

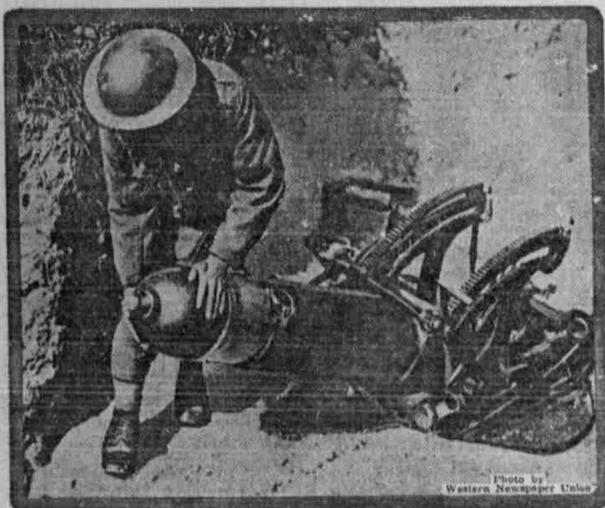
1—Cheerful Canadians returning to their billets after their tour of duty at the Somme front. 2—Unsinkable lifeboat for the U. S. navy being tested by filling it with water; they are being built in immense numbers. 3—Sentries guarding American field headquarters in the battle region of France.

FRENCH BUILDING THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE



French far-sightedness and preparedness are clearly depicted in this photograph. Despite the fact that they are holding the enemy at bay in the Somme district, they are fully cognizant of the danger should the Hun break the line. Engineers behind the lines are busy building new trenches and making them ready for the third line of defense.

CANADIAN LOADING TRENCH MORTAR



Here is a Canadian on the west front loading a trench mortar with the big projectile that will carry death to the Huns not far away.

MEDITERRANEAN COMMANDER



Rear Admiral Albert T. Niblack is in charge of United States warships operating in Mediterranean waters, the navy department has announced.

Soldiers Ask No Sympathy.
Here is an expression of the stoicism and the philosophy of a soldier as printed in extracts from his letters in the Atlantic Monthly:

"Don't worry about my privations—'which mostly there ain't none.' Such as they are, they are necessary and unavoidable; and, above all, we are fitted for them. You can't well sympathize with a man who is doing the thing he has longed for and trained for all his life. Besides, physical privations are nothing; it is the mental ones that hurt. A soldier in the trenches, with little to eat and nothing but a hole to sleep in, can feel happy all the same—particularly if life has something in prospect for him if he lives. But a man out of work at home, sleeping in the park and panhandling for food, is much more to be pitied, though his immediate hardships may be no greater."

JEWISH GIRLS GOING TO PALESTINE



The girls in this group are soon going to Palestine to serve as nurses with the British forces that are wresting the Holy Land from the Turk. They will be attached to the Jewish battalions that are now being recruited in the United States, and instead of the usual Red Cross emblem will wear the traditional Hebrew six-pointed Star of David on their caps. The girls pictured here are but the first of many from all over the United States who will be sent for service in Palestine.

BRITISH TROOPS ON THE JEBEL HAMARIN, MESOPOTAMIA



Troops of one of the victorious British divisions in Mesopotamia are here shown in a front-line trench on the Jebel Hamarin.

GERMAN PRISONERS TAKEN IN A NIGHT RAID



The photograph shows German prisoners, captured during a night raid, on their way to enter the Canadian light railroad trucks.

POPULAR HOSTESS RETURNS



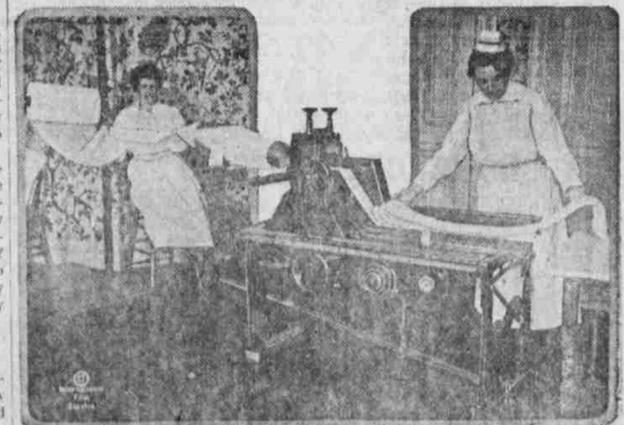
Mrs. Wellington Koo, wife of the Chinese minister, who has been on a visit of several months to her home in China, has returned to Washington. Mrs. Koo entertains extensively and is one of the most popular hostesses in diplomatic circles.

SOLDIERS OF WOMAN'S LAND ARMY



The comforts and pleasures of social life have been foregone by many patriotic girls who are now busy tilling the soil to raise bountiful crops for Uncle Sam. These two farmerettes riding their teams back to the barn after a strenuous day's work in the fields are members of the New Jersey division of the Woman's Land Army of America.

NEW MACHINE FOR ROLLING BANDAGES



Mrs. John Ames and Mrs. John Murfai, both of Boston, are shown in this picture rolling bandages by means of a new machine recently invented by Dr. John W. Elliot. The machine folds, cuts and rolls bandages and can turn 100 yards of gauze into dressings in five minutes.

Mark Twain's Democracy.

When Mark Twain published his "A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court," he made a laughing stock of evil institutions, and of the deluded mortals who uphold them. He put himself on record in a way that really did not need the events of today to vindicate.

"There is plenty good enough material for a republic," he said, "in the most degraded people that ever existed—even in the Russians—plenty of manhood in them—even in the Germans, if one could but force it out of its timid and suspicious privacy, to overthrow and trample in the mud any throne that was ever set up and any nobility that ever supported it."

Submarine Without Periscope.

A German submarine without a periscope carries on its observations by means of lenses at either side and other lenses and mirrors properly arranged. The submarine thus equipped is obliged to travel nearer the surface than is necessary in the case of the older model.