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Maffled Sentries Sleep in Terrible Cold, Despite Presence of Enemy—Great Dreadnought Mississippi Is Launched—Society Girl Rides "Vicious" Sea Horse at Palm Beach.



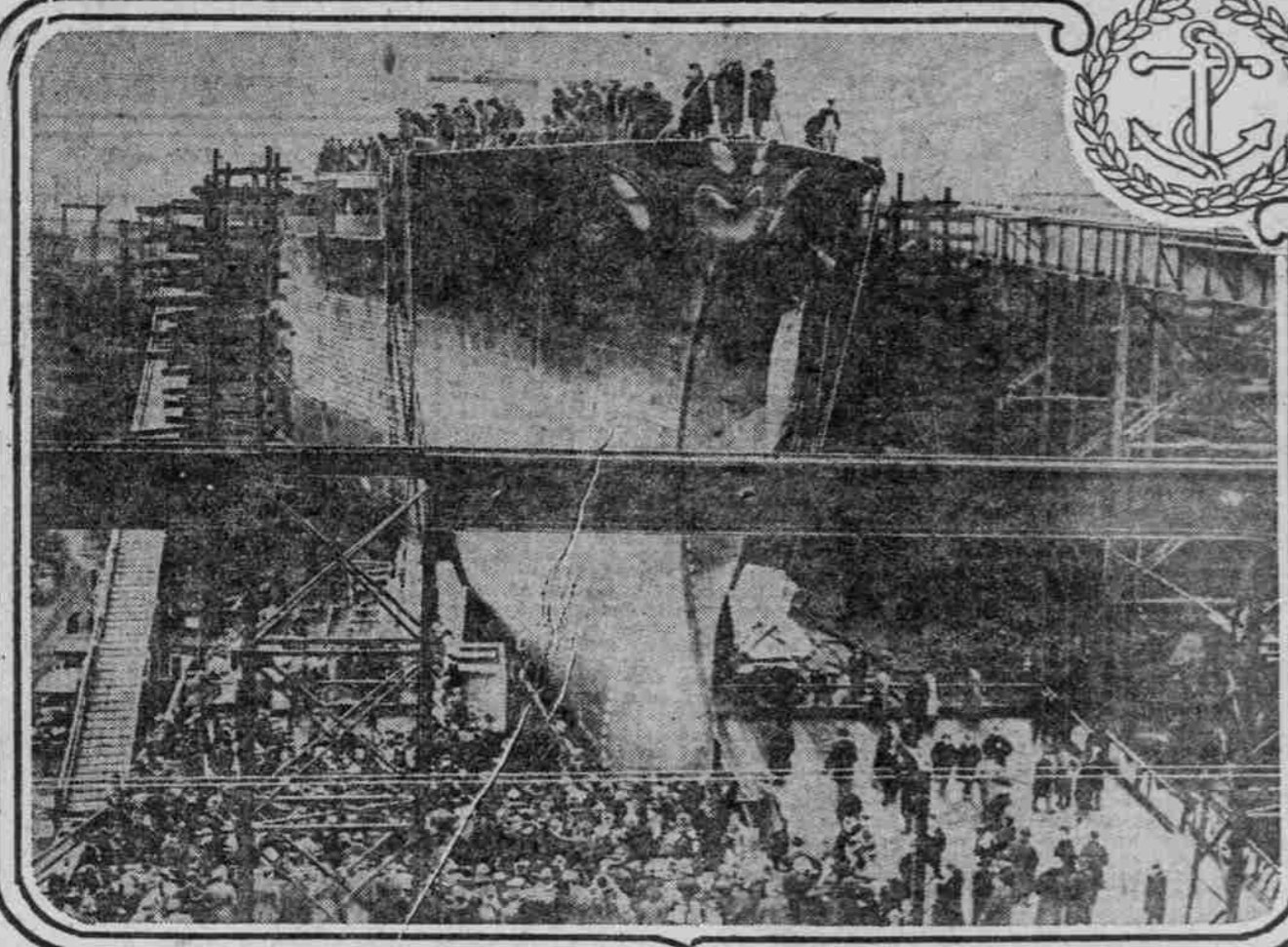
Sleeping Soldier. © Underwood



Riding Sea Horse at Palm Beach. © Underwood



English Troops on way to Trenches. — Underwood



Launch of Battleship Mississippi. — Underwood.



A French American Beauty. — Underwood



College Boys Cut Living Cost. © Underwood

TERRIBLE cold is reported along the various European battlefronts and conditions almost Arctic prevail on the eastern front where the Russians and Teutons battle in heavy snows.

The soldiers, especially those in the trenches and on sentry posts, are suffering severely, although the general health of the armies continues amazingly good. Soldiers with cuffs meeting and heads snuggled into great coats fall fast asleep, forgetful of the enemy on the other side of "No Man's Land."

A number of French soldiers, direct from the trenches of France, arrived in New York recently in their grayish-blue uniforms and a great variety of helmets. They are here on short furloughs. Several are non-commissioned officers, and some had been wounded. As the liner passed the Statue of Liberty the soldiers stood in groups about the deck and waved their helmets.

Fourteen students of the University of Pennsylvania have banded together to solve the high cost of living problem by pledging their living expenses in a general fund. By this means they have reduced the weekly expenses of living to \$5, which sum included everything. Most of the other students at the university pay from \$10 to \$13 for board and lodging no better than these boys provide for themselves by their co-operative house-keeping plan.

The "co-operative fraternity" have rented a house and have stocked it with foodstuffs of the non-perishable kind, such as potatoes, groceries, etc., sufficient to last them the entire term. Such foodstuffs as meat and other perishables are bought each day, one student purchasing one day, and another the next, and so on in rotation.

The great dreadnought Mississippi, the largest in the United States Navy, was launched at Newport News January 25, while 20,000 persons cheered, and scores of craft of every description welcomed her with shrill blasts from their whistles.

Miss Cumville McBooth, of Meridian, Miss., crashed a gaily decorated bottle of champagne against the vessel's starboard and cried, "I christen thee Mississippi." The launching was witnessed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and many persons high in naval affairs.

The most striking feature about the Mississippi is her clipper bow, which will enable her to speed through huge seas without the usual volume of water on her decks. The clipper bow will make the battleship an abler vessel in rough water.

The 23,000-ton Mississippi will cost about \$16,000,000 and will have 12 four-inch guns mounted on her forward end after decks, three in a turret. She will have a maximum speed of 21 knots and is 524 feet long over all. Like the other latest battleships, the vessel will be an oil burner. In addition to the 14-inch guns, there will be 23 five-inch rapid guns, four three-inch anti-aircraft and two 21-inch torpedo tubes submerged.

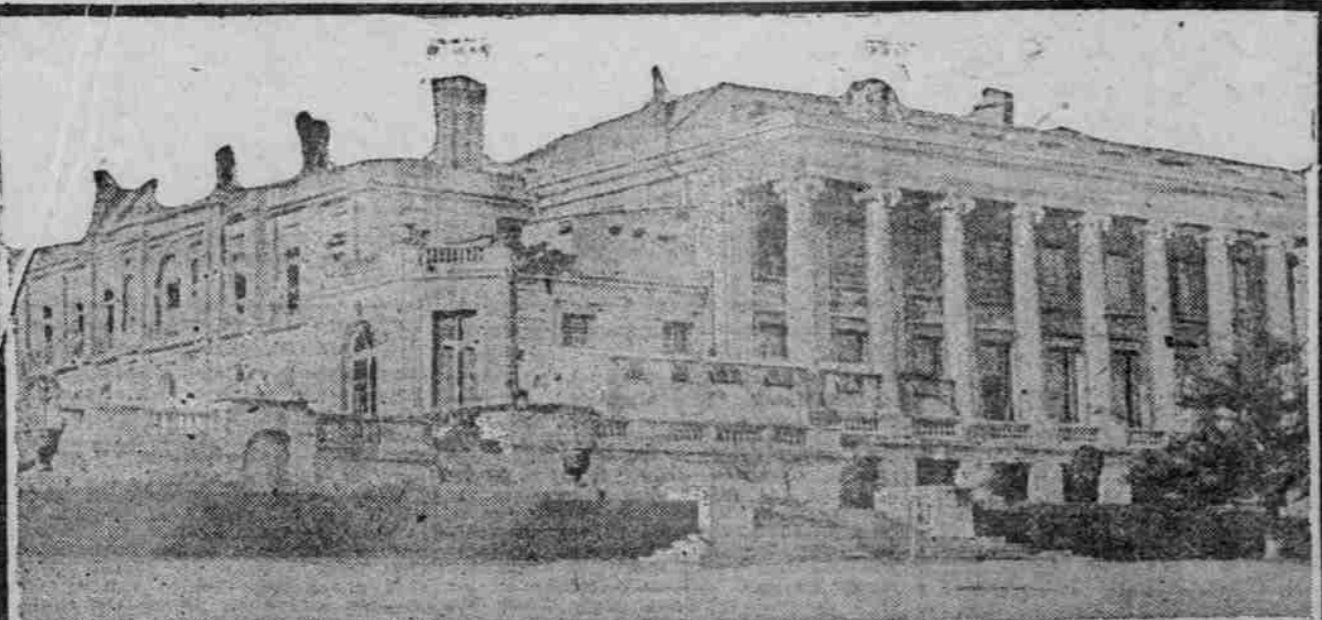
Even on their way to the trenches and to death, the English Tommies are a merry, happy, smiling crew. Every one is a fighter, happy, but grim in his purpose.

Simone d'Harly, one of the famous French beauties of the chorus of the "Century Girl," posed for a painting by Emil Fuchs, who believes her to be the true type of French-American beauty.

Mr. Fuchs is internationally famous and his pictures may be found in every



French Soldiers on Leave © Underwood



Singer Home, Falmington. — Bain News

art collection of note in Europe and America. He was private painter to the King of England and is the only artist who ever painted the entire English royal family.

He has a private album of pen and ink sketches of Queen Victoria, and the late King Edward and members of the family, which he has willed to the British Museum upon his death.

The U. S. Army transport Sumner, which went aground on Barnegat shoals, N. J., is broken in two amidships by the pounding of the waves against her sides. The boat has been practically given up by the Government as a total loss. Her machinery and much of her equipment has been ruined.

It is famous, and it is just plain American baseball. However, the grand old game will have an entirely new setting on grounds that lie within sight of a famous casino, where fortunes are won and lost, mostly lost.

The capital of the little state of Monaco, which nestles between France and Italy on the Mediterranean, will be in the new league of Southern France to be established after the war.

The beautiful home at Falmington, England, of Mr. Singer, a wealthy American member of the sewing machine family, has been given over for a hospital of the British army.

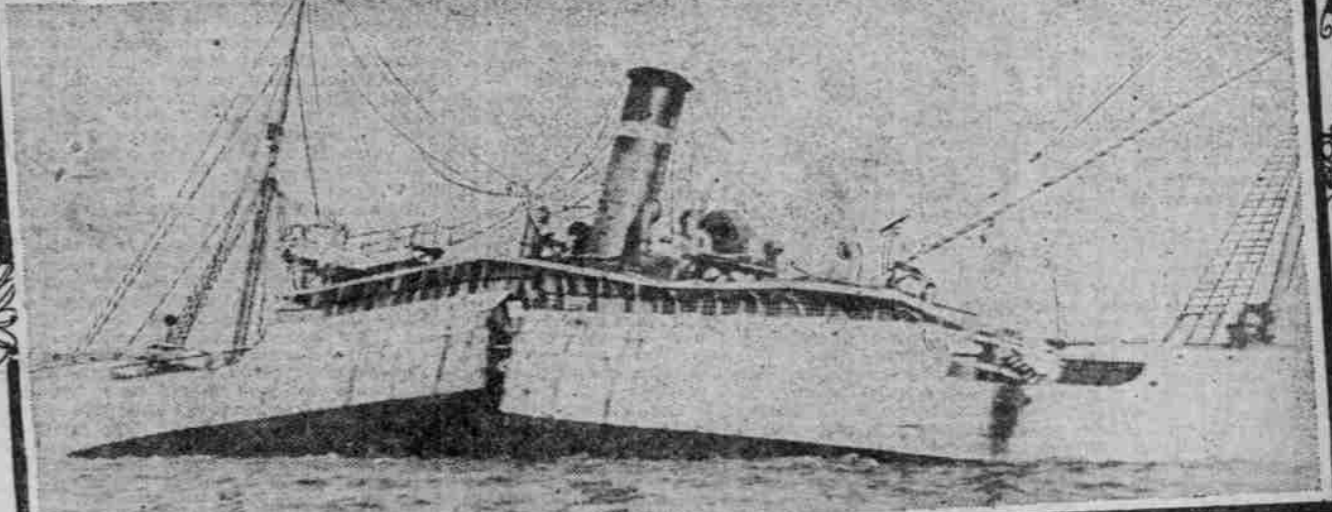
to be able to hold the horse steady and to keep it from overturning when caught in a "rude" breaker that has no qualms about overturning one.

The throng of society folks at Palm Beach is daily increasing and the season is in full swing.

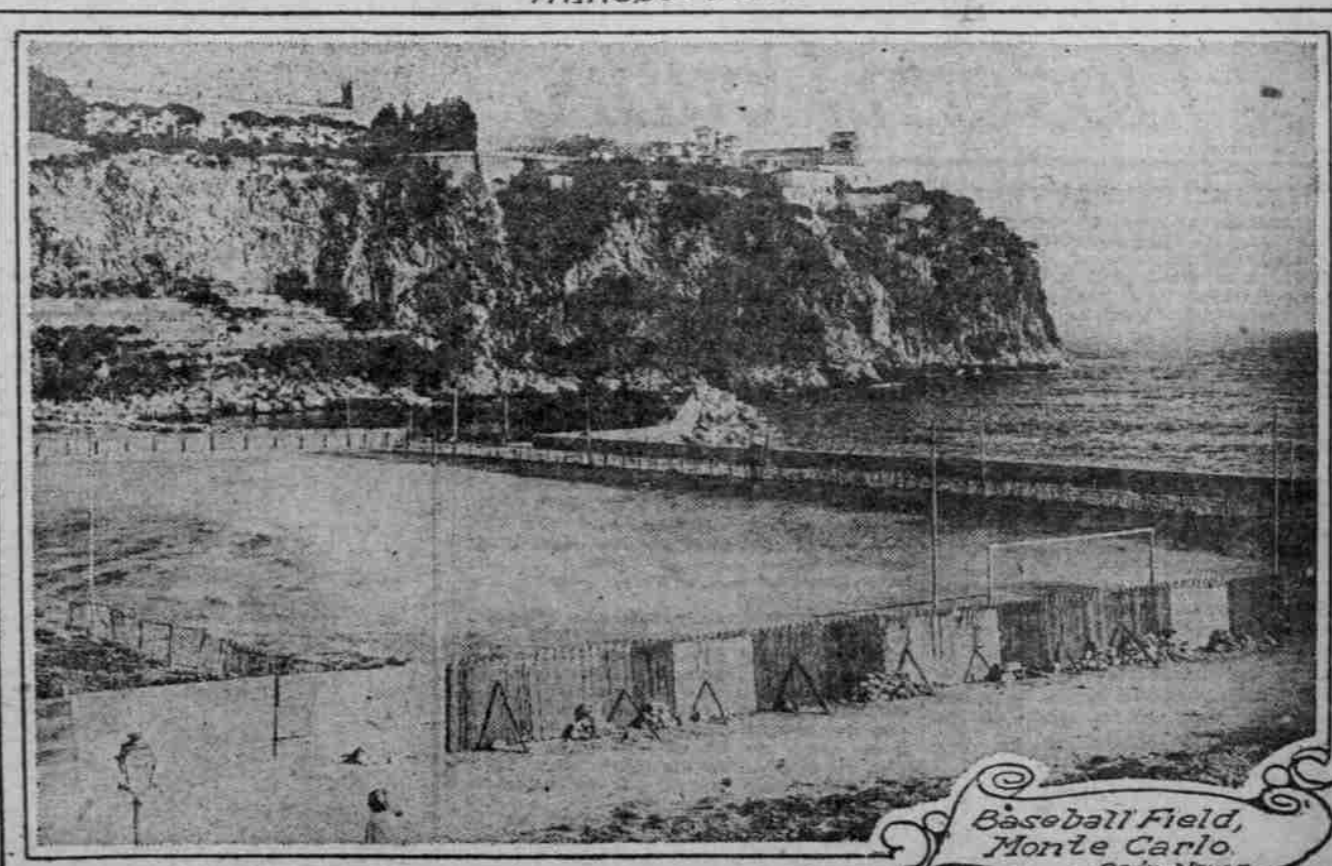
AMERICA'S FIGHTING MEN

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"Rough Riders," it is interesting to note that Wood was commanding Colonel of the "Rough Riders" in the campaign in Cuba. He was military governor of Cuba until the transfer of the government in 1902 and was governor of the Moro province in the Philippines in 1901-05, and afterward was in command of the Philippine Division. In 1910-14 he was



Transport Sumner on Shoal © Underwood.



Baseball Field, Monte Carlo. — Bain News

chief of staff at Washington and since that time has been in command of the Eastern Department.

His successor in the office of chief of staff is Major-General Hugh L. Scott, a "first-class fighting man" who belongs in the field rather than in the swivel chair, according to the opinion of many who have known him. Not only has he proved himself a first-class fighting man, but he has shown in the past a great deal of diplomatic ability, as when he retrieved the renegade Plute Indians in Utah and when he placated the Mexican bandits on the border. His military record bristles with achievements in practically all of the Indian campaigns, both in the line of fighting and in the line of bringing about settlements of the difficulties with various tribes.

reached the rank of Major-General April 2, 1915.

What may happen in the Philippine Department in the event of war is a matter of conjecture, but it is possible that there may be some lively developments there. Brigadier-General Hunter Liggett is in command there at this time. He is a graduate from West Point in '79 and attained his present rank in February, 1913. His principal active service was in Cuba in the Spanish-American War and later in the islands.

Brigadier-General Frederick S. Strong is in command in the Hawaiian Department, a West Point cadet in '78, and raised to his present rank in 1915. He served in the Spanish-American War with distinction. If space permitted one could cite the records of a long list of other men who are in positions that are certain to

throw them prominently forward in military affairs in case of war. Such men are General Pershing, who headed the expedition into Mexico, Colonel W. A. Glasford in command of the aviation section of the signal corps, at San Diego, by the very nature of his position will probably be called immediately into prominent service, for this arm of the service must inevitably be one of exceptional importance in case of a large war.

Moreover there is a host of men in minor rank, as there are in the Navy, who are likely to be brought into the center of the current of events in a moment under war conditions.

In the Army as in the Navy, it is up to the people of the United States to prepare to learn an entirely new "Who's Who" as compared with the one that they developed in the Spanish-American War.