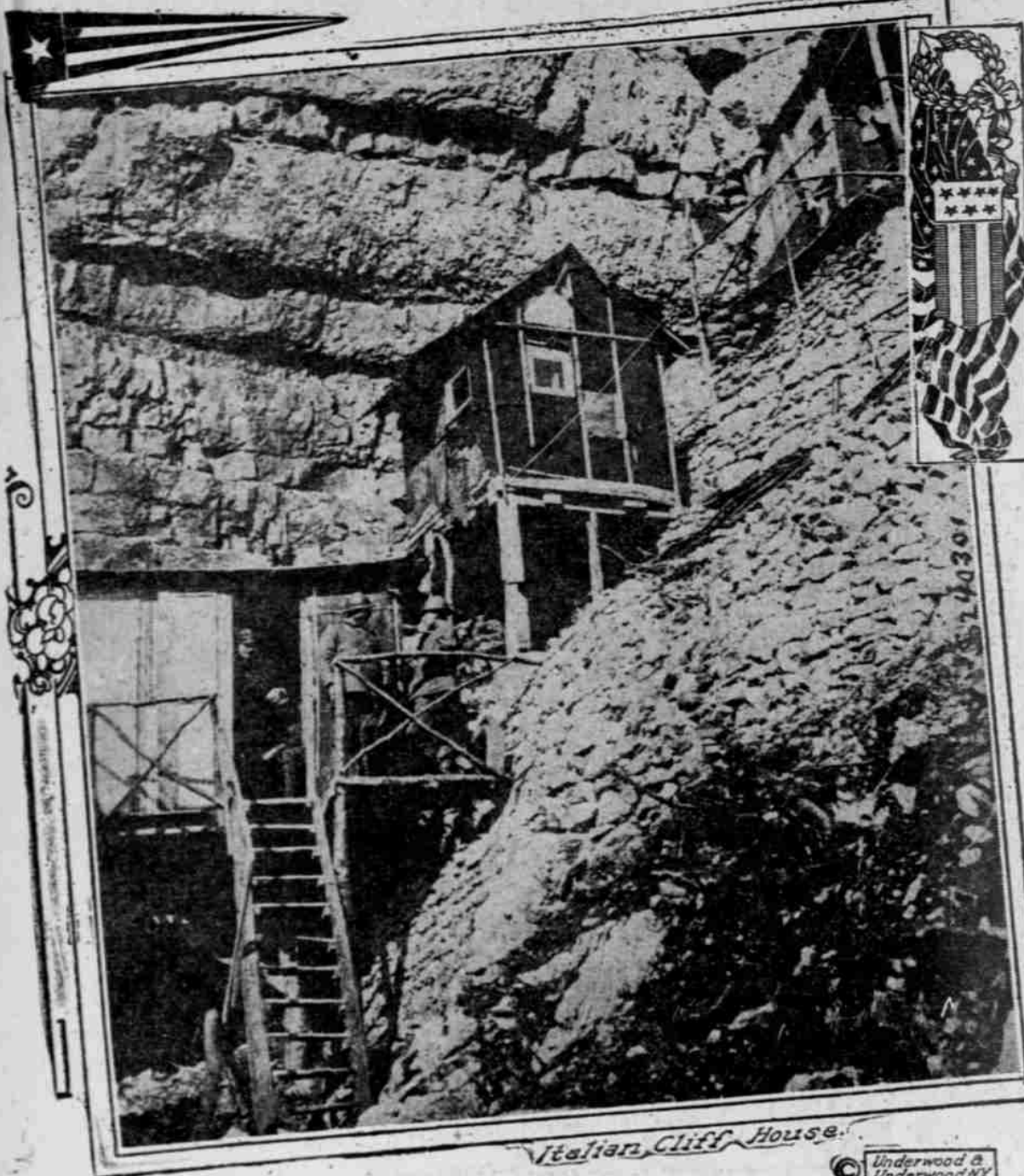


REALITIES OF WORLD WAR BROUGHT HOME BY CAMERA'S EYE

Allied and Teutonic Ideals Contrasted—Waging of War Entails Great Engineering Feats and Best Inventive Effort.



Italian Cliff House.

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HIGH on the sides of the mountains where they are battling the Austrians and Germans above the clouds in the land of eternal snows, the Italian troops have built unusual shelters of stone and wood. They have been hastily put together, but they are as serviceable and comfortable as the dugouts used by the allies on the western front. Ladders of wood lead up the cliffs from the valley to the shelters on the very top. The huts themselves are built on stilts wherever the ledges of rock permit sufficient space for the foundations.

One of the great Australian siege guns in action "somewhere in France" under a camouflage screen that conceals the gun from the enemy airplanes is the type of the great war. The shells are rolled up from the side of the gun in a steady stream to the breach of the gun. The shells are kept going towards the German lines in very short intervals. The German lines get a severe hammering from these guns as they are very powerful and inflict great destruction. Four men are needed to handle the shell in loading.

A comparison in the sizes of the big British bombing airplane and the fighting machine is interesting. The big British machine is the type that is used in daylight bombing raids. The members of the Royal Flying Corps attach one of the massive bombs that are dropped over the enemy lines and the Boches must take the result. These bombs have tremendous destructive power and the explosion of one could tear up over 25 feet of ground, making an immense shellhole.

The Tommies were in the trenches at St. Quentin when the Germans delivered the first blow in the present advance with the full force of their gigantic drive. The hammering of the overwhelming force of Teutons—the British were outnumbered more than three to one—finally caused them to fall back from San Quentin, but not before they had taken a heavy toll of the foe.

Right in the heart of danger beside a shell-swept road in the front the first-aid posts are busy ministering to the needs of the wounded Austrians borne back from the battle line. An overturned truck shelters the surgeons while at work and the more seriously wounded. The others, bundled up securely, are on stretchers along the road waiting for the arrival of the ambulances.

There is a striking contrast between the allied respect for all religions and the Teuton ruthlessness that goes out of the way to destroy religious edifices. At Armentieres, now in the hands of the Germans, the shells from their big guns destroyed the church. To prevent further damage to the statues of the saints, which fortunately had escaped destruction at the first bombardment, the Tommies, led by the priest, removed the statues to a safe place.



Australian Howitzer In Action.

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