

ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT OF PERSHING'S FORCE IS "OUTRAGE AND DISGRACE"

That Is Testimony of Col. Lewis, of Lewis Machine Gun Fame, Before Probers

GUN SO SUCCESSFUL IN BRITISH ARMY REJECTED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS

Retired Officer Offered to Give Government Millions in Bonuses He Has Made by Selling Machine Guns Abroad

Manufacturing Firm's Chief Declares He Could Have Furnished 10,000 of These Guns Immediately After War Was Declared. Lewis' Most Successful Weapon in British Army. Lewis' Forces Described as Without Sufficient Rifles or Machine Guns and With Artillery Borrowed From France.

Butte, Dec. 22.—Colonel Isaac Lewis, inventor of the Lewis machine gun bearing his name, told the committee investigating conduct of the war that he was an active officer in the United States army, he was not availed to persuade the war department to purchase his gun free of cost as an act of patriotism. Lewis said he took his invention to the chief of the staff, Major General Leonard Wood. "Even last year I offered to the present secretary of war and offered to sell my interests, without any emolument," he declared. "The only condition, which I think was fair, was that a special test should not be made at the Spring-

Colonel Lewis asked if he was interested in his gun... He said he had had with his... He said he had had with his... He said he had had with his...

KRUPP MUNITION PLANT REPORTED TO BE BURNING

Fire Has Been Burning 24 Hours—Works Employ Nearly 100,000.

Maestricht, Holland, Friday, Dec. 21.—(British admiralty by Wireless Press.)—Workmen from Essen, Germany, say that the Krupp plant, the great German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for 24 hours.

The plant at Essen, the main establishment of the Krupp, the largest manufacturer in Germany of arms and munitions, employed about 20,000 men before the war. It has been expanded greatly during the war. Facts relating to its present size and the number of workmen are kept secret by the German government. It was reported unofficially in October of last year that about 70,000 persons, including several thousand women, were at work there and that 20,000 were to be added to the force. Early this year there was a strike at the Krupp works, said to have been due to lack of food. It was reported that 40,000 workers were involved and that the authorities combated it by sending many of the men to the front, but little authentic information was permitted to come out of Germany.

Essen is in Rhenish Prussia, about 40 miles from the Dutch border. Few places in Germany are guarded more carefully. No persons unknown to the German authorities are permitted to visit the town. The plant has been raided several times by French and British airmen, notwithstanding its formidable anti-aircraft defenses. Press dispatches last July said 100 persons there had been killed in a raid by French airplanes and that considerable damage had been done to the works.

At a dinner in the Elks' club at 6 o'clock tonight with the Fergus county soldiers as guests of honor. A turkey dinner with all the "trimmings," and which will cost the hosts in the neighborhood of \$1,000, will be served.

The committee making arrangements for the dinner includes Rufus Poland, state treasurer and representing Governor Stewart of Montana; Lew C. Clark, mayor of Lewistown; Stewart M. McConochie, prosecuting attorney of Fergus county; A. A. Franke, superintendent of the Lewistown schools, and J. H. Stephens, sheriff of Fergus county.

In addition to the members of the...

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"RUSSIA WILL NOT KNEEL BEFORE KAISERISM," SAYS TROTZKY

THE TWO BLIND MEN.



WHICH HURTS THE NATION'S FIGHTING SPIRIT THE MOST?

Wholesale Evasion of Censorship Through Ship Crews Is Discovered

PUBLIC IS PROTECTED BY GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS AT THE PACKING HOUSES

Without Such Protection Unfit Products Would Be Sold. Inspectors Condemn Hogs at a Local Packing House Which Puts Out Nothing But Inspected Meats. City Officers Interested in System Which, They Declare, is Effective and Necessary.

What government meat inspection may mean to a community was well illustrated in Butte yesterday when a federal inspector found animals affected by tuberculosis among some 250 hogs slaughtered by the Hansen Packing company. Walter G. Hansen, president and manager of the company, was so impressed with the disclosure that he at once took officials and a number of leading residents to the plant, where the inspector in charge explained the system of inspection employed and held a "clinic" over the carcasses of several of the diseased hogs. Among those present were Dr. W. C. Matthews, city physician, who again visited the plant today and made partial arrangements for an inspection to be participated in by city officers and the public generally. Dr. Matthews was emphatic in his praise of the management of the Hansen company and the steps taken by it to protect the public.

STUCK TO GUNS UNTIL THE SEA ENGULFED THEM

French War Office Narrates Sinking of Chateau Renault.

STOP IMPORTATION OF LIQUOR INTO CANADA

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 22.—Importation of intoxicating liquors into Canada after Monday next is prohibited and their manufacture will be prohibited after a date to be determined later, Premier Borden officially announced today.

GERMAN MASSES ARE STARVING; RICH ARE LIVING IN LUXURY

Vorwaerts of Berlin Warns Government Catastrophe is Impending.

London, Dec. 22.—According to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, Vorwaerts of Berlin, in a plain-spoken attack on the system of Herr von Wallow, the German food controller, declares that great masses of German people not only are hungry, but are literally starving. The paper adds that agricultural producers and rich residents in towns are living in plenty, as hoarding is no longer prohibited. "Every war profiteer and millionaire," says the paper, "has his kitchen and cellar full of ham and bacon, the middle class ekes a precarious existence, spending all it possesses on food, but forty millions of the masses are starving and are unlikely to sit silent. We might have, within a month, an absolute catastrophe in Germany and a collapse even worse than Russia, resulting in German defeat and loss of the war."

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THE BOLSHEVIKI READY TO FIGHT IF PEACE TERMS ARE OFFENSIVE

If Russians Are Too Exhausted to Resist Will Aid German Revolt.

ARGENTINIANS CLAMOR FOR WAR DECLARATION

Berlin Claims Italian Attacks at Monte Asolone Are Fruitless.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The Bolshevik foreign minister, Leon Trotzky, in addressing the council of soldiers and workmen declared that if the German emperor offered offensive peace terms the Russians would fight against it. "We did not overthrow czarism to kneel before the kaiser," he cried. Continuing, he added: "But, if through our exhaustion, we had to accept the kaiser's terms we would do so, to rise with the German people against German militarism."

THE WAR SUMMARY.

Opposition by the Ukrainians and the followers of General Kaledines to the Bolshevik movement, together with an unconfirmed report that the Germans have rejected the peace proposals of the Bolshevik delegates, continue to overshadow military operations in the European war. German attacks in Alsace have been repulsed, according to the French war office. In Flanders, the Belgian...

SUPREME COURT NAMES HUNT AS ARIZ. GOVERNOR

State Court Declares Contestant Elected by Margin of 43 Votes.

CONTRIVERSY OF MORE THAN YEAR IS DECIDED

Campbell Had Been Occupying Executive Office Upon a Court Order.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 22.—The Arizona supreme court today seated G. W. P. Hunt as governor of Arizona. Hunt contested the election of Governor Campbell, who now holds the office. Hunt is a democrat. The decision of the court was unanimous. Fifteen days were allowed Governor Campbell's attorneys to file an appeal. On the face of the returns Campbell was given the certificate of election by the small margin of 31 votes. Hunt instituted a contest, declaring that a recount would show he had been elected. He declined to surrender the office on Jan. 1, but when the supreme court issued an order declaring Campbell the de facto governor...

EMBARGO TIES UP THE PRINTING INK SUPPLY

New York, Dec. 22.—Demoralization of the printing ink industry of the United States is threatened by the embargo on the shipment of carbon black, a principal ingredient, ordered some time ago by the federal priority board. Publishers of newspapers, magazines and all other users of printing ink soon will be vitally affected, Philip Ruxton, president of the National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers, declared in a statement issued here today.

FORMER GERMAN CONSUL MUST PAY \$10,000 FINE

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—George Rodiek, former German consul at Honolulu, who pleaded guilty to conspiring to foment revolution against British rule in India, was fined \$10,000 today by Judge William C. Van Fleet of the United States district court.

NOTICE OF CITY AND COUNTY DRAFT BOARDS TO REGISTRANTS

The city and county draft boards are sending out questionnaires to 5 per cent of the registered men each day. The statement below shows the date on which questionnaires are mailed, the order numbers of the men included in each day's batch and the date on which the filled-out blanks must be returned.

Table with columns: Date Mailed, Order Numbers, Time Limit For Return. Includes rows for City Board and County Board with specific dates and order numbers.

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