

EXPERT SHOWS WHY SOLDIERS LACK GUNS

Ordnance Officers Ignorant of First Principles of Manufacturing

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Ordnance officers "without appreciation of first principles of manufacturing" are handicapped with machinery fifty years old at the Springfield Government Arsenal.

With this testimony, Fred H. Colvin, editor of the American Machinist, told the Senate military subcommittee today that an expert production engineer ought to be placed in charge of American munitions manufacture.

Colvin spent fifteen weeks in Springfield Arsenal a year ago. A letter he sent to Secretary of War Baker outlining methods of speeding production was turned over to Chief of Ordnance Crozier, who wrote Colvin sharply, criticizing him for suggesting that army ordnance men didn't know their business.

"The fact is," declared Colvin, "military men there do as well as could be expected with antiquated equipment and small training. They haven't any appreciation of the first principles of manufacturing. They have machines that are fifty years old."

Insistence on unnecessary interchangeability of parts is slowing up rifle production, increasing cost and wasting material, Colvin declared. Bayonet blades are rejected on variation of one-sixteenth of an inch from the standard.

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SING "AMERICA" IN ALL HOMES CHRISTMAS DAY

Superintendent Garber Suggests 9 o'Clock as Universal Hour for National Anthem

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Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools, has sent a message to the principals of all Philadelphia public schools, designed to inculcate patriotism in the homes of the pupils. He urges that the children be requested to have "America" sung in their homes at 9 o'clock on Christmas morning.

"The letter to the principals is as follows: 'It has been suggested that there would be a great unifying and energizing patriotic service by family groups in the entire country joining in the singing of America at 9 o'clock on Christmas morning. If the plan appeals to you ask the pupils of your school to carry the message and the purpose into their homes.'

Descending the plan, Doctor Garber said: "In the midst of rejoicing on the day that Christ brought into the world the message of peace on earth, good will toward men, it is suggested that the nation and the world are engaged in the greatest and most horrible war in history. In every neighborhood the strains of the anthem will ring simultaneously from millions of homes. The public schools stand for patriotism at all times and we are striving to bring this into the homes of every child."

The inspection of the textbooks, which constitutes the second examination for the purpose of eliminating "infirmary," will be continued today.

CHRISTMAS MAIL HAS SHATTERED RECORDS

Strenuous Times for Postal Employees, Who Are Working Day and Night

DRAFTEES' NEGLECT CAUSES COMPLAINT

Local Board Reports That Many Questionnaires Return Improperly Sworn To

These are the strenuous days for the army of mailmen, who are toiling day and night to hold the onslaught of the Christmas mail drive, and deliver it on Christmas eve. And this is the most ruthless drive that has ever burst down on the postoffice.

From all over the country come reports that mail movement records have been shattered and have been shattered ever since the middle of November. In addition to the parcels going to the boys "somewhere in America or France or at sea," sufficient in themselves to break the old records, there are the tons and tons of Government war mail and the burden that merchants have thrown on the system by sending express shipments by parcel post instead of express, because of the express congestion, that are taxing the postoffice to its limit.

And then to add a little spice to the situation, the Government has the habit of upsetting the best laid plans of the postal authorities by commandeering whole trains of cars, units of mail transportation, for war purposes.

Today and tomorrow will hit the home-going, but Assistant General Praeger says, "Unless something goes amiss all America's Christmas mail will be at its front door by Christmas eve. Those whose minds revel in figures will snap at the figures of the department's work in going. Four hundred and fifty thousand packages per day come into the city and about 600,000 go out. By Monday these figures will be about reversed. To handle this matter, an extra force of 1500 men is re-enforcing the permanent force of 2500. And there is a reserve force of 1500 men who are ready to go to work on any one of the days of the week. At nine five and eleven o'clock every day a long line of men of all ages appear in front of the time clock ready to go to work if needed. To transport the mail one hundred and twenty-five motor trucks have been hired. But the downtown traffic comes in for some credit, for it is doing its bit to help the postoffice this year. Superintendent of Mails Johnson says that the jockeying done by the postoffice this year has never before and that the work of the department is easier than in former years, and that they are handling the mail more quickly. But he says "Pack your shipments in wooden boxes. For pasteboard boxes can't stand the gaff and are crushed under the weight of other mail."

BANDITS SHOOT MAN, PLUNDER TWO STORES

Girl Robbers Also Take Part in Work of Auto Thieves

SUSPECT NOTED CROOK

Police Searching for Daring Highwayman as Leader of Thieves

Two robberies of stores in widely separated sections of the city and the shooting of a man who attempted to prevent the theft of his automobile mark renewed activity on the part of motor bandits in Philadelphia. Incidentally, the appearance of girl bandits in daring raids on stores dealing in feminine apparel has injected a new feature into the bandit situation which has in no way lessened the worries of the police.

The shooting that the more serious of the robberies in the work of one of the most notorious highwaymen in the country is entertained by the police, who are making a persistent search for the man whom they suspect. The robberies last night were part of a chain of similar occurrences that began a little more than three weeks ago.

The victim of the play of the bandit is Russell Whitman, nineteen years old, 2814 West Susquehanna avenue. While in a store at 1203 Germantown avenue, Whitman saw three men tampering with his car, which was standing outside. He rushed out and one of the men fired at him with a revolver at short range, the bullet falling effect in the left arm. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital.

Late last night the police of the Eighth and Jefferson street station found an abandoned motorcar near the station, which is believed to have been the one used by the bandits. They believe that all the robberies except those perpetrated by the girls were the work of the same man.

N. Y. TEACHERS OUSTED

Stormy Session Precedes Order. Instructors Will Appeal

Need Stevedore Recruits

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NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—After a debate which lasted fully three hours, during which many bitter charges were made against Dr. John L. Tildley and John Whalen, chairman of the investigating committee, the Board of Education has voted to dismiss from public employment the teachers of the City of New York.

President Willcox said no act of disloyalty was made against teachers; rather a "neutral" toward the Government and its policies.

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FIGHT DUEL WITH BANDITS

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—More than forty shots were fired in a pistol duel here today between two bandits barricaded in a vacant garage, and the police.

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Increases efficiency of a truss 50%

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Do you feel Scrooge-like symptoms creeping over you? Then get in touch with the downtown public, who are the Santa Claus mail, and he's got no less than 2000 so far and 700 this week, and they're still coming. He turns these letters over to child or good-hearted citizens with a fancy for playing Santa Claus. There's a Tiny Tim waiting for you in his files.

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\$5 Velvet and Corduroy Coats \$3.00

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Children's White Dresses \$2.00

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A great variety of models, some copies of imported garments. On many, trimmings of other furs.

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