

1—American soldier in training camp equipped for bayonet drill. 2—French troops marching along the country roads on the way to the trenches at Verdun. 3—Heavy howitzer of the allies in the deep snow on the western front.

SCENE AT FIRST AID STATION ON THE MEUSE FRONT



"Blesses" (wounded men) leaving a first aid station close behind the lines at Bras, in the Meuse sector, after having had their wounds treated.

THEIR CHURCH IN A RUINED VILLAGE



Canadian troopers leaving the improvised church which they have arranged in a little French village that has been shot all to pieces.

KNITTING MACHINE SPEEDS UP WORK



The comforts committee of the Navy League of the United States has installed in its headquarters several knitting machines for making sweaters, mufflers, socks and other wearing apparel for our fighters. A pair of socks can be turned out on a machine in 35 minutes. An appeal has been sent out to patriotic knitters to operate machines instead of knitting by hand, and thereby speed up the work.

IN MEMORY OF VIMY HEROES



This monument has been erected to the Canadian artillerymen who fell during the great battle of Vimy Ridge. Real German shells are used at the base to support the chains.

Made in America.

Scene: A cigar store—at inventory time, evidently, for in addition to the usual shelf and counter displays the floor is piled high with boxes, jars and crates of "smokes" of every description. Enter an elderly and respectable person.

E. and R. P. (solemnly)—I beg your pardon. Have you any cigars or cigarettes here?

Clerk (gravely) — One moment, please. I'll see.  
If there be such a thing as a distinctively American brand of humor, perhaps that conversation is as good an example as any. In Germany the clerk would have been insulted; in France he would have laughed; in England he would have said: "Yes, sir."—Collier's Weekly.

Records of Severe Winters.

In old records of hard winters in the middle ages the race today hardly recognizes the planet it lives on. For example: In the year 401 the Black sea was entirely frozen over. In 462 the Danube was frozen, so that Theodomer marched on the ice to Swabs to avenge his brother's death. In 763 the cold was so intense that the Strait of Dardanelles and the Black sea were entirely frozen over. The snow in some places was 50 feet deep, and the ice was heaped in such quantities on the cities as to cause the walls to fall down.

CHILDREN GREET AMERICAN MARINES IN FRANCE



Truckload of American marines on a road in France, greeted by the children with cheers and bouquets.

AMERICAN RED CROSS AMBULANCES AID ITALIANS



The American Red Cross ambulances that were sent to Italy to help the Italian forces have arrived at the front. This photograph, which has just arrived in this country, shows the ambulances crossing the Piazza del Duomo in Milan on their way to the battleground.

MISS BLANCHE GEARY



American women who journey to Paris during this war have now a hotel of their own where they can stop. The Y. W. C. A. has opened the Hotel Petrograd especially for their comfort and placed Miss Blanche Geary in charge as manager. Miss Geary is well fitted for the task, for she is the building construction expert of the Y. W. C. A. Before going abroad for the association she superintended the contracts for the Y. W. C. A. hostess houses at Plattsburg, Fort Worth, Tex.; Fort Riley and Army City, Kan.; Lawton, Okla., and Allentown, Pa.

Wildcats Stop Mining.

Three wildcats tied up operations at the mines of the Abel (Pa.) Coal company and incidentally cut down the production 200 tons.

The animals had been prowling about the mines for a week or more, and on one morning, the heavy white frost on the ground showed the miners that the cats had gone into the mines.

There was no evidence of their having come out, and the miners assembled at the entrance and sent some of the men to get guns.

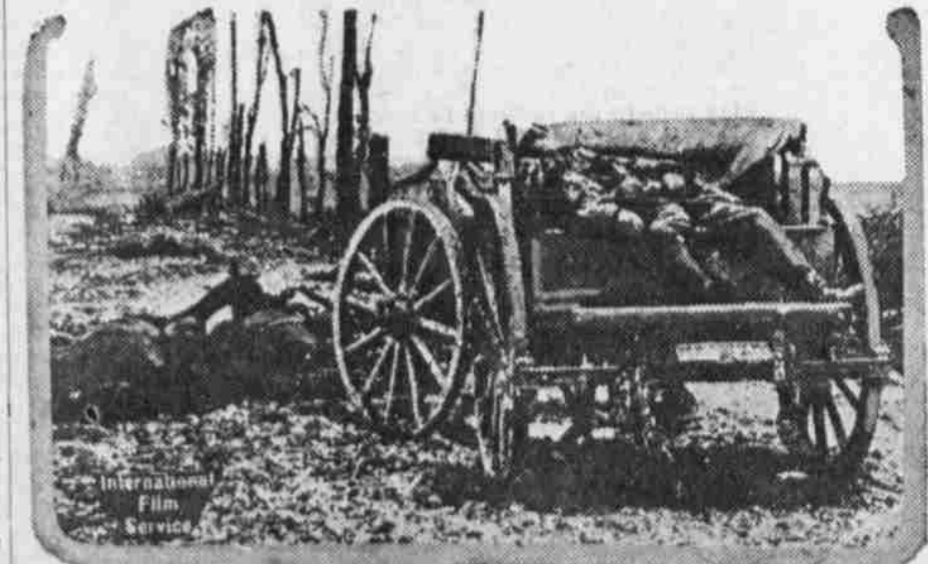
On account of the unusual conditions existing in the mines it was late before the last cat was killed. No coal was mined while the men were hunting the cats.

MAKING PICTURES UNDER SHELL FIRE



When you pick up one of the many publications which print war photographs and see startling pictures of actual fighting at the front, or when you see real battle scenes on the screen, very rarely do you think of the hazard the photographers run who make the photographs. This picture shows French photographic operators working near the front lines within the range of enemy fire. The smoke from an exploded shell can be seen. The men in the photographic division who make the photographs for war records and for the intelligence bureau are in as much danger as the men in the trenches.

THE GRIM HARVEST OF WAR



In the midst of the desolation of war in northern France lie a German transport driver and his team, killed by a single high explosive shell.