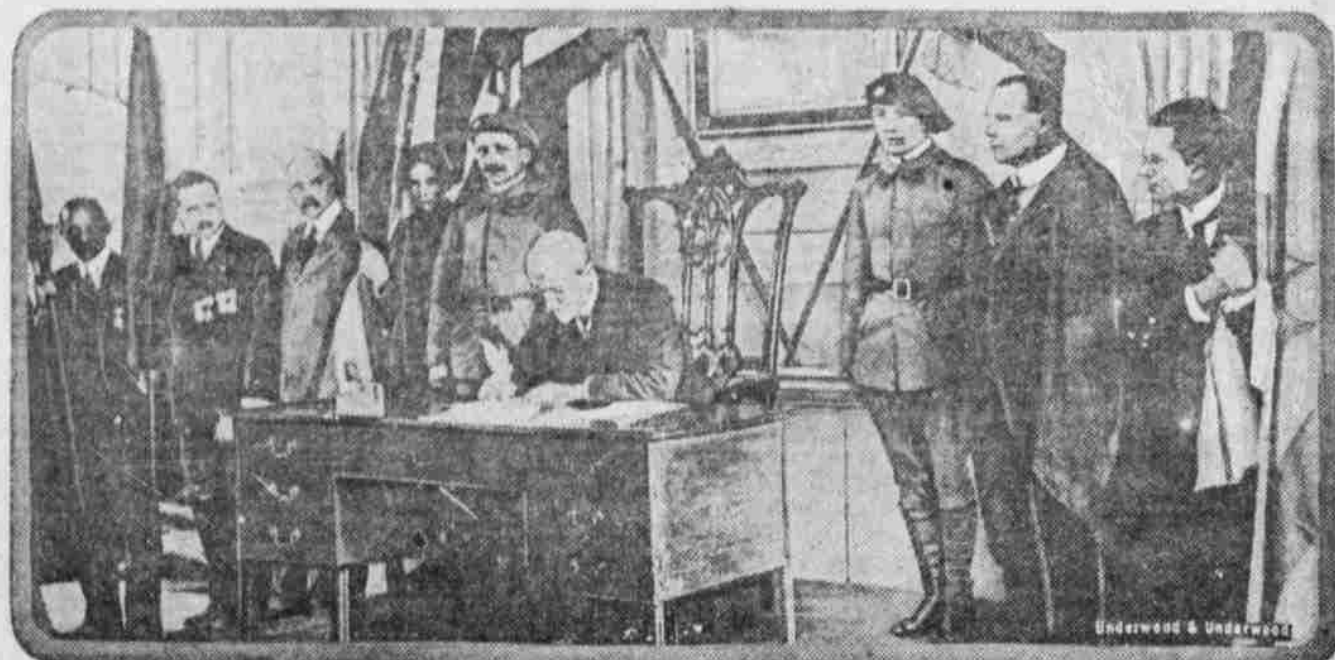


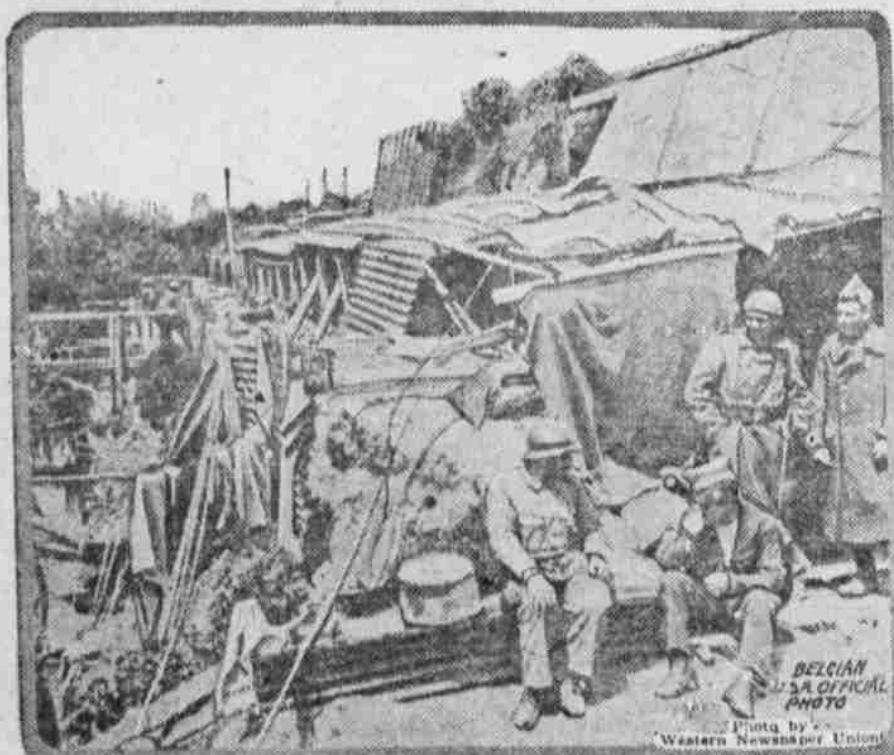
1—Services by the French Memorial society at the graves of American soldiers who fought and died at Belleau wood, which has been renamed "The Wood of the Americans." 2—American engineers returning from duty in the St. Mihiel salient, passing through Nonsard. 3—One of the British 15-inch guns mounted on a monitor operating on the Piave river, Italy.

SIGNING A NEW DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



Independence hall, Philadelphia, was again the scene of the signing of a Declaration of Independence. Headed by Prof. T. G. Masaryk, prime minister for the newly recognized Czechoslovak republic, a delegation of men representing a number of the subject races of Austria-Hungary signed the Declaration of Independence of the mid-European union. In the photograph Prof. Masaryk is signing the declaration.

ON THE RECAPTURED BELGIAN FRONT



One of the corners of a new sector recaptured from the retreating Huns by the Belgians who are gallantly and steadily reclaiming their land.

YANK TANK GOING OVER THE TOP



One of the many tanks that took part in the capture of the St. Mihiel salient by the troops under the command of General Pershing is here shown plowing its way through a trench and starting toward the German lines.

MISCELLANEOUS

Youngstown, O., has appointed a commissioner to compel all males up to fifty to go to work.
An electrically driven machine has been invented to take the place of the edger in shipyards.

Crabs are past masters in the art of camouflaging. One of their favorite devices is to take advantage of their natural resemblance to certain rocks.
One of the largest confectionery establishments in the world, employing 2,500 hands, is located in the Japanese city of Tokyo.

HELPS FIGHT INFLUENZA



Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, owner of the famous Biltmore estate in North Carolina, has volunteered her services as driver of her own automobile to assist in emergency work in fighting the influenza in Washington. She has dismissed her chauffeur and reports at nine o'clock every morning for duty.

The Sandal in History.

In time the sandal came to have many forms. Two varieties developed in Greece for use in dramatic performances; the sock for comedy, the buskin for tragedy. The buskin reached to the knee, was something like a high Wellington boot, and showed very thick soles, intended to increase the stature. The sock reached only to the ankle, and appears to have been worn when quick movement was desired. It was in Rome that the sandal began to take a shape something like our modern shoe. There are in eastern Europe peoples, whose civilization was derived from Rome, who still cling to the unformed sandal, but the Rome of Augustus was more luxurious. The footgear of patricians was decorated with golden clasps and embroideries, and shoe-making became an elaborate trade.

Its Meaning.

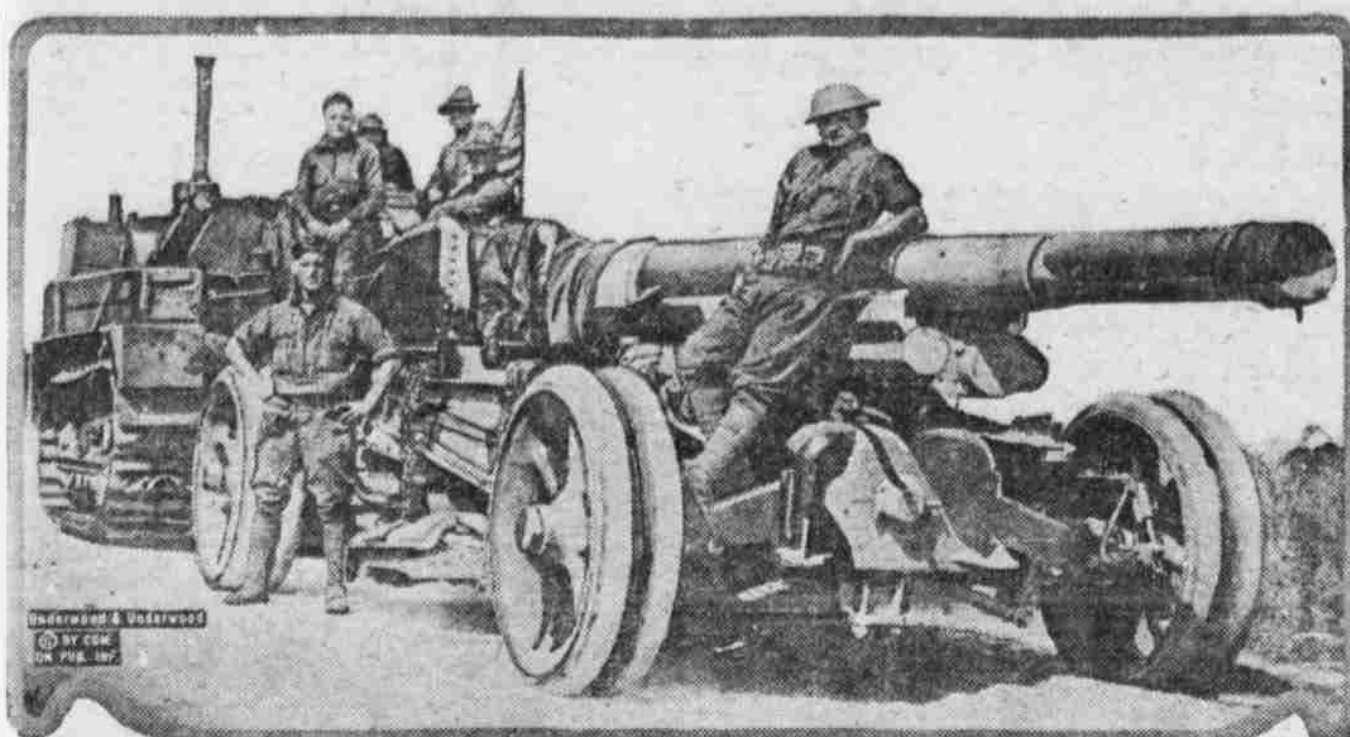
"If sailors are superstitious, it is wonder they use champagne for a launching."

"Why shouldn't they use it?"
"Because, naturally, they would take it for a sign that the launching would be a fizzle."

A Predicament.

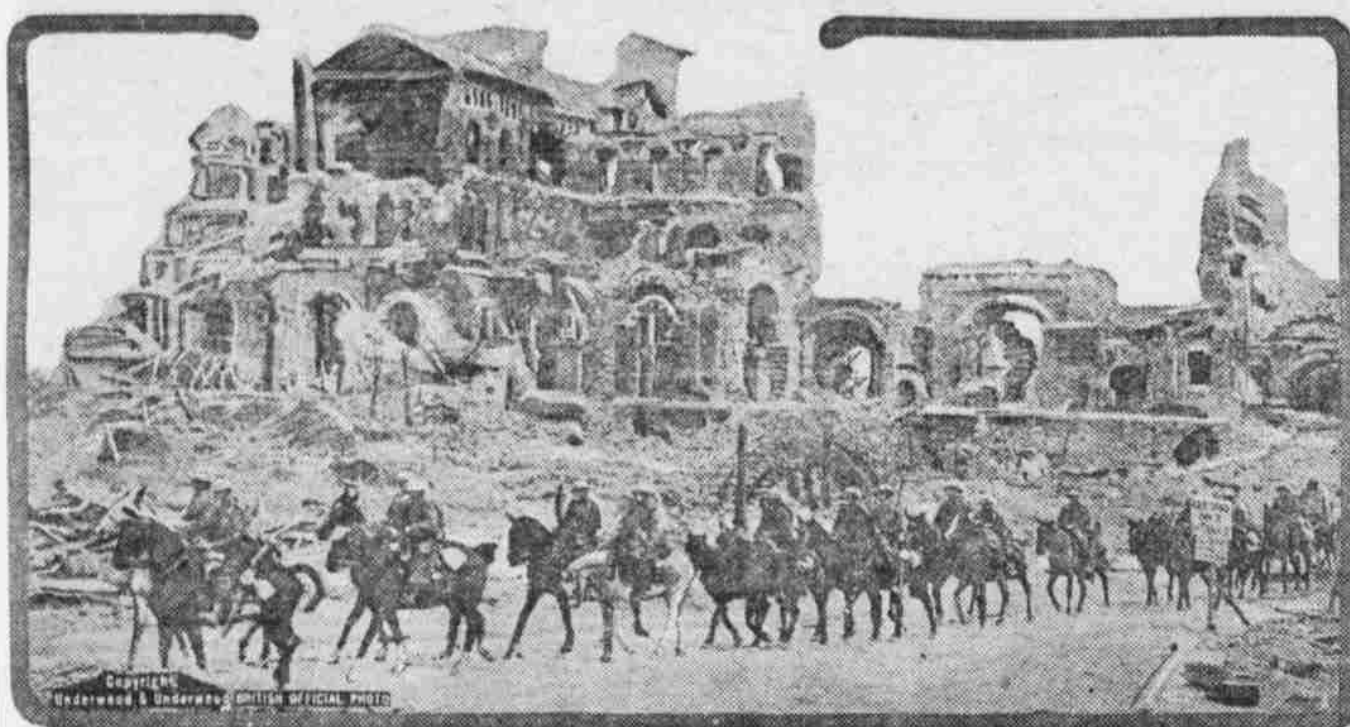
"As I went along this morning, I suddenly heard a man yelling for help."
"What was the matter with him?"
"He couldn't get a cock."

AN AMERICAN EDUCATOR OF THE BOCHE



This 150-millimeter gun and others of its kind educated the Boche to respect America. The tractor hauls it to the scene of action in the Vesle river region.

BRITISH CAVALRY PURSUING THE FLEEING HUNS



This British official photograph shows a detachment of British cavalry moving forward to join in the pursuit of the retreating Germans, passing by what remains of the famous and once beautiful Albert cathedral.

BELGIUM'S BRAVE QUEEN



Latest photograph of Elizabeth, queen of Belgium, whose bravery has been equal to that of her soldier husband, the king. She has spent much of her time nursing and cheering her gallant wounded soldiers, and not very long ago went to England and back in an airplane.

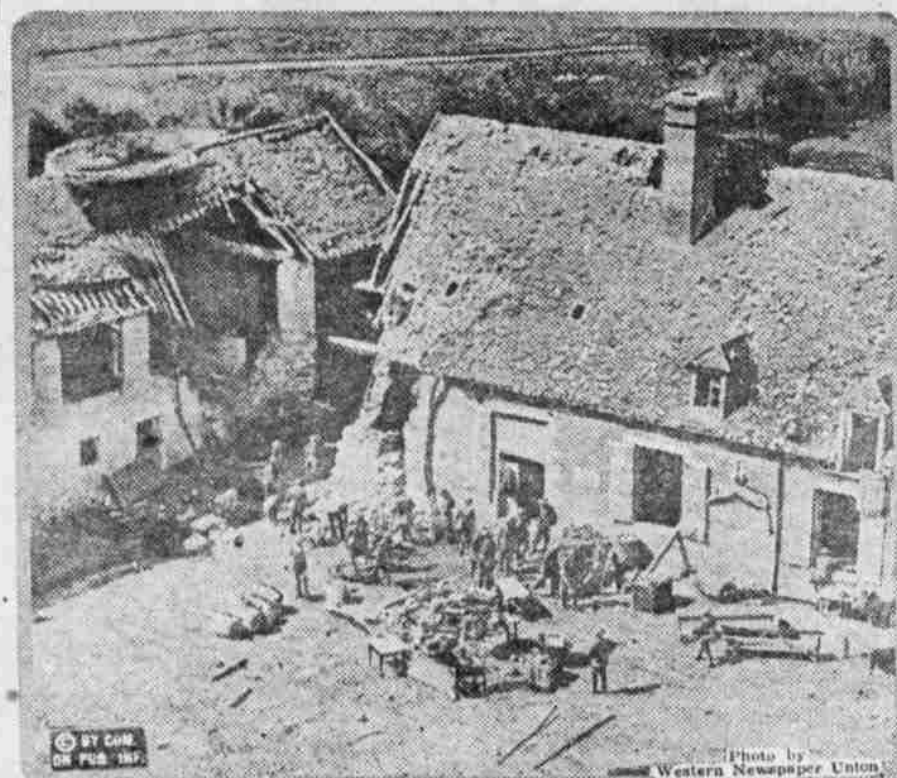
Proper Use of Friction Tape.

The Electrical Review is authority for the statement that friction tape should not be wrapped directly upon bare copper wires in electrical work. It should have an underlying layer of rubber or some other form of protecting fabric. Friction tape has a greater tendency to dry out when wrapped on itself, and a fairly airtight and solid joint is difficult to make. Such a joint instead tends to work loose and has low insulating properties. However, more important still, most friction tapes contain chemicals such as sulphur, which, when in direct contact with copper, will attack it chemically, causing corrosion. This weakens the insulating covering, and will reduce the copper cross-section, and thereby reduce the conductivity and mechanical strength of the conductor.

The Kind.

"Some dreadful charges can be brought against this U-boat warfare."
"The submarines won't cure us as long as they are not depth charges."

OLD FORTRESS TAKEN BY YANKS



American troops in occupation at an ancient fortress in the Unateau-Thierry district, where they stormed the place and rid it of a garrison of Boches. The photograph shows the Yanks occupying a corner of the courtyard below the tower of Nesles shortly after the battle.

TURNING THEIR GUNS AGAINST THEM



Boche machine guns captured from the Germans by the Americans are turned over for repairs to the Yankee mobile ordnance repair shops. These men quickly put the guns in working order and ship them back to the firing line to be turned on the enemy.

GATHERED FACTS

Mrs. Maurice Hewlett, an English woman, is the first of her sex to gain an air pilot's certificate.
A union of telephone girls has been organized in Toronto with a membership of more than 700.

Women are expected to have a virtual monopoly of the American vaudeville stage when the new draft law comes into effect.

The first statue erected in London in memory of a woman, other than royalty, was that to Florence Nightingale, the famous war nurse.