

Pictures of World Events for News Readers

PENNSYLVANIA
STATE ITEMS

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.

BANGING THE TURK IN THE MESOPOTAMIAN DESERT



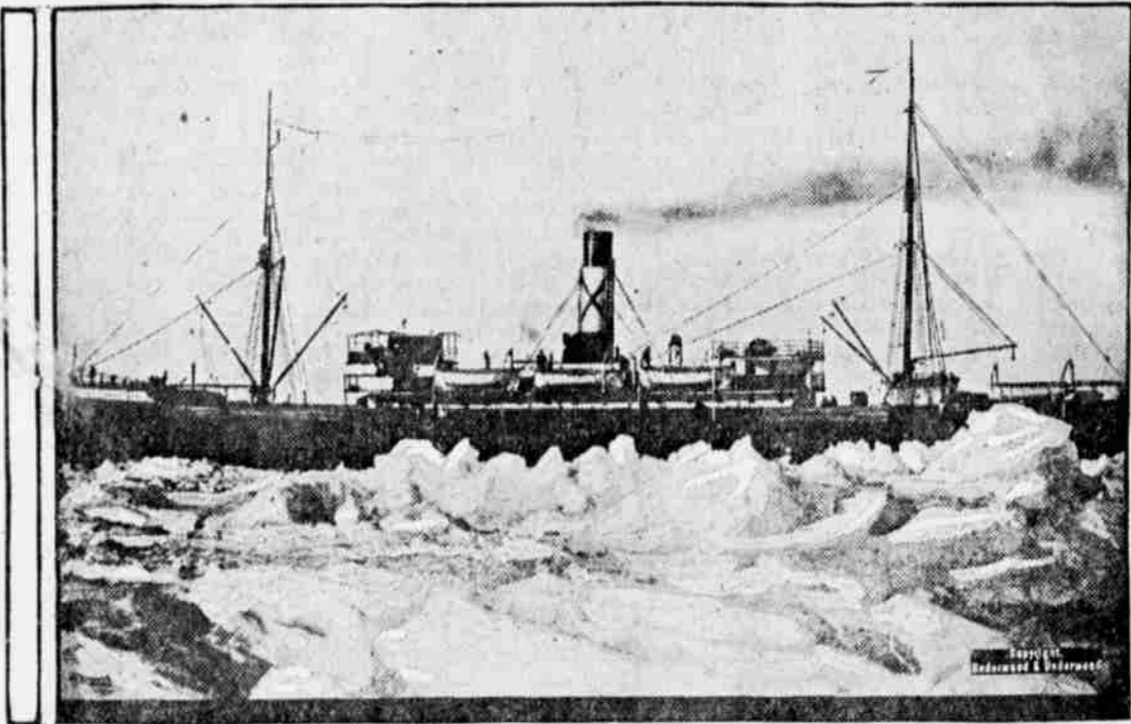
Though little is heard about it in comparison with the momentous happenings that daily occur on the western and eastern fronts, an important phase of the war is being conducted in Mesopotamia. A British army is steadily banging away at the Turks, driving them farther and farther into the desert. While the Tommies fighting in the snow and cold on the western front may envy their comrades in the Euphrates-Tigris valley, the men fighting in the desert are not having a picnic. They have more heat than they can stand; the arid desert is intolerable to white men. Yet they are keeping at it, and this British official photograph shows one of their big field pieces, just as it was fired, making the Turks step lively across the sands.

A STREET IN PARIS AFTER THE VISIT OF GERMAN GOTHAS



One of the streets in Paris showing the damage caused by a 200-pound torpedo dropped from a raiding Gotha on the night of January 30. Great holes many feet deep were made by the torpedoes, and the buildings in the background were badly injured.

RED CROSS LINER FLORIZEL WRECKED ON REEFS OFF CAPE RACE



Forty-four survivors, all who were left of the ship company of 156, were taken from this ill-fated Red Cross liner Florizel, which struck a reef north of Cape Race, N. E., during a terrific blizzard. The survivors were taken off by the crew of the Prospero, which was sent by the government to the scene with special life-saving apparatus. The Florizel is shown here as an ice breaker in New York harbor.

FRENCH TROOPS WITH MITRAILLEUSE DRIVING BACK GERMANS



The French mitrailleuse has proved very effective in driving back the German troops, and has mowed down many an advancing line. This photograph shows French soldiers in a captured trench firing a mitrailleuse at the foe.

HAD HONEYMOON TRIP ABOVE THE CLOUDS GERMAN WAR BREAD AND SOAP



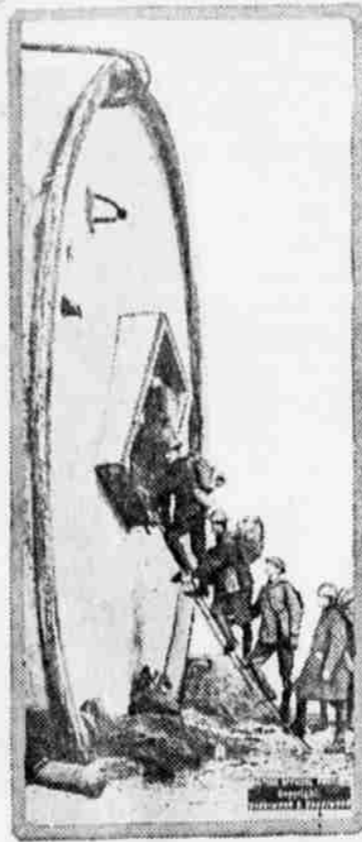
Lieut. Lawrence B. Sperry and wife (formerly Miss Winifred Allen), who were the first to experience a honeymoon above the clouds. The newly married couple left Governor's island and airplanned their way to Massapequa, L. I., the Sperry home, in 24 minutes. They claim this is the only way to really enjoy a wedding trip.



Repatriated British soldiers who have returned to England to recuperate have brought home numerous souvenirs from German detention camps, some of which give an idea of the treatment accorded enemy troops. The photograph shows Sergeant Sponder, a Lewis gunner, with his daily ration of German sawdust war bread and a piece of German soap made chiefly from sand.

About the Only Danger They Face.
"Heard anything of the kaiser's sons lately?"
"No."
"Remarkable how well they keep in the great war, isn't it?"
"Yes. They seem to be rather well protected. The only thing the kaiser has to fear for them is that one of them might get up in the dark and drink out of the wrong bottle."

AN UNUSUAL BILLET

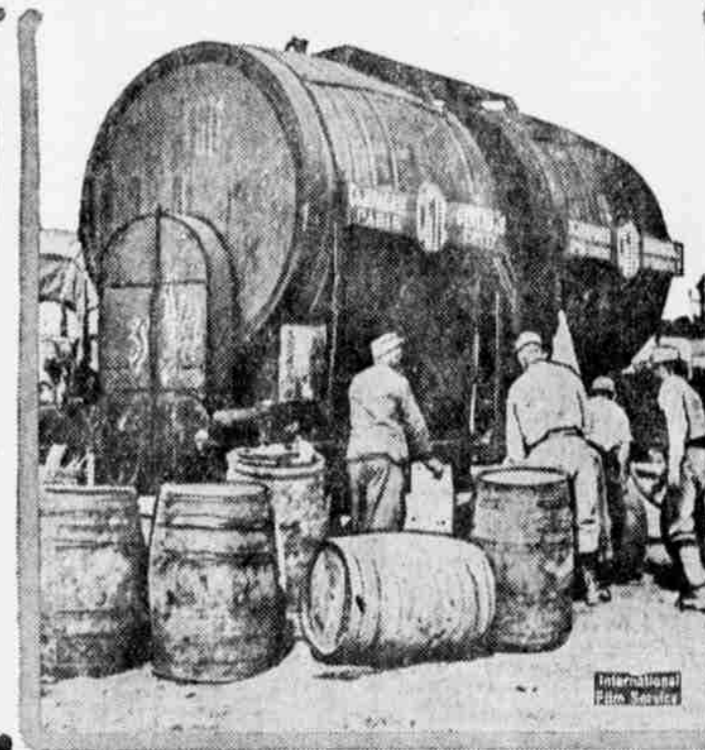


Billets for soldiers who fight on the western front can be anywhere. But the strange place that any fighter had to put up for the night on the fighting lines is shown in this British official photograph. A great concrete tank which turned over in a bombardment is being utilized by the Tommies and they have made a real cozy home of the huge cylinder. They are shown here going in for a rest. The picture is an excellent reminder of the old lady who lived in a shoe with her immense family. This home is just as different from the average habitation as the shoe, and the family of Tommies who lodge here is equally immense.

Early Use of Coal in Britain.

Some say that coal was used by the ancient Britons; at all events, it was an article of household consumption to some extent during the Anglo-Saxon period as early as 852 A. D. It certainly was known there in the thirteenth century, as is evidenced by a charter given in 1230 by King Henry III to the inhabitants of Newcastle-on-Tyne for the winning of the numerous coal mines in that region. It was, however, not until 1769 that the Parisians got English coal from Newcastle. Subsequent coal mines were discovered in various parts of France, notably in the departments of Pas-de-Calais and the Loire. In America the deposits near Richmond, Va., were discovered in 1701, and mining was begun in 1701, while anthracite was first produced in 1763.

WINE FOR THE POILUS AT THE FRONT



Wine is an important part of the daily rations served to the French soldiers. The above photograph shows soldiers filling barrels from the tank car which has just arrived from the wine regions in southern France. The barrels of wine are then sent forward to the men in the trenches.

THEY DO NOT FEAR GERMAN POISON GAS



These American soldiers are wearing the marvellous new gas mask adopted by our army. Each man in the group sent home a copy of the photograph, just to show how our fighters have sunk their individuality in the combined fight for human justice and liberty.

Isabelle.—Held up by three thieves, Harry Bush, Reading railway station agent at Isabelle, was robbed of a small amount of cash, and then his sister, Miss Evelyn Bush, who hastily concealed \$200 of the company's cash in her room upstairs, drove the robbers away at the point of a revolver.
Easton.—Knocked into the river by a huge block of ice while he was standing along the shore drinking, a cow belonging to the Alpha farms swam the Delaware below Easton, and succeeded in getting across through the masses of floating ice.

Reading.—The recently organized Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania will hold its first convention in Reading April 13, the anniversary of the issue of the Edict of Nantes, in 1598.
Easton.—Easton Eagles not only are paying the dues of members in service, but have created a fund to pay \$1000 to the family of any member killed.

Kittanning.—Charles Bair, aged twelve, son of Lawrence Bair, a machinist in the Faucus machine shops, in Ford City, died almost instantly when struck by a northbound Pennsylvania passenger train near his home.

Oil City.—Twenty-one residents of Oil City are now at the fighting front with the American, English or Canadian forces, and one Oil City woman is at a cantonment just behind the fighting lines, according to an announcement made by the home service section of the American Red Cross. The woman is Miss Lois Brundred, a Red Cross worker.

Williamsport.—A huge water tank on the roof of the four-story factory of the Williamsport Furniture company collapsed, releasing several thousand gallons of water into the building and forcing one of the side brick walls to give way. The damage is estimated at \$30,000 to machinery and stock.

Indiana.—Albert Maruca, aged twenty-four, who was shot during an altercation at McIntyre recently, died in the Indiana hospital. He was to leave for camp soon.

Sharon.—Members of the Farrell Commercial club voted against an after-war trade boycott on Germany unless there is a disarmament. The members decided that it was a matter for the government to handle.

Bellefonte.—Every accused man pleaded guilty in Centre county court, and juries had no criminal cases to try.

Shamokin.—Mrs. Bessie Woodling and Miss Anette McArthur have been put in charge of two dangerous Pennsylvania crossings.

Greensburg.—Marbleton Sanitarium, near here, has been taken over by the government to be used for injured soldiers returning from France.

Harrisburg.—The borough of Pymouth, Laurel Run, Sugar Notch and Luzerne filed complaint against the increase of fare by the Wilkes-Barre Railway company.

Greensburg.—Peter Dorzuk, an Austrian shoemaker, is sorely disappointed that he was sent back home from Camp Lee because of physical disability.

Shamokin.—Hurry to prepare breakfast for her husband and son, Mrs. Patrick Mahoney tripped and fell against the rail of her bed, breaking several ribs.

Pottsville.—Thomas Walsh has died at the Miners' hospital from rheumatism contracted while he served with General Pershing in the Mexican invasion.

Lehighton.—Extensive electrification plans of anthracite coal companies in the Lehigh field have been postponed until the end of the war, owing to the scarcity of materials and labor.

Harrisburg.—The Dauphin county court has granted a decree of ouster from charter privileges at the instance of the attorney general's department against the Magnesia Covering company, Ambley.

Hazleton.—Two fatal accidents at collieries in this district the past four days made eleven children orphans—nine more than during the entire year of 1917 in the Sixteenth anthracite district.

Lewistown.—High winds unroofed the county prison.

Tioga.—Charles Cornelius has been appointed law clerk of the public service commission.

Bangor.—For refusing to send his children to school, Matthew Mongoura was sent to jail.

Bellefonte.—In most parts of Centre county the wheat stand is even, though short, and the outlook for a good average crop is firm.

Milesburg.—Four young men were each fined \$10 and costs for fishing in Bald Eagle creek, a trout stream, with dip-nets.

Bangor.—Two strangers taking notes in the Flyory Manufacturing company's munition plant fled when the police were notified.

Rockwood.—Melancholy from worrying over the national army draft, C. C. De Haven, twenty-four shot himself and committed suicide at his home.

Lebanon.—Levi W. Henry, aged eighty, a retired business man, has died at the home of his son, Shamokin, from effects of a fall on an icy sidewalk.

Harrisburg.—Edward Bailey, president of the Harrisburg Trust company for twenty-five years, has resigned and is succeeded by George W. Rely, vice president.

Indolent Genius.

Indolence has produced a good many works of genius. James Thomson not only wrote his famous "Seasons," but also a very characteristic poem called "The Castle of Indolence." He was himself one of the most indolent of men. It is said that he was too lazy to stretch out a hand to pick a peach from the wall, but simply stopped and pecked at it where it hung. But whether that is a libel or the truth, it is certain that most of his poetry was composed in a recumbent position. He always wrote best in bed!