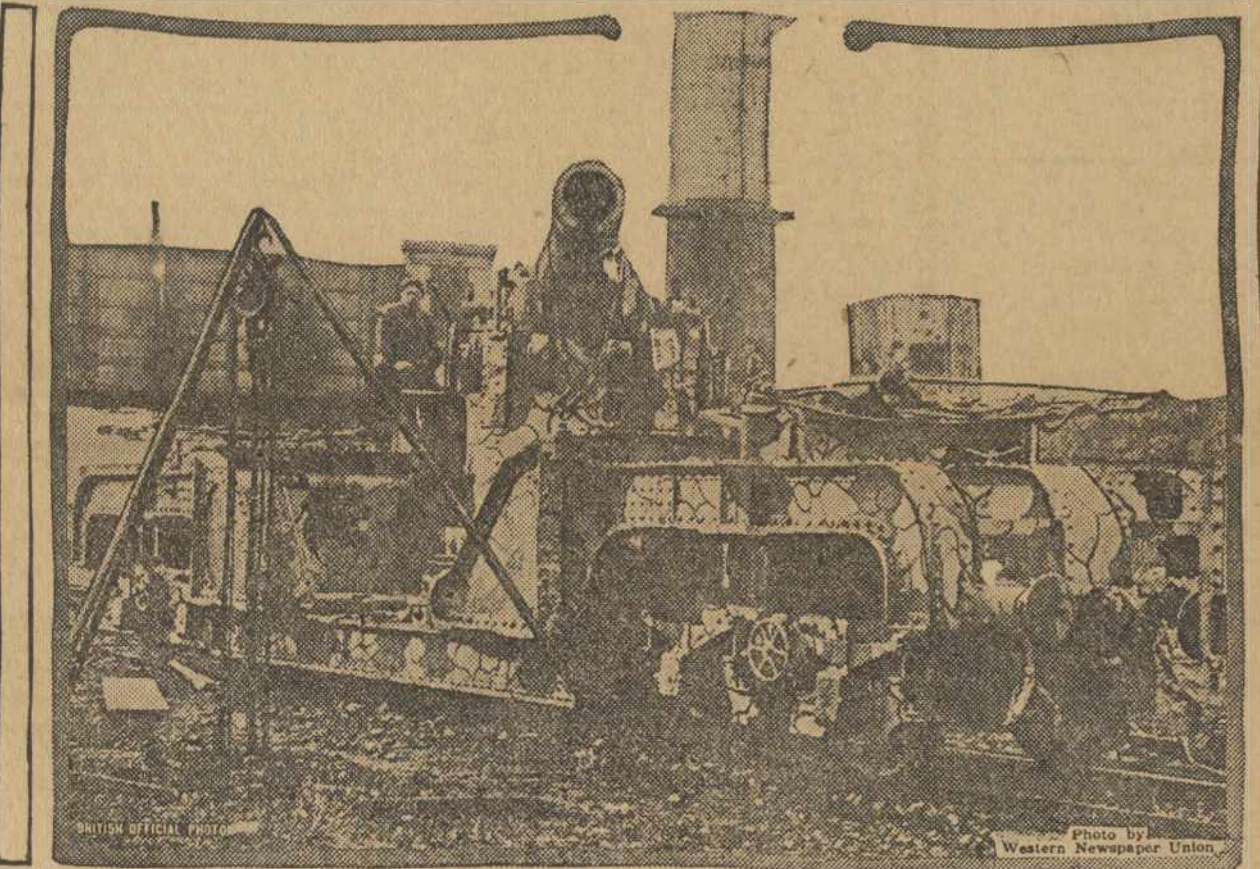


AMERICAN TROOPS IN "PARLOR CAR" AND ADVANCING ON ENEMY



These photographs from the American sector in France show, above, a bunch of our soldiers happy in their "parlor car," and, below, a detachment starting on a reconnaissance through the enemy's barbed wire entanglements.

ONE OF THE GREAT BRITISH GUNS THAT SMASHES THE HUNS



This photograph of one of the immense British guns that have been playing havoc with the Germans in their advance to the Somme shows how well camouflaged are these engines of war.

"DUGOUT" IN CENTRAL PARK



One of New York's vigilant special police patrolmen in his "dugout," where he keeps constant watch for prowlers in the vicinity of the Central park reservoir.

Too Prosperous.

"I see where a country editor died the other day."

"What's remarkable about that? Country editors don't live forever."

"Quite true; but the press dispatch states that this man was a conspicuous figure on the public square of his town because he always wore a silk hat and a frock coat."

"You can't tell me he was a country editor and nothing more. That fellow must have owned stock in the village bank."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Test of a Man.

The test of a man is what he is able to do. Rhinestones sparkle, but they don't cut glass.—Milwaukee News.

GENERAL GORDON'S WIDOW REVIEWS TROOPS



"They are as fine a body of men as were our boys in the sixties," was the comment of Mrs. John B. Gordon, widow of the famous Confederate general, after reviewing the troops at Camp Gordon, Ga., named in honor of the Southern soldier.

MUCH IN LITTLE

A London tailor, awed by the dangers accompanying enemy raids, built himself a dugout in the basement of his store with bales of cloth. A war office official inspected it and declared it absolutely bomb proof.

David R. Burkey, a Civil war veteran, aged eighty, of Philadelphia, takes a 25-mile hike for his daily exercise.

John Slorah, who has been waiting for a hearing in the Saco (Me.) jail, has gained 34 pounds in the three months he has been there.

THE NATIONAL ARMY MAN

I'm a National army man;
My name and number in the van
Was call of fate to serve the state
As a National army man.

Take notice, Regular and Guard,
We pledge that nothing shall retard
Our effort great to emulate
Your just fame, sung by every bard.

For what is the great U. S. A.,
Whose call to colors we obey,
But hearthfire ray, and old church gray,
And the friends we meet every day?

And what is the flag of our choice,
At whose flutterings we rejoice,
But mantel fair, fit for the wear
Of the lass with gentle voice?

Sans the fire of the volunteer,
We pay with all good will and cheer,
One duty more, to meet the score
We owe to those whom we hold dear.

As a National army man
I'm sure that all my people can
Say, when I die, in pride, that I
Was a National army man.
—Courier-Journal.

O'Connor Cites History in Connection With Troubles of the People of Ireland

If the Irish rebellion had not been followed by its sequel it would have been by this time forgotten and condemned by the vast majority of the Irish people; but, as a matter of fact, writes T. P. O'Connor in *Cartoons Magazine*, when the rebellion was put down by one of those extraordinary blunders so often committed in the management of Ireland by England, dictatorial powers were given into the hands of a soldier of not particularly marked intelligence. He declared he was going to put down sedition and rebellion in Ireland forever. Well, if he had read any Irish history he would have known that that had been said for six centuries. He then proceeded, in secrecy, in the darkness of cells, convicting on evidence not yet published, these unfortunate young men, and then taking them out in batches in the cold, bleak morning and executing them in the back yard of a jail. One of them was so severely wounded that he had to have planks put on each side of the chair on which he had to sit while he was being shot. All these executions produced a profound revulsion of feeling in Ireland and in America.

Now, that is the beginning of the trouble in Ireland. If you read history you will find that there has never been anything so incalculable in its effects upon the human soul as an execution for an ideal.

FOR A LAUGH

Talked Too Much.

First Club Member—What happened to Hallowberry, the expressman? I don't see him around any more.

Second Club Member—Oh, we had to put him out; he expressed himself too much.

Another Definition.

"What's an egotist?" asked Three-Fingered Sam.

"An egotist," replied Broncho Bob, "is a man that 'ud stop a regular card game and ask all hands to admire the way he plays solitaire."

No Royal Cracks.

"I wonder why they call golf the 'royal and ancient game?'"

"I don't know. I never heard of a king who could drive worth a cent."

L'Enfant Terrible.

"Your sister's a long time about making her appearance," ventured the young man who was calling.

"Well," answered the kid brother who was temporarily entertaining, "she'd certainly be a sight if she came down without making it!"

Looking Into It.

Mr. Stonibroke—Yes, we've lost all our money, but it was an act of providence.

His Wife—Don't pass the buck. It was your acts of improvidence.

His Part.

"My former maid has not been married a year yet, and already she is taking in washing."

"What is her husband doing?"

"Oh, he's taking in the proceeds."

Hist!

"I guess we're on the trail," declared the great detective. "Yonder is a shepherdess."

"Eh?"

"Now for the crook."

Cost of Locomotives.

According to a calculation made by an official of the Southern Pacific, the increase in the cost of a Mallet locomotive over what it was two years ago would buy a 160-acre farm at \$125 an acre, build a \$5,000 residence on it, provide for \$2,500 worth of implements and farm machinery, 25 dairy cows at \$75 each, \$700 for teams and wagons, a \$1,500 automobile, and still leave \$150 for incidentals—and this represents the increase in the cost of only one locomotive.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Alive with the War Spirit

Girl Students of Farmingdale Agricultural School, Long Island, Felling Trees



Female students are laboring industriously at their work, agriculture, to aid the country in carrying out an effective prosecution of the war. Young women are doing good share of the work while the opposite sex is lending all energy in patriotic endeavor.

WAR POULTRY PROGRAM

Early hatching, so as to produce fall and winter layers.

Careful selection of breeding stock to reproduce a greater percentage of good types and profitable producers.

To confine mother hens to brood coops for at least two weeks after the chicks are hatched.

To provide free range for both growing stock and layers in so far as possible to stimulate the growth and production and conserve food consumption.

To preserve eggs when cheap for winter use.

Production of infertile eggs as soon as the breeding season is over.

Disposing of surplus cockerels as broilers to conserve grain.

To discourage the marketing of all profitable hens of the general-purpose class until the end of their second year and of the Mediterranean class until the end of their third laying year.

To discourage the marketing of all thrifty pullets as broilers.

To encourage backyard poultry keeping, especially among city and suburban dwellers, thereby utilizing table scraps for the production of fowls and eggs for home use.

To encourage when conditions permit the feeding of a wheatless ration.

The assistance and co-operation of all poultrymen is earnestly desired in order to make this campaign effective.

Those interested are requested to correspond with their county advisor or with the poultry representatives in the state for definite information as to how they can assist.

Cigarettes as Anesthetic For the Wounded Soldiers

There is much difference of opinion as to the effect of cigarettes upon the soldiers who smoke them. A scientific investigation is said to show that cigarette smoking has direct effect on the heart, decreasing the smoker's ability to do hard work and to resist fatigue. On the other hand there is evidence that cigarettes keep the men up to their tasks.

Mrs. Charles H. Farnam, a Long Island woman, who has just returned from Serbia, where she spent several years in hospital work and where she earned the rank of sergeant, delivered a lecture one night recently in Brooklyn, in the course of which she said:

"The soul of life in the Serbian army is a cigarette. The men go through the greatest agonies if they have cigarettes in their mouths and never think of the pain. In most of the hospitals there is a shortage of anesthetics. When a soldier is brought in to be operated on they simply give him a cigarette to smoke during the ordeal and he goes through it happily."

It is probable that both views as to the effect are correct; the excessive smoking being bad for the heart, and the use of the cigarette being soothing and strengthening in time of excitement, trial and pain. The wounded soldier is always given a cigarette, and seems to be helped thereby to bear his trouble with patience.—Mobile Register.

Oyster Farm in Salt Lake.

Plans have been made to begin the propagation of oysters in Bear River bay, Salt lake, Utah, this spring, says *Popular Mechanics Magazine*. Analysis has shown that the percentage of salt in the water is practically the same as in ocean oyster beds.

Government Reserves Coal Fields in Alaska to Have a Certain Supply of Fuel

Through the work of the general land office and the bureau of mines, government reservations have been designated in certain coal fields in Alaska. These reservations are intended to cover such ground as will provide coal for government use, protect the public from individuals attempting to monopolize coal lands or extort exorbitant prices for coal, and still offer equally good areas in the best-known parts of the fields for exploration by private enterprise.

Experts of the bureau of mines, having to do with this work, state that the leasing units were laid out in comparatively small blocks, which can be worked individually or combined into larger tracts up to the maximum acreage permitted by law. Attention was given to the amount of probable coal of workable thickness in each of these areas, the relationship of the area to possible transportation lines, the quality of the coal and the general conditions affecting mining.

The future of the Alaska coal fields, it is asserted, is still somewhat problematical. Along the entire coast the output will come in direct competition with California oil, the coal fields of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, and with hydroelectric power. Both the Bering river and the Mantanuska fields contain high-grade bituminous coal suitable for coking and for use in the navy, and the Nenana field contains an excellent lignite, suitable for power or domestic uses, or as a powdered fuel in furnaces.

Experiments have proved that coals from other states on the coast have not proved satisfactory for use by the navy.

Some of Many Notable Things That Have Occurred on Friday

Washington's birthday anniversary fell on Friday this year, the day of the week on which he was born. A few other notable things occurred on Friday, among them the following:

Shakespeare was born.
America was discovered.
The Bastille was destroyed.
Queen Victoria was married.
Napoleon Bonaparte was born.
Julius Caesar was assassinated.
The battle of Marengo was fought.
The battle of Waterloo was fought.
The Mayflower Pilgrims were landed.
The battle of Bunker Hill was fought.

The battle of New Orleans was fought.
The Declaration of Independence was signed.

Letters by Air Next Summer.

An airplane mail service is to be established between Washington, Philadelphia and New York next summer. The post office department already is calling for bids for five planes. Trips are to be made daily. First-class mail only will be carried in the beginning, and this is only a beginning. The end of the war will see a tremendous application of the airplane to commercial and other uses, and this will provide employment for the large number of aviators that peace will release from service.

Light-Heat Cure.

An officer in the Medical Reserve corps states that he has found that light and heat, combined alleviate pain better than heat alone. Hence he prefers an incandescent bulb and reflector to a hot water bottle as a means of temporarily relieving suffering.