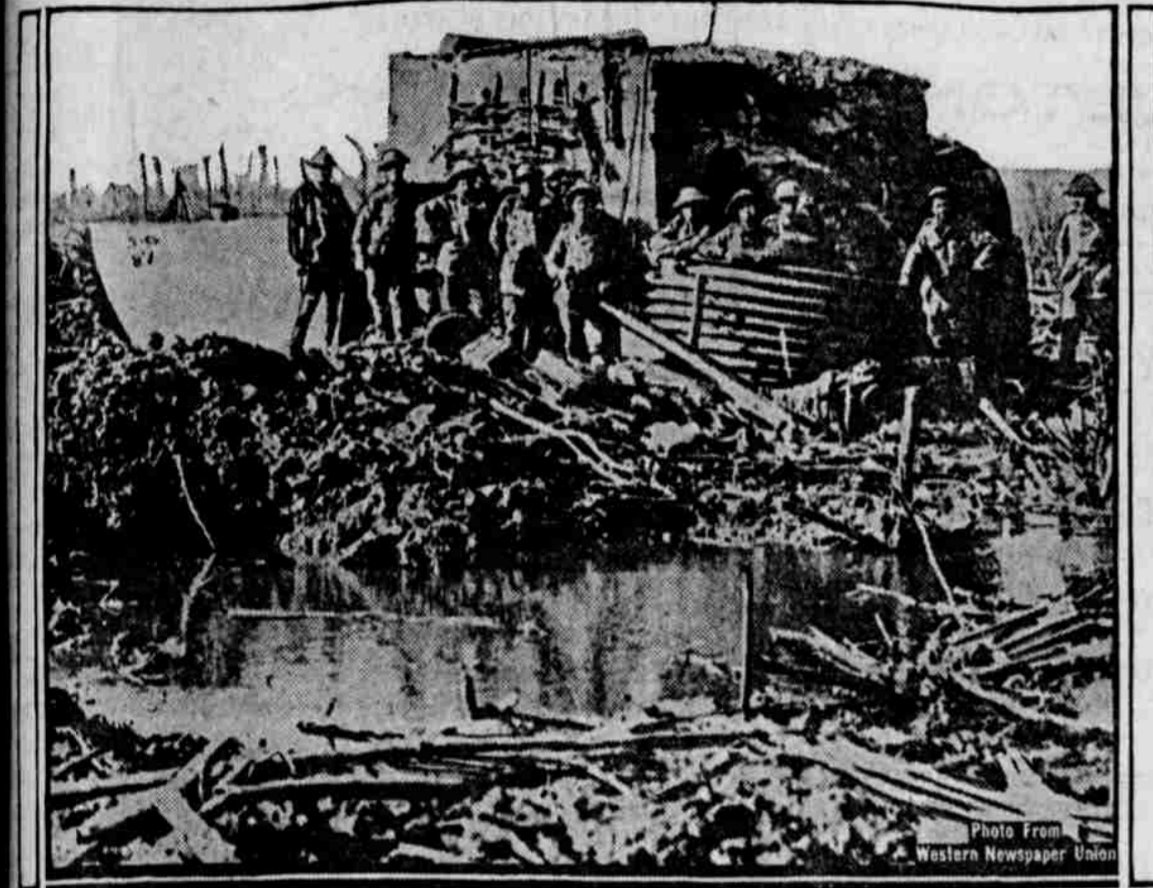


Pictures of World Events for News Readers

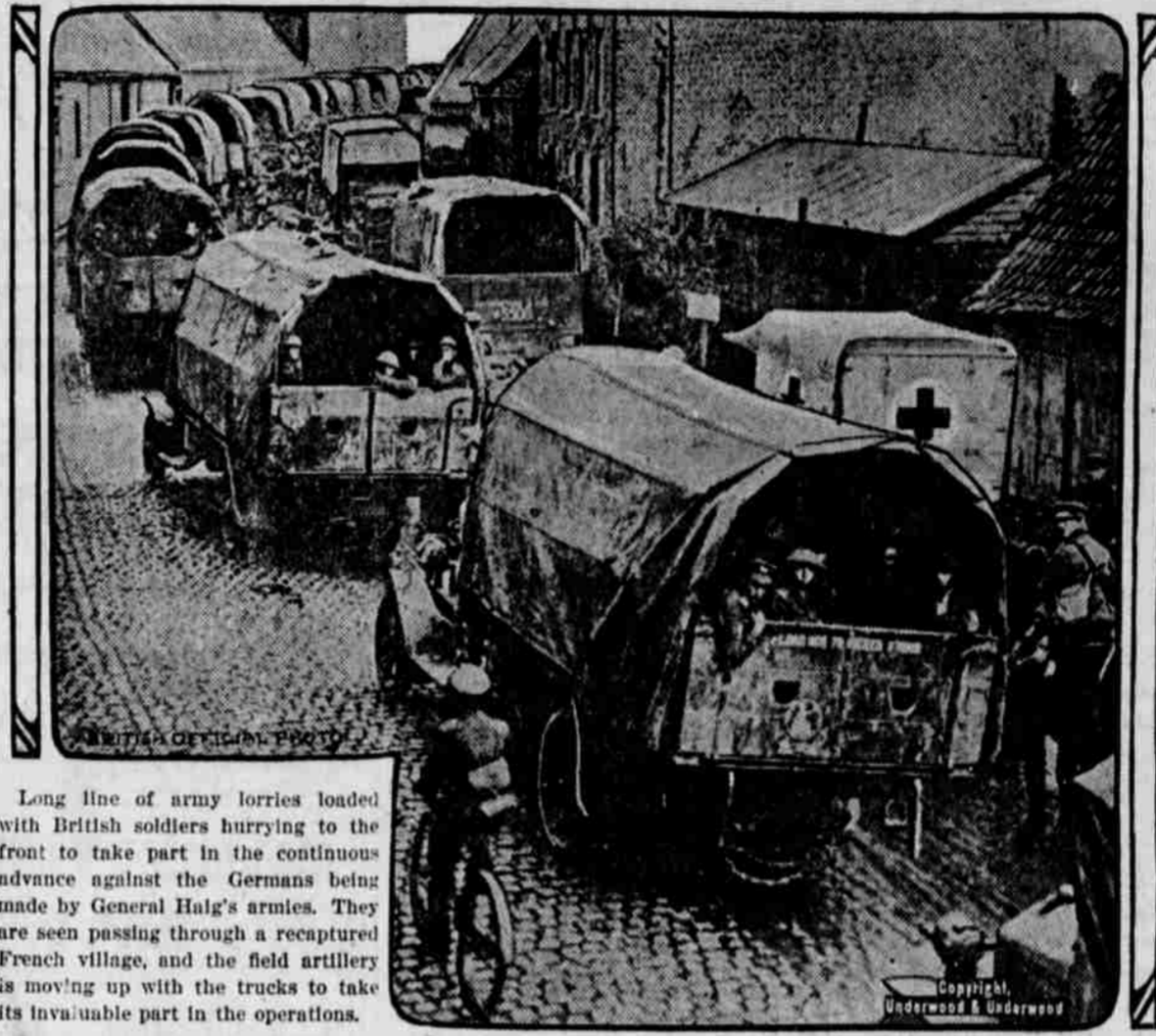
In This Department Our Readers in Fulton County and Elsewhere May Journey Around the World With the Camera on the Trail of History Making Happenings.

GERMAN "PILL BOX" TURNED INTO A DRESSING STATION



This captured German "pill box" in a muddy, torn-up section of the west front, has been converted into a dressing station. These dressing stations, being close to the fighting lines, are the means of saving many lives by quick attention to the wounded.

BRITISH TROOPS BEING RUSHED TO THE FRONT IN FRANCE

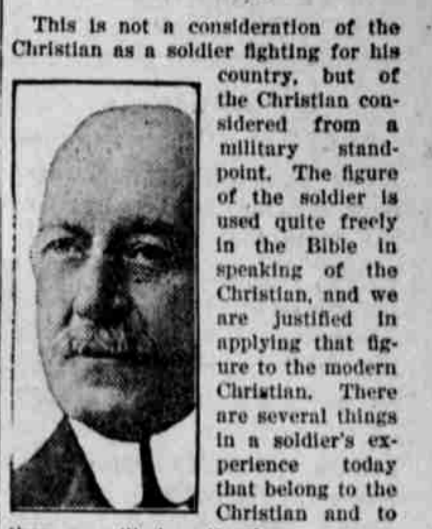


Long line of army lorries loaded with British soldiers hurrying to the front to take part in the continuous advance against the Germans being made by General Haig's armies. They are seen passing through a recaptured French village, and the field artillery is moving up with the trucks to take its invaluable part in the operations.

The Soldier-Christian

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TEXT—No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.—II Timothy 2:4.



This is not a consideration of the Christian as a soldier fighting for his country, but of the Christian considered from a military standpoint. The figure of the soldier is used quite freely in the Bible in speaking of the Christian, and we are justified in applying that figure to the modern Christian. There are several things in a soldier's experience today that belong to the Christian and to these we will give attention.

The Christian's Enlistment and Oath of Loyalty.

Every soldier of his country must take an oath of allegiance to the government and the inclusiveness of this oath is very great. The Christian who will not make a pledge to his Lord, ordinarily in a public way, lacks the first visible testimony that he is a soldier of the Lord. Christian profession is most important, and the exceptions to the rule but prove its importance.

The Christian's Equipment for Service.

The Christian must have his equipment for service as the government of any country must equip its soldiers, in which case clothing, food, shelter, arms, ammunition and other things are absolutely necessary. In the sixth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians this equipment of the soldier-Christian is quite fully given. That equipment is spiritual of course, but it will be noticed that it is both defensive and offensive. The enemy of the Christian often attacks, and the Christian must defend himself. The Christian must not make it a rule of his life however to await the attack of the enemy, but must attack as well. For attack only one weapon is named, and that is the sword of the spirit of the word of God. Unlike human wars, the spiritual warfare has known no change through the ages. The Bible today is the best weapon and there are no Zeppelins nor other aircraft, nor submarines, nor mines, nor anything else that makes it obsolete. It is well to note that there is only the offensive weapon. Many have forgotten this; the Bible has been abandoned and the enemy has pressed the post of righteousness back. Courage, knowledge, faith and all other equipment will be furnished if the Bible is used faithfully. The weapon of offense needs emphasis.

The Christian's Training.

The Christian does too much unorganized fighting. His warfare is too largely a guerrilla warfare. In connection with the national army of the United States the training is most intensive, the results of which are astonishing to all beholding it. There are provisions for training the Christian. The old Methodist class-meeting, now showing innocuous desuetude, was a splendid training school in the days gone by. Sunday schools, Y. M. C. A.'s, young people's societies, etc., give fair training opportunity. For officers' training there are many theological seminaries, and a few of them turn out Napoleons and Grants and Pershings, but many of them are turning out officers with a very indistinct theory of real spiritual warfare and with very little knowledge of it practically. There are some great Bible schools where the training is intensive, largely so because the calls for workers must be promptly met and the time is short.

The Soldier-Christian and Hardship.

"Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," is what Paul said to the recruit Timothy. Whatever may be done by the government or the people of the various countries for the comfort of men at the battle front, ultimately there is hardship.

The Soldier-Christian Must Fight.

"Fight the good fight of faith" is the Scripture exhortation and there is on escaping that responsibility. To fight is to oppose an enemy, to injure or destroy him, to gain the victory over him by contention. The old hymn gives the right idea:

Fight on my soul till death
Shall bring thee to thy God;
He'll take thee at thy parting breath
Up to his blessed abode.

In Ephesians 6:10 the Christian is told that he fights against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Today there is an enemy in the form of false religious teaching that he must fight. The Christian must contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

The Christian's worst enemies are those within his own bosom—his pride, unbelief, indifference, unholiness, evil heart, all active enemies every moment.

The bright ray of cheer that comes to the soldier-Christian is that ultimate victory is assured. He will overcome by the blood of the lamb. His crown will be given him by the righteous Judge in that day.

The Burden of Life.

Christ saw that men took life painfully. To some it was a weariness, to others a failure, to many a tragedy, to all a struggle and a pain. How to carry this burden of life had been the whole world's problem. It is still the whole world's problem. And here is Christ's solution: "Take my yoke and learn of me, and you will find it easy."

Proverbs.

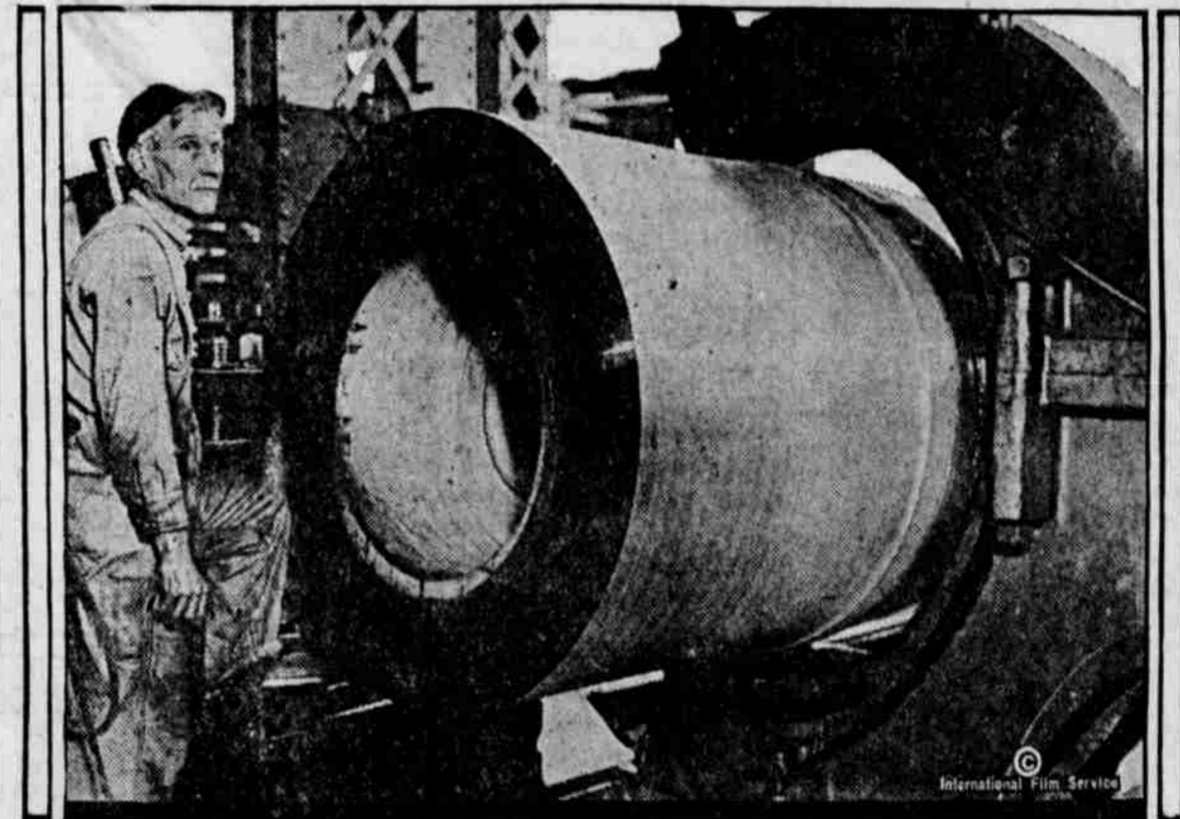
Proverbs, it has well been said, should be sold in pairs, a single one being but half a truth.—W. Matthews

HELPING WOUNDED COMRADE WHILE PRISONERS TRAIL ALONG



This characteristic scene from the west front shows a Canadian soldier helping a wounded comrade back to the trenches while two German prisoners, only too glad to be captured, follow after quite unguarded.

ONE OF THE BIG GUNS THAT UNCLE SAM IS MAKING



Close-up view of one of the 14-inch guns that are being manufactured in American arsenals for use against the Germans. These monsters and others of all calibers are being turned out in great numbers.

NEW AMERICAN AIRPLANE BOMBS



Several types of airplane bombs invented by Americans and adopted by the United States government are shown in the illustration. The man is kicking one of the missiles to show that it is harmless unless its nose hits someone.

RAVEN JOINS BRITISH NAVY



This raven joined up with the British naval forces in the Mediterranean, and is now an especial pet aboard one of the cruisers. Sailors the world over are very fond of mascots, and always have them aboard ship if they can.

Annexation of South Sea Islands.

A formal declaration that Japan intends to retain possession, after the war, of the South Sea Islands, now under her protection, is urged upon the government by the Tokyo Asahi. The new French cabinet has declared, in the chamber of deputies, says the Tokyo journal, they will not stop fighting until the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine; it is wise for a nation to declare its aims in prosecuting a war. Notwithstanding this, some Japanese bureaucratic statesmen make a point of denouncing the attitude of those in favor of declaring to the world the just and proper demands of the Japanese people, in connection with the war, lest it hurt the feelings of the allies. It is a mistake to view a declaration of the just claims of a nation as a demonstration of selfish intentions or breach of international etiquette, says the Tokyo paper, and the Japanese government should follow the example of the French cabinet and make a public declaration at once as to Japan's intention to retain possession of the South Sea Islands after the war and to make other proper claims. Such frank declarations on the part of belligerents are important in making known to all concerned their true intentions. The Tokyo Asahi concludes by declaring that the Japanese people are desirous that their government shall take such step at the present important juncture.

CANADA'S SMALLEST SOLDIER



This photograph shows the "littlest boy," or rather the smallest man with the Canadian forces in Europe. His age is fifteen, and he enlisted in November, 1914, at Vancouver. Before the war he was a bugler. He takes his chances with the grown-up soldiers, with one of whom he is seen chatting.

Out of His Ward.

There was an officers' meeting in one of the line regiments. An earnest discussion of military principles was taking place, relates the Boston Herald. Suddenly the door was thrown open and a recruit in civilian clothes appeared.

"Hello, fellers," he greeted them generally. "Say, which one of you is the head guy around here? I've just come to camp."

The officers stared at him in bewildered confusion. Eventually a major asked gruffly:

"What's your name and where do you come from?"

"My name's Smith and I come from the ninth ward. I guess I'll be going since you're so nasty about it."

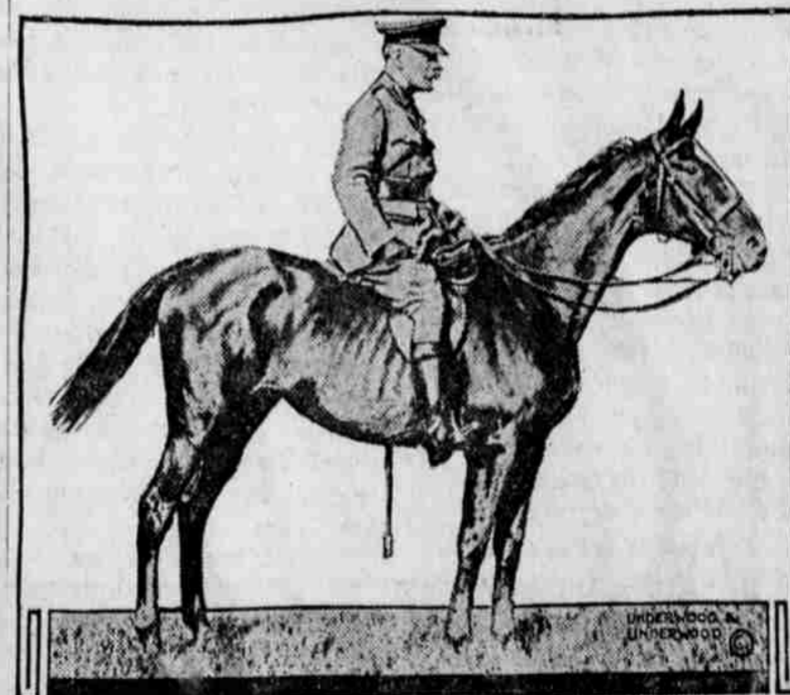
They Didn't Forget.

"He's perfectly quiet, ladies," remarked the jobmaster to the two girls who were about to hire a pony and trap, "only you must take care to keep the rein off his tail."

When they returned the jobmaster inquired how they got on.

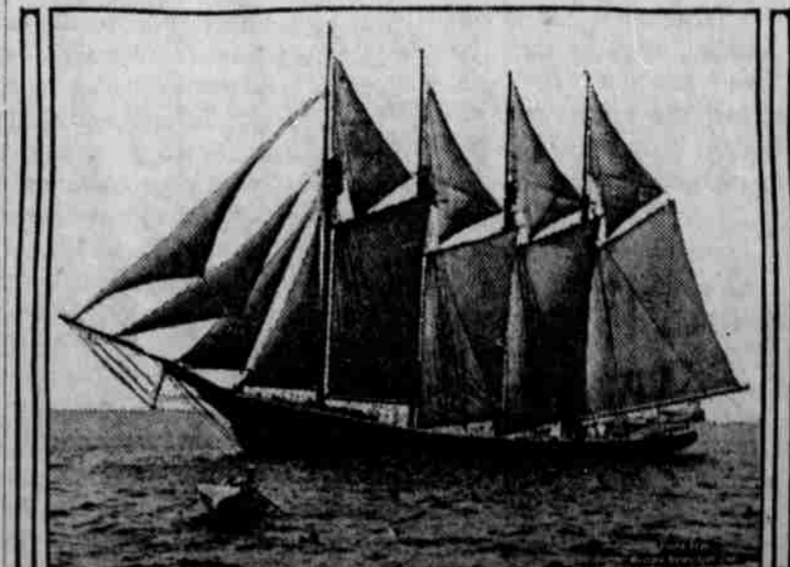
"Splendidly," they exclaimed. "We had one rather sharp shower, but we took it in turns to hold the umbrella over the horse's tail, so there was no real danger!"—Answers.

FIELD MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG



The most recent picture of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, commander in chief of the British forces in France, which has just arrived in this country. It is a characteristic picture of the Great British military leader. His steed is a marvel and his thoroughbred breeding is delineated in every line. Horse and man are a pair of thoroughbreds.

MAKING STEAMSHIPS OF SAILING VESSELS



Chairman Hurley of the shipping board heartily approves the suggestion of Thomas A. Edison that as many as possible of America's 5,382 sailing vessels be converted into steamships. The photograph is of a four-master that has been equipped with power.

MUCH IN LITTLE

Therese von Pattkner, attached to the Turkish forces operating in Mesopotamia, is the only woman correspondent officially recognized by the German government. The German army, will purchase and use a Red Cross automobile and other matters pertaining to this business.

The Grand Falls of Labrador are the highest in the world—they have a sheer drop of 2,000 feet. The falls of Niagara drop 164 feet. New Zealand, in 1916, slaughtered 3,348,018 lambs for food. Argentina's national wealth is estimated at \$9,820,000,000. Britain has replaced 1,256,000 men in industries by women. Spain's commerce in 1916 totaled \$479,672,222, of which \$230,664,231 represented imports. In some of the cigar stores of Italy patrons light up from a piece of rope which is hung up in a convenient place and allowed to burn slowly.