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OTTOMAN EMPIRE ALMOST DECLARES WAR ON ITSELF
NATIONS STRUGGLE TO REMEMBER ALLIES

From the London and Washington Bureaus, Aug. 4.—After weeks of unbearable tension following the assassination of the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, the great European powers have declared war on one another in a bitter struggle for something that is sure to be determined by war's end. Enmeshed in a confusing string of rivalries and alliances, diplomats, politicians, and military leaders



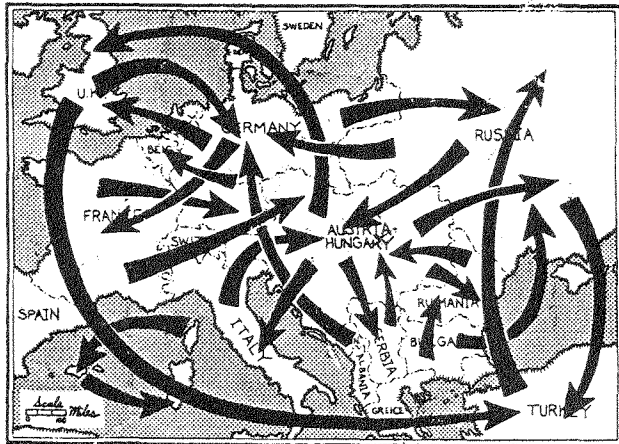
President Wilson, who has vowed to maintain U.S. apathy.

expect to wage tireless battles through the course of the war without any knowledge of the reason why.

"We are all idiots," said one Bulgarian official. "We are most likely fighting about something, but we're not exactly certain what that is."

"Crush the demon Frenchman!" the diplomat added. MEN ENLISTING FOR UNCLEAR BUT PATRIOTIC CAUSE

Millions of troops from the nations and their respective colonies are marching off, prepared to pay the ultimate price for the Central Powers' noble cause, which remains unclear as of presstime, or that of the



mighty Triple Entente alliance, which no one can really put his finger on, either.

CABLE NOTIFIES WILSON
President Woodrow Wilson received the fateful news via a trans-Atlantic cable communication from the U.S. consulate in London. The cable reads as follows:

WAR DECLARED BY GERMANY FRANCE BRITAIN AUSTRIA HUNGARY RUSSIA SERBIA OTTOMAN EMPIRE LUXEMBOURG BELGIUM MONTENEGRO ALBANIA GREECE RUMANIA BULGARIA AUSTRALIA CANADA IRELAND SCOTLAND SOUTH AFRICA WEST AFRICA INDIA WEST MORE TO NAME BUT OTHERS WAITING TO USE CABLE STOP ARCHDUKE OF AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE BEING SHOT SOMEHOW RELATED STOP

Indeed, a state of war did

not exist before the June 18th assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo, but some of the fast-mobilizing nations seem skeptical about crediting his death as the cause of this new and awesome world war.

NO EXPLANATION FOR WAR FOUND

French diplomats suggest that an obscure "Dead Archduke of Austria" clause that exists in the peace treaty signed by the French and the Prussians in 1871 could be to blame for the hostilities. Officials of the German Foreign Ministry, however, allege that the treaty was nullified by the "Kill Everybody" accord signed by the warring powers in 1912.

U.S. WILL ONLY WATCH

"The U.S. must remain apathetic," Wilson said in a statement released to the press. "But we extend our blessing and best wishes to

all European nations who wish to obliterate each other from the face of the Earth."

"WAR TO END ALL EUROPE"
American observers are calling this great, worldwide war the "War to End All Europe," as new technological warfare, untested in actual combat, may render the region incapable of holding another war for generations.

A MODERN WAR

Not every military expert, however, speculates that the forthcoming war will be as destructive as is commonly believed. "The introduction of modern technology into the theater of war will change the face of warfare forever," Col. Andrew Waylan Horace said. "The clean, efficient use of war machines will make the fighting safer and the duration of the war shorter."

Horace expects no more than 22 people need lose their lives in this Great War.

ASSASSINATION OF ARCHDUKE SPREADS FEAR AT ARCHDUKE CONVENTION

The Hague, Netherlands, Aug. 4.—European archdukes attending their annual convention expressed alarm at the assassination of fellow aristocrat Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose end came at the hand of a Serbian nationalist in Sarajevo several weeks ago.

Archdukes attending the convention expressed concern for the issue of nobility safety, once considered a birthright. Most also claimed they had no knowledge of the Serbian demand for independence from Austria. "Could it be that the oppressed minority peoples in our own provinces are weary of centuries of authoritarian rule, as well?" asked Archduke Karl von Kremselz, who cut short a month-long fox-hunting jaunt to attend the convention.

The convention, held yearly since 1421, gives archdukes of diverse backgrounds an opportunity to get acquainted, exchange archduke ideas, and purchase special archdukes-only notions and effects, most of a commercial nature. This year's convention included such notables as the Archduke of Baden-herz-am-Geschildenschliess, the Archduke of Slochholz, and the Archduke of Lower Polony, who gave a special talk on the proper maintenance of monacles. The panel discussions "Coping with Genetic Hemophilia," "Dueling Pistol Best Buys," and "Putting the 'Happy' Back in 'Hapsburg'" were canceled due to the year's grave occurrence.

AREA DRUNKARD DECLARES WAR ON IRELAND

ALE-HOUSE PEERS FALL IN AS ALLIES

Davenport, Iowa, Aug. 4.—As bloody conflict rages throughout Europe, Orvald Brunvald, a drunkard of many years' experience, declared war on Ireland Friday evening.

A RESOUNDING DECLARATION

"Consume ever' one of 'em to damnation," Brunvald stated over a mug of porter at Quigley's Ale House in Davenport. "I'll lick 'em all to death!" he said. "Filthy potato-eating Papists, they are."

ALLIES 'HALF DEAD OVER'

Two gentlemen assembled with Brunvald at Quigley's Ale House tacitly fell in as allies. They are Archibald Johnson, 38, and Samuel Neubauman, 36, both of Davenport.

WILSON MEETS WITH DRUNKARD

The Department of War has been alerted to Brunvald's declaration. President Wilson, upon hearing of Brunvald's statements, called the drunkard to the Capitol building for an emergency session.

Wilson also discussed tactical matters with the drunkard. "Suck ever' last one of 'em in the chops, I say," Brunvald advised the president.



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BRITISH CROQUET MALLETS PROVE USELESS AT FRONT

HUNS' MACHINE-GUNS PROVE MORE EFFECTIVE WEAPONS.

CRUSHING SETBACK FOR ALLIES.

"I Say, It Worked Splendidly in the Drill," Brigadier General Sir Edmund Shropshire-Lloyd Says.

From the Paris correspondent, Aug. 23.—British infantrymen and their commanding officers are facing the painful realization that their tried-and-true weapons of warfare, croquet mallets, are ineffective in arresting the Germans' advance into France and Belgium.

CARNAGE

The 7th Malletiers Battalion reported extremely heavy casualties following an attempted advance against the German line near the Marne River. Although presenting a fearsome sight as they raised their croquet mallets over their heads while ascending from their trenches, the brave British troops were quickly mowed down by the rapid gunfire of the Huns' new and terrifying "machine-guns," which can fire several rounds of ammunition per second with

great accuracy.

SANDWICHES EMPLOYED

Desperate officers, shocked by the carnage, ordered their men, with considerable trepidation, to sheath their mallets and attack with cucumber sandwiches.

Although once considered the most strategically vital force in the British infantry, having been decisive in earlier British campaigns in Afghanistan and Rhodesia, it was clear that the Sandwichiers' skill and bravery would be seriously challenged in this particular conflict. Although many sandwiches were successfully lobbed into enemy territory, none, to the horror of the British command, caused any apparent casualties, nor did the heretofore frightful specter of live cucumber sandwiches falling into enemy trenches force a retreat.

Germans are overrunning

the British trenches, bayoneting soldiers and forcing an Allied retreat over a three-mile span. Eyewitnesses have reported that some Germans were even eating some of the cucumber sandwiches as they left their trenches for the pursuit across No-Man's Land.

"These blasted Teutons aren't human," said Brigadier General Sir Edmund Shropshire-Lloyd.

In one defining exchange, a battalion of Sandwichiers 12 miles from the German border with Belgium were delicately layering slices of cucumbers upon bread readied for catapulting when they were taken by surprise by a hail of machine-gun fire from advancing Germans. Blood flowed from their chests, necks, and heads and onto the unused sandwiches, rendering them useless as either weapons or tea-time hors d'oeuvres.

BELGIAN FORCES HALT GERMAN ADVANCE USING CREAM-TOPPED WAFFLES

HUNS NO MATCH FOR DELICIOUS REGIONAL CONFECTION.

GERMAN GENERAL HEINRICH VON STADT REPORTED IN 'SLEEPY' CONDITION.

Liege, Belgium, Aug. 23.—The seemingly unstoppable German army ground to a halt today after the surprise deployment of delicious cream-topped Belgian waffles to the front. "No soldier can resist a crisp, golden waffle smothered in dairy-fresh Belgian cream and a variety of fruit toppings," said crafty King Albert I, acting commander of the Belgian Armed Forces.

DAWN STRIKE

The waffle strike was executed with the utmost secrecy. Under the cover of darkness, specially trained Belgian breakfast commandos approached the German lines last night armed with back-mounted tanks of whipped cream and heated platters stacked high with steaming waffles. Enemy sentries were quickly neutralized by the offer of two

waffles apiece, enabling the Belgians to inundate the main body of German troops with a mouth-watering barrage.

German forces this morning remain bloated and immobilized by their mid-night feast, infuriating the Imperial German High Command. The German press reports that Chief of Staff Helmuth von Moltke is considering charging Belgium with violation of the Geneva Code of Warfare, calling the Belgian waffle weapon "inhumanly tasty."

BELGIAN TROOPS WAFFLE

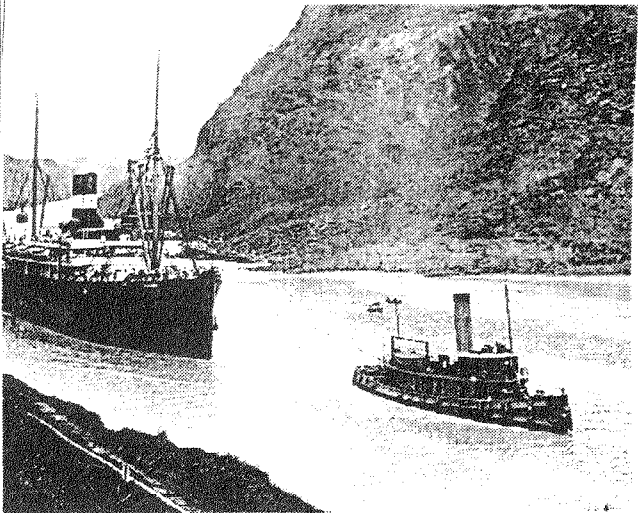
While overjoyed by the success of the Belgian baked-goods gambit, Allied military experts fear that the waffles might only whet the German appetite for more savory morsels. "It is well known that the Hun enjoys the sweet flesh of

human infants," said British Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig. "I am terrified by the prospect of the filthy Huns topping off their waffles with a jellied-infant compote."

However, the Belgian mood remains triumphant today. Pastry units are busily mixing another large batch of waffles in the front-line kitchens, cheered on by comrades lustily singing traditional waffle-crafting songs. "If we can hit the Germans with a fresh bombardment of waffery before the first is even fully digested, intestinal discomfort and severe drowsiness may result," said King Albert I.

Reconnaissance planes report that the Germans are countering by fixing the coordinates of seventeen long-range artillery battalions upon Brussels.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES CELEBRATE OPENING OF PANAMA CANAL



Multitudes of microscopic diseases are pictured here en route to New York City via the new canal.

PRESIDENT WILSON MAKES APPEAL TO EUROPE'S MONARCHS: 'USE YOUR LINK WITH DIVINE PROVIDENCE TO STOP THE WAR'

Washington, D.C., Aug. 23.—Although he has pledged American neutrality toward the war in Europe, President Wilson is nonetheless troubled by its awesome destruction, and is asking the monarchs of Europe and Russia, who rule by Divine Right, to entreat the Savior to end the war.

"As the divinely ordained rulers of much of the civilized world, your relationship with God is direct and immutable," Wilson said in a message telegraphed to the imperial palaces in Berlin, Paris, London, Vienna, and Petrograd. "In light of this, I am imploring you to use your special link with Divine Providence to stop this horrible war."

CROWNED HEADS RESPOND

In response, Czar Nicholas II of Russia thanked President Wilson for his concern but said that, to the best of his knowledge, God wanted the war to continue, although He was clearly on the side of the Allies.

Crown Prince Ilonzo Josef of Bulgaria cabled that two nights ago the Christ-Child came to him in a dream and handed him a flaming golden sword, which was inscribed with the words, "Stab the Allied Foe through the Heart! Your Central Powers Shall Be Victorious."

Wilson's advisors have urged him to abandon the fruitless notion of imploring monarchs, suggesting he instead use the power of prayer.

Panama City.—As world travelers rejoice at the imminent Panama Canal opening, no one is happier than the many infectious diseases that will enjoy untold new opportunities to inhabit hosts and spread to other continents.

The canal was dedicated in a colossal ceremony Saturday attended by thousands of human celebrants and over 80 different germs and pathogens.

"I once was consigned to the limitations of transcontinental land travel across the Isthmus of Panama. But

now, I'm going to see the world!" malaria said.

"This is the opportunity we have waited for," a thrilled colitis said of the momentous opening. "I, and all infections like me, are standing on the threshold of a golden age. Beware, intestinal tracts!"

"We have forged here the greatest miracle of modern engineering and proven conclusively man's superiority over the forces of nature," said George Goethals, chief engineer of the Canal project, moments before turning pale, doubling over, and vomiting.

TRAVELING CIRCUS FEATURES ANIMALS NOT FOR CANNING

The world-renowned Slat-Belbo Circus is making its annual tour about the Republic, and is premiering its newest and most remarkable attraction: rare and exotic beasts not suitable for canning, curing, pickling, or any other type of meat-processing known to Christian civilization.

The creatures were either captured in the jungles of darkest Africa and the Amazon or purchased from traders in the far-off land of Araby Once stateside, many were promptly slaughtered at a Chicago meat-packing operation, but butchery proved a great difficulty, as many were possessed of great size and choleric temperament, as well as hides tougher and more unusually colored than those of cattle.

When served to diners in a Chicago restaurant, the

resulting meat met with mixed reviews. It was said by some to have a peculiar and offensively gamey taste, which no amount of salting and seasoning could fully eradicate.

Hearing word of this extraordinary occurrence, agents of the Slat-Belbo Circus paid the slaughterhouse an amazing \$75 in gold bullion for the surviving creatures so that they may be exhibited for public viewing.

The animals are now housed in circus-wagons covered with iron bars and are exhibited under a large bunting which reads, "The Wondrous Animals Which God Did Not Intend Us to Eat."

The roster of inedible animals include a wild leopard-cat, a peccary, two storks, a graffe, several beetles, a gibbon, a hippopotamus, and a sloth



WAR BULLETINS HENRY FORD UNVEILS NEW 600,000 KILLED IN 4-INCH LINE OF ANTI-SEMITIC AUTOS ADVANCE ON WESTERN FRONT 'Model-C' Vehicle 100 Percent Hebrew- Free, Says Manufacturer

HEROIC SOLDIERS PAY ULTIMATE PRICE TO MAKE PATCH OF MUD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

**'These 4 Inches of Mud No Longer Bow Before the
Whip of Tyranny,' Says British Command**

Plessier, France, Feb. 18.—Allied High Command is jubilant today after last night's triumphant four-inch advance into enemy territory at the cost of a mere 600,000 troops. The strategically vital one-third of a foot is already being fortified by British forces against the expected German counter-assault tonight.

STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT

The mud had been seized by the Kaiser two days before, despite a valiant defense at the cost of 450,000 soldiers. It is expected to remain safely in Allied hands for at least two or three days, British Army

Intelligence officials said.

Allied strategists consider this advance extremely significant. "After this bold offensive, the Allied armies are only 931,720,458 inches from Berlin," said Lt. Gen. Thomas Fuller, former leader of the Second Army Corps, which was eliminated in the fighting. "My men fought valiantly for at least five minutes. Thank God we claimed the mud, and their deaths were not in vain."

Other units lost in the cause of victory include nine British regiments, sixteen French battalions, and all able-bodied men from Ceylon

The long march to victory began with a furious artillery bombardment two weeks ago upon the entrenched Huns, who withstood the rain of shells enough to offer stiff resistance until last night's breakthrough. One Belgian regiment pushed as far as eight inches ahead, but was decimated by German cross-fire when communication and supply lines were cut from its supporting units two inches back.

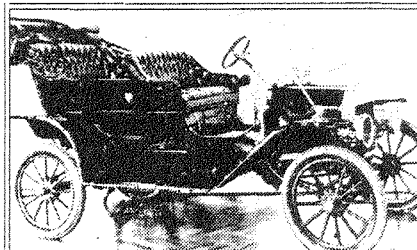
The stunning advance is the most monumental Allied victory since last December's nine-inch onslaught near Beaufort.

SEATS 4 GENTILES IN COMFORT

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—With much fanfare, Henry Ford unveiled his latest line of Jew-hating motor cars.

"The 1915 Model-C Ford is the finest automobile ever manufactured for the American people, barring those of Israelite stock. I personally guarantee it," Ford told an assemblage of reporters at his company's famed Highland Park assembly plant. "And yes, sir, it's got that smooth, anti-Semitic ride you've come to expect from a Ford. 'If you dislike the Jew,' Ford added, 'you'll love this particular motored carriage.'"

The automobile is offered in black, as a symbol of the maker's seething, black-hearted hatred of the Jews. Among the fine, upstand-



THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S 1915 MODEL-C
"JEW-HATER" AUTOMOBILE.

ing Christian automobile's many features: a 30-horsepower engine, an easy-to-read, Hebrew-free dashboard, and genuine pig-leather seats.

As an incentive to buy, Ford said the new automobiles can be purchased on credit. "Buy now, pay later," the auto tycoon said. "With the Ford Easy Payment Plan, you won't have to go to

your local bank and suffer the humiliation of begging a Jew for a loan."

According to Ernest P. Stansford, spokesman for the Ford Motor Company, advance orders for the new automobiles have exceeded all expectations, numbering over 20 million in the Deep South alone and coming in from as far away as Germany.

'Jolly Good' Brit Boys Die 'Cheerio, Can-Do' Deaths GOOD SPORTS PERISH WITH DIGNITY, MANNERS

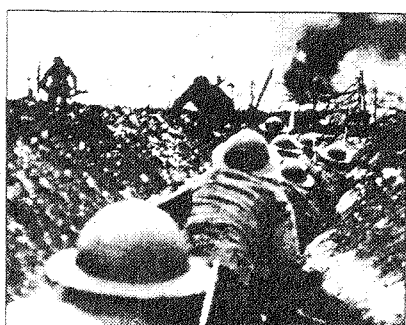
With the British Armies in France.—At 5 o'clock in the evening, the horizon of the Western Front glows a dull red, silhouetting Private Donald Derby, age 17, as he peers over the tops of sandbags into no man's land. "It's over the top for us tonight, mate," he says, sipping a hot cup of tea. "There's nothing quite like a spot of trench warfare to get your tucker up. Biscuit?" he asks, proffering a crispy shortbread.

Private Derby is a typical British fighting man. It's all "Right-O, old boy!" and "Can do, sir!" for these plucky doughboys. Although they emerge as barely audible squeaks, Derby still forces the words. "It was a pleasure, sir. Cheerio!" as he chokes on a cloud of mustard gas later that evening.

Now, the 7th Royal Welsh Guards are enjoying a refreshing tea, swapping merry trench tales before tonight's assault on the German position near Cambrai.

"Remember the row we had last month, mates, in the woods near Grenonville? Now, that was a scrap," says one soldier.

"Aye," pipes up Private Willy Boggins, a cheeky



Cockney lad of 19. "Old Brewster 'ad both 'is arms shot clean off, but 'ee kept a-runnin' right with us over the barbed wire. 'Take more than two bullets to put me down, mates!' 'ee shouted, until 'ee took one more in the noggin. Daft old dodger, that one!"

Suddenly a mortar blast goes off nearby, and a stray shard of metal whips through the air and lodges squarely in Boggins' chest. He falls instantly, downed by the cat-sized shard, which has cut him nearly in two. He wheezes briefly and manages a short, "blast my rotten luck," before passing on.

The soldiers share a concerned look, then lift their

tea cups to their fallen comrade. A fellow with lieutenant's shoulder-pips pops his head out of an underground bunker. "Let's tidy up the trench a bit before we go off, boys," he says. "So much nicer to come back to, eh?"

The men busy themselves about the trench, shaking greasy rats out of cooking pots and pushing the loose limbs of rotting corpses back into the muddy fortifications. Suddenly the rumble of distant artillery is cut through by several high-pitched whistles and pops. The Brits pull their gangrenous feet out of the knee-deep slime of the trench floor and scramble up to the firing-step.

Yellow trails of gas are floating over the scarred landscape toward the British lines. "Lovely patterns that phosgene gas makes, don't you think?" asks Lieutenant Bertrand Woolsey, 18, enjoying the view while leisurely unstrapping his gas mask. "And a nice, lemony sort of scent, as well. Not bad at all."

The lieutenant turns to face his masked troops. "Well, now, lads, we don't want the Hun to get the jump on us tonight. Off we go, through the gas and over the barbed wire! God save the King!" A tangle of gas snakes around the unmasked lieutenant's head. He topples down into the mud, a smile frozen on his face.

The Brit boys shout a muted "hurrah" through their respirators, affix bayonets to their rifles, and vault over the sandbags into the yellow cloud. A terrific barrage of machine-gun fire answers their gay shouts. Fully half of the battalion is riddled with lead the instant they clear the sandbags, their bodies crashing back into the trench. The rest disappear into the gas, laughing and singing

Youngsters of Today Enjoy Socializing at Church

**EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO SING,
CONSORT WITH NON-RELATIONS**

**OUTDOOR MEALS OF PICKLED CUCUMBERS, POTATO-
CHIPS MAKE FOR MERRY TIME**

Minot, N.D., Feb. 17.—

Young people consider attending church their most favored form of socializing, if the activities of the youths who live in the vicinity of this northern, North Dakotan county seat provide any indication. The young people noted that they very much enjoy the weekend activities of professing their faith in Christ, setting foot off the farm, and meeting other young people with a different last name than their own.

The youths enjoy other activities organized or sanctioned by their local parish or regional synod, such as prayer meetings, barn dances, and Book of Leviticus recitation contests.

COURTSHIPS ALSO RESULT

Young men attending church events also have the opportunity to sing hymns of worship while sitting on a bench next to a young woman to whom he is not related.

The young ladies, meanwhile, have the chance to leave their family kitchens and put on their finest Sunday dresses, apply dusting-powder, and demonstrate their cooking and serving abilities during the year-round church picnics and luncheons, which often include such specially prepared delicacies as pick-

led cucumbers, chipped potato wedges, and liver-wurst sandwiches.

The congregation inspires many a young man to seek courtship with a young lady and, following the customary courtship period of five years, possibly ask for her hand in marriage, provided neither party has been carried away by the typhus.

Seven engagements alone were announced shortly after last week's Youth Prayer Meeting at the First Lutheran Church in Minot. One groom-to-be, Cletus Anderson, reported that he had grown quite fond of a young lady who had been seated in a pew adjacent to his, and the fact that they had politely exchanged approximately fifteen words in six years was reason enough for their betrothal.

OTHER RECREATION SECONDARY

Other forms of socializing do exist for young people, but they take a distant place behind church attendance. Some enjoy vexing goats and other livestock by tying cans to their tails, or throwing small rocks in the air and striking them with a bat.

**YOUNG PRAGUE SALESMAN
METAMORPHOSES INTO
ENORMOUS BUG**

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WAR BULLETINS

British Navy Condemns German U-Boats as 'Not Very Sporting'

FROM THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT, Apr. 12. — As German U-boats continue to torpedo non-combatant merchant ships and passenger liners containing innocent civilians in the waters of the North Atlantic, officials from the British Home Office condemned the actions as "not very sporting" and "scarcely what anyone would call fair play."

"The mere notion," said Evelyn Pith-Holloway, seventh Earl of Dunwiddie-on-Stoke. "I say. Right beastly things. Positively horrid, these U-boats. U-boats? 'Uncouth boats' if you ask me. Haven't they gone a bit too far?"

HUNS ILL-MANNERED
Sir Geoffrey Alan Mycroft-Waring, aide to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was more blunt in his assessment of the German atrocities. "Blast all this wretched Hun nonsense anyhow," he said. "As I was saying to my man, Buskers, this morning, it would be a much simpler tussle if these Germans would stay fast to the battlefield area and stop all this lurking about in the water."

Despite the clear violation of rules of warfare respected by all mannered nations, Germany continues to insist that its policy of unlimited submarine warfare is necessary to thwart the delivery of contraband to Allied shores. British leaders decry the recent sinking of the Lusitania as but the latest example of German rudeness.

The English have demanded that Germany withdraw its U-boats and engage in more civilized, cultured tactics in its war against the Allies, such as fencing, recital of classical Greek poetry, sherry-drinking, and the devastating use of wry understatement.

KING'S RESPONSE
In a statement released from Buckingham Palace, King George V expressed concern at Germany's refusal to cease the U-boat attacks. "Dreadful business. Dreadful. Not at all the sort of thing to which we can give our approval. Beastly stuff, this whole war business. Cloak-and-dagger and all that. Something ought to be done, really it should."

"I say, when is tea?" the King added.

CUBIST REGIMENT DECIMATED

Quasi-Two-Dimensional Trench Is Exposed to German Gunfire

Skewed Perspective, Lack of Depth Prove Liability as Non-Linear Soldiers Are Mercilessly Cut Down

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES NEAR VERDUN, FRANCE, Apr. 12. — As the Battle of Verdun continues to claim heavy casualties on both sides of the conflict, the French High Command reports the total loss of its Cubist Infantry Division, as it defended the city of Verdun against a renewed German advance.

The trench dug by the Division lacked correct scale or even a perceptible vanishing point, its opening facing the German front lines, thereby making it easy for German infantry to clearly see its inhabitants and gun them down as they huddled for safety.

Hailing mostly from the Left Bank and Latin Quarter of Paris, and many having produced works exhibited in elite artistic salons and galleries throughout the city, members of the Cubist Division were largely raw recruits for whom armed conflict, let alone coherent spatial relation, was alien. Their very presence on the front lines demonstrated the extent of the French forces' desperation.

The Cubists' fight training was a brief two weeks, a dogged but ultimately fruitless effort to whip them into fighting shape. Their vision, skewed because both their eyes were on one side of

their faces, made them poor marksmen, and their poor depth perception made them deficient in such vital skills as bayoneting and wire-cutting.

As they arrived at the front, the Cubist troops proved an immediate hindrance. The Cubists' sharply angular, distorted bodies took up too much room in the trenches, poking and prodding their compatriots with their graceless, chunky forms.

"They were brave and eager, that much is clear," said French Lieutenant Pierre Buton, "but their abstract, disproportionate figures created much discomfort for the already beleaguered troops, and they were simply not suited for the rigors of army life."

Eventually the Cubist troops were withdrawn from the trenches and sent to reinforce a weakly defended area north of Verdun. Once there, they were put to work digging fresh trenches in anticipation of additional reinforcements. Before their work could be completed, however, German guns rendered the Cubists even more misshapen.

Among those killed were Les Demoiselles d'Avignon, Ambrose Vollard, three dancers, three musicians, a mother, and a child.

HUNGARIANS ESCALATE WAR WITH TERRIFYING 'BARTOK ASSAULT'

NEAR THE EASTERN FRONT, Apr. 12. — Hungarian soldiers unleashed the intense, bombastic compositions of Bela Bartok in the Battle of Bansag, an assault that had great effect against emotionally impacted Allied forces.

Bartok's new collection of works emphasizing strings, percussion, and celestas is being hailed by war officials as the most fearful weapon in Austro-Hungarian history.

Soldiers, in tandem with the Budapest Symphony Orchestra, lulled Italy's 3rd Infantry Battalion with soothing passages inspired by traditional Hungarian folk melodies, then shook them with sudden, outbursts of French horn, timpani, and tuba.

Allied troops were filled with awe and trepidation at the sheer magnitude of the

new military possession, which was developed in conjunction with German symphonic strategists and the Royal Academy of War Music in Budapest.

Allied tacticians predict Austro-Hungary will utilize violent shifts in rhythm and startling harmonic abstraction, employing volumes never before experienced in land combat. And some caution that their use of an interpolated 12-tone celesta may violate the rules of warfare.

Allied commanders believe the Hungarians have "a flair for tonality which could revolutionize 20th-century fighting music."

There has not been such a leap in Hungary's strength since 1911, when the army engaged the formidable men of the Budapest Flying Circus.

Fall Fashions for Women Hint at Existence of Hips

Ladies May Also Have Differently Shaped Chests

A Reversal of Fashion's Historical Directions

Tailors everywhere expressed surprise and some trepidation, as the new line of women's safety-seamed gowns and double-jacketed coats was released to package-and-goods stores last week. With layers of black wool tucking slightly in at the bodice, the new dresses undeniably hint at a curvature just below the waist on the female body.

Nothing this outrageous has occurred in American fashion since 1908, when the outward bowing of the bosom was shown to exist beneath the double-breasted snapping woolen waistcoat of the feminine summer lakeside sunning frock.

Clothing designer Grant Heffens, the most respected of the five designing tailors practicing in America, said, "Fall is the time of harvest and the spirit is of cultiva-

tion and fecundity, so my plan was to hint ever so slightly that there may be components of the female form which deviate from the male form, and which could serve certain special purposes."

ANATOMISTS BAFFLED
Scientist and anatomy specialist Herman H. Cavanagh is confounded by the new truths of biology revealed by the shocking clothing, admitting that science has "much to learn" about the anatomical differences between the sexes. Cavanagh has organized an academic consortium to confer with Heffens and other fashion designers at the University of Chicago's Medical College in the hopes of uncovering heretofore unknowable facts about the shape of the female body, and the mysterious purposes thereof.

SLOCOMBE'S

GENERAL DRY GOODS
PROVISIONERS

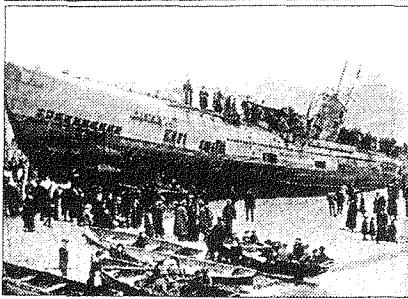
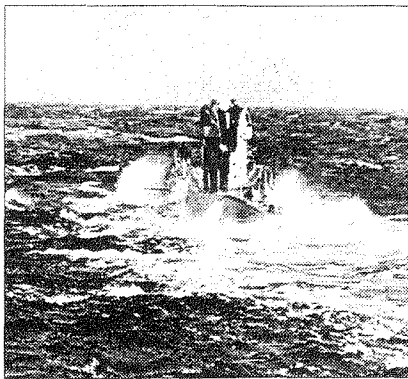
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Pictured above are German photographs, acquired by Allied spies, of what British officials have dubbed the "Uncouth Boat."

ALLIED POWERS CLAIM 2 MORE INCHES ON THE FRONT!

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U.S. ENTERS WAR; WILSON VOWS TO 'MAKE WORLD SAFE FOR CORPORATE OLIGARCHY'

Ex-President Roosevelt Enlists in Infantry

Young in fighting spirit if not in years, former President Theodore Roosevelt made a brave show of patriotism by enlisting as an infantryman in the U.S. Army Friday.

No sooner had the stalwart veteran Rough Rider and vocal Interventionist heard that hostilities were to begin against German aggression than he dressed in his finest First Cavalry uniform, buckled on his saber, saddled Imperator, his finest stallion, and galloped to Recruiting Office 4723 in Oyster Bay, where he was informed that there would be little call for the cavalry in the coming conflict. Undaunted by the modernization of warfare, Roosevelt signed on as a lowly foot-soldier, saying that his only wish was to fight and kill as

many Huns as God saw fit to deliver before his rifle.

Although the ex-president and former Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces was not allowed to take a position of rank, he did not seem upset, laughing and cheering with his fellow recruits as they helped him aboard the troop train and repeatedly exclaiming that the Great War was the "most bully" 60th-birthday present a soldier could receive.

Roosevelt's commanding officer said that the former president seemed spry and full of ginger, but, for the safety of himself and others, would not be issued a rifle.

Roosevelt is scheduled to be assigned kitchen duty later next month, where he will be given potato-boiling responsibilities as his health and age permit.

'KU KLUX KLAN' CLUB GROWING IN POPULARITY

Many Drawn By Late-Night Activities, Fanciful Outfits



Members of the Ku Klux Klan enjoy a Sunday outing.

CUSTIS, Ga. — Espousing a common bond of ethnic and cultural heritage, the fancifully titled Ku Klux Klan Club is experiencing quite a revival of late. The recreational group expects to admit several thousand qualified applicants this year alone.

The Klan's renewed popularity comes on the heels of its recent changes to appeal to the modern American, such as an updating of club hate-activities to include a much broader variety of racial and religious persuasions.

"We want our prospective members to know that our KKK is their KKK," explained Regional Exalted Cyclops Ambrose Monroe, "provided they are white, Protestant Christian, and native-born. We appreciate a wide variety of viewpoints. Therefore, besides our traditional resentment of coloreds, we now also strongly disapprove of Catholics, Jews, mulattos, and those of Irish, Chinese, and other immigrant stock."

"Our activities are created and practiced with the family in mind," Monroe added. "This year, we have held seven prayer breakfasts and commemorative lynchings, as well as three potlucks and firebombings of darkie schools. Next week, we will

hold our annual fundraising bake sale and hazing of a local Jew family."

Monroe touted the Klan's valuable social work, including its members' willingness to proselytize anywhere and anytime, even in the wee hours of the morning. The raising of large wooden crosses is a hallowed Klan tradition, and if darkness renders these crosses difficult to see, resourceful Klan members coat them with a flammable solvent, setting ablaze the consecrated symbol for all to behold.

Cleanliness and a willingness to stand out among one's fellow men are exemplified by the Klan's club uniforms, whose white, meticulously starched robes and pointed hoods trimmed with gay, blood-red crosses can even be seen in the dark behind trees and bushes.

"Remember," Monroe added, "The Ku means You in the Ku Klux Klan."

Those interested in joining the Klan may attend a orientation meeting at Geo. Mauston's General Mercantile Emporium in downtown Custis this Wednesday, April 11, at 3 o'clock p.m. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate and your own rifle. Hardtack and whiskey will be served.

Nation's Young Men Flock to Enlist in Defense of U.S. Corporations

Vanderbilt, Rockefeller Applaud President's Brave Stance



Wilson: Heroic Defender of the Monied Few.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Apr. 6. — President Wilson, speaking before a joint session of Congress Friday afternoon, committed the United States military to the war against the Central Powers. Pledging an initial commitment of 200,000 troops, with additional troop deployment in the future, Wilson called on all Americans to support the war effort, stating that the United States must be firm in its mandate to "make the world safe for corporate oligarchy."

Said the president: "The United States must use military force if necessary to ensure that a privileged and entrenched plutocratic power structure continues to impose unregulated, rampant industrial capitalism upon not only the populace of this great land, but all the peoples of the world, known or unknown, white or non-white."

"We cannot and will not shirk this duty," the president continued, "but must remain steadfast for the future generations of oligarchs who will be our legacy."

RICH APPLAUD PRESIDENT

The presidential decree met with loud and vociferous approval from business leaders throughout the land. "The Kaiser's relentless advance must be rolled back," said Edmund G. Hausmann II of the Amalgamated Tetrahedron Co. "Only when this cruel and despotic dictator is deposed, and he is no longer able to enforce his iron will upon the peoples of the European continent, will our world once again be safe for oligarchs of all nationalities."

Railway baron Harold Sterling Vanderbilt agreed, dispatching a telegram to

the New York offices of The Onion without delay, urging all able-bodied American males of the laboring classes to support the president's call and volunteer for service in the European theatre. "I say to all young, unmonied men of the Republic: Go with courage in your hearts, and die of agonizing, gas-induced respiratory failure in the fetid trenches, that future conglomerations of private financial interests will be free to rule."

Vanderbilt also offered words to the women who would be waiting patiently for their husbands, future husbands, and sons to return home from the war: "Pray for your boys' lives. Pray that they fight hard, fight true, and, if need be, die, to secure for United States posterity a ruling class of unaccountable millionaire monopolists."

"I see before my eyes a golden age of commerce," Wilson concluded in an impassioned appeal, "in which the sons and daughters of our democracy will be free to be exploited by cold, faceless conglomerates. I see a day when public policy will be dictated from above by powerful plutocrats, uninhibited by the coercion of elected officials. I see massive, market-driven engines of commerce, ruled by a tiny core group of rich and mighty men, transforming the very cultural landscape of the world. And it is my deepest conviction that it is the duty of the armies of this Republic to ensure that the world remains safe for this coming age to thrive."

SPY ON YOUR NEIGHBORS! REPORT THEM!

AN EDITORIAL PASSED BY THE ONION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As with the Minutemen of old, we red-blooded true Americans must stand ever-vigilant against those who would destroy our freedom! For the murderous German fiends and their oily agents of espionage are everywhere, spinning their villainous webs of intrigue and corruption.

We must never be conquered by the twin evils of despotism and depravity! So, with God and justice on our side, we rightly take up arms against the German oppressors and their partners in crime. But we must also remember that the supporters of the Boche are everywhere—including within the borders of our great Republic!

They are not easily noticed; in fact, they often adopt a mild, unassuming guise. Take, for instance, Mrs. Obermeyer down the street: a stout, cheerful matron whose tireless

sweater-knitting for our boys Over There has been admired and praised by all her neighbors. But, for all we know, Mrs. Obermeyer is writing the words "Toten Sie mich bitte, weil ich ein Amerikanersoldat bin!" on each sweater—which, translated into English, means, "Please kill me, for I am an American soldier!"

What can you, as a patriotic American, do to thwart the steady stream of espionage that flows from the heartland of America to the Kaiser in Berlin? The Onion strongly urges all its readers: If you see anyone doing anything anywhere, report it immediately to your local police constabulary, to the War Department in Washington, or to Onion Editor-in-Chief T. Herman Zweibel. Spy on your neighbors! Report them! Organize angry mobs of determined patriots wielding pitchforks and torches! Harass and persecute anyone of even remotely German heritage, and make them wear badges proclaiming, "I am a treacherous and smelly Hun." Seize all the braunschweiger you can find and burn it in the town square. For fuel, use books.

And most important, do not believe what you read in the newspapers or magazines, or see in the moving-picture newsreels. It is all lies!

ALLIED POWERS CLAIM HALF INCH MORE ON THE FRONT IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1917!

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DADAISTS CREATE SELF-DESTRUCTING WORK OF ART; NEW 'LAND MINE' COULD REVOLUTIONIZE VIEWS OF MECHANIZED CULTURE.

Our report on page 7.

BRITISH SHIPS SUNK TODAY:

H.M.S. QUAIL
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H.M.S. SNETTISHAM
H.M.S. WET-NURSE
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PRETENTIOUS, GOATEED COFFEEHOUSE TYPES SEIZE POWER IN RUSSIA

WAR BULLETINS

FIRST ROUND OF SOLDIERS' LIMBS RETURNS HOME TO HERO'S WELCOME

**Hometown Wives and
Mothers Flush with
Emotion Upon Reunion
with Disembodied
Arms, Legs**

**Sight of Gangrenous
Amputations Brings
Tears to Eyes of Lovely
Ladies**

**Severed Parts Honored
With New York City
'Ticker Tape' Parade**

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. — Amidst much pomp and joyous celebration, cheering crowds at New York Harbor greeted the first round of heroic American limbs to return from the war.

Emotions ran high at the welcoming ceremony, as loved ones and family members were tearfully reunited with limbs many thought they would never see again.

Sweethearts of fighting men cried out with joy as the arms and legs of their fighting-men husbands were handed out by sailors.

"Heavens to goodness," cried Miss Beatrice Atkinson of Brookston, Ohio, who had traveled to New York to greet her fiancé Lawrence Thadacker's gangrenous left arm, "I can't tell you how long I've waited to hold Larry's hand." And hold it she did, taking care to avoid the bloody and possibly contagious stump where the limb had been severed at the shoulder.

Miss Atkinson added that, although her fiancé will not return for months, she was happy that at least for now she knew his left arm was out of harm's way.

Miss Atkinson was only one of many overjoyed ladies at yesterday's reception.

Clutching a pair of severed feet, one joyous mother burst into tears as she recognized a telltale mole, identifying the limb as belonging to her beloved son.

"I could have waited until my Tommy's feet arrived at the train station in Des Moines," said Mrs. Thomas Budwig, Sr., mother of the feet, "but I just knew that, after their ordeal, it would mean so much more to Tommy's feet if I could be there in person to greet them as they touched American soil again."

Preacher Warns: Board of Book Censors Allows 'Tales of Wanton Smooching' to Reach Boys at the Front

When not in the midst of battle, our boys at the front require activities with which to occupy their minds, and, indeed, our patriotic citizens have been most generous in their donations of reading material. However, the content of the material has apparently not been scrupulously examined by Army censors, according to the Reverend X. Lucius Dalrymple, Doctor of Divinity. In a letter addressed to General Pershing, a copy of which was also furnished to The Onion, Reverend Dalrymple alleges that cheaply bound, scandalously detailed novels, periodicals, and booklets which contain goings-on of a most purple sort are finding their way into the doughboys' restless hands.

"Unchaperoned meetings between young men and women, conversation between these scarlet individuals, the holding of the hand of the fairer sex by a man to whom she is neither married nor betrothed, and, in some vile cases, actual smooching, have been portrayed in these sinful materials," read the missive. "As a servant of our most wrathful and angry God, I cannot in faith allow our brave fighting men to

take part in carnal sin, lest they lose their taste for the foul black blood of the malignant Hun."

Upon learning of the outrage, General Pershing promised to dispatch couriers to the front to confiscate such materials, the better to combat the moral corrosion they might inflict upon our brave boys. The General noted that the proximity of the fighting to Paris has certainly been an influence and stated that as soon as business in the Somme has been attended to, he and his aides will personally raid its bawdy districts, streets of ill repute, and fleshpots until he and his staff are fully satisfied.

The Reverend also released a list of some of the offending books to The Onion. It is reprinted here in its entirety:

A Kiss Upon the Lips.

Annie Gets a Reputation.

**The Slightly Parted Mouth
of Mademoiselle du Quoit.**

**The Bosoms Which
Heaved, or Why the
Bosoms Heaved.**

**Johnny Doughboy's Torrid
Trench Tryst.**

**Nan Roundheels and Her
War-Chest.**

Husbands & Wives.

If the Huns Had Their Way



Teuton — "I will make short work of zis 'Fraulein' Liberty."
Lady Liberty — "Oh, red-blooded American men between
the ages of 18 and 35, please save me!"

CIVIL WAR VET CALLS FOR ISOLATION; 'WE SHOULD BE FIGHTING OURSELVES, NOT A FOREIGN ENEMY!'

Lt. Colonel Reginald Ponsett, 74, veteran of the Army of Northern Virginia in the Civil War, issued a statement to The Onion Wednesday calling for an end to the present hostilities in Europe and urging the former Confederacy to renew its struggle against the Union.

His letter read, "I don't rightly care for getting involved in some trouble across the water between Old King Cole and Prince Blue Blood. There is still much fighting to be done on our home soil. If just a small number of the men being sent to Europe could be retained to fight the battle for the Confederacy, we might still save the city of Atlanta. The fight must continue! Remember Fort Sumter! Secede or die!"

The army to which Ponsett belonged surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in 1865.

'Over There' Replaces 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' as Nation's Only Song

The Republic's vaudeville houses and sheet-music stores report that George M. Cohan's patriotic hit ditty "Over There" has officially replaced noted Jew Irving Berlin's "Alexander's Ragtime Band" as the only popular musical song in the land. This marks the first change in the official popular tune since "Alexander's Ragtime Band" replaced Gus Edwards' "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" in 1913.

Naturally, the response to "Over There" has been overwhelming, although some express reservations about the extremely fast tempo of this song. For nearly five years, the nation's official song has not exceeded a tempo consisting of one beat per second, so as not to agitate and upset listeners possessed of delicate constitutions. Recently, several men and women attending a weekend matinee at Pastor's Theatre in Providence, Rhode Island, were overcome during the pit orchestra's stirring chorus of "Over There" and had to be carried on stretchers to a nearby receiving hospital.

STUDENTS IN BERETS AND TURTLENECK SWEATERS STAGE ARMED COUP D'ÉTAT

REVOLUTION FUELED BY TRIPLE ESPRESSOS

WINTER PALACE LOOTED FOR POETRY ANTHOLOGIES

PETROGRAD, RUSSIA, Nov. 7. — While puffing on expensive French cigarettes, a cadre of alienated young poetry readers in black

Winter Palace in a brooding mood. Troops loyal to the Provisional Government were powerless before the goateed students' withering intellectual critiques.

"We were trained for an armed uprising, but not such a devastating theoretical attack," said Captain Grigori Vlasov, leader of the Winter Palace Guards. "When they logically proved us to be 'enemies of the working class' and 'Menshevik deviationists,' I was forced to surrender to their superior command of Soviet ideology."

Vlasov added that Lenin and his friends were "very laid-back and attractive." It is also believed that several members of the Provisional Government were executed by their turtlenecked captors in a fit of murderous pique after they ran out of clove cigarettes.

Czar Nicholas II and his family remain under house arrest in an undisclosed location. The popular rumor is that the Czar is being forced to serve the finest coffee and cigarettes to the newly installed leaders like a common butler, while his best French tailors have been put to work sewing new black turtle-necks and berets of the finest cashmere for the pseudo-intellectuals.

Lenin is believed to have said, "The irony wrought by this revolution is so blinding, I may need to don glasses which are tinted very dark."

One of Lenin's chief cohorts, a university dropout named Josef Stalin, immediately established the Extraordinary Commission to Combat Counterrevolution, Sabotage, and Squareness. This group is to be a highly organized secret police with the authority to purge those who fall from the coffeehouse party's favor.



Coup Leader Vladimir Lenin

turtleneck sweaters emerged from their coffeehouse haunts yesterday to seize power in Russia from Alexander Kerensky and his Provisional Government.

"The ruling class oppresses the proletariat. They are so bourgeois," they were heard to say.

DICTATORSHIP OF THE HIP
Vladimir I. Lenin, described as a "perpetual graduate student" by his peers, is the leader of these revolutionaries. Lenin's stylishly cut Vandyke beard and world-weary demeanor have made him the darling of co-educational students at the University of Moscow. Lenin's first proclamation has been to declare a "dictatorship of the hip"—a synthesis of Marxism with his own espresso-fueled theories, whereby the masses will be led by an elite party of stylish individuals, well-versed in dialectical materialism, Hegelian metaphysics, and the appreciation of a wide range of "exotic Italian coffees."

After an especially inspired poetry reading last night at a downtown cafe, the radicals marched on the

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Our Boys Need Photographs of Ladies in Undergarments!

Ladies on the home front, who have been so tireless in doing the valuable war work to help the doughboys thwart the Hun hordes, are now being called upon to fulfill a new responsibility. Due to massive wartime shortages of French postcards and other materials of a "blue" nature, the War Department is asking the ladies of our great Republic to send photographs of themselves, clad only in their underclothes, to our boys in France.

The Yank is brave and true

as he smashes through Boche positions on the Western Front, but sometimes, in the midst of great annihilation, his morale sinks. He will no doubt treasure any pictures greatly and carry them in his mess kit or helmet, staring at them when he is not bayoneting a German. For ladies who may feel too bashful or shy to adopt such an undertaking, we, the editors, remind these women that it is their patriotic duty to help in the war effort.

CHAPLIN MOVING PICTURE \$400 OVER BUDGET FISCAL FUTURE OF STUDIO DOUBTFUL

Moving-Picture Business May Be Out of Control

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 5. — The moving-picture industry is in quite a stir over the news that world-famous comedian Charlie Chaplin's soon-to-be-released two-reeler "Shoulder Arms" has reportedly exceeded its projected production costs by \$400.

First National Pictures, which recently placed Chaplin under contract, is perhaps regretting its association with the Little Tramp, despite his worldwide popularity and entertaining screen presence.

This is reportedly the single biggest moving-picture production debt since D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation," which was, at one point, \$312 in deficit.

Several factors contributed to the excessive expenditure, not the least of which is Chaplin's own capricious, difficult personality, a characteristic common in famed moving-picture artists. As a stipulation in his First National contract, Chaplin demanded that his dressing room be provided with electric lights, cushioned chairs, and several bottles of Corn Husker Lotion. These curious eccentricities have plagued First National with unanticipated expenses.

A series of calamities on the set also increased the production's debt. A half dozen bamboo canes, used by Chaplin for his Tramp persona, snapped during rehearsal, prompting several trips by the propmaster into Los Angeles to purchase replacement canes. Then, a prolonged halt in filming occurred when Chaplin's stock villain, Albert Austin, dislocated his shoulder and tore a neck tendon while per-

forming a slapstick routine. These interruptions vexed Chaplin greatly, and one day, after stagehands spent the better part of a morning searching for a hair-pin lost by Chaplin's leading lady Edna Purviance, the star stormed off the set, got into his chauffeured Packard, and rode to his Beverly Hills estate. There, he moodily played solitaire and sought commiseration with his friend Douglas



Picture star Chaplin

Fairbanks, whose own recent moving picture "A Modern Musketeer" became \$75 over budget when a chicken absent-mindedly fell inside a camera defecated on the workings.

First National executives are hoping that the release of "Shoulder Arms" will gain enough for them to repay the debt. It may be too great a risk, however; Chaplin's last release, "A Dog's Life," earned a record \$612 in theater receipts worldwide, but in order for "Shoulder Arms" to make back its production deficit and turn a modest profit, it must earn nearly one thousand dollars

Works of Joyce Provide Much-Needed Kindling for Rationers

With their fighting men needing all available resources, citizens of free countries everywhere are eager to scrimp on everyday usefuls. And Ireland's James Joyce is proving the greatest help of all with his stellar career in what critics are calling "the most flammable literature since 'The Collected Works of Mark Twain.'"

"Nothing starts up a roaring fire and keeps it going all night like the first-person stream-of-consciousness narrative typical of Joyce's works," said American housewife Mrs. Allen DeWitt. "We used to start fires with Bronte or Ibsen, but, for a real roaring hearth-warmer, you need Joyce's dense, wholly experimental prose."

While being burned by a St. Louis U.S. Postal Service worker in accordance with a Federal court order, Joyce's work was discovered to be extraordinarily flammable. During this unseasonably cold weather, bookstores nationwide are sold out of Joyce, and no library north of Texas can keep a single copy of "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," which chimney sweeps are hailing as a new "Huckleberry Finn."

Compounding the shortage is the newly emerging trend of building entire bonfires of Joyce books. Literary critic and patriotic rationer Edwin Haines recommends four or five essays kindled with several copies of "Exiles," with several of Joyce's poems crumpled into balls as tinder. "Touch a match to that, and you've got decades of writing experience warming your family all night."

Joyce is today rumored to be hard at work on an epic titled "Ulysses," and anticipation is understandably high. If Joyce can sustain the incendiary force that blessed his earlier works, "Ulysses" promises to be a literary wildfire.

"Please write faster, Mr. Joyce," Haines said. "We are awfully cold."

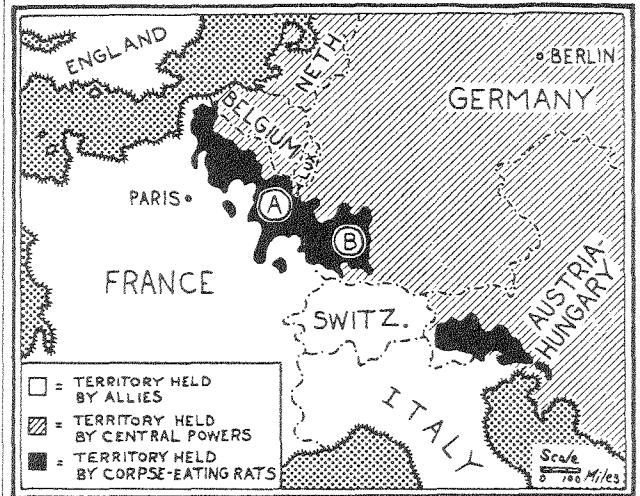
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BECKER, Axel
BOWEN, Paul F.
BURESS, Irene M.
CARNEY, John C.
Bernadette L. & children.
CARSTEN, Agnes R.
CLARKE, Earsworth D.
COZNOPSKI, Stanislaus
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DOUGLAS, Pierce R.
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CORPSE-EATING RATS NOW LARGEST MILITARY FORCE IN EUROPE

VERMIN OUTNUMBER ALL MILITARY FORCES 2 TO 1



An Anglo-French offensive was launched against the rats last week (A), but was turned back in the face of superior gnawing. It is rumored that the Kaiser will send top diplomats to the rats' mountainous corpse-fortress (B) with offers of an alliance.

Tons of Rotting Human Flesh Provide Formidable Fortifications for Rat Forces

Allied Command Preparing to Make Overtures to Rat Leaders

NEAR THE WESTERN FRONT, Nov. 5. — Alarming intelligence reports from France, made public today, claim that corpse-eating rats now outnumber all military forces in Europe by a margin of nearly 2 to 1. Rat battalions have fortified lands as far East as Brussels and as far West as Rouen.

Vast stretches of no-man's-land are now controlled by the rats. A combined Anglo-French offensive under the leadership of General Petain was recently launched upon a rat stronghold near the River Somme, but was turned back in the face of superior numbers and the nauseating stench of the corpse piles in which the rats took shelter.

An artillery barrage was later brought to bear in an effort to pulverize the bodies into tiny scraps, which war theorists hoped the rats would have greater difficulty consuming.

Many believe the Great War is nearing its end, with the Kaiser's forces near exhaustion. But the new flesh-eating vermin enemy shows no sign of giving way on its occupied lands. The rat, some experts warn, may prove a more fearsome foe than the Hun.

Both Allied and Central advisors are developing strategies for making overtures to the rat leaders. It is rumored that Kaiser Wilhelm has sent his top Berlin diplomats to several

rat-infested areas in an attempt to broker an alliance between the rat empire and the German, an effort that could spell disaster for the Allies, if successful.

However, British military scientists are working on a weapon that could make survival tough for the hungry vermin. Ingenious in its simplicity, the device consists of a sealed canister to be worn on the human soldier's chest, filled to the brim with searing sulfuric

acid. When the man is shot, shelled, or gassed to extinction, his comrades need only pull a tab on the canister to release a stream of acid over the corpse, reducing the body to a puddle of gelatin in a matter of minutes. It is the hope of all free peoples that this bold scientific solution will make the fields of Europe more hygienic, clearing the way for our boys to reconquer vital acreages of mud from the grip of our new enemy, the corpse-eating rat.

Ways to Guard Against the Spanish Influenza:

A message furnished to The Onion by United States Congressional Chaplain and Master of Surgeons Oliver T. Christensen

Wear a flimsy cotton mask; it will filter the influenza bug from the air you breathe.

Read the entire book of Numbers as loudly as possible.

Bury your family alive.

Wear a cast-iron collar ringed with lit candles. This will ward off the invisible evil spirits bringing this pestilence.

Advise your children that the infected corpses cluttering the gutters may not be used as play-dolls.

Scrape skin with sharp edge of sandstone; cut off lips, eyelids, nose, fingernails, hair; cover body in paste made from rock salt, borax, and wood alcohol; wrap body in burlap; sing hymns.

If you must attend mass bond rallies, try not to inhale or exhale.

Persuade Congress to declare war on the hated Spaniards, purveyors of this wicked and fearful malady, so that they may receive a soundly deserved punishment.

WAR OVER AS FRANZ FERDINAND FOUND ALIVE

1,000 Years of Peace Begin Today

The cries of joy and pealing of bells will fill the ears of all Mankind today, as the world's great powers prepare to sign an Armistice of Peace in Versailles, France. It is the opinion of the president, the State Department, and, indeed, of this newspaper, that the Great War, which bathed faraway lands in blood and brought grim death to over 22 million foreigners and Americans alike, shall never be repeated in our lifetimes, nor those of our children, nor

their children's children, unto the tenth generation.

The terms of the Armistice are intelligently chosen and cunningly phrased so as to make any war—especially involving the Germans—highly impossible. It is a brilliant document of statecraft.

Thus shall our descendants come to know war only as a horror tale, as all nations are governed by one law, the Armistice, which, with iron certainty, has ensured the peaceful state of our world for a thousand years to come.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTING

SEVEN TORN ASUNDER IN GRIDIRON BATTLE

Lively Football Contest

Four Players, One Coach Unaccounted for

Mighty deeds of athletic prowess and a general show of titanic strength were the order of the day Monday, as the mighty men of Fordham's football squad proved themselves up to the

last ligament on Krungle's left leg failed in the third quarter, causing him to lose the leg and fumble.

"Field got muddy," said the terse but towering Sturgis, when asked about the game in which he was the undisputed star (27 carries, 167 yards, two touchdowns, four arms dislocated, one knee shattered, a nose bitten off, two killed, no fumbles). "Nice day. But ground got all wet from blood."

Chicago's attack was no less swift but certainly less sure, as Arlon Hackmann, their brilliant young crushing-back, pounded the tackles for 80 yards in the first quarter before impaling himself on the protruding leg-bone of a line-backer whose battered corpse made identification impossible.

"I could have played," said the Chicago stomper, one of only four ever to survive the Fordham game in the contest's 30-year history. "God



Star Fordham back Bert "Blood Foot" Sturgis scored two touchdowns and four opponent decapitations.

challenge of Chicago's doughty crew. Seven stout players were savagely torn limb from limb in the 14-0 battle.

The game, a crucial conference battle, nonetheless proved only slightly more rugged in its strategy and execution than routine seasonal play. Four men and one coach remain unaccounted for.

The hullabaloo started early, as Bert "Blood Foot" Sturgis, the rollicking Fordham back, plunged up past the bucking-guard on only his third carry, stepping directly through the thorax of Chicago lineman Max Schechner and gaining 21 yards. The drive was stifled, however, by Schechner's brilliant and nearly posthumous tackle on the very next play. Fordham quarterback Herman Krungle tripped on a coil of Schechner's intestine in the backfield, ending that brave fighter's career and life and getting himself tackled for a six-yard loss.

Sturgis and Krungle would combine for a stunning 233 yards this game before the



Chicago crushing-back Arlon Hackmann.

granted me two kidneys, and the gouging-out of one should not have slowed me down. But I cannot move my left side, so I stayed in to block only."

The game was wrapped up by Fordham's possession play in the second half, using the new "forward-passing" invention to knock out the eyes of three Chicago defenders with accurate throws.

DEAD MILLIONS CELEBRATE ARMISTICE DAY

Corpses Commemorate War's Long-Awaited End

Military cemeteries, potter's fields, and still-smoking battlegrounds around the world have been filled with the sounds of revelry of late, as the millions of men slain in three years of bloody conflict celebrate peace.

"I'm so happy," said the bloodied corpse of Private First Class Horace Stebbins, an infantryman who was only 17 when he was fatally machine-gunned during a charge on the German trenches.

Stebbins and his fellow celebrants are doing their best to enjoy the end of the war which took them before their time, despite the fact that many of them cannot hold glasses in their shattered hands, or have no faces or even heads with which to enjoy party snacks and drinks or make conversation. Compounding the problem is the fact that anything eaten or drunk tends to ooze out through the multiple wounds left in their flesh by bullets, grenades, bayonets, and barbed wire.

17-Year-Old Wonderboy Files First Infringement Lawsuit

KANSAS CITY, Missouri. — Walter E. Disney, enterprising 17-year-old high-school student, is suing an 8-year-old Kansas City resident for allegedly copying an illustrated comical character Disney drew for his school's newspaper. Disney accuses Dickie Goulding of drawing "Rudolph Rooster" in the youngster's third-grade class without express permission, and is asking \$86,000 in damages and a promise from young Goulding that he never reproduce his creation again in any form.

"Rudolph Rooster" is the exclusive property of Mr. Walter E. Disney and cannot and may not be used without the express written consent of said owner," said Cadwalader L. McGraw, Disney's attorney. "Dickie Goulding violated this tacit and fundamental right to property ownership."

When queried by reporters outside his home, a nervous Goulding alleged that he had never seen Disney's creation before, and was merely drawing a rooster per an assignment on farming his teacher had given him class. Asked how he would respond to the lawsuit, Goulding turned around and raced back inside his home, weeping hysterically.

WORLD'S AUTHORS URGE WARRING POWERS: 'PROLONG THE WAR!'

Remarque, Hemingway Lament End of Prose-Inspiring Conflict

Men of letters the world over, finding themselves horrified, shocked, and remarkably inspired by the Great War and the millions of deaths it caused, have called upon the League of Nations for the war's continuation.

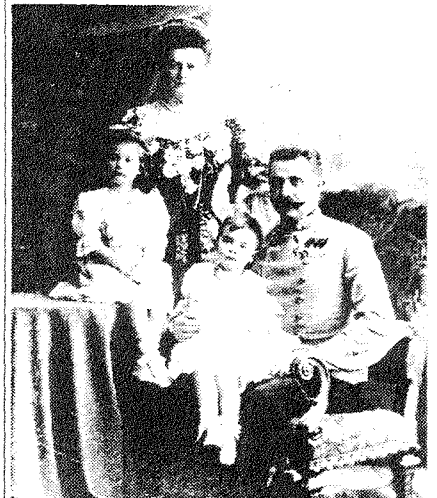
"I have been chilled to my very soul by this grisly contest between nations," Author Erich Maria Remarque said in an open letter to the leaders of both the Allied and Central Powers. "Therefore, I call upon the world's powers to sacrifice thousands more of their young men, inspiring me to write a book which cries out against the injustice of this savage and bloody conflict."

"This new peace is not such a good thing for the writing I try to do," said Ernest Hemingway. "In a man's youth, there is the war, and glory, and the tearful women who say to him do not go, do not go. And there are fine books to be written. But without the war, the books are about only bullfighting, or perhaps fishing."

French novelist Marcel Proust, in Paris working on a sensual memoir, announced that his novel was an intensely personal remembrance unaffected by either war or peace or any other event or state of mind experience by a consciousness that was not his own. He, therefore, would make no statement regarding the Armistice at this time.

'How Fares Europe?' Asks Presumed-Dead Archduke

Long and Hideous War Was Simple Misunderstanding



Archduke Franz Ferdinand, here pictured in a pre-war photograph with his family, was found alive in the bowels of a Sarajevo granary yesterday, thus ending over four years of terrible bloodshed.

PARIS, Nov. 11. — After years of death, disease, famine, the impoverishment of nations, and the near-devastation of Europe, all was made right when Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was found alive in the basement of a Sarajevo granary Monday. "I am merely a bit rumpled, though I miss grievously the pageantry and scurrilous goings-on of the Austrian high court," said the unkempt archduke before being taken away to be shaven and shorn. "I

merely wanted to live as a Croatian peasant for a few years. Though I am scarcely wiser for the experience, I have come to no harm. How fares Europe?"

Chancellor Friedrich Ebert, upon hearing that the much-mourned heir to the Hapsburg throne was alive and well, was mortified. In addition to signing a formal peace treaty to appease British and American statesmen, he has also offered to quell Allied wrath by ordering the archduke's immediate execution.

THE PRETTY LADIES OF SCIENCE

PART FOUR IN A SERIES: MARIE CURIE

To set your eyes upon some of France's most lovely ladies, stop frequenting the ballrooms of Paris and begin searching the scientific laboratories! With smooth ivory skin and breath-taking almond-shaped eyes, Madame Marie Curie, our day's most learned and lovely lady, spends her nights not with a husband, but with a microscope as her companion.

Madame Curie, bedecked with silken locks which cascade upon her well-framed shoulders like rivulets of spring snow-melt, was awarded Nobel's Prize for Chemistry after isolating pure radium. And isolation seems to be the word for Marie, after the death-by-carriage loss of her husband, Pierre, in 1906. This quaint creature will be quite a discovery for the



Fetching Marie Curie discovered radium. But it's her smile that lights up a room.

next man who can woo her favorably.

Ever since her childhood in Warsaw, petite Marie had a penchant for mathematics and physics. With the strong and wise Pierre and able-

handed Henri Becquerel to instruct her behind the closed laboratory doors, Marie quickly learned more than mere chemistry.

Now her daughter Irene, barely in her double-figured years, is already following in her mother's airy footsteps. This rosy-cheeked debutante says she wants to be scientific, too! Let's see if a young lad sweeps away this comely modernistic lass first!

Some have speculated it is Madame Curie's constant contact with the newly discovered chemical elements polonium and radium that give her her ideal, slender figure, stunning snow-white countenance, and alluring lassitude. It won't be long until all the ladies of Paris are carrying radium brooches to bring about this very effect!

PRESIDENT WILSON CALLS FOR CREATION OF USELESS WORLD GOVERNING BODY

New 'League of Nations' to Offer Gift Shop, Guided Tours

President Wilson's Fourteen Points

- That war between nations be made illegal and its practice punishable by fine;
- That the lands of Turkey and the former Ottoman Empire be given to the Great State of Texas;
- That international policy be free, open, and no longer a secret procedure, and that it involve America and Britain only, to the exclusion of all other nations;
- That the economy of Italy be channeled into the development of sporting automobiles, stylish women's footwear, and men's suits;
- That Russia be evacuated and its population housed in a spacious country to be designated later;
- That Serbo-Croatia and all lands surrounding the city of Sarajevo shall be the future vessel of all conflict, strife, horror, and insanity in Europe;
- That the European nations admit in writing that, but for America, they would now be speaking German;
- That all nations be unified in their love of and commitment to peace, and to the hatred of the French;
- To that end, that France be severely punished for its role as host of this horrific conflict, and made to pay reparations to Germany;
- That Austria be open, in the summer months, to tourists;
- That combat against Switzerland continue until the last Swiss lies dead;
- That Luxembourg be maintained as a nation, against common logic, to serve as an interesting political curio;
- That the King of Belgium be set as watchman over Germany, to ensure that no suspicious or warlike activities transpire in that nation;
- That all civilized nations unite in the noble purpose of exploiting the browner peoples of the Earth.



Prime Ministers David Lloyd George of England and Georges Clemenceau of France, and President Wilson, forgers of a new era in tourist attractions.

Gertrude Stein, Literature's Most Famous Bachelorette, Is Still Single

(Hint, Hint, Fellows!)



The Comely Miss Stein.

On both sides of the Atlantic, young gallants are all a-twitter about Gertrude Stein, one of America's most eligible expatriates. Admired as much for her feminine charms as for her experimental prose poems such as "Sacred Emily" and "Pink Melon Joy," Stein continues to captivate many a man.

Perhaps it's that blockish figure which attracts the bachelor eye, such a lovely sight given the skinny, underfed look that's increasingly in vogue. Perhaps it's the sack-like dresses of coarse fabric she wears which intrigue artists and

avant-garde gentlemen. Whatever the elements in Stein's style, they are literally devastating!

Adding to Gertrude's charm is the company she keeps, including one Alice B. Toklas, a bewitching brunette in her own right. Even if a young wooer should fail to win Gertrude's heart (an all-too-common occurrence!), the chance of a tryst with the lovely Alice is nothing to sneeze at!

Her appeal is undeniable, her work unexplainable—"a rose is a rose is a rose," indeed! We'll believe it only if you're writing about yourself, Gertie!

SNACK BAR 'A POSSIBILITY,' WILSON SAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 28. — President Woodrow Wilson today called for the creation of a "League of Nations," a world governing organization with limited powers and an unlimited selection of souvenir world flags and postcards, available for purchase in its lower-level gift shop.

"I am fully committed," President Wilson told members of the press corps assembled at the White House, "to making the new League of Nations an extremely powerful, effective world tourist attraction, one which will draw visitors from around the globe. With the most terrible war in human history finally behind us, with 22 million men dead from the most grisly, bloody fighting the world has ever seen, it is vital that the peoples of the world have a place where they may gather to purchase miniature wax statuettes of famous landmarks with national slogans on them."

HAMBURGERS
According to Wilson's decree, the League will be made up of two parts: the Council of Nations, where representatives of more than 35 nations gather to attempt vainly to maintain international peace and security, and the Chamber of Snacks, where delicious refreshments such as "hamburger"-style sandwiches, kidney pies, leek soup, and

strawberry phosphates may be purchased by fatigued visitors for as little as five cents.

A park bench and as many as two oaken picnic tables will be placed outside League headquarters. This "industrial park" setting will feature potted trees, refuse boxes, and paved pathways.

Despite widespread support for the League of Nations' charter among member nations, formal ratification has been delayed due to a bitter dispute over guided-tour schedules and admission pricing.

"Tours should be given every half hour from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily, except on weekends during January and February," said Crown Prince Ocelot of Syldonia. "But there should be no group discounts available. On this point there can be no concessions."

"No," replied Duchess Tatiana of the duchy of Wurdstein. "There must be special group rates for school field trips."

As outlined in President Wilson's plan, those nations who wish to re-enter the League would receive a special "hand-stamp," which would permit easy recognition upon returning.

The site chosen for the League headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, boasts plentiful janitorial, snack-service, and retail counter-help resources.

LAST 8 GERMANS SURRENDER

After long and intense fighting that has claimed the lives of 22 million soldiers from nearly every nation of the Western world, Allied troops finally succeeded in reducing the German army to a strength of eight men at large in the Belgian countryside, all of whom surrendered yesterday after protracted fighting.

"This, the complete and total surrender of the German armed forces in the persons of Joachim, Johann, Adolf, Siegfried, Hans C., Hans M., Gunther, and Uwe, is a proud moment for the Allied and American Expeditionary forces," said Colonel Roger Stemmons, commander of the 34th Infantry and the officer who accepted the German surrender after cornering the Hun force behind a charred

oak during a routine mop-up operation. "Fearsome and mighty Germany is defeated, and the world need never again fear the thunder of her pair of steely rifles, the once-keen blade of her single rusty bayonet, or the hobnailed tramp of her last good pair of combat boots."

The German forces, feared and loathed through years of bloody attrition, were unbowed in defeat and fought tooth and nail to the last. Some detachments, most notably Johann, refused to believe that the Fatherland had surrendered, and fought on after both his legs and his right arm had been shattered by American covering fire. Their Allied captors, to their eternal credit, lost only three soldiers in the operation.

EUROPEAN CARTOGRAPHERS COMMIT MASS SUICIDE

LONDON, June 8. — Apparently despairing of the constant and never-ending alterations of the map of Europe resulting from peace treaties, seven cartographers were found hanged in the London offices of the Royal Geographic Society. Four others at the Sorbonne in Paris swallowed arsenic, unable to cope with the addition of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Finland; the dissolution

of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and formation of Austria, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia; the division of the Ottoman Empire into Turkey, Transjordan, and several other nations; the transfer of Alsace and Lorraine from Germany to France and additional loss of German territory to newly created Poland; and additional land gains and losses for Rumania and Bulgaria, respectively.

Tonight at 7 o'clock p.m., Professor J.T. Lindsey will appear in lecture and expound upon his vast and great knowledge of

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