

U. S. AMMUNITION PLANTS ENLARGED AS WAR'S RESULT

"Selling to Somebody," General Crozier Says, Referring to Factories Before House Probers. MEETING INCREASING DEMAND Armored Automobiles Being Sold to Belligerent Power in Europe Through Canada. NO NEED FOR BIG HOWITZERS Officer Asserts Great Siege Guns of Germans Useless to America.

BADGER SPEAKS FOR THE NAVY

Ship for Ship it is Equal to, if Not Better Than, that of Kaiser Wilhelm, He Declares. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Lessons drawn from the European war were discussed before the house military and naval committees today by Brigadier General Crozier, chief of ordnance of the army, and Rear Admiral Badger of the navy's general staff.

Won't Grant Request

While these committees were at work the majority members of the rules committee were declining not to grant the request of Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, for a hearing on his resolution to direct a special inquiry into the preparedness in the United States for war. Chairman Henry later addressed a letter to Representative Gardner advising him that his proper forum for a hearing would be before the regularly constituted committees of the house which are now in daily session considering matters pertaining to the military and naval strength of the country.

HOW JAPS BUILD BOMB-PROOF SHELTERS—Major General Yamada of the Japanese army attacking Tsing-Tau in front of bomb-proof on firing line.



BEAR DECIDES TO GIVE UP LODZ AS STRATEGIC MOVE

Official Statement from Petrograd Asserts City of No Great Military Importance. TOO DIFFICULT TO DEFEND Russian Lines in This Region Reformed, According to Staff Communication.

FEROCIOUS ATTACKS BY ENEMY

Germans Attempt for Several Days to Storm Positions of Poles. TEUTONS ACHIEVE BIG SUCCESS After Unbelievable Efforts and Enormous Sacrifices, Soldiers of Kaiser Penetrate Muscovite Front.

GERMANS CLAIM GREAT VICTORY IN CENTRAL POLAND AND RUSSIANS ADMIT REFORMATION OF LINES.

WEST AREA GENERALLY QUIET Allied Armies Groped Their Way Forward Cautiously and Grappled with Germans Here and There for Advantage. LONDON, Dec. 8.—While the allied armies in the west groped their way forward cautiously, grappling with the Germans here and there for slight advantages, the great struggle in Poland continues, with the Germans, for the time being, apparently scoring the most points.

U. S. Force in Arizona Retires Mile Before Mexican Over Line

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 8.—The Ninth United States cavalry will move tomorrow from its position along the international boundary to a point one mile north to get the men and horses out of the range of Mexican bullets which fly across the border. Since the American troops settled down in trenches along the boundary sixty days ago seventeen of the soldiers have been hit by stray shells and bullets from Naco, Sonora, where General Benjamin Hill's force of Carranzistas is defending the town against the attack of Governor Mayorena's Yaqui Indians. Two American cavalrymen died from their wounds. Five persons in all have been killed on

PEACE, ECONOMY AND MORE LAWS SAYS MR. WILSON

President Addresses the Congress in Joint Session, Giving Advice on Nation's Needs. BUSINESS PROGRAM COMPLETE Executive Departs from Text of Address to Say No Further Regulations Are Contemplated. AT PEACE WITH ALL THE WORLD No Shadow of External Trouble Rests on the United States, Says the Chief. NATION IS NOT DEFENSELESS Rebuke for Alarmists Administered in Plain Language. AID FOR A MERCHANT MARINE Measure to Encourage Shipping Should Be Passed by Congress to End that Commerce May Be Revived.

The Day's War News

Official advices from Berlin today confirm the reports that the allies have assumed the offensive in France and Belgium, but do not indicate that the movement has yet grown to formidable proportions. The attacks, it is said, have been few in number and have been defeated. Berlin is already looking toward the possible investment of Warsaw, as a result of the capture of Lodz, Russian Poland. It was said officially at the German capital today that news of decisive result in the campaign against the Russians may be expected at any time and that latest reports from the military headquarters led to the belief that operations thus far "have been successful." It is reported unofficially in Berlin that 100,000 Russians were captured at Lodz.

GERMANS CAPTURE 100,000 RUSSIANS

Teutons Said to Have Taken That Many Prisoners in the Fall of Lodz, Poland. SOME REPORTS ARE DENIED Message from Berlin Brands as Untrue Reported Raid on Krupp Factory, Loss of Aviation Corps and Other Claims. BULLETIN.

CZAR REFUSES TO CONCEDE DEFEAT

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Gale Along Coast is Followed by Snow; Five Lives Are Lost

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Von Bernstorff Formally Charges Britons with Violating Rules of War

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The National Capital Tuesday, December 8, 1914.

Met at Noon

The Senate

The House

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Unsettled, with snow; colder. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: 6 a. m. 21, 7 a. m. 22, 8 a. m. 23, 9 a. m. 24, 10 a. m. 25, 11 a. m. 26, 12 m. 27, 1 p. m. 28, 2 p. m. 29, 3 p. m. 30, 4 p. m. 31, 5 p. m. 32, 6 p. m. 33, 7 p. m. 34, 8 p. m. 35, 9 p. m. 36, 10 p. m. 37, 11 p. m. 38, 12 m. 39.

Comparative Local Record: Highest yesterday 37, Lowest yesterday 21, Mean temperature 28, Precipitation since 1914 2.73 inches, Excess for the day 2.9 inches, Excess since March 1 24.3 inches, Deficiency since March 1 2.73 inches, Excess for period 1912 2.6 inches, Deficiency for period 1912 3.6 inches.

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DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—Ivy L. Lee, executive assistant of the Pennsylvania railroad, was the author of "Facts in the Colorado's Struggle for Industrial Freedom," according to the statement of J. P. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, at today's session of the Industrial Relations commission. Investigating the coal miners' strike.

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D. Greene, Frederik C. Gates and J. H. McClement, for the most part members of the directorate closest to touch with the Rockefeller interests. In addition there was correspondence submitted between W. L. Mackenzie King, chairman of the Canadian Association for International Conciliation, now the Rockefeller Foundation's commissioner for the investigation of international industrial unrest.

In his telegram Lee briefly outlined that Rockefeller had been impressed with what he alleged was inaccurate information of published statements concerning the strike and had asked him to prepare a statement of the facts. He deplored the mystery that had been made of his identity. Rockefeller had had nothing to do with the preparation of the matter used. Lee congratulated Welborn on what he said were the few inaccuracies in minor details that had been shown by the federal commission on industrial relations at its hearings.

No Mystery, Says Mr. Lee. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Ivy L. Lee, executive assistant of the Pennsylvania Railroad company said today that there was no mystery about the authorship of the bulletins and pamphlets circulated by the Colorado coal operators. Mr. Lee explained that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., consulted with him last summer with regard to getting facts about the strike before the public. He told him that there ought to be a frank public statement made. Mr. Rockefeller then caused to be sent to him all available material and from these Mr. Lee said he put into bulletins all the significant facts bearing on the trouble.

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