost plus 10 per cent. Of \$7,0,00,000 worth of contracts, exclusive of ships, \$26,600. 900 had been on the 10 per cent plus basis, while \$43,400,000 had been in the "With present conditions." said Mr. Danible, "contructs being made on the cost-plus-10-per-cent basis are satisfac-tory. With war conditions we must pay

tory. With war conditions we must pay for speed in construction and for facili-"A few contractors who came in to de

Rumanian Minister Dead

TOKIO, Dec. 15.-M. Xenophol, Ru-manian minister to Japan, died here after an operation. He was a distin-"Now, you are using those words guished lawyer, who only recently ar-yourself." Britten flashed back. rived in Tokio to take up his post.



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NEW GERMAN PLOT

Had Planned Secret Treaty With ... China to Aid India Revolt

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—A se-cret treaty between Germany and China whereby the Kaiser would pro-

betails of the supposed plot were outlined in code messages purported to have been passed between Dr. C. K. Chakravarts, one of the Hindu de-fendants, and a committee of German officials and others 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 suffo-cated by fumes from a charcoal store in his home here. The body was found by Charles Horienbacher, police sergeant.



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