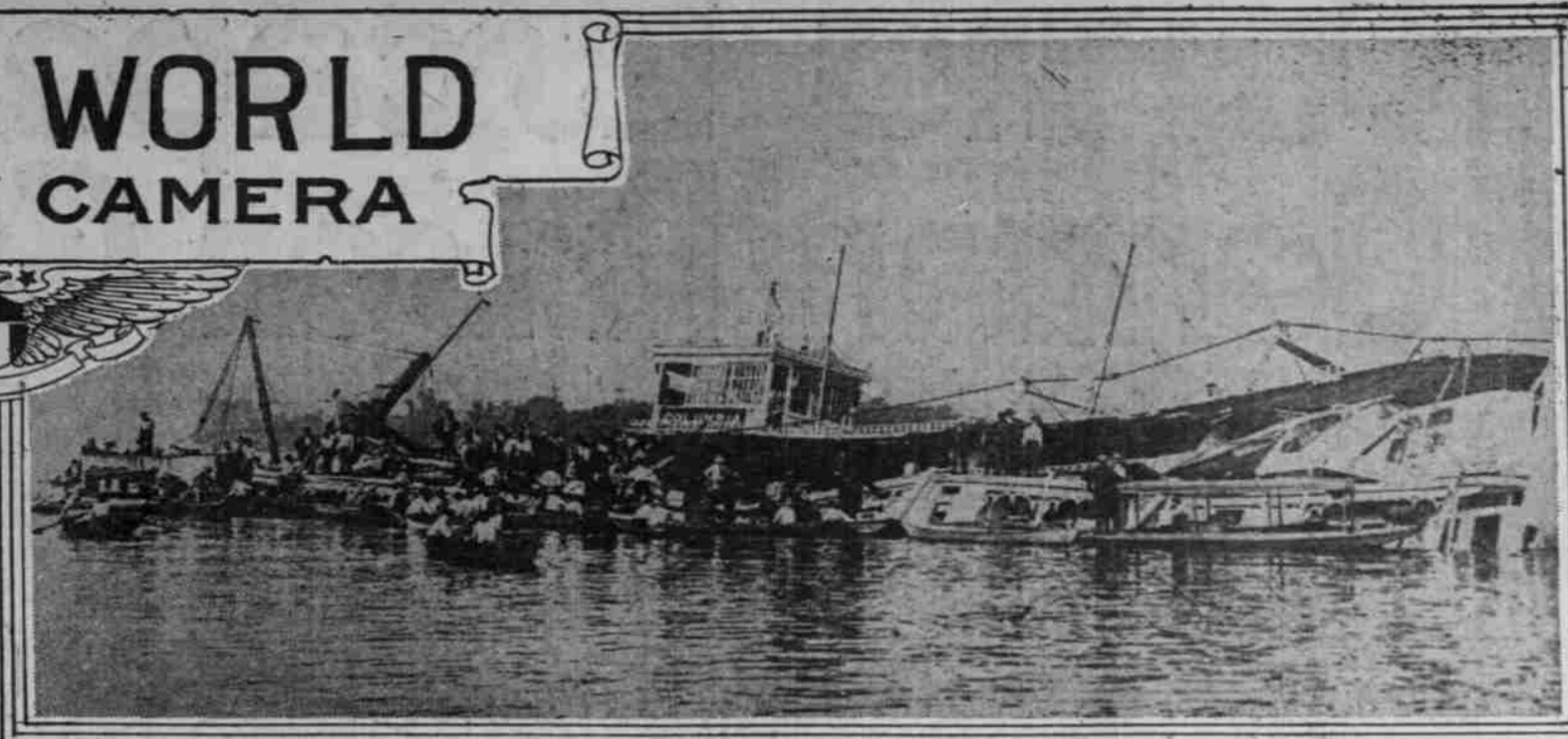


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Hurrying Allied Troops To The Front. - French Official Photo.



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Excursion Boat Columbia Which Went Down In Illinois River



"YANKEE doughboys" have given good accounts of themselves wherever they have been brought into action to repel the great German drive. They have been hurried to the front-line trenches by all sorts of methods of transportation, trains, motor buses, canal boats and on foot. The Marines, too, are among the American troops who have given a wonderful account of themselves and whose names have been mentioned in official dispatches from General Pershing.

When crews that man big guns get into action the men strip to the waist in order not to be annoyed by perspiration or encumbered by khaki shirts. Loading and firing a big gun when being vigorously worked during a period of action is work that calls for great physical strength and speedy action.

Seventy-seven bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the excursion boat Columbia, which sank in the Illinois River recently with about 500 persons aboard. Of these 68 have been identified. Red Cross figures show 22 missing. A diver said he believed there were about 25 more bodies in the wreckage. The cause of the sinking is said to have been a sandbar which was struck by the ship. An investigation is being held by the authorities.

An interesting development in connection with the hostile shelling of the territory around Mont des Cats in the



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Kemmel Hill Before German Attack.



Kemmel region, where the famous Trappist Monastery is located, is the fact that the Germans have been bombarding this Flemish elevation heavily and the monks' home has been badly destroyed. The Kaiser recently wrote a letter to his commander in that area asking that Mont des Cats be spared, because the aged prior of the monastery was the only living person who knew where the Emperor's relative, Prince Max of Hesse, had been buried after his death in the monastery in October, 1914. The prince was attached to the cavalry which occupied Mont des Cats after the outbreak of the war. In an engagement with British cavalry Prince Max was mortally wounded and was taken to the monastery. While he was being nursed by the monks, his comrades were driven from the hill by the British, who occupied it. The prince died and was buried in a certain place the location of which was not disclosed to the world.

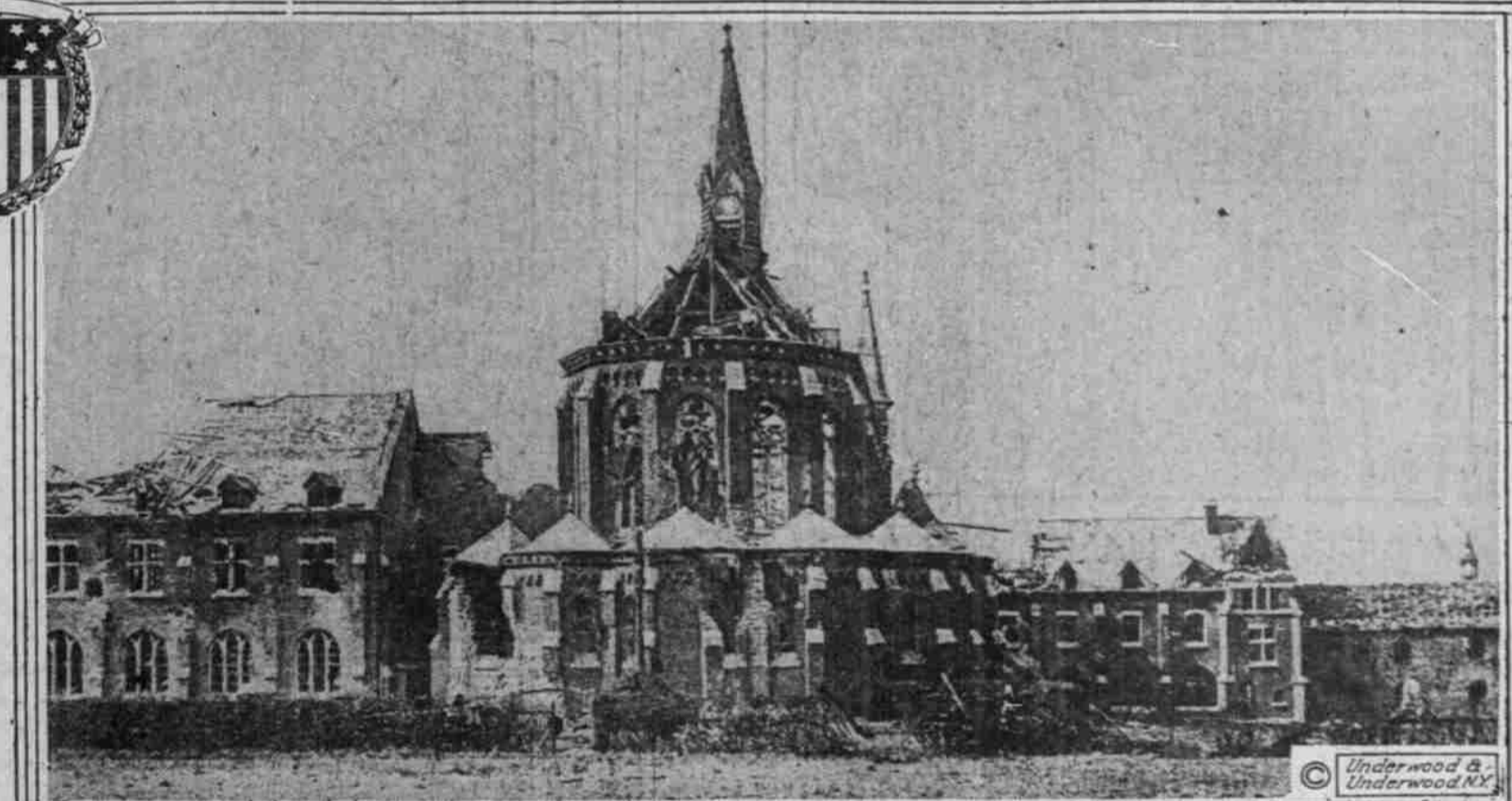
The Emperor wrote the Pope, asking for information as to the prince's grave and asked the return of the body. His Holiness forwarded the letter to the monastery and it was then that the Kaiser got the famous reply: "Not until he would evacuate Belgium and make just restitution would he learn the location of the prince's grave."

Wilhelm now appears to be worried that his guns may kill the only man able to give him the desired information, but his request seems to have met with small response thus far, for big shells continue to fall on the monastery.



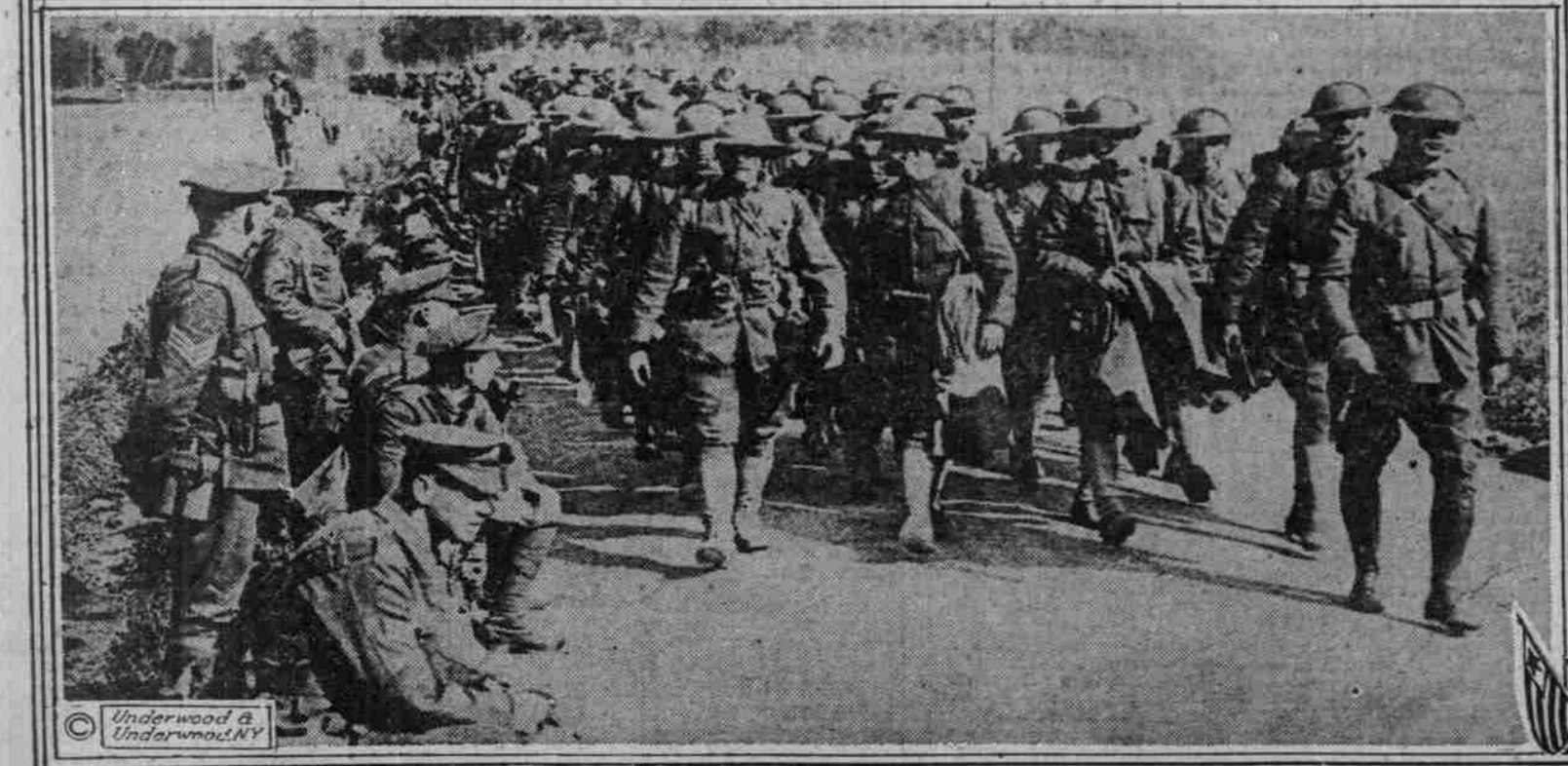
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French Official Photo. - Americans Entrained For Front



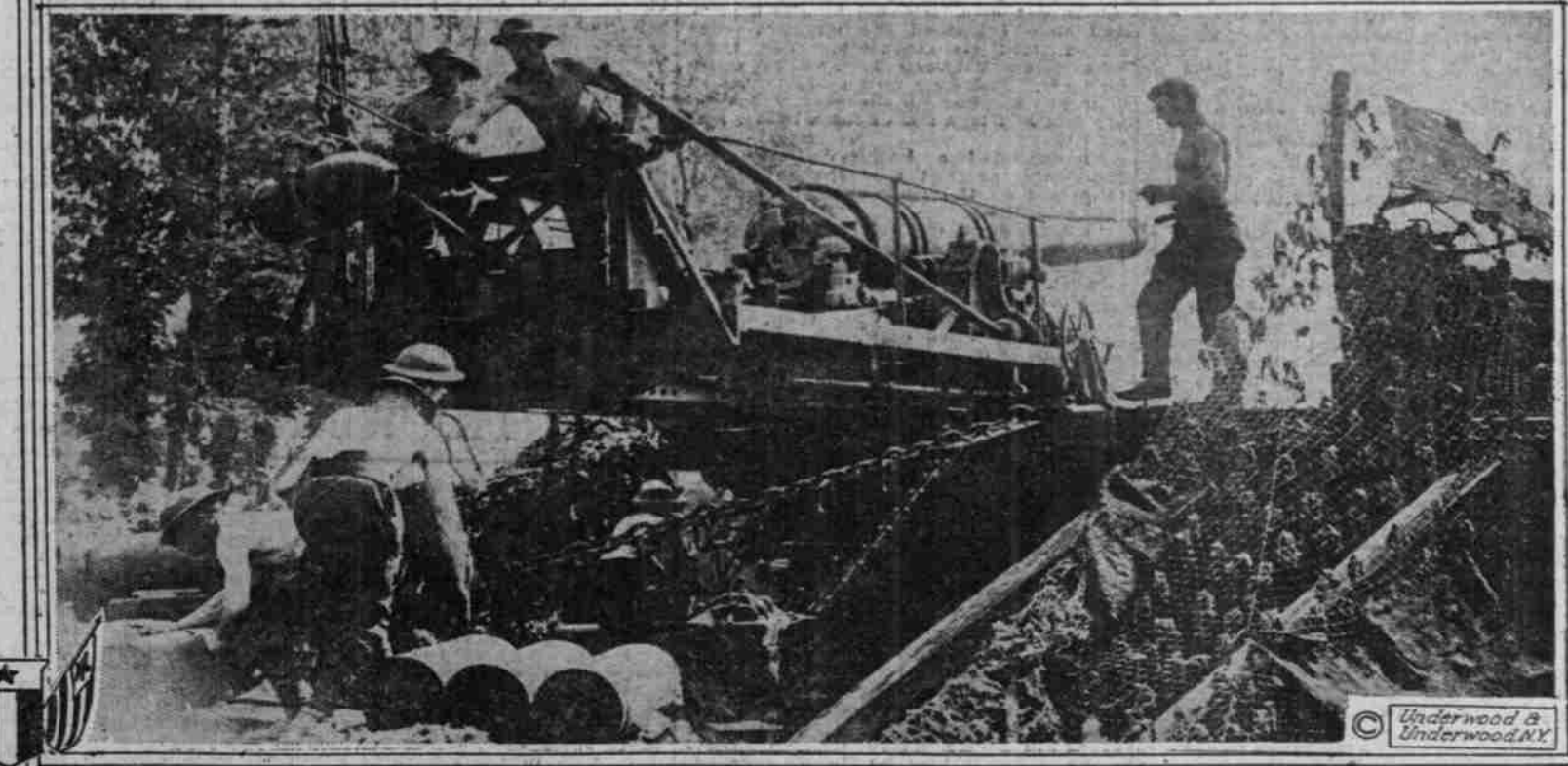
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French Official Photo. - Trappist Monastery Which Kaiser Wants Spared



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British Official Photo. - American Troops Marching To Front.



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British Official Photo. - British Artillery Working Via Gun