

STREET BATTLE IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL; CROZIER IS BLAMED FOR GUN SHORTAGE

SHORTAGE BLAMED ON CHIEF OF ORDNANCE

Inventor of Lewis Machine Gun
Puts Blame for Lack of Necessary Equipment Squarely
Up to General Crozier.

Political Grafting, He Charges,
Has Been Bane of Department
for Years Past; Testimony
Given Heatedly.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Responsibility for ordnance and rifle shortage in the American army was laid on General Crozier, chief of ordnance, today by Colonel Isaac Lewis, inventor of the Lewis machine gun, in testimony before the senate military affairs committee.

"General Crozier is responsible more than any other man for the obsolete equipment and the lack of any equipment of the army," said Lewis.

In a dramatic declaration that America is not fighting the battle of the allies, but the battle of America, Lewis declared that "it's a shame and outrage" that American troops abroad have to be armed from France, "already near bankruptcy and bled white."

Says Trial Not Fair

The former West Pointer, who saw his machine gun rejected by the American war department and accepted as one of the pet weapons of the allies, told the committee his gun never received a fair trial here.

"I do not here to tell the story of the Lewis gun in great detail," Colonel Lewis said. "It's telling its own story today, on every battlefield in Europe. The only Zeppling that the British have brought down were brought down by Lewis guns."

Lewis said that for the sake of his two sons, now with France, and for the "sake of all our sons who will be there before this terrible war is

GREAT KRUPP GUN WORKS FIRE SWEEP

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—The great Krupp gun works at Essen, the chief source of Germany's armament supply, has been swept by fire, but the extent of damage done is not known.

A wireless message from Maestricht, Holland, picked up today by the British admiralty, said that workmen arriving there from Essen said that the works had been burning for 24 hours.

The Krupp arms works are the biggest in the world and have been the mainstay in supplying the German army with guns and ammunition.

PACIFIC TRADE IS PLUM SOUGHT

Shipping Board Making Ready
to Compete With Japan for
Far Eastern Commerce.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The shipping board is preparing to put the United States into active competition with Japan for the vast Pacific trade now being diverted to our shores because of war conditions, John A. Donald, shipping board member, testified today before the senate commerce committee, investigating shipping conditions.

Donald said the difficulty of getting goods from the far East through the Suez canal and thence to London, and the closing of Hamburg as a commercial port, have caused Eastern commerce to flow directly to the United States.

Want Share Now

So that the United States may share in this commerce now and after the war, Donald said, a Norwegian motorship, burning oil, has been put into the Pacific trade, and other motorships are to be sent there.

"We believe the motorships, using oil, will overcome Japan's advantage of cheap labor and cheaper tonnage," said Donald.

General Harding tried to learn whether the transport and quartermaster service for the army is being conducted efficiently or in a way to cause a loss.

Donald said that the board has named a man to survey that situation in New York and report. There are some delays of transports and quartermasters' ships abroad, he said, but he did not know why.

These ships take from 50 to 60 days for a round trip while they should make it in 45 days in Donald's opinion.

General Harding held up in New York by lack of coal," said Donald. "This condition has existed right along and I don't know when it will be relieved."

Contracts Not Delayed

Under questioning by Senator Johnson of California, Donald said the Denman-Goethals row did not delay contracts, and pointed out that many contracts were made that the board had money to pay for, the presumption being that congress would provide the money.

The admitted Admiral Capps, who became general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation when General Goethals quit, said several contracts Goethals made required careful scrutiny.

PACIFIC PHONE CO. SIGNS NEW SCALE

Additional Increase of 61-4 Per
Cent Over 121-2 Per Cent
Award Is Agreed On.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—The differences between the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and its army of employees on the coast were definitely ended today when it became known that a final agreement giving the new wage scale was signed by company officials and committees representing the unions at 7 o'clock last night.

The new scale does not go to the unions for referendum vote, but automatically goes into effect January 1. It grants an additional increase of 6 1/4 per cent over the 12 1/2 per cent increase awarded under the agreement secured by Secretary of Labor Wilson's industrial commission.

The new scale follows:
Journeymen, \$4.75 a day; foremen, \$140 a month; head gangmen, \$5.15 a day; cable splicers, \$5.50 a day. Helpers are granted an increase of 25 cents a day.

Girl operators are granted a seven and one half hour day, they working eight hours with two 15-minute rest intervals. The minimum pay for day operators remains at \$1.50 a day, with a maximum pay of \$2.25 a day to be reached at the end of three years instead of four years as previously. Evening and night operators are granted a scale slightly in advance of the pay for day operators. The minimum paid girl operators last July was \$6.80 a week, and under the new agreement this is brought up to \$9.

There remains to be adjusted a few matters affecting men and women strikers in the Northwest who have refused to return to work.

The unions signed the agreement with the understanding that it would be officially announced by the company before January 1.

Company officials say efforts to adjust the Northwestern differences will be continued.

Holiday Furloughs Granted Soldiers

Several Thousand Leaving Tacoma Today; Entertainment Will Be Provided for Those Who Remain in Camp.

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Several thousand soldiers are leaving today or are preparing to leave for their homes on Christmas furlough. For those who are not so fortunate and who will be compelled to remain here, Tacoma citizens have arranged a program of entertainment.

On Christmas eve a "tree of light" will be given at the cantonment and it is expected fully 25,000 soldiers will attend, in addition to thousands of civilians. The 361st infantry band will play, the soldiers' chorus will sing Yuletide carols and a number of artists from the city will participate in the program.

A second "tree of light" entertainment will be held Christmas night in Wright park, where massed choirs from different churches and individual artists will sing. Many of the soldiers will be Christmas dinner guests of Tacoma citizens and those who remain in camp will be treated to an elaborate feast at Uncle Sam's expense.

New Shipyard May Rise on Columbia

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—A site on the Columbia river or Puget Sound will be selected for another gigantic shipbuilding plant to be erected by the Foundation company.

This is the assertion made today by W. I. Bishop of the company's plant here, who has just returned from an Eastern trip. The new plant will turn out wooden vessels.

150 WOODEN MEN CHOSEN SHIPS IN 1918, FOR TRAINING OREGON'S AIM ANNOUNCED

Portland Makes Christmas Pledge
to Nation, but in Turn Demands
Shipping Board Not Hamper With Technicalities.

Hurley's Appeal Answered After
Survey Is Made of Timber
Supply and Yard Facilities in
the Columbia River District.

Oregon's Christmas gift to the nation at war will be a pledge of 150 wooden ships to be constructed during 1918, and as many steel vessels as can be built during the coming year.

But the Chamber of Commerce in telegraphing Chairman E. N. Hurley of the United States shipping board about the estimates made by wooden shipbuilders Friday afternoon, and the estimate to be reported next Monday by steel shipbuilders, will ask pledge for pledge.

"We must have the shipping board's definite assurance that our builders will be given its most effective support and that they will not be strangled with technicalities such as have added indescribably to the difficulty of expanding the shipping industry here in the past year," said Executive Secretary Dodson.

Lumber Estimates Made

A message to this effect will be sent by the chamber in answer to Senator Hurley's appeal for estimates of the maximum tonnage of ships that can be constructed on the Columbia and Willamette and Oregon coast ports during 1918.

A representative of the Chamber of Commerce spent this morning checking up the estimates of the builders of the Columbia and Willamette and Oregon coast ports during 1918.

Estimates for 1918, declared H. L. Corbett, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided, are necessary.

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RIOTING RENEWED IN BUENOS AIRES

German-Owned Property Under
Heavy Guard in Buenos Aires;
Trouble Follows Revelations.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—German-owned properties are under heavy guard, police reserves being stationed in downtown streets and a deep undercurrent of hostility against Germany by street crowds, were visible evidences today of how Buenos Aires has been stirred by the latest Luxburg revelations.

The government had prepared for demonstrations last night and rioting was quickly controlled. There were several anti-German riots and street orators who demanded immediate war on Germany were cheered vociferously.

None of Buenos Aires newspapers has yet commented editorially on the latest chapter in Count Luxburg's career of duplicity. Members of congress indicated their determination to force a complete explanation from President Irigoyen of the various implications in the Luxburg expose implying Irigoyen's extreme friendliness to Luxburg and Germany.

Conscription Losing Out in Australia

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—A special cable from Sydney, Australia, received by the Vancouver World, states that, with the count still incomplete the anti-conscriptionists are leading by 160,000 votes. Premier Hughes still holds the soldier vote would turn the tide.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—Argentina is seething with demands for war on Germany, according to official dispatches received here telling of the popular reception of the publication of the latest Luxburg telegrams. Action by the Argentine congress on recommendation of President Irigoyen is expected at any time. The congress is in session and the government is described as prepared for a definite break.

The Socialist and Radical parties, the dispatches state, already have declared for a break. The Conservatives, the party of the administration, is reported to have been held in check by all the parties to a break even before the Luxburg messages were made public.

A huge mass meeting in Buenos Aires has been held, attended by all the prominent personages of the capital. It is declared in the strongest terms for war.

Italy Will Remain Loyal, Says Gioiotti

Rome, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Italy will never support a separate Italian peace, or take any action not loyal to the allies, declared Deputy Gioiotti in the chamber of deputies Friday.

SUBALTERN AT LAST WIN GOLDEN BAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Gold bars, the new insignia of second lieutenants, made their appearance on the shoulders of second lieutenants at western departmental headquarters today. The new insignia had just arrived from Washington.

First lieutenants will continue to wear one silver bar, while captains will wear two silver bars.

Heretofore a second lieutenant went without distinctive insignia.

LETTER CARRYING LEADS TO INQUIRY

Invisible Ink Missives, Seized
on Neutral Ships, May Take
News to Germany.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Discovery of letters written in invisible ink and carried on board Norwegian and Dutch vessels has led to a careful investigation by this government to determine whether Germans are getting secret information from the United States through sailors of other nationalities.

The last batch of these missives was obtained two months ago by customs officials and arrests have been made.

Some of the letters were neatly read and others have been decoded with difficulty. As a result numerous persons are now under surveillance. It is believed that through these persons Germany has been kept informed of much of America's work for war.

The system pursued in getting the letters to Germany is believed to have been that of shipping the letters in this country and in the Scandinavian countries. Once past the British censor it would be easy to mail the letters in Norway, Sweden or Holland.

Incoming letters to representatives in this country also have been seized. It was learned.

Japan Will Keep Hands Off Russia

Tokyo, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The Japanese foreign office is not considering intervening in Russia. Vice Foreign Minister Shidehara told the United Press today. No mobilization order is contemplated.

This pronouncement by the Japanese foreign office was called forth by reports that Japan had sent, or would send, troops to Siberia to restore order there.

Caillaux Defense Is Big News, Paris

Paris, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The impassioned defense of former Premier Joseph Caillaux in the chamber of deputies crowded even war news off the front pages of Paris newspapers today. Socialists and radicals applauded the speech as a masterpiece of oratory. Caillaux had effectually disposed of charges of treason leveled against him.

Kentucky Floods Are Threatening

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—Floods caused by melting snows that swelled the mountain streams to torrents, are menacing many towns in eastern Kentucky according to reports received here today. Several towns are isolated and guards have been sent out to warn residents of the district of flood danger.

Canadian Drafted Men to Report Jan. 3

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The first draft contingent under the military service act will be called to the colors in the next few days. The men called will be instructed to report on January 3. The first contingent will be in the neighborhood of 20,000 men.

The Sunday Journal

Illuminating sidelights on personalities and events in the war supplement the news in THE SUNDAY JOURNAL. These features, selected with discrimination, are replete with information. Special articles next Sunday will include:

Why a Five Years' War Seems Inevitable—By Frank H. Simonds.

Colonel E. M. House—The American Sphinx.

General Pershing—Business Man and Warrior, Too.

Highlights on the War During 1917.

Two picture pages—one depicting scenes from the life of Christ, and the other, activities of the Red Cross at home and abroad, are of timely interest.

TOMORROW

PLOT BARED ON HOW RICH EVADE TAXES

System of Bearer Warrants Completely
Conceals Identity of
Real Owners of Corporations,
Government Agents Reveal.

American Millionaires Are Declared
to Be Involved in Far-
Reaching Scheme to Dodge
Their Share of War Burden.

Washington, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—American millionaires are declared to be involved in a far-reaching plot to defraud the United States government of millions of dollars in income tax.

This was revealed at the federal trade commission's hearing in the precedent's food price investigation this afternoon. By a system of bearer warrants which absolutely conceals the identity of the real owners of corporation stocks certain rich men of the United States have succeeded in evading payment of income taxes and surtaxes, through making it impossible for the treasury to find who owes the tax.

A sweeping investigation of the whole plan by the commissioner of internal revenue is expected and legislation forbidding the use of these bearer securities in all probability will result.

The commission has revealed the introduction of bearer warrant system of concealing property ownership in connection with the deposit and ownership by the Chicago packers of the Chicago Terminal railway. In its investigation it has run up against a stone wall in many places by finding millions in property in the name of trusts issued only to "bearer" and not indicating the name of the real owner any more than an ordinary banknote does.

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PORTLAND LAGS IN AID TO RED CROSS

City Has Raised Only One Third
of Its Quota of Members,
Monday Last Day.

No finer bit of cooperation has been shown in the Red Cross membership drive than by the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis which, as soon as the campaign was organized, offered the services of its seal sellers at the downtown booths, whenever two booths seemed inadvisable. As a result 21 memberships were sold at the seal booth in the postoffice Friday; 10 at Lipman & Wolf's and six at Ward & Clark's. Good sales were made at a number of the booths Thursday.

Complete returns up to noon today are:

Portland	31,984
State	74,447
Oregon	106,431

Thus it will be seen that Portland has raised less than one third of its apportionment of 100,000 memberships and has in consequence, dragged Oregon's showing down to 43 per cent.

In this connection, C. C. Chapman, state chairman; Henry E. Reed, state manager, and Rufus C. Holman, city manager, issued the following statement today:

"At this moment Portland stands dragged before the balance of Oregon. In spite of the heroic work of an army of devoted canvassers, who have braved the weather and trudged from door to door, the total at this hour is less than

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DR. DYOTT DIES

PASTOR of largest Congregational church of state, who suffered physical breakdown that ended in death this morning.



DR. L. R. DYOTT DIES HERE TODAY

Pastor of First Congregational Church Had Been Critically Ill About Three Weeks.

Dr. Luther Robert Dyott, for 10 years pastor of the First Congregational church and one of the most prominent clergymen in the Northwest, died at his home, 455 Haswell street, at 10:35 o'clock this morning after an illness of about three weeks. Death was caused by a complication of ailments.

Dr. Dyott had only recently returned to his home after undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. Present at his bedside this morning were the members of his family.

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Government Looks Into Wreck Cause

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Federal representatives took a hand today in the investigation of Thursday night's wreck here which resulted in the death of 46 and injury of 70. Railroad employees and witnesses were questioned. A mistake in orders is said to be responsible for the wreck of the locomotive.

An unidentified baby girl, picked up alive in a snowdrift near the scene of the wreck, is being cared for by the authorities.

Armed British Ship Is U-Boat Victim

London, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Sinking of the armed British boarding steamer, Stephen Furness, with a loss of six officers and 86 men, was announced by the Admiralty today.

The Stephen Furness was attacked by a submarine and sent to the bottom in the Irish Channel.

ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—The death of one man, killed December 18, 1917, was reported to the War Department this afternoon by General Pershing, as follows:

PRIVATE HAROLD AINSWORTH, signal corps, 38th Infantry, 1st Division, 22nd Army corps, 22nd December, 1917, near Kaysen avenue, Southworth, Pa.

PRIVATE JOHN C. HOOVER, supply train, December 11, Company 1st, 1st Infantry, 1st Division, 22nd December, 1917, near Kaysen avenue, Southworth, Pa.

PRIVATE WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN, machine gun battery, 22nd December, 1917, near Kaysen avenue, Southworth, Pa.

PETROGRAD FORCES IN BIG BATTLE IN STREETS

Four Army Corps Reported to
Have Refused to Take Orders
From Bolsheviki and Other
Soldiers Sent Against Them.

Ukrainian Troops Have Taken Up
Position Along Border—Discovery
of Plot Against Government by Cadets Reported.

By Joseph Shapella

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—A great battle in the streets of Petrograd was reported from the Russian capital today. Four army corps refused orders of the Bolsheviki government to leave the city.

The Bolsheviki sent other troops against them.

The fighting was still in progress as the dispatch was sent from Petrograd.

Further details were not available.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Ukrainian troops have taken up a position along the border.

All Ukrainian Cossacks have been ordered mobilized and a far-reaching revolutionary movement against the Bolsheviki seemed today to have been set definitely in motion.

Petrograd, Dec. 21, delayed, via London, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Discovery of a widespread plot against the Bolsheviki government was announced by the Workmen's and Soldiers' Soviet today.

Full details and documentary evidence, which it was declared involved many leading members of the Cadet (constitutional Democrat) party, were to be published shortly.

One of the plans of the revolutionaries, it was said, was to destroy discipline among the Soviet troops by organizing looting parties to steal liquor and distribution of intoxicants among the soldiers.

Ukrainian forces have taken over the Roumanian and southwestern fronts and have united under General Tcherbacheff, according to word received.

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Dairy Chief Drops Dead in Elevator

William Grafeman of St. Louis Dies Under Mysterious Circumstances in Springfield; Involved in Charges.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—William Grafeman, president of the St. Louis Dairy company, who dropped dead last night, died from a rupture of a blood vessel in the brain. Whether poison was a contributing cause as at first supposed, remains to be determined.

Grafeman's death came under mysterious circumstances. He had been at the St. Nicholas hotel for several days and was registered under the name of Frank Walters.

Ten Thousand Men To Return to Work

Houston, Texas, Dec. 22.—(L. N. S.)—Representatives of striking oil workers today are on their way home to notify their respective unions of the settlement of the strike, which was announced here by V. S. Reed, personal representative of President Wilson in the controversy, before his departure for Denver. Details of the settlement will be announced from Washington Christmas eve.

The settlement of the trouble means the return to work of 10,000 men who have been idle seven weeks.