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PROBE WELCOME, SAYS PRESIDENT **ANENT INQUIRIES** INTO MILITARY

House of Congress Follows the Senate and Goes After Naval Affairs.

CROZIER UNDER GRILLING FIRE OF SHARP QUESTIONS

Says Delays Are Due to Secretary of War Baker; People Going to Know.

(By United Press) Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson says he welcomes the congressional investigation into his war program, now being held. He says he thinks the war investigation very democratic and gives the people an insight into the war.

Congress Gets Busy. Washington, Dec. 14.—The Sen-ate inquisition into the conduct of the war spread to the house of congress when the naval committee today voted for a sweeping investigation of the navy.

Crozier is Quizzed. Washington, Dec. 14.—Members of the senate military committee yes-terday subjected Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, to three hours of sharp cross-examination, seeking explanation of delays in providing the war army with weapons. Today in executive session they will press questions which the general objected to answering in the open hearing. Throughout the examination Gen-

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

Put Up to Baker. Responsibility for the machine gun situation was placed by the general squarely upon Secretary Baker, who, he said had taken a personal interest in the matter and ordered an investition in June of a new gun known as novation today with a new Ford came when Chairman Chamberlain eight. said he was not satisfied with the ex-

GERMAN "PILL BOX" TURNED INTO A DRESSING STATION

This captured German "pill box" in a muddy, torn-u) section of the west front, has been converted into a dressing station. 'These dressing stations, being close to the fighting lines, are the means of saving many lives by quick attention to the wounded.

PROUD OF BEMIDJI

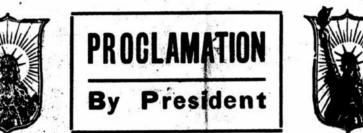
Recruiting Officer Foucault today received a letter from the Duluth recruiting headquarters, in which Bemidji received a high compliment. It was: Bemidji sure did her share

and we are proud of you." The letter was signed by Corporal Berlie, assigned to the recruiting station in Duluth.

"STREET CAR SERVICE" FOR BEMIDJI; TWELFTH STREET TO FIFTH WARD

is the next step forward in transpor-tation, R. W. Kiehl starting the in- started. gation which resulted in the adopthe Browning type. This statement passenger bus with a capacity of

planation that the delay had been tween Bemidji and the Fifth ward, caused by investigations. "Neither was I satisfied," responded the terminals of the trips being at the witness, "but I am not personally Twelfth street in Bemidji, and the responsible." center of the business district in the Fifth ward. Passengers will be picked up along the route and stops will be made upon signal. The trips will be run as close to schedule as possible. The bus will tions to conclusions drawn from leave Twelfth street and Beltrami General Crozier's testimony the day avenue on the half hour, and on the avenue on the half hour, and on the hour at the Fifth ward terminal. A fare of five cents will be charged which, it is believed, will pay in the large patronage expected. If the bus pays, others will be added on the routes, giving good transportation through the principal parts of Bemidji and to outlying districts. The venture is an experiment and if patronage warrants will be maintained.



President Wilson has issued proclamation in which he urges every one not already a member to join the Red Cross during the membership campaign starting next Sunday

and continuing until Christmas eve. With the slogan, "Make it a Red Cross Christmas," an effort will be made to add ten million new members to the five million now in the organization. Only one week has been allotted to the intensive drive, but it is expected that this will be shough. This is the first organized "Street car service" for Bemidji effort the Red Cross has made to enwar

The president's appeal is as follows:

"To the People of the United States:

"Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall loyally be upheld, and it is peculiarly fitting that at Christmas season the Red Cross should be the branch through

which your willingness to help is expressed.

You should join the American Red Cross because alone, can carry the pledges of Christmas good will to those that are bearing for the real burdens of the war, both in the army and in the navy, and in the nations upon whose territory the issues of the world war are being fought out. Your evi-arice of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer.

"You should join the Red Cross because this aim of the national service is steadfastly and efficiently maintaining the overseas relief in every suffering land, administering our millions wisely and well and awaitning the gratitude of evers neonle. Our conscience will not let us enjoy the Christmas season if this pledge of support to our cause and the world's weal is left unfulfilled. Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action.

APPEAL FOR CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS TREE; EVERYTHING ELSE

12 MEN FOR COAST

ARTILLERY ASKED

FROM BELTRAMI,

LEAVING TUESDAY

All arrangements have been made for the Municipal Christmas tree festival, to be held Christmas afternoon under the auspices of the cial train carrying more men for the Queen Esthers, with the exception coast artillery. of the candy for the children, and this is a matter for immediate attention.

The tree has been secured, the lighting will be complimentary but the problem of candy must be met.

The city council has made an appropriation for the use of the Associated Charities and the municipal tree and there will be about \$35 available from the fund for the tree festival. About \$30 is needed as nerable points of the coast as de-the price of candy has gone up, and for that sum and what has been pro-men are of a superior class and given vided about 700 bags of candy may be distributed.

Last year, there were 1,000 bags of candy provided, of which 300 were given to the Salvation Army.. This time 700 bags will be used to pro-

thers, by Monday. Checks should be mailed to her and all contributions should be sent or delivered to her as

soon as possible. Whatever anyone wishes to give will be gladly accepted and appreciated.

POST ORDER REVOKING

the Christmas holidays, has been posted. The only soldiers permitted from Minnesota, Illinois and North Dakota will be unable to spend Christmas day at home. For Christmas, some are planning to use autos. Indications are that the last increment of the first draft will assemble here during the holidays.

Drafted men, here's your chance! The coast artillery wants twelve men from Bemidji and vicinity for the coast artillery, the men to be sent to San Francisco, leaving on a special train next Tuesday morning. These men are to come from the quota of the next draft call.

FORTY FIVE CENTS PED 10

CIET

The applicants should make their desire known immediately to Thomas Swinson, chief clerk of the draft board, office in the court house, and be ready to leave Tuesday on a spe-

Sheriff Johnson returned from St. Paul this morning where he had a long interview with the adjutant general, who advised him of this opening in the coast defense. Mr. Johnson is head of the county draft board.

Desirable Branch. The coast artillery is one of the most desirable branches of the military service. The men are stationed at the sites of the coast artillery, the big guns being manned at vula course of study valuable to them in many ways.

The men who go will spend the winter in California where it is delightful. Here is the opportunity to get in on the ground floor.

vide each child. Anyone who will aid this worthy cause should notify Miss Elsie Schmitt, president of the Queen Es-ley Johnson. That leaves only eight more to be accepted.

MOOSEHEART LEGION LADIES PLAN HARD TIMES PARTY The Women of Mooseheart Legion, an auxiliary to the Loyal Order of

Moose, are planning a hard times party to be held in the Moose hall next Thursday evening, Dec. 20, and Tuseth's orchestra will play for dancing.

All who attend are warned not to "fuss up" before going. "Boiled" shirts will be taboo and the ladies CAMP DODGE PASSES FOR XMAS LEAVES are also warned not to "tog up." Any one caught with jewelry or any dispensable articles of adornment or attire will be fined. The ladies will (By United Press) Camp Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 14.-The serve lunch and it will be a war time ed. They promise a great time for loughs, already issued and announc- all who attend and indications are ing that none will be issued during there will be a big crowd present. to go home Christmas are those whose travel does not involve the use of steam roads. Many soldiers FIFTH WARD TONIGHT Nymore held a patriotic meeting recently, but its citizens are disap-pointed with the attendance at that time and have asked R. L. Given,



Nearly every member of the com-

mittee joined in the examination and questions were fired across the table as rapidly as the general could answer.

Chairman Chamberlain took excepbefore that Congress by failing to make prompt appropriations and labor troubles, were largely responsi-ble for the delay. General Crozier said he had not intended such an interpretation and that millions of dollars appropriated had not been expended.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

Bemidji friends have received word announcing the death of Mrs. Christ Markusen, formerly of this city, and well known here. She died in Denver, Colo., December 11, after a lingering illness. Her husband took her west last fall, hoping she might recover from her illness. The body has been shipped to Kenyon, Minn., her old home, where the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

BUSINESS RESUMED IN THE TWIN CITIES

(By United Press) St. Paul, Dec. 14.—Business was resumed in the Twin Cities as usual this morning, following the return to work of the strikers. The men are back pending federal mediation.

R. R. FIREMAN FINDS EXPLOSIVE IN COAL

(By United Press) Jackson, Miss., Dec. 14.—An Illi-nois Central railroad passenger train fireman found a ten-pound cap of nitrate powder on his shovel while he was preparing to fire his engine this forenoon. It is believed to be plot.

PICTURES OF U. S. HEROES PUBLISHED IN LONDON PAPERS (By United Press) London, Dec. 14.—Newspapers in

London print photographs of Sergeant McConnell and Private Mc-Donald, American engineers, captured at Cambrai by the Germans, escaped and returned to their unit. BELGIUM'S HEROIC RULER



New photograph of King Albert of Belgium, showing him in his field uniform.

WHO HAS TRIMMINGS **OF CHRISTMAS TREE?**

Last year, after the exercises, the community Cnristmas tree was taken down in a hurry, as a storm was threatening and there was danger of the tree falling and injuring someone. The decorations were all taken' off but just who had charge of the tree being cut down or where the trimmings have gone to is a mystery to the Queen Esthers. There were many dollars worth of trimmings and the same could be used this year, adding some new tinsel, etc.

Anyone knowing about the disap-pearance of this will kindly notify Miss Elsie Schmitt, president of the Queen Esthers, or Mayor Charles W.

TWO MORE RECRUITS LEAVE BEMIDJI TODAY

conscience.

It is not a case of "button, button, who's got the button?" but trim-mings, trimmings, who got the trim-mings?

Clearwater county has planned a number of loyalty meetings and has sent out a call for speakers from Bemidji. Chairman R. L. Given of the

(By United Press)

Amsterdam, Dec. 14 .- An official

Two more recruits were sent to Speakers' Bureau is co-operating Duluth today by Recruiting Officer with E. H. Reff of Bagley, who is Foucault, Stanley R. Shatto going to the engineer corps as railroad switchman. He will be sent to France to the American contingent ings next week. operating the railroads for the Am-

ericans at the front.

Burdette J. Hammond has been enlisted in the forestry engineers and GERMANY DENIES will join the Twentieth regiment, LAW'S STATEMENT soon to go overseas.

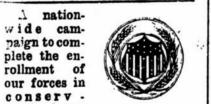
FIRST AIR FLIGHT FATAL TO AMERICAN IN FRANCE (By United Press) Paris, Dec. 14.—Lieut. Benjamin

Walcott of Washington, D. C., fell in his first air flight and is believed German statement issued today and to have been killed.

received here, says Great Britain and not Germany started peace feel-Felled His Enemy. Washington, Dec. 14.—Lieutenant ers last September and that the

Walcott was 21 years old and the British feeler was tenative and never son of Secretary Charles Walcott of carried through. The statement is the. Smithsonian institution. He issued in denying Bonar Law's asfelled his Germany adversary before sertion in the House of Commons that Germany started the feelers. being downed.

"WOODROW WILSON, "President of the Red Cross."



ation of our food supply, is a duty of nec-essity, humanity and honor. As a free people we have elect. ed to discharge this duty, not under autocratic decree, but without other restraint than the guidance of individual

-HERBERT HOOVER.

FOR CLEARWATER CO.

SCRAPBOOKS FOR BEMIDJI H. S. BOYS IN SERVICE

this evening. The place is Chris-tianson's hall. The speakers are A. The freshman class of the high school has named a committee of P. Ritchie and Col. Henry Funkley. three to supervise the making of The hour is 8 o'clock. Several muscrap books for the students of the high school who have enlisted in the sical numbers will re given by pupils of the Bemidji school. The committee consists of service. Williard McGregor, chairman; Miss

an entertainment after Christmas vacation, the proceeds to go toward the debt of the athletic association. The class will also hold a hard time Valentine party the third week after the Christmas holidays.

CANADA'S SMALLEST SOLDIER

This photograph shows the "littlest

boy," or rather the smallest man with

the Canadian forces in Europe. His

age is fifteen, and he enlisted in No-

vember, 1914, at Vancouver. Before

the war he was a bugier. He takes his

chances with the grown-up soldiers,

with one of whom he is seen chatting.



(By United Press) London, Dec. 14.--Germany's much advertised forthcoming west front drive is the first preliminary to another peace offensive. Germany hopes to achieve a dent somewhere in the allied line before the Americans arrive and wants to claim the invincibility of the German military forces to the German people to steel them to overwhelming sacrifices with the French armies in Italy.

chairman of the Speakers' Bureau,

to arrange for another rally, at

which time they promise to turn out

The meeting will be held there

by the hundreds.

Italy will defend Venice to the last drop of her blood and preparations are being made for a tremen-dous defense of the city.

SANATORIUM UNDER **NEW MANAGEMENT**

Dr. Walter L. Mattick has been enaged as superintendent of the Lake fulia Sanatorium and will assume his duties the last of this week.

Dr. Mattick comes highly recommended by the state board. He is a young man, married and has an extensive and valuable experience in work that has fitted him for his new position. He is a graduate of Cor-nell, Ithaca, N. Y., and has two degrees. He has been attached to the famous Bellevue hospital in New York and his experience in hospital work and management should make with his services valuable to the sanatorium.