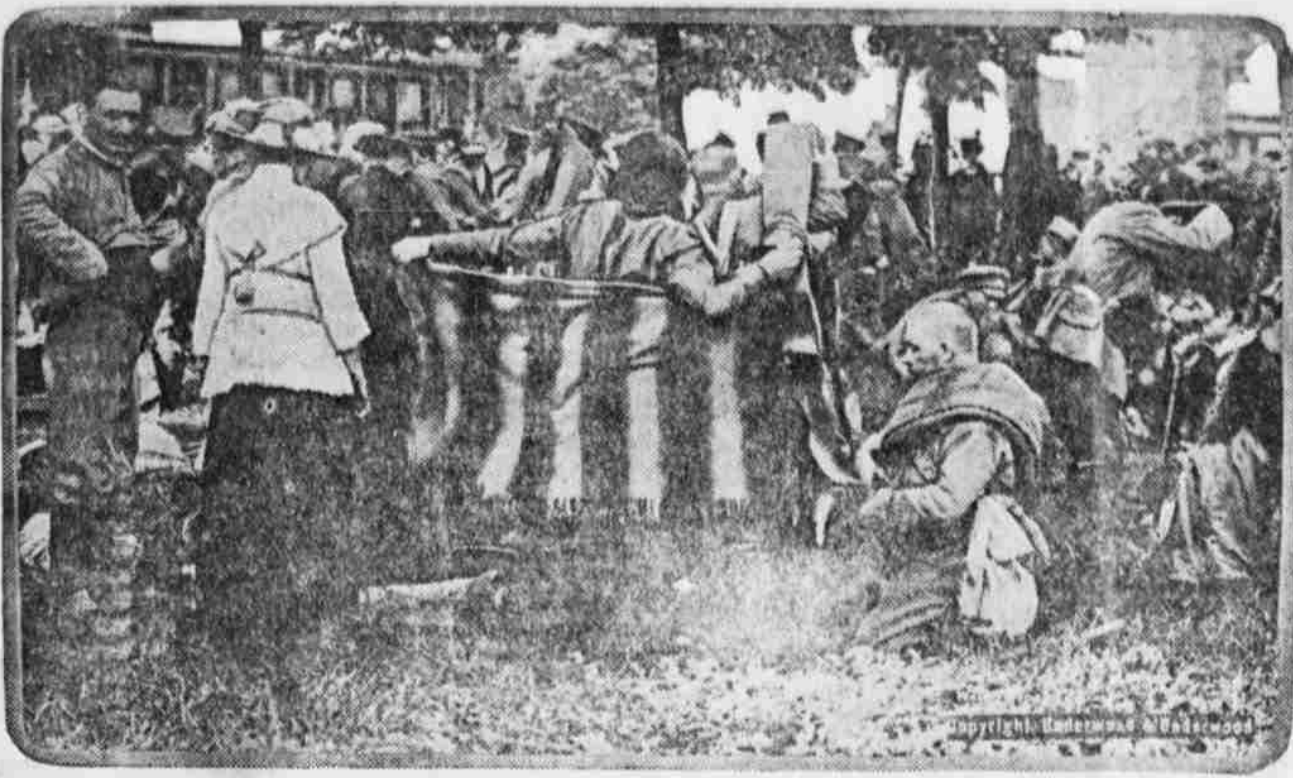
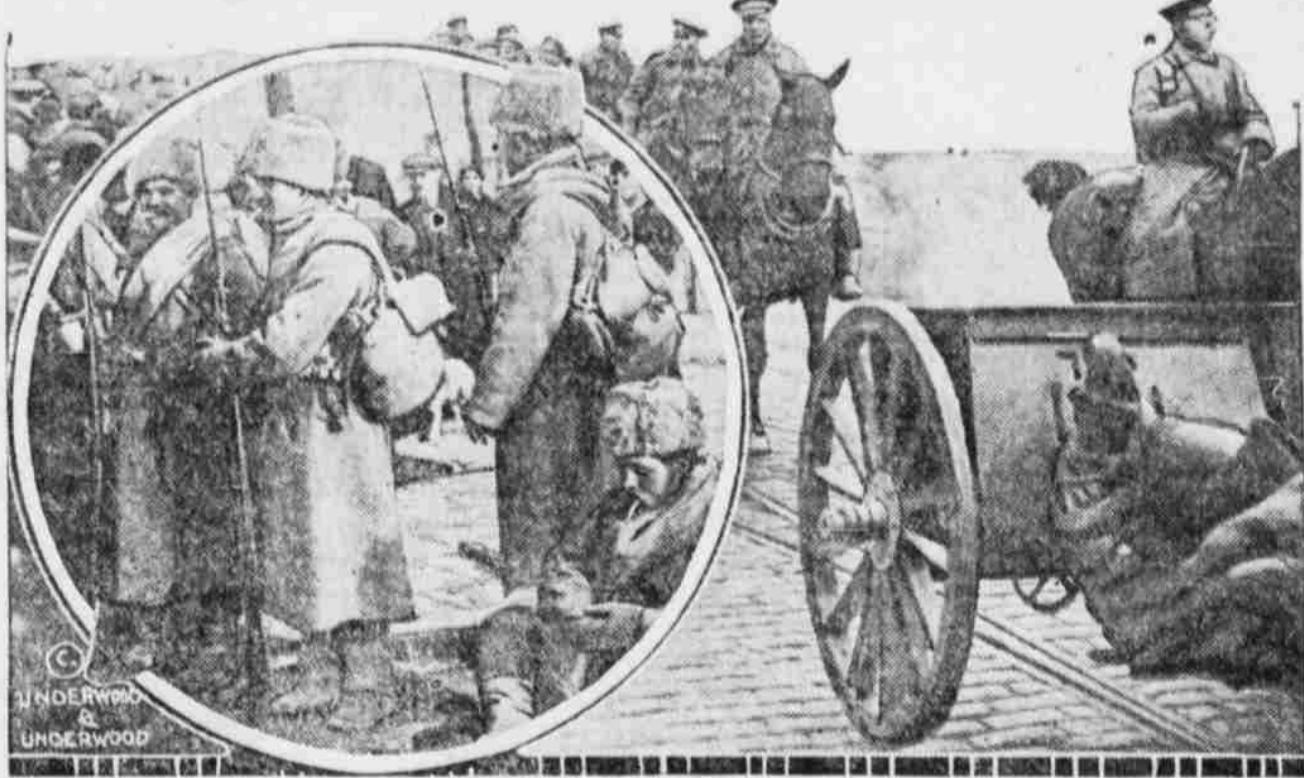


TROOPS IN WARSAW READY FOR FIGHT



In this photograph, taken in Warsaw, the Russian troops are seen preparing to go out to the fighting line, and mingling with them are their mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts.

SIBERIAN TROOPS ARRIVE TO DEFEND WARSAW



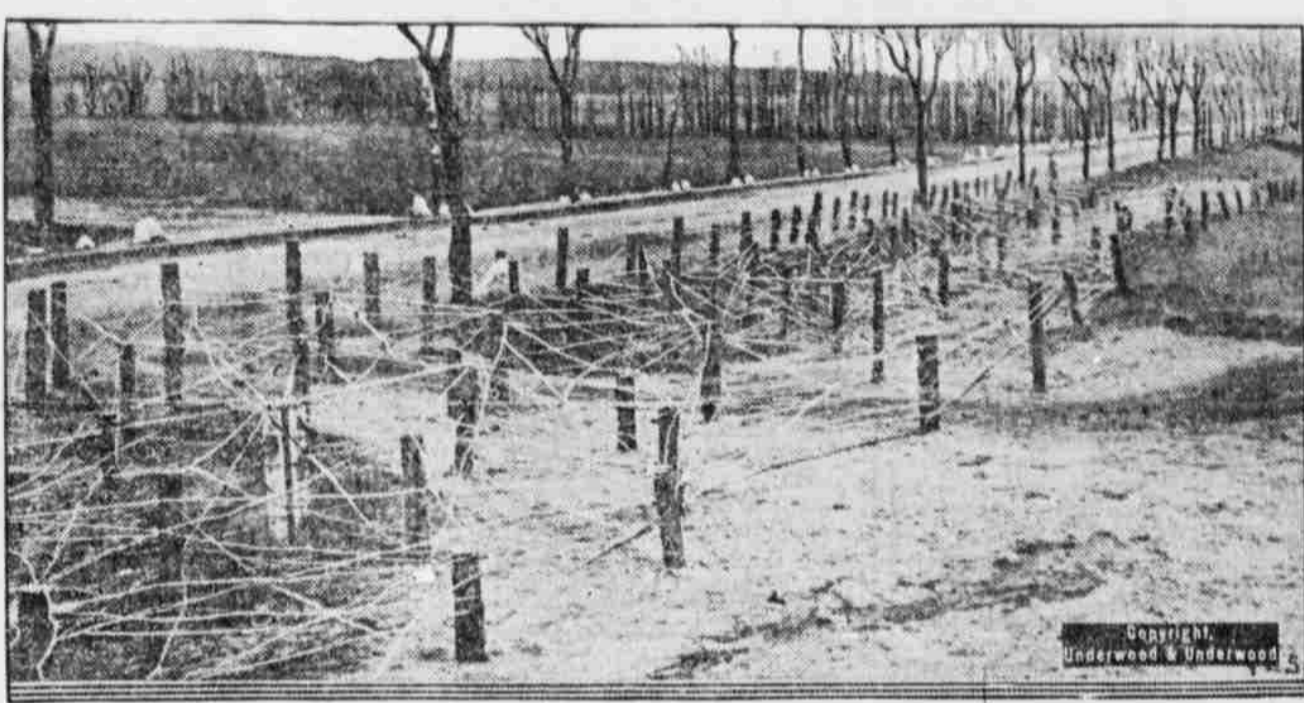
Siberian artillery and (inset) infantry photographed in Warsaw just after their arrival there to help defend the city against the German army.

WINTRY WEATHER IN THE BRITISH TRENCHES



British officers, privates and Red Cross men in the trenches trying to keep warm around a fire while their food is being prepared.

BARBED WIRE ALONG THE FRONTIER



All along the German-Russian border barbed wire entanglements have been erected by both the Germans and the Russians as a protection against raiding parties from either side. The photograph shows one of these barbed wire entanglements and barricades. All along the road, on both sides of it, are huge stones, painted white. Guards have been placed along the lines to give alarm when a raiding party is seen. These guards are dressed so that they take on the appearance of the wayside rocks. Under the tree in the foreground may be seen one of these guards wearing a white great coat.

HOMETOWN HELPS

SHRUB SHOULD PROVE BOON

Possibility That Plant Long Sought For Has Been Discovered in Western Texas. Most flowering shrubs have their short season of bloom, and though at that time they are of great beauty, the flowers last only a short time. Then we must be content to look at the green foliage, and attractive though that is, we wish for a longer season of bloom.

The wish is met in the discovery in the mountains of western Texas, in the semi-arid regions, of a shrub which bears the name Salvia Gregii.

We all know the alluring beauty of the annual salvia splendens. At a season when flowers are scarce it clothes itself in a splendor and keeps up the procession of beauty until arrested by the frosts. Now if we could clothe a shapely shrub with this radiant profusion and have it in bloom a long time, we would have just what we have been looking for for years.

The Salvia Gregii is a shapely shrub three or four feet tall, well branched and often of a globular form. It commences blooming early. It clothes itself with a splendor of glowing red for about two months. Then it slacks up a little, but as autumn approaches, and most other flowers have gone, it puts on its scarlet robes again, almost overwhelming the plant with the splendid flowers. Probably no shrub ever discovered is more attractive. The question comes up as to whether it will stand the northern climate. Florists have not been in haste to disseminate it. They have sent it to several of the northern states, where it has proved hardy. During the awful drought of last year in Kansas it stood the test bravely and kept right on blooming. In Massachusetts and Pennsylvania it came through the winter all right. Because its habitat is the high, dry portions of the West, it will doubtless prove well adapted to the heat and drought of Kansas and Nebraska. It certainly has the power to resist heat and drought and will withstand the winter.

EXAMPLE IN CITY PLANNING

New York's Preparation for the Future is Worthy of Emulation by Any Community.

New York city has a committee on city planning. This committee is composed of the five borough presidents and the president of the board of aldermen of the greater city. Its particular purpose, or hope, at this time is to make the city a capable dwelling place for 12,000,000 persons before this generation is succeeded.

That is a stimulating lesson for little big cities. It proves that "it is never too late to mend." It proves, indeed, that the more a city grows the more it must amend and pay for the shortsightedness of its youth.

If New York (with 6,000,000 people already and all pretty well crowded together, with real estate values up beyond the dreams of avarice) can take up the neglected work of widening streets, creating open air spots and all the rest of it, what is there to daunt any city? Should selfishness of property owners be permitted now to interfere with a city's making itself capable and efficient for all the needs of all the people that are soon to make it a greater city?

Work of Men of Highest Ability.

Before the nineteenth century not only the men who executed, but especially the men who directed the work of laying out cities, were possessed of much broader and more general culture than today can be found in those men who hold most influential positions. The most convincing examples were the princes of the old regime, who in so many cases were the pushing force that brought about the great artistic achievements in city planning that we admire today. These men, as a rule, made it their business to keep in constant touch with the leading exponents of the best and newest ideas. All over Italy, Germany and France courts could be found where the best artists, painters, architects, engineers and thinkers on every subject.

Only in this atmosphere of perpetually enlightened discussion and congenial criticism could the fine conceptions in artistic city planning grow, the realizations of which have stood the test century after century.

Artistic Lamp Posts.

Designed to embody beauty as well as service lamp posts erected on one of the streets of Los Angeles are fitted with large flower boxes which circle the poles just beneath the cluster of lights which they support. These are filled the year around with ferns and other plants which droop gracefully over the sides of the baskets, always fresh and green. The effect is striking, giving the street just enough of the artistic to take away from it much of that severely commercial appearance characteristic of most business thoroughfares in American cities.—Popular Mechanics.

Limbs in Literature.

"You've read 'The Heavenly Twins?'" asked an Englishman of an Irishman. "Yes, I have." "And have you read 'Looking Backwards?'" "How the devil could I do that?" said Pat.—London Evening Standard.

Natural Indignation.

"What is Cholly so indignant about?" "He was about to offer a girl a platonic regard." "Well?" She spoke first, and told him that was all the could offer him.—Kansas Journal.

WAR DELAYS THEIR WEDDING



Miss Elizabeth Reid Rogers, a society belle of Washington, and Prince Christian of Hesse, nephew of the kaiser and a captain in the German navy, whose engagement has been announced. The prince says he will renounce his title to overcome imperial objections to the marriage, the date for which depends on the fortunes of war.

LUXURY IN THE TRENCHES



To keep an army personally clean is one of the immense tasks that confront the commanders. The photograph shows a shower bath contrived in the French trenches north of Soissons, only a hundred yards from the German lines.

Novel Means of Communication.

Wounded British soldiers in the hands of the Germans have hit upon a novel way of communicating with their families and friends at home. They subscribe small sums of money to the German Red Cross society, but as few of them have any cash they fill up a draft or sign a check to be sent to London and honored. On the back of the draft the banker is requested to communicate the news of the drawer's safety to his home. Tommy Atkins thinks it is well worth a dollar subscription.

New Phonograph.

A New Jersey inventor has adapted a phonograph for use with various kinds of records, such as those in which the groove is laterally undulating and those in which the undulations are vertical, by supplying a plurality of reproducers, any of which may be brought into operative position and communication with the interior of the sound conveyor.

PROCLAIMING THE HOLY WAR



The Sheikh-ul-Islam, Turkish high priest, proclaiming the holy war against the allies, in front of the Mosque of Faith in Constantinople.

WITH GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS

Russian Commander in Chief Directs the Great War Machine Like Clockwork.

Petrograd.—"What I saw at the headquarters of the Russian commander in chief, Grand Duke Nicholas, would convince a blind man that Russia has made great strides in ten years," writes a correspondent of the Russkoe Slovo. "At headquarters there is not an individual who is not absolutely necessary for the work to be done. The silence of a monastery reigns there, and you can distinctly hear the pulse beats of the army. Work begins in the early morning, frequently before daybreak. 'I dined with the grand duke. It was a truly spartan table. There was no intoxicating drink—only water—at this quick, quiet meal. Everybody wore the sort of expression which indicates that there is not a minute to be lost, that all the time must be utilized to the full. In spite of this, the atmosphere was democratic, there was no air of official importance about any one.'"

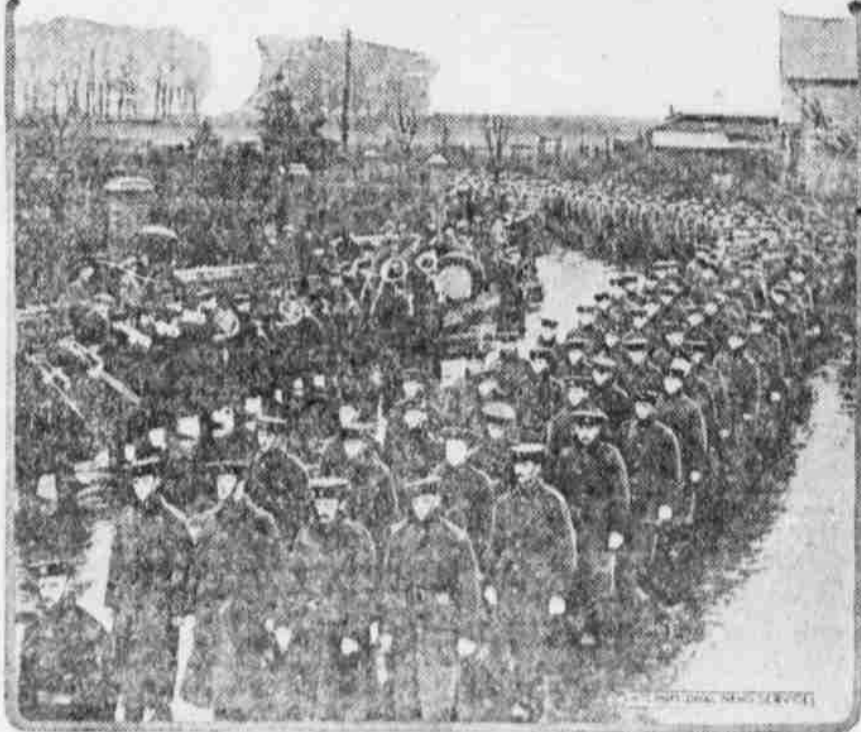
"It is clear that in our army there have been revived the resourcefulness of Peter the Great, the iron will of Souvaroff and the dash of Skobelev."

RUSSIANS NEAR CITY OF CRACOW



Russian officer with Cossack scouts making observations of the position of the Austrian troops in the vicinity of Cracow.

FUNERAL OF BULWARK'S VICTIMS



Marches in the funeral procession of the victims of the sinking of the British battleship Bulwark entering the cemetery at Gillingham, England.

"Mother," British Howitzer, is Very Effective.

London.—A British officer sends from the front a grimly humorous description of the recent additions to the artillery arm of the expeditionary force.

"Our artillery," he writes, "is being gradually re-enforced and we are able now to reply to the German heavy howitzers with shell, that is even weightier than their much-vaunted Black Marias. The howitzer I refer to is 'Mother.' She has been so christened by the Tommies, and the name is not inappropriate. She is of maternal dimensions, but comely withal, and has done excellent work while she has been with us, and more than one of her family of field batteries scattered round the front owes its existence to the attention Mother has devoted to the German eight-inch heavy howitzers. 'Mother's' shell weighs 300 pounds. She ranges most accurately, and, indeed, she has had four direct

hits on German guns in the past fortnight. A direct hit is only recorded by the alarm when the shell actually strikes the enemy's gun.

"Mother is usually accompanied by 'Archibald,' which is one of the new anti-aeroplane guns. Archie is mounted on a motorlorry, and yesterday brought down a Taube aeroplane, much to our delight. He fires a 13-pound shrapnel shell and is becoming more expert in his attentions to hostile aircraft. Our new machine battery is still doing its good work."

ON CAPTURED COSSACK HORSES



German landsturm patrol on the East Prussia frontier riding Cossack horses captured from the Russians.

Are Cool and Fearless Fighters.

Sikh clan, consisting of tall, stalwart fellows who are a distinct contrast to the Mazhis, who are short, rather inclined to be stout, and have very dark skin and irregular features. All the clans, however, are noted for their great powers of endurance, fighting qualities and skill in handling a gun and bayonet. Indeed, it has often been said by military experts that there is no more cool and effective soldier in the world than the Sikh.