

AUSTRALIAN FIRING A TRENCH MORTAR



This remarkable looking weapon, which is being used with telling effect against the Turks in the Dardanelles campaign, is a trench mortar, one of the new engines of war which has been brought into play during the present European war. It is mounted on boxes, and judging from the way it is handled when fired there is considerable risk to the pointer or operator of the weapon, for while one arm directs the fire of the mortar the other arm pulls the slug which sets it off.

EARS OF THE ARMY

Signal Corps Get Little Credit for Most Heroic Work.

With Shot and Shell Playing Around Him Signaler Coolly Splices Broken Telegraph Wires — Always at Danger Point.

By CHRIS HEALY.

(International News Service.) Liverpool.—When the full story of the war is written we shall know the exact part played by the skilled craftsmen of Great Britain. Appreciative hints are given here and there of the work of the collier in detecting the enemy's mines, and boring counter-mines, and of this work and that of the navy, in building...

GERMAN SHELLS BURSTING OVER FRENCH POSITION



This remarkable picture of bursting German shells was made just at the moment when they were falling on a farm in the Argonne district used by the French as a rendezvous. The shells were directed at the French soldiers, who are seen working. None of the French soldiers who were present while the rain of shells fell on them were hurt.

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Sept. 27, 1914. Allies repulsed German attacks on both wings, but Germans gained in center. French re-enforced on the Meuse. Germans bombarded Malines. Russians checked German advance into Poland at Suwalki and entered town of Przemysl.

Sept. 28, 1914. Allies made progress on the Meuse. Belgians retook Alost and repulsed Germans at Malines. General Hindenburg's army forced to retire from Poland. Russians occupied Dombrowa and took a fort at Przemysl.

Sept. 29, 1914. Germans occupied Moll and Malines and bombarded Lierse. Outer defenses of Antwerp shelled by the Germans. Serbs retook Semlin. Russians swept over northern Hungary. Japanese invested Tsingtau.

Sept. 30, 1914. Allies drove back both German wings and retook St. Mihiel. Germans destroyed town of Orches. Germans failed in attempt to cross the River Niemen. Retreating Austrians surrounded near Dukla.

Oct. 1, 1914. Allies won fight around Roze. French shelled Germans in quarries. Belgians bombarded Termonde church to drive Germans from steeples. Bombardment of Antwerp forts continued.

Oct. 2, 1914. Allies checked at Arras. Germans driven back across the Meuse. Two Antwerp forts silenced. Russians broke German center and took up new battle line from Mariampol to Ossowetz.

War may be necessary—but there's no sane reason why people should try to change seats while in rowboats.

Near-Publicity. The nearest some men ever come to getting their pictures into the papers is when a cross (X) is shown on the half-tone to indicate where the innocent bystander stood when it happened.

Daily Thought. Even in ordinary life the unselfish people are the happiest—those who work to make others happy and who forget themselves. The dissatisfied people are those who are seeking happiness for themselves.—Besant.

Daily Thought. I do not say we ought to be happier as we grow older, but we ought to be calmer, knowing better what life is, and looking forward to another, which we believe to be a reality, though we cannot tell what it means.—Jowett.

Those Musicians. "Do you think, professor," said the musically ambitious youth, "that I can ever do anything with my voice?" "Well," was the cautious reply, "it may come in handy to holler with in case of fire."

LIKE PICNIC PARTY

Italian Faces Death With a Smile and a Joke.

Austrian Officers Astonished at the Easy, Cheerful Ways of Italian Soldiers—Comradeship Between Officers and Men.

BY CAMILLO CIANFARRA. (International News Service.) Udine, Italy.—A stay of a few days at any of the sectors into which the Italian front is divided will convince the neutral observer of several things. Two of these will suffice as chiefly characteristic of the Italian army, viz.: The good humor of the Italian troops even in the face of the most desperate straits; and the excellent relations which exist at all times between the officers and men.

Shrapnel shells may explode at regular intervals in and around the Italian trenches, the roar of the guns may be deafening and awe-inspiring, the rain of bullets may raise clouds of dust and send pebbles and chunks of rocks hurtling through the air—and yet the Italian soldier will always be ready to get all the fun he can out of the situation.

In fact the clammy hand of death may be lurking in every corner and yet his native smile will never desert him, the unquenchable fire will never leave his eyes, he will always be ready for a joke at the expense of the unsuspecting comrade standing, rifle in hand, at his side, alert at the first signs of real danger.

This good humor, the radiant smile and the easy cheerful ways of the Italian "Tommy," even after the most bloodcurdling operations, in which he may have risked his life a dozen times, excites the wonder of the Austrian officers.

One of the latter in a letter to his mother which was found on the battlefield declared that he could not make up his mind whether these Italian soldiers were cynics or enthusiasts.

"For a whole day," continued the officer, who is a devout Catholic, "I was prevented from training a gun against a certain spot, because I saw through my field glasses that an ammunition wagon was guarded by a priest armed with a long shining cross."

When the Italians evacuated the spot it was discovered that the priest was nothing more nor less than a black cassock and a widebrimmed hat, supported on two wooden sticks and the cross formed out of a number of tin meat cans.

Musicians and singing, however, form the chief diversions of the Italian troops, whenever and wherever the officers allow it. As Colonel Dunn, military attaché at the American embassy, remarked after a short visit to the Italian front, "These encampments behind the firing line are more like a picnic party than soldiers on a battle front."

their men as they deserve to be treated; kindly, humanely. Moreover, they do it without loss of dignity. Hence, the soldiers respect, honor and even love their superiors.

In the trenches and everywhere on the firing line, where danger is greatest, the feeling of devoted comradeship between officers and men is admirable and it is safe to say that every soldier is ready and willing to lay down his life for his superior.

The last soldier to be decorated was a certain Guido Vitelli who, on seeing in the course of an engagement his lieutenant fall grievously wounded, left the trenches accompanied by a comrade and rushed to the rescue. The spot where the officer lay was quite a distance from the trench and Vitelli was struck twice in the hand and in the cheek, while his comrade was slightly wounded in the leg.

Nevertheless, the two wounded soldiers succeeded in carrying their superior officer into the Italian lines. At the hospital, where he is now recovering, Vitelli related his adventures to the captain of his company, adding that he was glad of the opportunity of proving the devotion he felt for the gallant young lieutenant. Naturally, the captain has recommended him for the medal.

MISS MARY ELLEN WILSON



Second daughter of the Secretary of Labor, W. B. Wilson.

Bank Teller Admits Hold-Up Fake. Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Leo Perrin, depositor paying teller of the Cedar Rapids National bank, is under arrest, charged with embezzlement of \$20,070 from that institution. Perrin was arrested after he confessed that the money, lost by the bank in a supposed hold-up, really was taken by him. He was taken to jail when unable to obtain signatures to his \$5,000 bond.

Lives on Coffee. Baltimore.—Kate Larber, aged thirteen, has since she was fourteen months old taken practically no nourishment except coffee, which she drinks in large quantities, sometimes 20 cups a day.

Rabbit Hole a Treasure. Pratt, Kan.—A Mexican some six miles east of here was hunting rabbits yesterday and ran a rabbit into a hole. He reached into the hole and pulled the bunny out, but the rabbit held to a sleeve of a man's jacket. Further investigation by the Mexican showed a large swag of heavy silverware that had been hidden in the hole, wrapped up in the jacket. The silverware was turned over to a nearby resident and he notified the cops.

Uses for Obsolete Guns. Many unutilized things are made of obsolete guns, and in England especially are to be found a number of objects of interest in this line, says the Marine Journal. The Victoria Cross, for instance, has always been manufactured from the guns captured at Sebastopol. Many things in the Brit-

WAR'S TRAGEDY FOR THE NONCOMBATANT



One of the London Daily Mail's prize photographs, showing a family returned to their native village after a serious battle had been fought there, only to find their cottage in ruins.

CAME TO BORROW A BILLION FOR ALLIES



Representatives of England and France, who came to the United States for the purpose of negotiating a loan of a billion dollars for the allies, are shown in this illustration. J. P. Morgan (1), as financial agent of the British government, acted as their host. The others are: (2) Sir Edward Holden of the London City and Midland bank; (3) Sir Henry Babbington Smith; (4) Lord Reading, lord chief justice of Great Britain and head of the commission; (5) Octave Homberg of the French foreign office; (6) Basil B. Blackett of the British treasury; (7) Ernest Mallet, regent of the Bank of France.

Russian Barbers Act as Surgeons. Russian barbers with about six weeks medical training are with the czar's army in great numbers as full-fledged surgeons, according to reports of wounded German soldiers who have just returned from the front.

Lavender Repels Mosquitoes. Noted in this evening's issue a formula for repelling mosquitoes. A simpler and more effective repellent is oil of lavender, sprayed through an atomizer on parts exposed. This oil is more efficient than citronella, ammonia, camphor, tar and a hundred other "straws" that "skeeter" victims have clutched at. It has been found in New Jersey and not found wanting, so what more can one ask for?—(Letter to New York Globe).

St. Paul's there is the funeral car which bore the remains of Wellington to his last resting place, made entirely of enemy guns. Farmers Makes Direct Sales. The United Fruit companies of Nova Scotia (Ltd.), a co-operative society of orchardists and farmers throughout the Annapolis valley, have opened a store in Halifax and will sell butter, eggs, vegetables, apples and other country produce direct from the farm to the consumer.

TAKING WOUNDED ABOARD



This photograph, taken at the Dardanelles, shows a British soldier, wounded in the arms, being lowered aboard a hospital launch in what is known as a "bosun's chair," which is swung out by means of a crane.

Would Help Some. It is a small English country town, and one of the members of the special war relief committee is also proprietor of a drapery "emporium." To him came for advice and assistance a poor woman who had just "heard the worst" about her man at the front. Would the separation allowance be paid still? Or would the war office make a special grant? "I can't say definitely what the war office will do in your particular case," was the judicious verdict, "but, personally, I shall be glad to supply you with mourning from my establishment at a wholesale price."

KANSAS HAS 900 PAUPERS

Twenty Counties in the State Have No Poor Farms Nor Poor Indigents.

Topeka.—Twenty of the 105 Kansas counties have no poor farms or indigent poor, while in other counties the poor farms are self-supporting, according to a report made by J. W. Howe, secretary of the state board of control. In the year ending July 1 the va-