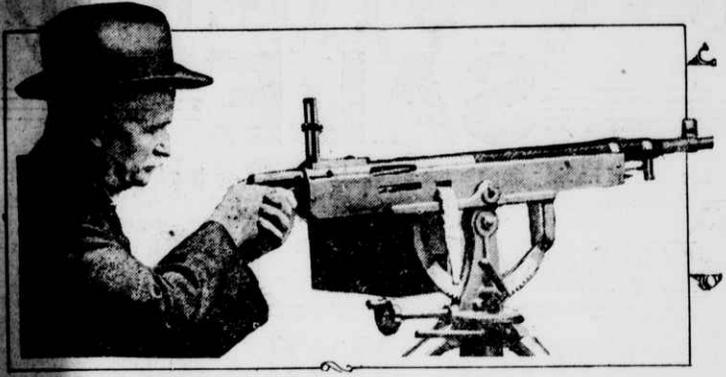


NEW TESTS OF THE MACHINE GUN MECHANISM; AN INVENTOR'S THEORY



Harry B. Hunt, the "father of automatic firearms," and his new "heavy-type" machine gun which has been accepted by the government. Browning also has perfected a still lighter rapid-fire gun, which the government has adopted, and which may be fired from the shoulder like the ordinary rifle. The complete gun shown above weighs only 29 pounds, and will shoot 600 times per minute. Browning's light-type gun has the same rapidity of fire, but weighs only 15 pounds.

HARRY B. HUNT.
Why do machine guns go out of business while firing so expensive and slow of fire?
Both, according to John M. Browning, the inventor of automatic firearms, perfected two new machine guns for the government. In the first instance on absolute adjustment leaving no margin of tolerance when overhauled or cleaned. Browning believes, is one of the most trouble with machine guns. The same equipment for these adds to the cost and time of repair and asks for a piece of steel square and an inch long and in five minutes at a cost of \$7, Browning says. "But adjusted absolutely square and one-tenth inch to the ten-thousandths

part of an inch. It will take you probably one or two days to get it and it will cost from \$1.00 to \$5. For 29 purposes out of 100, however, the first piece would do exactly as well as the second.
Of course, there are parts that must be absolutely accurate and on which the most detailed and careful work of adjustment must be made. But to insist on absolute interchangeability is, in my mind, a mistake.
The case of a recent machine gun test may be cited. The barrel of each gun was worked. The guns were then put in tightly closed boxes and several quarts of finely powdered dry sand was blown in upon them by a six blacksmith's bellows.
When taken out the guns were cleaned only as it would be possible to clean them in the field after a march through a sand or dust storm without taking them apart. They were wiped off and the dust blown out of the working parts as well as could be done without unsmoothing. Then each gun was set to fire a batch of 100 cartridges.
Browning's was the only gun that came through with a perfect score. The sand and

grit absolutely clogged the other guns in from 10 to 50 shots. The Browning gun, however, continued through the 100 shots without a stop, although the grit in the working parts slowed down the rapidity of fire to about 300 shots per minute.
"The explanation," a gun expert later said, "is that the margin of tolerance in the parts of the Browning gun allowed the particles of grit to roll around somewhat like ball-bearing—slowing down the action but never stopping it. In the guns whose every part was machined to the thousandth part of an inch the sand simply clogged the mechanism after a few shots and put them out of business."
The biggest handicap now to the production of tremendous quantities of machine guns in this country, Browning declares, is the insistence in certain official quarters on the theoretically correct requirement of absolute, hair-splitting accuracy in every part.
Somebody, Browning believes, should cut this red tape. The immediate result, he declares, would be a tremendous boost in our daily output of guns and of guns that in 90 days out of 100 would give better service.



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FIRST TRENCH UNIFORM SHOWN BY BUTTE BOY
Ed Norton, a well-known Butte boy who was among the first to leave Butte for Camp Lewis, is in Butte on a furlough and is showing for the first time here the trench uniform to be worn in France. The cloth is of a heavy material and is mud colored. The overcoat is extra short and of the warmest materials. Private Norton is now stationed at Long Island, where the soldiers are living in tents. At

the time of his leaving for here the Butte boy said his company expected to leave for France within a few days.
FAMILY ALLOWANCES FOR THOSE IN NAVY
The navy recruiting station in this city has received a circular letter bearing upon the application for family allowances and calls attention to the fact that applications must be dated prior to Dec. 1. It is pointed out that sailors guilty of misconduct and tried

by court-martial forfeit not only their pay but also the right of family allowance. A wife is entitled to \$15 a month; a wife and one child to \$25 a month; a wife and two children to \$32.50 a month and each additional child \$5 a month.
DATE OF TRIAL FIXED.
Robert Trossman, who entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of robbery Saturday, will be given a trial next Friday morning. The date was fixed this morning by Judge Dwyer on

application of County Attorney Joseph R. Jackson.
SOME JOKER.
Daughter—Papa, I want to tell you some of the funny things Jack told me. He's such a joker.
Dad—I know it. Last night he asked me to be his father-in-law.—Boston Transcript.
THE BUTTE DAILY POST POSTS YOU ON THE NEWS

WHEATLESS MEALS ORDERS ARE ISSUED

Restrictions in the Use of Wheat Have Been Announced.

Wheatless meals each week with no white bread for any day, and no white bread for any day on Wednesdays and Saturdays is the new wheat-saving program inaugurated for the entire city by Prof. Alfred Atkinson, director of the University of Montana Extension Service. The diet from the wheat saving program has not accomplished what was intended to feed our allies. Harvest, hotels, restaurants, and all the people at three meals a day are cooperating in tightening up vigorously on the use of wheat.

Wheatless white bread under the plan, said Miss Harkins, director for Montana, of which had more than 20 white flour. This means a change from what has been the practice under even the operation of the wheat saving. It is no starvation diet, decisive change from what are accustomed to. Atkinson says the situation measures that France may have food next spring and that our supplies to point in the last three years harvest.

Wheatless breads and substitutes that can be used with white flour almost entirely, and these used several times a week without diminishing the value of the meal. Among these suggested by Miss Harkins are cornmeal cakes, southern and corn dodgers. The sugar shortage, Miss Harkins says that sugar is omitted in all breads. The saving effected in this way is very

OFFICES IN BUTTE ARE RAIDED

Butte, Nov. 26.—Harry H. Hill, district secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World, and a truckload of literature in a raid last night by agents of the Industrial Workers of the World office in the city here. According to Hill, special agent of the United States Department of Justice, Feinberg has the most active I. W. W. office in the northwest.

STRANGE.
"Time flies," said Oswald, "strange, by jings! I have hands, and some have wings."

BOBBY SAYS
There's no better food on a winter day than good, warm, crisp TOASTIES

METAL TRADES CHIEFS HOLD IMPORTANT SESSION

They Consider Questions Affecting War Work and Shipbuilding.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Fifty men representing the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor began a three days' session here today. Unsatisfactory conditions in plants having to do with the manufacture of material for war and in the shipyards, it was said, would be taken up and the opinion of the United Metal Trades formulated for submission to the adjustment board of the National Council of Defense. Machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, molders, pattern makers, electricians, sheet metal workers, plumbers and stationary engineers were represented each by five delegates and the international presidents of the various metal trades unions identified with the federation.

"One of the most important matters to come before us," said President James O'Connell, "is the question of wages for men engaged in shipbuilding on the Pacific coast involving Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, where the recent award was not satisfactory to the men."
Today's session was short, adjournment being taken immediately after the appointment of committees.

NINETY DOLLARS IS COST OF BATH

Money Disappears While J. C. Lucas is in Tub—Room-mate Confesses.

John C. Lucas, who made his first trip as a Northern Pacific brakeman last night and selected a new roommate, came to grief when he lost \$90 left under his pillow shortly after returning to his room. He immediately caused the arrest of B. J. Robertson, who is being held in the county jail on a robbery charge.
Lucas says he started to the bath room when he removed the money from his pocket and placed it under the pillow. Robertson was in the room at the time and when Lucas returned both Robertson and the money were missing. Lucas hurried to the barroom downstairs where he found Robertson drinking with some friends. "I want my money," demanded Lucas.
"Why don't you call the police?" suggested Robertson.
Lucas followed Robertson's suggestion and Robertson walked out. He went to several of the downtown hotels for a room, but was not allowed to register. He was found later in a bath house and placed under arrest.

According to the police, Robertson confesses the whole affair and offered to return \$72, the balance left from the original roll of \$90.

BOBBY IS STABBED IN THE BACK WHILE EN ROUTE TO TRAIN

Ed Schultz, a visitor in Butte from Billings, was stabbed in the back last night while on his way to the Northern Pacific station. The police have been notified and it is believed the man responsible will be arrested this afternoon.

BUTTE YOUTH ENLISTS AS HE BECOMES OF AGE

Joins Marine Corps and is Ordered to Mare Island for Training.

Preferring to join Uncle Sam's army in the branch that suited him best instead of being drafted, Lester Kenyon celebrated his twenty-first birthday by enlisting in the marine corps. He passed the examination and left for Mare Island, where he will undergo training.
Kenyon is a carpenter employed in the Pennsylvania mine and he lives with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Heimboch, at 20 N. Idaho street.
The newly enlisted man is the son of J. B. Kenyon, one of Butte's veteran carpenters. The elder Kenyon, who retired some time ago, is on a journey to Spokane for his health.

SOUTH SIDE NOTES

Staple and fancy groceries; prompt delivery. Taylor Grocery, 1630 Harrison avenue. Phone 1021.—Adv.
A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McKea at their home on South Idaho street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baril of Sheridan are visiting friends on the south side for a few days.
Mrs. Grace Corpron, who has been confined to the St. James hospital for the past month, where she underwent a serious operation, is very much improved. She left the hospital today and for a time will make her home at the Phelan hotel at 736 South Montana street.

Miss J. Keeley of Great Falls is spending a few days with friends on the south side.
Robinson—Meat, Groceries and Hardware. Orders promptly delivered. 1403 Dewey. Phone 583W.—Adv.
Helen Henderson is confined to her home on Pine street from an illness.

Tom McDonald and Ed Burkland have gone to the Highlands on a hunting trip.
Mrs. Harry Pease of South Wyoming street has as her guest Mrs. N. A. Pudron of White Sulphur Springs.

Al Bowers of 1512 Harrison avenue is ill at his home, suffering from an attack of pneumonia.
J. H. Smilters and wife of the eastern part of the state are here for Thanksgiving week. They are visiting friends in Silver Bow park.

THE RETORT.

"Two wrongs don't make a right. Still!"
A senator was discussing the food control bill.
"While the bill has its drawbacks," he went on, "there would be worse drawbacks without it, and so we can face our opponents like the lady."
"My love," her husband said to this lady, "you spend all your money getting your palm read."
"She smiled sweetly.
"And you, dear," she retorted, "spend all yours getting your nose red."

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