

CHANGE IN GUN TYPE DELAYS DELIVERIES

General Crozier Under Fire by Senatorial Committee Lays Blame on Mr. Baker.

POINTED QUESTIONS ASKED

Chief of Ordnance Tells Senate Committee That Better Rifles Are Being Made and That Production Is Increasing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Members of the Senate military committee today subjected Major-General Crozier, chief of ordnance, to a series of sharp cross-examination, seeking explanation of delays in providing the war army with weapons.

Throughout the examination General Crozier insisted there had been and would be no delay in equipping soldiers sent abroad. He admitted that because of a shortage of machine guns the American troops in France were supplied with weapons of French make and that there was a lack of both machine guns and rifles in the training camps, but declared that the training of troops would not be seriously retarded.

New Type of Gun Ordered. Responsibility for the machine gun situation was placed by the general squarely upon Secretary Baker, who, he said, had taken personal interest in the matter and ordered an investigation which resulted in the adoption in June of a new gun known as the Browning type.

Chairman Chamberlain took exception to conclusions drawn from General Crozier's testimony yesterday that Congress, by failing to make prompt appropriations, and labor troubles were largely responsible for the delay. General Crozier said he had not intended that such an impression be made and that millions of dollars appropriated had not been expended.

Delay in supplying rifles, the general explained in great detail, was due to the factory changes incident to modification of the British Enfield type, which large private plants in this country are equipped to make.

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CHIEF OF ORDNANCE OF UNITED STATES ARMY, WHO UNDERGOES EXAMINATION BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE.



MAJOR-GENERAL L. W. M. CROZIER.

was declared," the chairman observed. "What were you doing in the meantime to prepare ordnance?"

General Crozier replied that his bureau had been making estimates, cataloging possible manufacturers and placing orders in anticipation of appropriation.

"The committee wants to know," said Senator Hitchcock, "just what was done in March, April and May—what start was made?"

Tremendous Start Made. "There was a tremendous start made," General Crozier vigorously replied.

"Great many things were done," "Presumably every man in the United States thought war likely," Senator Weeks suggested. "What preparations were made before the actual declaration?"

General Crozier repeated his statement regarding advance orders to manufacturers, census work, increasing in drafting and designing forces. He said orders were placed against \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000 appropriations previously authorized, in the summer and fall of 1916.

"When Senator Weeks inquired when deliveries were made upon those orders," General Crozier said, "some materials had not yet been delivered."

"It takes a long time to make artillery," he explained.

Takes Time to Make Guns. "Does it take foreign countries that long?" asked Senator Hitchcock.

General Crozier replied in the affirmative, saying that from the time of a new ordnance design in Germany to the issuance of troops, there is a lapse of seven years.

"But, in view of the tremendous emergency, couldn't we have used British or French designs?" asked Senator Hitchcock.

"We could and did," General Crozier answered, "to a very considerable extent."

"I don't want generalities," said Senator Hitchcock.

WARNING IS ISSUED

Vanderlip Sees Peril in Paper Money Inflation.

PRESENT CONDITIONS NEW

Head of War Savings Committee Addresses Bankers' Luncheon at St. Paul in Behalf of State Campaign.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 13.—Warning against the danger of paper money inflation as a means of financing the war was given today by Chairman Frank A. Vanderlip, of the war savings committee, in addressing a bankers' luncheon in behalf of the war saving stamps campaign.

The government faced a shortage of men and material, not money, he declared, and therefore the printing press could never satisfy the needs arising from the war.

There are some impressive reasons why this campaign for economy should have the strongest support of men of large affairs, of great corporations, of savings banks and of all interests that are concerned with the future of security values, Mr. Vanderlip said.

"The alternative of financing this war out of current savings," he continued, "will be the attempt to finance it by inflation, not by the inflation of bank credits alone, that is almost inevitable. The danger is that we might come to inflation by the issue of paper money."

"This old fallacy comes up in a hundred different guises. It is in men's minds. They do not see that there is no lack of the mere facilities for making payment. They do not clearly apprehend that the thing that hampers our efforts on all sides is the scarcity of men and materials, not scarcity of money."

The burden which always falls on persons with inflated incomes in a period of credit expansion is well understood, but I am not sure that it is generally recognized that inflation and the consequent rise in prices would have a far more serious effect upon the financial condition of many corporations than was ever the case in former times.

Mr. Vanderlip left here for Omaha, where he will speak tomorrow.

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COUNT BERNSTORFF INVOLVED IN PLOT

Evidence Indicates ex-Ambassador Figured in Anti-British Scheme.

IMPORTANT LETTERS READ

Teuton Diplomat in 1916 Protested Against Seizure of Ship Carrying Arms and Ammunition to Far East.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Count von Bernstorff, former German Ambassador to the United States, demanded the release of a cargo shipment of thousands of rifles and millions of rounds of ammunition, seized by the United States because of its suspicious destination according to evidence introduced in the trial here today of a number of Hindus and others charged with fomenting a revolutionary movement against the British in India.

Three letters written by von Bernstorff to Secretary of State Lansing in 1916 protesting the seizure of the steamer Annie Larsen and the sequestration of her cargo of guns and ammunition by the United States were introduced today by the evidence. Von Bernstorff held in the letter that an opinion of the Attorney-General that the seizure was illegal would nullify the seizure because the destination of the shipment was plainly announced as German East Africa.

The government is endeavoring to connect the shipment with an alleged conspiracy to arm and equip native forces in India to effect a revolutionary government there. Witnesses here indicated that this supposed conspiracy was abetted by German diplomacy and financing.

Ship Taken to Hoquiam. The Annie Larsen was taken into the port of Hoquiam, Wash., by United States naval vessels after she had set sail from San Diego with a cargo of rifles, carbines and ammunition, and signed to that port by Hans Tauscher, agent of the Krupp in New York, according to testimony offered today by Henry Muck, manager of a munitions distributing company in New York, of which Tauscher was the head. The shipment was from New York late in 1914, and consisted of 18 carloads of war material.

Muck testified that another shipment of war materials was subsequently made up in New York for shipment to Batavia, island of Java. This shipment was refused by a steamship company and was subsequently stored and sold. Evidence of the purchase of two big shipments of arms and other munitions totaling \$150,000 and \$75,000, respectively, through Tauscher, in this country, at the direction of Captain von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, also was introduced by Muck. This first purchase is supposed to have made up the cargo of the Annie Larsen. The second is the shipment that was refused transportation.

Japanese Official Involved. A high official of the Japanese government was linked with a proposed British raid on India, according to British rule in India when evidence was given today in the trial of 31 alleged conspirators to the effect that this official had solicited Hiranand Lal Gupta, indicted Hindu, not in custody for four months while British secret service and military operatives searched Tokyo in vain for him.

The Japanese official, whose name was not given, later secured safe passage from Tokyo to San Francisco for Gupta. This safe passage was given by Detective Sergeant George T. Barwitz, of the New York police department, who said the revelations had been made to him by the British in New York late in his custody on a charge of participating in a bomb explosion.

HELMSMAN HELD AS SPY

Imo, judging by the force of the collision, seemed to have great speed. The captain said he turned his ship to the left and gave two short blasts. The ship then had each other on the right side and were 50 feet apart.

Asked if the vessels would not have passed at a distance of 50 feet if no other chance was made, the witness said this was so, as the Imo was traveling obliquely up the harbor. The Imo then signaled she was "going astern at full speed."

Ship Abandoned by Crew. Captain Lamodec said he saw the Imo's propeller was going astern, but she kept ahead. He then signaled his engines astern and put the helm to starboard so that the Imo would not strike the hold where the pieric acid was, as he knew the impact would set it on fire. He was not successful.

The effect of the collision was immediate. Thick black smoke poured from the hold. He thought the ship was to be blown up at once. It was impossible to put out the fire. In order not to sacrifice lives uselessly he ordered the crew to abandon the ship. Perfect order was maintained. He gave the order to get away from the ship and make for the east shore. He called the roll when they landed and found only one man missing. Eighteen to 20 minutes elapsed before the explosion.

Imo Signals Wrongly. Captain Lamodec added that this was the first time he had ever been in Halifax harbor. Cross-examined by counsel for the owners of the Imo, the witness said the Mont Blanc was not carrying a red flag or anything to indicate that she had explosives aboard.

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long, 56 feet beam. They were armed with four nine-inch and 20 guns of smaller calibre. Each had two torpedo tubes. PARIS, Dec. 13.—In the week ending December 8 only one French steamship of more than 1600 tons was sunk by German submarines. None under that tonnage was lost. Three French vessels were attacked, but none of them was destroyed. No fishing vessels were sunk.

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Water Users Vote Change Klamath Irrigation District Will Furnish Water for County. Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—With a total opposition of but five votes out of 169 cast by the water users of Klamath County, it was voted to change from the Klamath Water Users' Association to the Klamath Irrigation District, thus taking advantage of laws recently passed by the state Legislature, and also following the example of a large per cent of the other reclamation projects.

Two Warships Sunk Austrian Battle Craft Torpedoed by Italians. PROJECTILES WELL AIMED Attacking Torpedo-Boats, After Going Through Intense Artillery Fire, Return in Safety to Home Bases. New York, Dec. 13.—The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft on the night of December 9 is reported in a message received here today by Commander C. Pfister, of the Italian Navy. The information was contained in a telegram received by Commander Pfister from Captain L. Vanutelli, the naval attaché of the Italian Embassy at Washington.

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Spanish Parliament to Dissolve. MADRID, Dec. 13.—The cabinet has decided on the immediate dissolution of Parliament and the calling of new elections.

Red Cross Unit to Report. SPOKANE, Dec. 13.—The 83 members of the American Red Cross hospital unit, C, all but three of whom make their homes in this vicinity, were today notified to report Monday to Dr. S. E. Lambert, the organizer of the unit, who arrives here Monday from Fort Riley. It was stated the unit will be ordered into service immediately.