

# ENGLISH MACHINE GUN DRAWN BY DOGS.

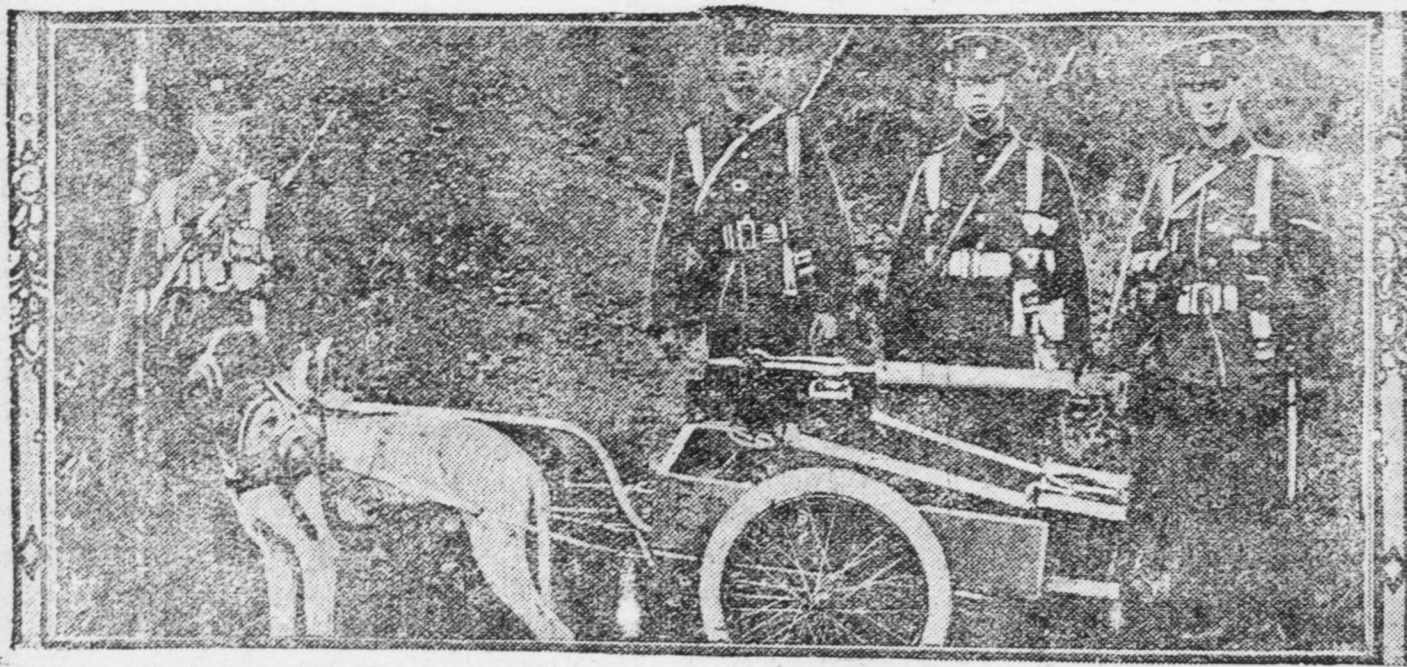


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Business Getting Smiles of the Steel Magnate.



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## MINES DO NOT SCARE

Yankee Skipper Pilots His Vessel to Bremen, Germany.

Bremen (Via London), Jan. 6.—Owing to the daring of an American skipper the steamer *Elmonte*, which sailed from Galveston, Tex., Dec. 3, and New York Dec. 11 arrived at Bremen Jan. 1. The *Elmonte* brought more than 6,000 bales of cotton, the first during the war. It was the first American merchantman to visit Bremen in forty years.

Captain Edward T. Pinchin of the *Elmonte* took on a British pilot at Deal, as England does not class cotton as contraband but the captain dropped him at the Hook of Holland. Dutch pilots refused to assist, saying it was impossible on account of mines to make the trip.

Captain Pinchin said he would take his ship to its destination. He proceeded without a pilot, picking his course without mine charts. He made his way to Bremen, greatly to the amazement of the Germans.

Very Temperate. He got drunk only once a week," remarked a witness to a Liverpool coroner.

## GERMAN "OBSERVATORY" IN FLANDERS.



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In the lower photograph you get a near view of the man, comfortably seated in a chair on top of the straw stack, observing the enemy through a fieldglass, concealed by wisps of hay.

**Rather Too Light.**  
The landlady who had not a reputation for overfeeding her boarders asked her solitary boarder as he looked dolefully at his supper, "Shall I light the gas?"

The boarder gazed at the scanty meal and replied, "Well, no, it isn't necessary; the supper is light enough!"—London Telegraph.

**Woman's Weapons.**  
A number of married men were recently dining together at their club. The question was asked, "What trait in your wife do you consider the most expensive one?" The answers were as numerous as the men in the party. With one it was vanity, another religion or charity or love of dress. The last man to whom the question was put answered oracularly, "Her tears."

**Hand-me-downs.**  
"I have to wear father's old clothes. I don't suppose you girls have any troubles like those."  
"Yes, we do," said the girl. "I have to wear mother's old hair."—Kansas City Journal.

**Russia's Fisheries.**  
Russia ranks third among the fish and deep sea food producing countries of the world. The total yield of fish is well over \$8,000,000 worth a year, but even this great supply is not equal to the needs of the population.

**Different.**  
Seedy Chap (stopping pedestrian)—Pardon me, sir, but you look very much like a man I know.

Pedestrian—Indeed! Well, you look like a man I don't want to know. Good day!—Boston Transcript.

## FADING GERMAN SHELLS.

British Soldier's Letter Pictures Perils at the Front.

The life of a British soldier on the firing line in France is reflected in a letter written by Robert W. Burrell, a private in the Second Coldstream guards, published in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle.

"The day before yesterday," Burrell writes, "at a place named — there were fourteen men with some ammunition carts, and I was one of them. We were near a farm, halted, about a mile from the Germans. Five of us were in a pigsty trying to make a place to sleep in, while the other nine were endeavoring to make a fire and some cocoa. But before we got the cocoa six of the Germans' big shells came over.

"Four burst in the farmyard and two went through the house. There was nothing heard—an explosion only. I did not know anything till I found that I was buried with the wall of the house that fell through the pigsty. After a minute or two I tried to raise myself up, but found that I could not get up for bricks, bits of chimney pots and all sorts of things. I had a second try, but it was useless. I lay a bit longer, huddled up like a ball. But the third time I tried I felt the stuff giving way, so I persevered and got out of it, and what I found and saw was terrible.

"Four or five of my comrades out of the nine who were outside the place were killed, and three of them with me in the pigsty were crushed to death. Two of us only got out. I think it is a miracle that any of us is alive to tell how it came about, but I thank God I am still alive and well. I had been struck on the knees and the center of the back, and two fingers on my left hand were crushed, but I am still able to carry out my duty."

**His Definition.**  
"Pa, what is an 'interior decorator?'"  
"I'm not quite sure, Wilfred, but I think it's a cook."—New York Times.

## AUSTRIAN SIEGE GUN.

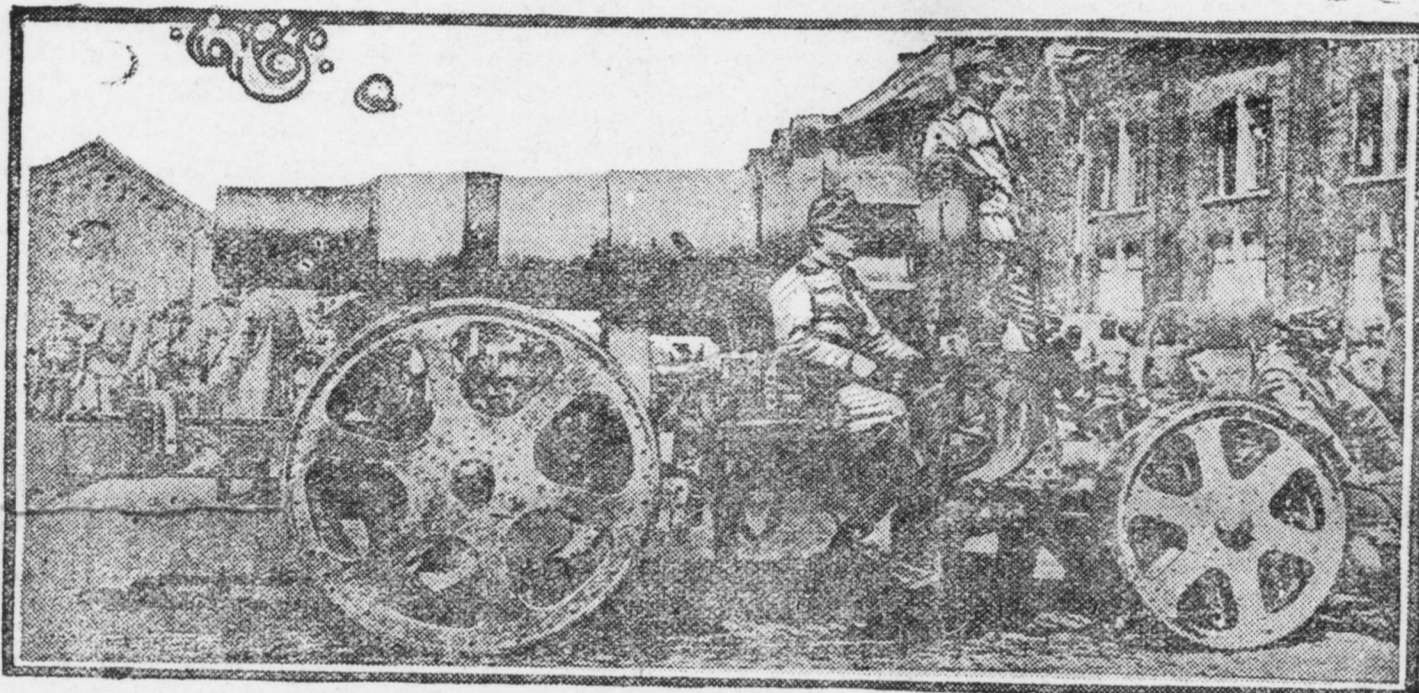


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**Always Apprehensive.**  
"My wife gets nothing but apprehension out of life."

"How so?"  
"She's afraid of cows in the country and automobiles in town."—Kansas City Journal.

**Her Mean Brother.**  
She—Aline's twin brother annoys her dreadfully. He—How? She—You see, everybody knows they are twins, and poor Aline can't pass for only twenty-four because he tells people he's thirty!—Exchange.

**Wasted Generosity.**  
"Oh, I'm so sorry I can't marry you. I had no idea you thought of me that way!"  
"Well, what do you suppose I've been letting your father beat me at golf all the time for?"—Judge.

**136,600 Russians Taken.**  
Amsterdam, Holland (Via London), Jan. 1.—What is described as an unofficial telegram, but which, nevertheless, was issued by the German army headquarters, has been received here. It reads:

"Our troops in Poland are pursuing the enemy. After the battles of Lodz and Lowicz we took more than 67,000 prisoners and many cannon and machine guns.

"The entire booty since the beginning of our offensive in Poland in November totals 136,600 prisoners, more than 100 cannon and over 300 machine guns.

"It is reported from the eastern war arena that the situation in East Prussia and in Poland to the north of the Vistula river remains unchanged.

"East of the Bzura river the battles continue. In the Rawka river district our offense has made progress. On the eastern bank of the Pilica the situation remains unchanged."

**Fall of Warsaw Not Feared.**  
London, Jan. 1.—The new year opened auspiciously for the Russian armies.

The fortunes of war have changed to such an extent during the past week that Grand Duke Nicholas has been able to assume an effective offensive at almost every point on the battle line from East Prussia to western Galicia.

In those districts where the Germans and Austrians still retain the initiative the Russians are slowly but surely gaining strength and when the completion of the vast movement of reinforcements is reached fear of the Teutonic invasion will have disappeared.

There is no longer any danger of the fall of Warsaw or even of the abandonment of the Polish capital for strategic reasons which was possible a week ago, the Austrian armies are crushed and disorganized, the Russians in East Prussia are more than holding their own, the attempt to relieve Przemysl has failed, the Russian ring is again closing in on Cracow and within a few days the retirement of the Germans should begin in the opinion of military authorities here and in Pe-

## TO INVESTIGATE ALL FOUNDATIONS

Federal Probe Into Rockefeller, Sage, Carnegie Charities.

## QUIZ LEADING FINANCIERS.

Educators and Economists Included in Commission's Subpoenas—Will Inquire Into Charges That Big Self-Perpetuating Organizations Are Menace. Hearing Scheduled For Jan. 11.

The federal commission on industrial relations has determined upon a sweeping investigation of the country's greatest benevolent organizations. The investigation will open in New York city on Jan. 11 next. In addition to the previously announced investigation of the Rockefeller foundation the commission, Chairman F. P. Walsh, announced would inquire into the affairs of the Russell Sage foundation, the Baron de Hirsch fund, all the Carnegie benevolences, the Cleveland foundation and seek the reason for the Rockefeller contributions to charitable, philanthropic and educational institutions, which now amount to \$85,000,000, in addition to the fund contributed to the foundation.

To Call Noted Witnesses.  
It was announced by Chairman Walsh that these organizations would be investigated to ascertain if they were a menace to the republic's future, and more than a score of the greatest financiers, educators and economists of the country, it was asserted, would be called as witnesses. In the list are Andrew Carnegie, the two Rockefellers, J. P. Morgan, E. T. Stotesbury, Francis L. Hine, president of the New York Clearing House association; Jacob H. Schiff, E. H. Gary, T. P. Shonts, Theodore N. Vail, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Dr. Arthur T. Hadley of Yale, Seth Low and others who are equally well known.

It is asserted that the basis of the commission's inquiry will be the letters produced here by Jesse F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, showing the interest which members of the executive

## HOW SULTAN APPEALED TO SUBJECTS FOR WAR.

Becomes Duty of 300,000,000 Moslems to Take Up Arms.

The issuance by the sultan of the fetwa, or proclamation announcing a holy war, called upon all Mussulmans capable of carrying arms—and even upon Mussulman women—to fight against the powers with whom the sultan was at war. In this manner, according to Constantinople newspapers, the holy war became a duty not only for all Ottoman subjects, but for the 300,000,000 Moslems of the earth. The fetwa was as follows:

"First Question.—If lands of Islam are subjected to attack by enemies, if danger threatens Islam, must in that case young and old, infantry and mounted men, in all parts of the earth inhabited by Mohammedans, take part in the holy war, with their fortune and their blood, in case the padisha declares the war to all Mohammedans? Answer.—Yes.

"Second Question.—Since Russia, England, France and other states supporting these three powers against the Islamic caliphate have opened hostilities against the Ottoman empire by means of their warships and their land troops is it necessary that all Mohammedans also who live in the countries named shall rise against their government and take part in the holy war? Answer.—Yes.

"Third Question.—Will, under all circumstances, since the attainment of the goal depends upon the participation of all Mohammedans in the holy war, those who refuse to join in the general uprising be punished for conduct so abhorrent? Answer.—Yes.

"Fourth Question.—Mohammedans who live in lands of the enemy may, under threats against their own lives and the lives of their families, be forced to fight against the soldiers of the states of Islam. Can such conduct be punished as forbidden under the shariat and those guilty thereof be regarded as murderers and punished with the fires of hell? Answer.—Yes.

"Fifth Question.—Inasmuch as it will be detrimental to the Mohammedan caliphate if the Mohammedans who live in Russia, France, England, Serbia and Montenegro fight against Germany and Austro-Hungary, which are the saviors of the great Mohammedan empire, will therefore those who do so be punished with heavy penalties? Answer.—Yes.

**Dying Poor.**  
It is no disgrace to die poor, but it's a mean trick to play on your relatives.—Boston Transcript.

**Eminent Austrian Surgeon Declares That Bitter Cold Is More Likely to Cause Amputation of Limbs From Aggravated Cases of Frost Bite Than Bullets and Shells.**

Professor Adolf Lorenz, surgeon in chief of the orthopedic department of the Imperial and Royal General hospital of Vienna, who eleven years ago visited America, performing his remarkable "bloodless operations" for the cure of limb deformities and received a fee of \$75,000 from J. Ogden Armour, Chicago millionaire, for an operation on Mr. Armour's daughter Lolita, has made an appeal to the public urging that steps be taken to care for soldiers who suffer the loss of limbs.

Dr. Lorenz has never used a knife in his own operations and owes his worldwide distinction to this method. But, of course, wounds received in battle frequently leave no other course than amputation. His son and his daughter-in-law, both of them surgeons, recently performed eight amputations in a day on unfortunates of the army.

**Past Neglect of Veterans.**  
But Dr. Lorenz admonishes the public that soldiers disabled by the loss of legs or arms or hands should have all the advantages afterward that modern science can afford. These soldiers, he says, must not be dismissed with crutches and wooden legs. He recalls as dastardly the neglect of the veterans of past wars who were to be seen afterward stumping about on wooden legs grinding organs and in many cases reduced to utter mendacity.

He wants the public to contribute the means for a government manufactory where artificial limbs of the most scientific and modern character may be fashioned and supplied without commercial profit in order that every man who has sacrificed an arm, a leg or a hand in the service of his country may have as good a substitute as modern skill can provide. The orthopedists of the Vienna university, he adds, will eagerly give their services to fit the artificial limbs.

**False Arms and Legs Too.**  
As to the wonders that science can now perform in this direction he recites that a Koenigsberg surgeon, Professor Hoeffmann, at the surgeons congress in Berlin, exhibited a patient, a young man twenty-five years old, whose arms had both been amputated, but who, with artificial arms, worked successfully at his trade of carpentering and was able to feed and dress himself without assistance. The young man walked freely in mounting and descending from the platform, and Professor Hoeffmann created a final sensation by announcing that the patient's legs were also artificial.

Professor Lorenz urges women and children to work ceaselessly knitting thick woolen stockings and leggings, gloves and mittens, for he says that "the bitter cold of a Russian winter" is more likely to cause amputation of legs and feet and arms and hands from aggravated cases of frostbite than bullets and shells.

## MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR

Wealthy Society Leader Sending Clothing to the Stricken People of Belgium.



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## BIG GUNS GUARD PANAMA

Canal Well Protected Against Attack. Goethals on Stand.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Three officers of the United States army testified before the house committee on appropriation that the Panama canal is fortified and that it is impossible for a hostile fleet to destroy the works on either side of the waterway.

Testimony to this effect was given by Colonel Goethals, the builder of the canal; General Weaver, chief of coast artillery, and General Crozier, chief of ordnance.

It was brought out in the hearing that so far the government has expended \$12,050,000 on the fortifications of the canal and that \$2,000,000 additional will be expended in the fiscal year.

It was brought out that the defenses of Panama consist of 14-inch, 12-inch and 8-inch guns and one 16-inch gun, which will be soon ready for action. In addition there are howitzers to defend the canal in case of attacks by land.

Colonel Goethals was closely questioned relative to the recent slides in Culebra cut. He testified that since the initial slide in October 1,500 cubic feet of rock and earth have been removed. These slides, according to Colonel Goethals, are in progress. He was unable to say how long they will continue.

## NEUTRAL ZONE WANTED

Generals Scott and Villa to Confer at El Paso Over Matter.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 5.—General Hugh Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, arrived in El Paso from Naco, Ariz., to meet General Villa and confer with him relative to the establishment of a neutral zone along the American border.

General Scott has been in touch with General Villa's subordinate, Governor Maytorena, at Naco for several days, but Maytorena having declared that he could not give guarantees of permanent observance of the neutral zone General Scott decided to take the matter up with General Villa.

It is understood that the meeting will be held somewhere in El Paso and not at the international bridge.

Villa troops under General Cabral that have been ordered to the border to guard Juarez have arrived at Chihuahua and are being held there to give the Villa special the right of way.

A sudden increase in activity along the border by Cientifico, Carranza and Salazar juntas is indicated by the information received here by Villalistas that orders for more than 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition have been placed in New York and that part of this order has already been filled and the ammunition shipped to border points.

**British Munition Base Destroyed.**  
Berlin, Jan. 6.—German aviators made a raid on the British reserve ammunition stores at Coudeskerque and dropped many explosive bombs. It was officially announced that 100 British officers had been killed or wounded by these bombs and vast quantities of ammunition destroyed.

**War Chill Kills French Artist.**  
Paris, Jan. 6.—Francis Tattetgrain, the artist, is dead from the effects of a chill contracted at Arras, while he was making sketches of the ruins there.

**Workmen's Law Upheld.**  
Washington, Jan. 3.—The supreme court upheld as constitutional the Ohio workmen's compensation law.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio—Rain tonight; Thursday, rain or snow and colder.