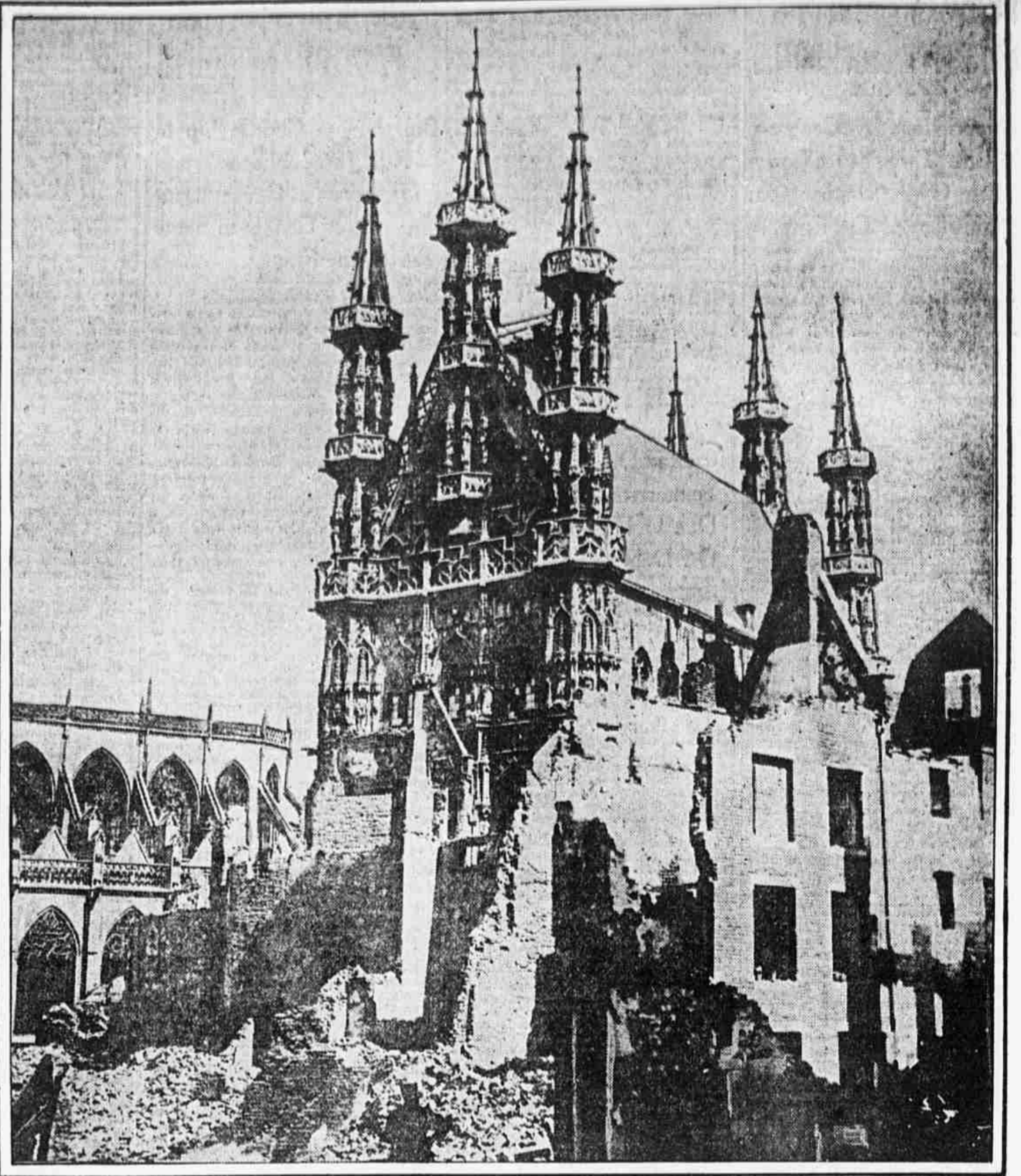
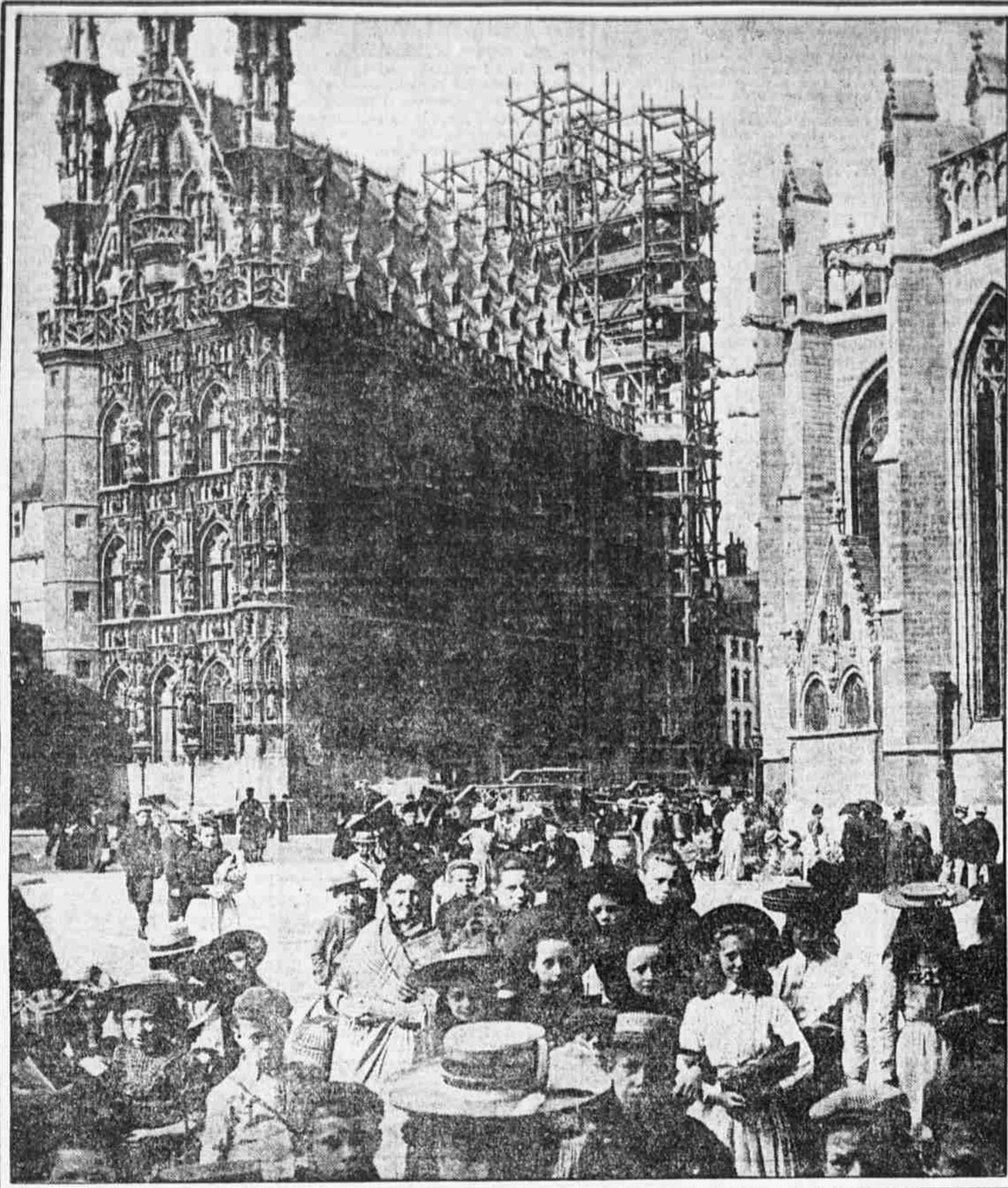


# CITY HALL OF LOUVAIN BEFORE AND AFTER THE GERMAN TORCH WAS APPLIED TO CITY



## AVENUES OF BLOOD REVEAL BATTERIES' PROGRESS ON AISNE

### Men Who Fed Guns at Puisieux Lie in Ghastly Mounds Beside Iron Skeletons.

**BEHIND THE ALLIES' LINES, FRANCE, Sept. 21.**

To the ghastly fields about Puisieux I came, through the haunting horrors of men in gray and blue lying on the roadside—some as though they had lain down to rest and would spring to their feet at the trumpet's sharp summons; others as though some avian beast had sprung on them unawares and mauled them to death; others as though lightning had struck them and left only the charred remains.

One man was kneeling with his rifle on the shattered stump of a telegraph pole. He might have just sighted the enemy, but the finger on the trigger was stiff and cold and through the brow of the soldier was a tiny hole.

A hundred paces to the rear of the earthen parapets lie a torn and overturned tent, a red blanket, some crumpled strips of linen and pieces of cotton wool—evidence of the fate of wounds and agony. Nearby is a mound with a cross of branches, the grave of a gallant officer involved by his men.

**BLAZED TRAIL WITH BLOOD.**

The air is charged with the subtle and sickening odor of death.

Here on the sloping plain they fought the batteries. You can trace the path of the men who fed the batteries. They have blazed the trail with their blood. You can see where the ammunition wagons waited in the rear and where the horses stamped with impatient hoofs.

And the gunners, the men who fought among flame and thunder in a hurricane of lead and steel shards, you can see where they stood behind this earthen wall, where they nudged the shattered parapet with spent cases, where they took cover in a little cave dug in the side of the emplacement when showering guns had got the ranges and poured upon them a deadly shower. Men and guns have gone, the broad fields are silent, deserted, and all the emplacements are empty except two, outlined against the gray sky are the skeletons of guns. There is always some strange attraction about a gun that has been wounded in battle. It is like a human being. It was the man with these German guns. I felt as if I stood before men who had fought like heroes, who had been surely wounded and left on the battlefield.

**HEROIC GUNS AND MEN.**

How well they must have fought, these two comrades who stood proudly side by side among the wreckage. What thunderbolts they must have faced! Many are the wounds of these guns. They have been struck in a score of places, yet they held fast to the death, hurling back bolt for bolt, showering death and destruction until the hurricane overwhirled them and the fires of hell leaped upon them, burning the very earth around and leaving only these charred heaps on which the guns lie—still pointing to the enemy, defiant even in the hour of death.

The men who fought them must have been worthy of the guns. I wonder if their commander lies under the little cross to the rear. This honor I feel sure was his alone, for I know he died bravely at

his post. Among the charred rubbish lay a silver whistle, its silken cord blood-stained and the whistle crushed and bloody.

Across the plain, where lie many of the slain French and Germans who fell in a charge against the trenches, another battery fought and was wounded. Close to the sunny lie horses and caissons in one hideous heap, and beyond the spinney is a wood of dense growth.

The wood is in perpetual shadow, and it is well that darkness should hide the horrors I saw among those trees.

## PEOPLE, NOT THE RULERS, BLAMED FOR GREAT WAR

**Professor Flick, of Syracuse, Thinks This Is Racial Struggle.**

**SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 21.**—Declaring that the causes of the war lie in a historical development of Europe since the overthrow of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815, Prof. Alexander C. Flick, head of the Department of History, at Syracuse University, today said the war was not one of rulers, but a war of the people. He returned from Europe a few days ago.

"No one man planned the present war," he continued. "It is not one of rulers, of dynasties or of cabinets. It is a war of the peoples, with conflicting material interests of racial hatred and jealousy."

"The Austrians raised the mailed fist against the Serb. The Russians immediately prepared to strike Austria. Then Germany threatened Russia and its ally, France, and ultimately England saw its opportunity to strike a blow at Germany."

"Responsibility for the war rests on no ruler, no government, and no people, but upon the peculiarly intricate European relationships—military, colonial, commercial and industrial. Because of these conditions, one Power after another was drawn into the conflict to appeal to the court of reason and arbitration to settle the questions at issue."

"The historic make-up of Europe, the ambitions of the various powers and the character of the various races supply the fundamental reasons for the war. The grouping of the great powers provided the fuel for the conflagration, so that when one power was involved the others would be drawn in inevitably."

## GERMAN TRENCH DIGGER SUPERIOR TO THE FRENCH

**But Teuton Infantry Fire Is Declared to Be Inferior.**

**PARIS, Sept. 21.**

"If the Germans are not good shots, they at least are excellent diggers," says a correspondent of the Intravacant, writing from the front of the battle now in progress on the Aisne. He adds: "A German soldier digs eight or nine trenches for one by a French soldier. These trenches, protected by good artillery, give courage to their occupants."

"The German infantry fire is bad. The average French soldier hits fully 50 per cent of his targets."

"In one village I saw a French regiment charge seven times. When in the village and while passing a house which was flying the Red Cross flag they were received by a murderous fusillade which drove them back. But they returned the eighth time and drove the enemy out."

## DUM-DUMS INTENDED FOR TARGET PRACTICE ONLY

**German Newspaper Shows Photographs of Alleged Deadly Missiles.**

**PARIS, Sept. 21.**—"Photographs of alleged dum-dum bullets taken from French prisoners, printed in a copy of the Berliner Lokal Anzeiger received here, show merely a package of rough, cheap bullets intended for target practice," said an official communiqué.

"The photograph shows the package labeled 'cartouches de stand.' The communiqué says that these cartridges are never used in war, but are intended for individual target tests where it is necessary to decrease the bullet's initial speed by the use of an unjacketed ball.

## OLD MEN BURY THE DEAD BEHIND CURTAIN OF NIGHT

**Aided by Women They Mark Graves With Willow Crosses.**

**LONDON, Sept. 21.**

A Daily News correspondent who has just returned to Paris from the neighborhood of Senlis tells of a new corps of the French army. He says:

"It is the Corps of the Sextons, and there is no age limit to their term of service when they enroll. When the curtain of night has fallen they go from villages and farmsteads, an uncanny, silent procession, to set about their business among the dead, their way illuminated by horn lanterns and torches, and their shadows dance ghoul-like in the flicker of the beams. Little old men, most of them, and bent double, but their shadows amid the trees are shadows of giants."

"Their women follow behind bearing little bundles of peeled willow wands and strands of wire. They cut a few inches from each wand and bind it on crosswise with the wire, and whenever an officer is found cold and stiff amid the dead a cross of willow wand is placed over his grave."

"Hour after hour, night after night, the Corps of Sextons with the women ply their trade, marking cemetery after cemetery. Their bundles of sticks di-

minish as this acreage of the dead swells.

"Devastation and pillage have left their sordid trade mark. Vines have been mowed down to make way for relentless armies. Millions of bunches of rich grapes lie smashed. Everywhere wine-houses have been railed, cellars stormed, and rich vintages looted by the Germans. There are signs of fierce revelry and wild drunkenness."

"Tales women have told me in this region, told me with frankness you at home would not believe possible, have made me shudder, though I have just come through scenes of death and horror more than enough to sear the soul of any man. An hour among these piteous martyrs in black, listening to their torrent flow of narrative, stamps them with certain truth. Of that I am as sure as I am that there is still a sun to shine above this scarred, dismantled, desolate region of La Belle France."

**SCOUR COUNTRY FOR BANDITS**

**LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 21.**—Poses under the leadership of Sheriff Hammel were scouring the hills along the Fernando Valley today for two bandits who robbed more than a score of passengers last night on a Southern Pacific train near Burbank, getting \$500 in cash and valuables worth from \$1000 to \$2000.

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