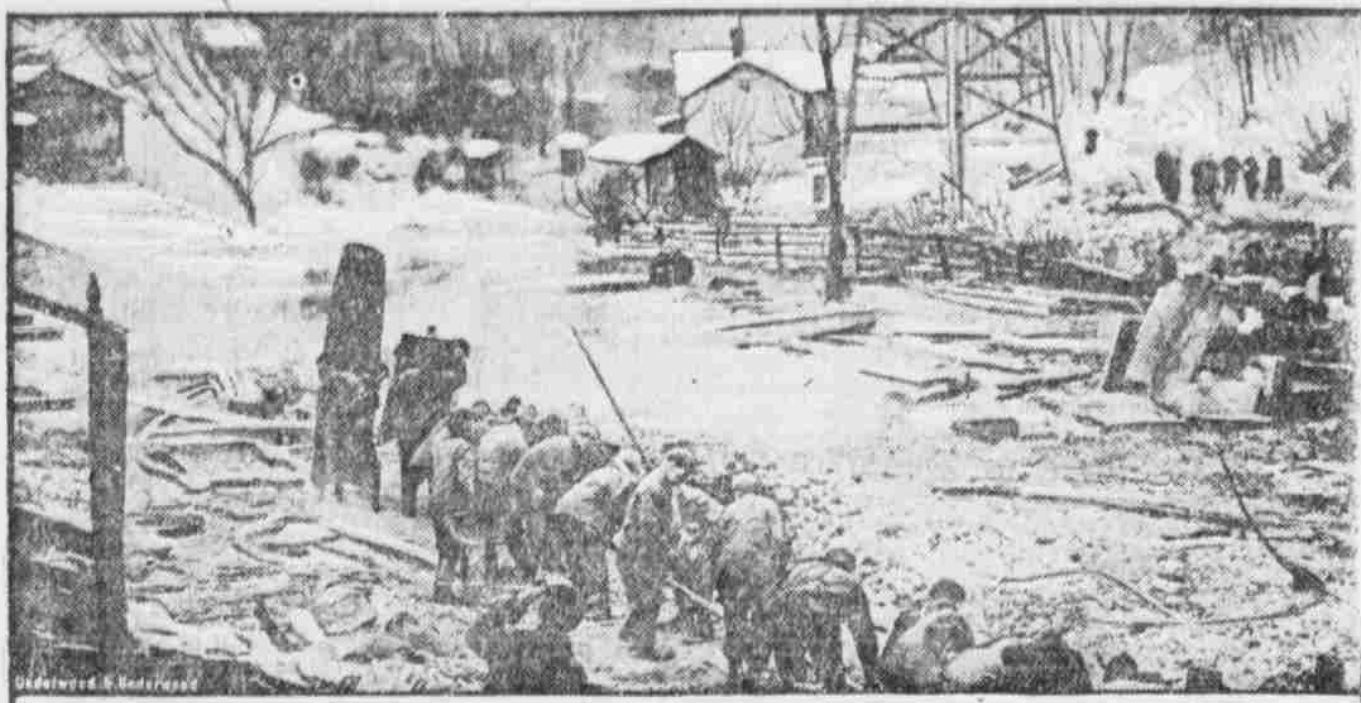
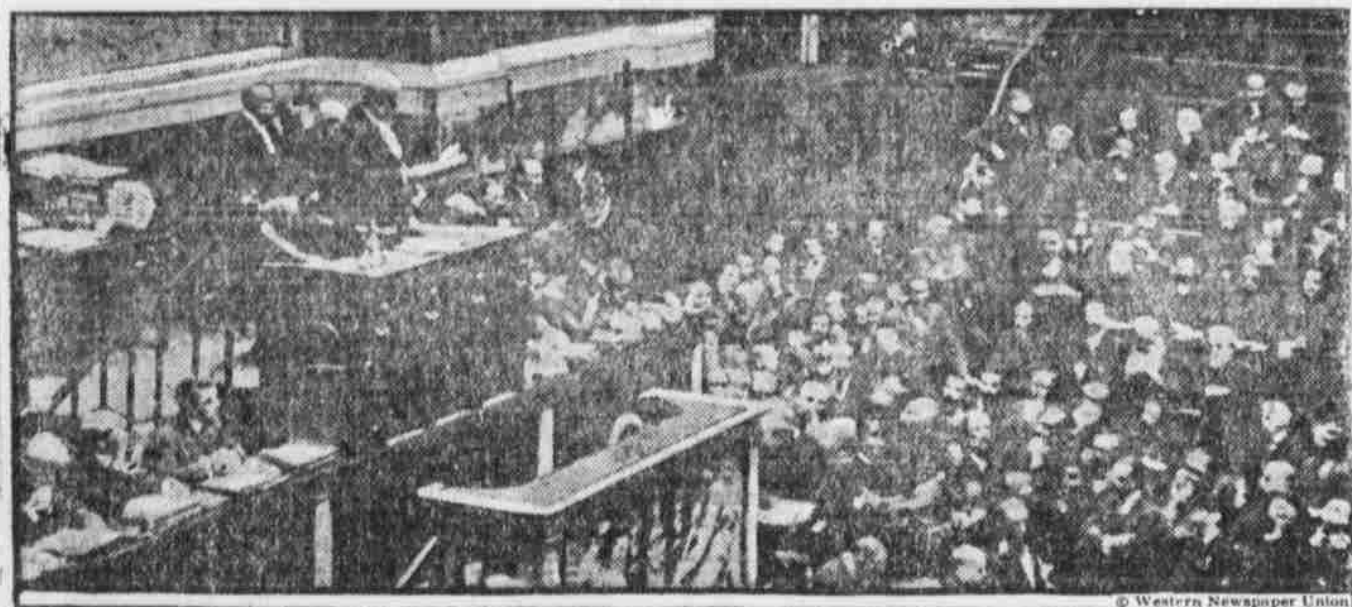


FIGHTING A BURNING WELL IN NEW GAS DISTRICT



Men fighting a gas well fire at Snake Hollow, just outside McKeesport, Pa., where vast quantities of natural gas have been discovered recently. The men with the long pipe are trying to knock the cap off the well so the fire can be extinguished with steam.

OPENING OF FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES



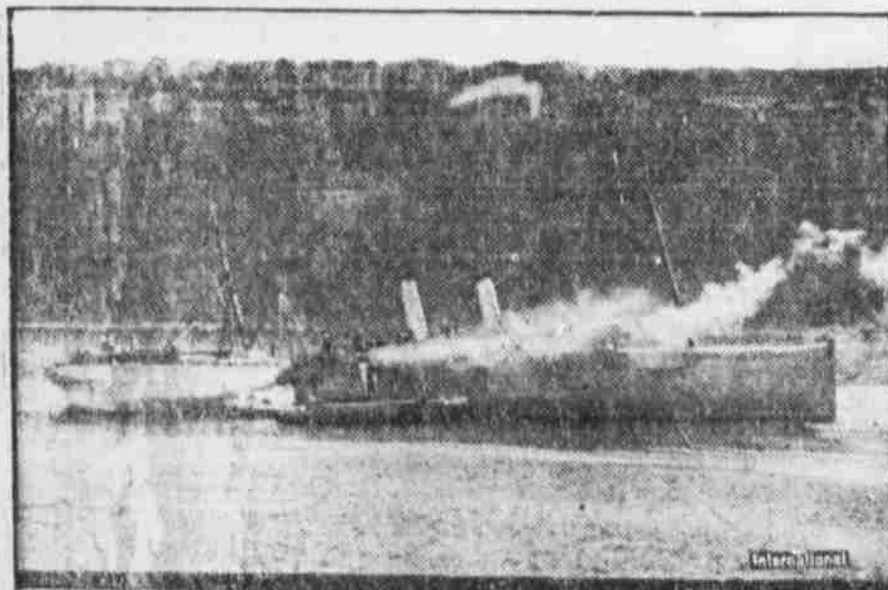
A scene in Bourbon palace, taken at the opening of the French chamber of deputies for the session of 1919-1920. M. Bieffried, the oldest French deputy, may be seen reading the opening speech, with Paul Deschanel, the president, presiding.

TO BRING BACK OUR DEAD FROM FRANCE



Six officers and sixty civilian employees have gone to Europe in connection with the bringing back to the United States of the bodies of our soldiers killed in France. This photograph shows from left to right: Lieut. G. S. Wright of California; Capt. W. H. Robertson of South Dakota, in charge of the party, and Lieut. F. McIntosh of California.

AMERICAN TROOPSHIP DEKALB ON FIRE



A burning photograph of the United States troopship DeKalb, formerly the German railway Prince Eitel Friedrich, on fire in the Hudson river near Spuyten Duyck. All of the members of the skeleton crew of 300 escaped unharmed.

POSTSCRIPTS

Canada is nearly as large in area as the whole of Europe.

Mexico has a tribe of Indians whose language is limited to about 300 words and who cannot count more than 10.

What is said to be the smallest practical electric motor forms a new dental tool holder and weighs but four ounces.

About one-third of the world's gold comes from a strip of land in the United States six miles long and fifty wide.

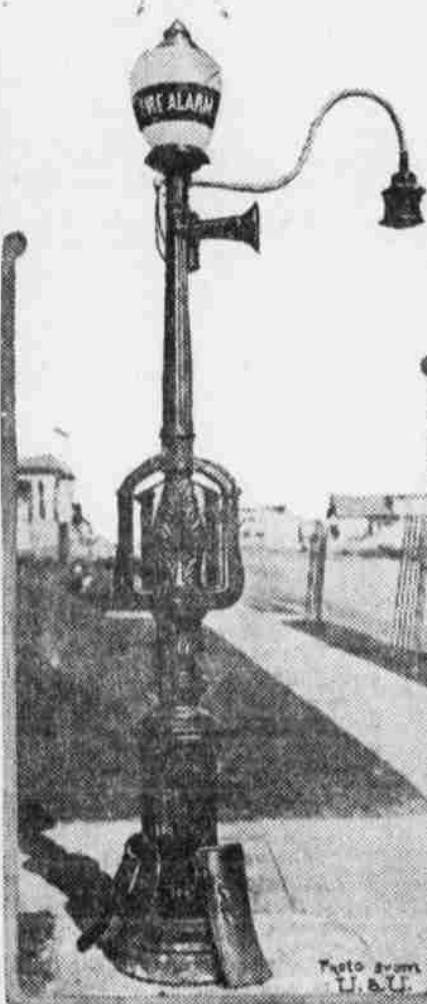
Of the world's boots and shoes, more than 47 per cent are made in Massachusetts.

The miserable tenements of the London slums are being replaced by modern buildings.

None of the Spanish railways is fitted with block signals, nor, in fact, with any signal system.

Less expensive than a bristle brush, a shaving brush made of a hemispherical piece of rubber sponge has been invented.

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM



Atlantic City has installed a new fire alarm system in which a horn placed above the fire alarm box automatically starts immediately an alarm is turned in. The alarm boxes have been placed at every other corner along the main avenue. When an alarm is sent in not only does the particular alarm box in which alarm was sounded release its horn, but every horn along the line of route to the fire begins blowing, thus warning pedestrians and vehicles.

Ants That Make Biscuits.

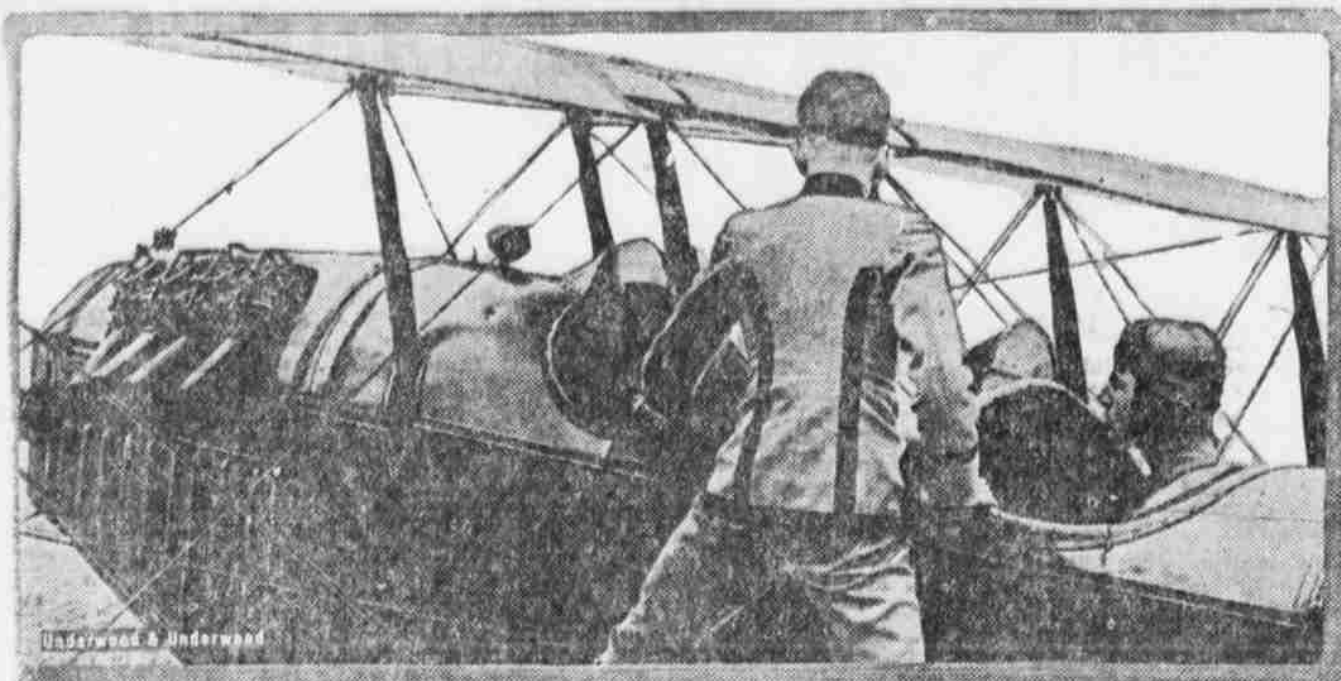
According to recent studies of the common Mediterranean ant, the seeds which are collected are kept for a time dry and are eventually put out in the rain so that they begin to germinate. This has the advantage of bursting the hard seed-coats, and in some cases of starting processes of fermentation. At a certain stage, however, the ants kill the embryo-plant by biting off the radicle or other parts, and the seeds are dried again in the sun.

According to Neger the dried seeds of some leguminous plants for instance, are then taken back into the nest and chewed into dough. This is dried once again in the sun in the form of biscuits, which are eventually put into the cupboard.—New York Herald.

Simple Test of Cloth.

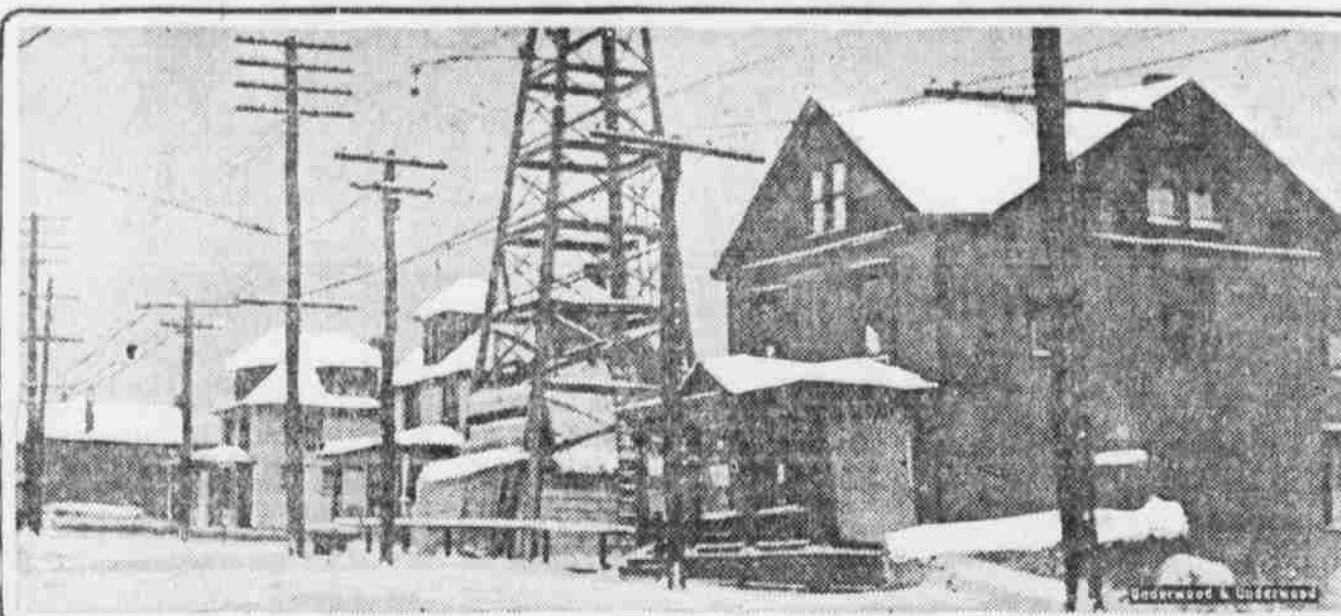
The department of commerce says that the best and simplest test of cloth is to burn a small piece of it. If it is pure wool, it will char and roll up with very little flame. If it is cotton mixture, it will burn steadily and leave little or no ash. Another test is to fray a piece of the goods. The cotton will break smoothly at the ends; and the wool will present a ragged appearance.

TEACHING COMMERCIAL AVIATION IN A COLLEGE



Pennsylvania Military college, at Chester, Pa., has started a course in commercial aviation. The photo shows pilots learning to operate a plane.

GAS WELLS AMONG HOUSES IN SNAKE HOLLOW, PA.



Scene in Snake Hollow, near McKeesport, Pa., the newly discovered natural gas district. The wells are drilled in the streets and among the houses.

SHE ELUDED D'ANNUNZIO



Miss Mazie E. Clemens, special representative of the National Catholic war council and noted writer, disguised herself as an Italian peasant girl and managed to enter Fiume in defiance of D'Annunzio's "blockade order." She carried necessary food and clothing in the bags and subsisted mostly on grapes.

His Poignant Regret.

Two members of a certain well-known club dined for a number of years always at a small table at the far end of a dining room, where one chair stood with back to the wall, with a view towards the apartment, while another set opposite. The member who had the claim of seniority to the better position died and his friend, on the day of the funeral, was sitting thoughtfully and alone in the chair with the back to the wall.

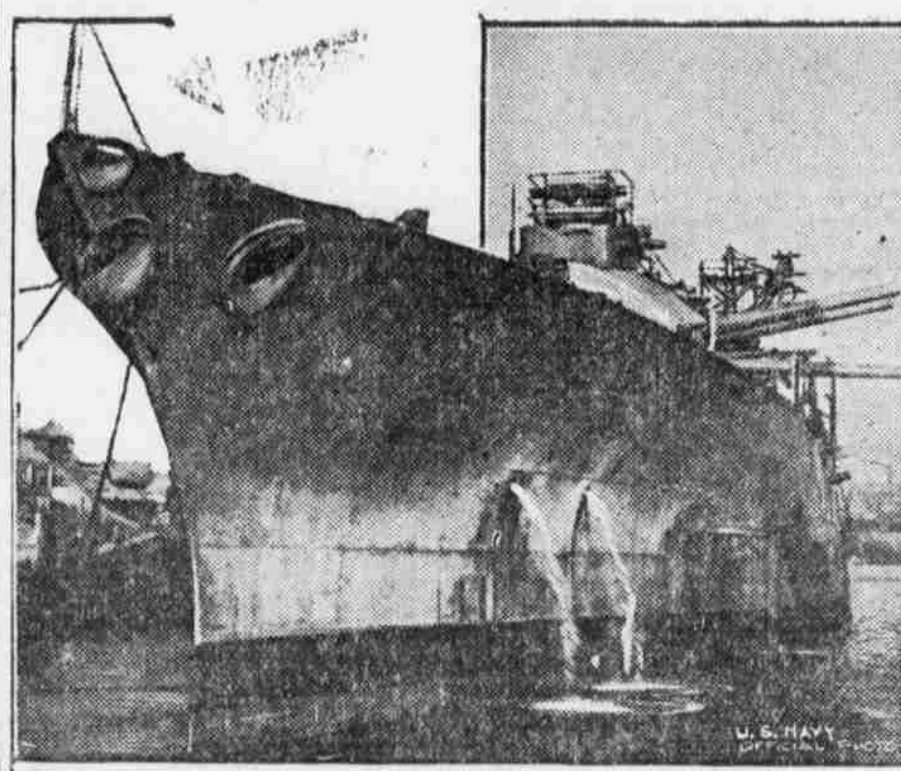
"Pray forgive me," said a younger member earnestly, but I must really, sir, venture to offer my profound sympathy. You and he were such devoted cronies that I can well imagine the feeling which is yours now that your companion—

"True, true," quavered the surviving friend with considerable emotion. "This is, as you suggest, an impressive moment for me. One of those occasions not likely to be forgotten. The old scoundrel kept me, as a matter of fact, out of this chair for well over a quarter of a century."—"Flaneur" in Indianapolis Star.

We Have Met Such People.

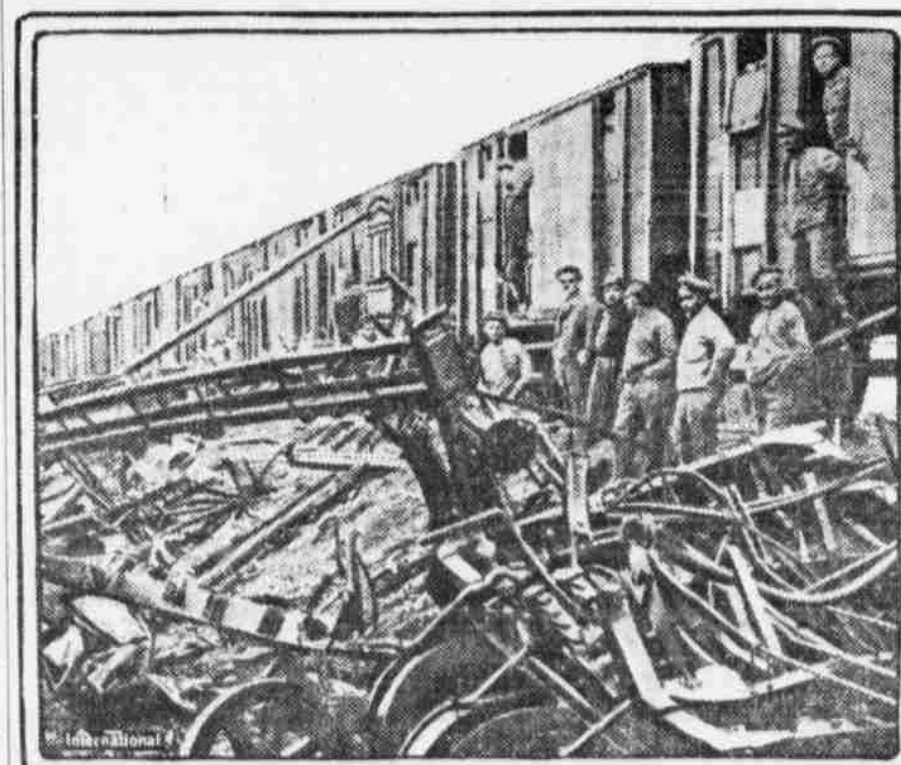
"Some people's ideas of heaven and of politics," said Senator Sorghum, "are very much the same. They consult their own imaginations as to the kind that would suit their personal tastes and then stand out for it till doomsday."

THE TENNESSEE NEARING COMPLETION



How view of the great superdreadnaught U. S. S. Tennessee, which is nearing completion at the Brooklyn navy yard. She was launched April 30 1919, and when completed will be one of the largest and most powerful battle-ships afloat.

ROLLING STOCK DESTROYED BY THE REDS



Rolling stock on the Trans-Siberian railway which was destroyed by bolsheviks. In many cases the wrecked cars were pushed from the track and rolled down into the nearest ditch so as to facilitate uninterrupted passage of other trains.

CONDENSED INFORMATION

Cuba is the greatest consumer of raisins among Spanish-American nations.

To lessen the noise of water falling into a bathtub an inventor has patented an extension tube for faucets.

In an English inventor's belt-driven automobile changes of speed are made by moving the belt from one set of pulleys to another.

The 66 books of the Bible were written by 40 men during a period of 1,600 years.

There are 782 varieties of arctic flowers which have but two colors, white and yellow.

What is said to be the smallest electric motor forms a new dental tool holder and weighs but four ounces.

Electrically operated oilers for machinery have been invented that can be controlled from central switchboards.