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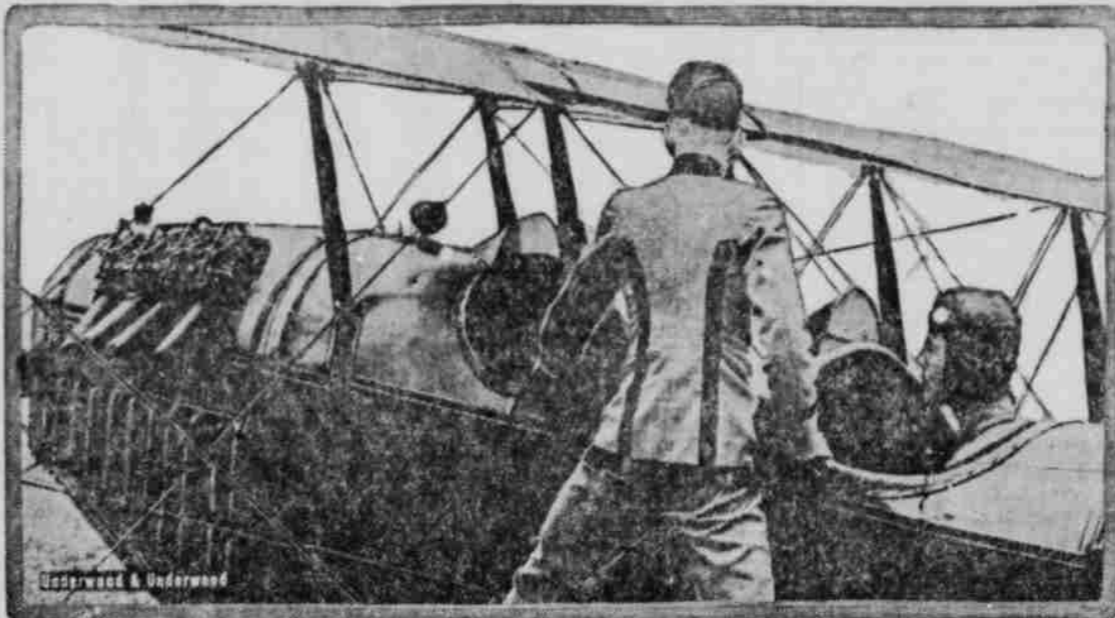
Through an association with a number of other American newspapers The Roanoke Rapids Herald is represented throughout the world by some two hundred photographers, more than one hundred of them being with the armies and navies of the various warring nations. A number of the best and most interesting of the pictures taken by these photographers will be reproduced on this page each week for the benefit of readers of The Herald.

FIGHTING A BURNING WELL IN NEW GAS DISTRICT



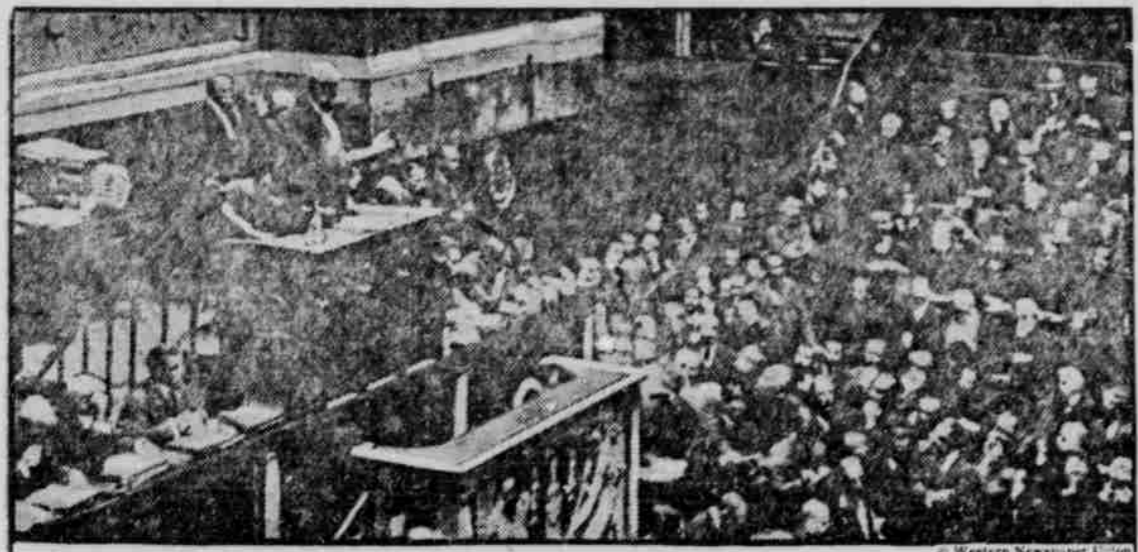
Men fighting a gas well fire at Snake Hollow, just outside McKeesport, Pa., where vast quantities of natural gas have been discovered recently. The men with the long pipe are trying to knock the cap off the well so the fire can be extinguished with steam.

TEACHING COMMERCIAL AVIATION IN A COLLEGE



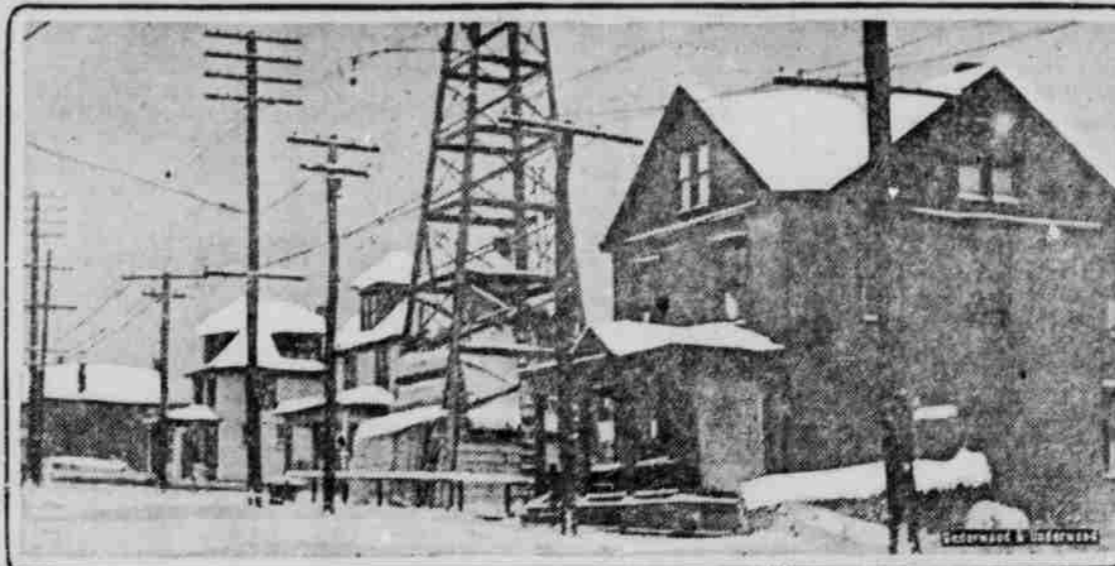
Pennsylvania Military college, at Chester, Pa., has started a course in commercial aviation. The photo shows cadets learning to operate a plane.

OPENING OF FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES



A scene in Bourbon palace, taken at the opening of the French chamber of deputies for the session of 1913-1923. M. Biegrfried, the oldest French deputy, may be seen reading the opening speech, with Paul Deschamps, the president, presiding.

GAS WELLS AMONG HOUSES IN SNAKE HOLLOW, PA.



Scene in Snake Hollow, near McKeesport, Pa., the newly discovered natural gas district. The wells are drilled in the streets and among the houses.

THOUSAND LEADERS OF DENOMINATIONS

INTERCHURCH WORLD SURVEY CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT ATLANTIC CITY.

DELEGATES ALL PICKED MEN

The Conference includes Many of the Most Prominent and Widely Known Churchmen in the Country.

Atlantic City, N. J.—With a thousand leaders of various denominations, of the Protestant church—clergymen and laymen, men and women—present, the World Survey Conference of the Interchurch World Movement of North America was called to order in the auditorium on the Steel Pier here.

The delegates are all picked leaders in their denominations, and include many of the most widely known of the churchmen in the country.

Before the conference sessions began the big exhibition room in the Auditorium building was thrown open to the delegates who had presented to them there in graphic form the work being done by the various units of the Interchurch organization. These units were provided with separate booths in which charts, maps, photographs, etc., illustrated in convincing and interesting style just what is being done in each field.

KENTUCKY HAS RATIFIED THE U. S. SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Frankfort, Ky.—The lower house of the assembly voted 72 to 25, to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment.

CANADIAN GOVERNOR GENERAL SIGNS A NEWS PRINT ORDER.

Ottawa.—The governor general signed an order in council authorizing the minister of customs to refuse export licenses to manufacturers of newsprint paper who refuse to comply with any order of the controller of paper.

HOPE THAT BOTH FIUME AND ZARA WILL BE FREE CITIES.

Paris.—Optimism prevails at London as to the conferences being held by Premiers Lloyd-George and Nitti and it is believed there will be a preliminary agreement by which Fiume and Zara may be established as free and independent cities, says the Petit Parisien.

UNITED MINE WORKERS HAVE ACCEPTED PRESIDENT'S PLAN.

Columbus, O.—The United Mine Workers of America in convention here ratified the action of the international officers in accepting President Wilson's proposal to end the coal strike on a 14 per cent increase basis and a commission to draw up a new wage agreement.

TIAJUANA, MEXICO BUYS DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER FIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal.—"Tijuana, Mexico, will get the Dempsey-Carpentier fight," said Jack Kearns, manager for the world champion, when advised by the Associated Press of Georges Carpentier's conditional acceptance of Promoter Coffroth's offer.

THE SUM OF \$760,000,000 IS REALIZED FROM ARMY STOCKS

Antwerp.—The sum of \$760,000,000 was realized from the sale of American army stocks remaining in France after the departure of the American army, said Brigadier General W. D. Connor, chief-of-staff of the American department of supply, who sailed for America. He estimated the value of the stocks at \$1,700,000,000 and declared it would have cost \$75,000,000 to take them back to America.

YOUNG MAN FORMERLY WORTH FIFTY MILLIONS IS DEAD.

Miami, Fla.—John Cooper Thomas, aged 24, multimillionaire coal operator and manufacturer of Barnwell, W. Va., died at his winter residence on Bell Isle, this city, of diabetes. He was reputed to be worth \$50,000,000, the greater part of this sum having been left to him by his father, William Thomas, when the latter died two years ago. Young Thomas was an aviator during the war and served on the Stars and Stripes.

ANOTHER AMERICAN MURDERED BY A MEXICAN ARMY OFFICER.

Washington.—Gabriel Porter, an American citizen in the employ of the Pemex company, was shot and killed by a Mexican federal army officer at Taxpam on December 21, according to advices received by the state department.

This makes a total of 20 Americans killed in the Tampico district by Mexicans since April 7, 1917. Eighteen of them were employes of American oil companies.

DEMAND FOR EXTRADITION OF KAISER EXPECTED AT HAGUE.

Amerongen.—Allied demands for the extradition of former Emperor William, of Germany, in which it is known America will not participate, are expected at the Hague January 15.

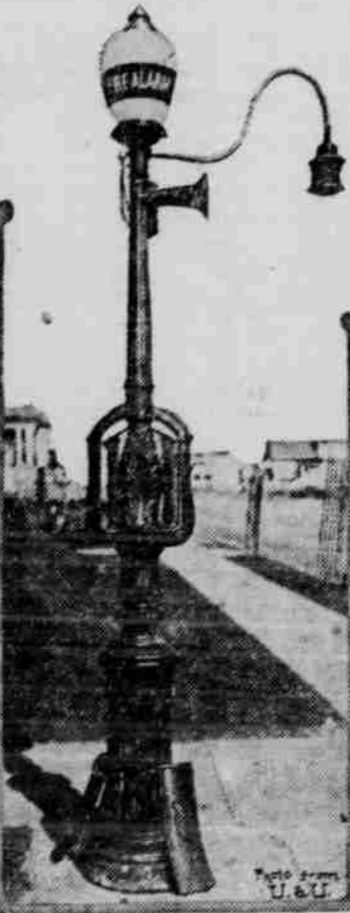
Recent press dispatches have stated Count Hohenloher might surrender rather than embarrass the Netherlands government, but it is authoritatively reported he will rely on the protection of Holland and her refusal to honor the allied demand.

TO BRING BACK OUR DEAD FROM FRANCE



Six officers and sixty civilian employees have gone to Europe in connection with the bringing back to the United States of the bodies of our soldiers killed in France. This photograph shows from left to right: Lieut. G. S. Wright of California; Capt. W. H. Robertson of South Dakota, in charge of the party, and Lieut. F. McIntosh of California.

NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEM



Atlantic City has installed a new fire alarm system in which a horn placed above the fire alarm box automatically starts immediately an alarm is turned in. The alarm boxes have been placed at every other corner along the main avenue. When an alarm is sent in not only does the particular alarm box in which alarm was sounded release its horn, but every horn along the line of route to the fire begins blowing, thus warning pedestrians and vehicles.

Ants That Make Biscuits.

According to recent studies of the common Mediterranean ant, the seeds which are collected are kept for a time dry and are eventually put out in the rain so that they begin to germinate. This has the advantage of bursting the hard seed-coats, and in some cases of starting processes of fermentation. At a certain stage, however, the ants kill the embryo-plant by biting off the radicle or other parts, and the seeds are dried again in the sun.

According to Nezer the dried seeds, of some leguminous plants for instance, are then taken back into the nest and chewed into dough. This is dried once again in the sun in the form of biscuits, which are eventually put into the cupboard.—New York Herald.

Simple Test of Cloth.

The department of commerce says that the best and simplest test of cloth is to burn a small piece of it. If it is pure wool, it will char and roll up with very little flame. If it is cotton mixture, it will burn steadily and leave little or no ashes. Another test is to fray a piece of the goods. The cotton will break smoothly at the ends; and the wool will present a frayed appearance.

SHE ELUDED D'ANNUNZIO



Miss Mazie E. Clemens, special representative of the National Catholic war council and noted writer, disguised herself as an Italian peasant girl and managed to enter Fiume in defiance of D'Annunzio's "blockade order." She carried necessary food and clothing in the bags and subsisted mostly on grapes.

His Poignant Regret.

Two members of a certain well-known club dined for a number of years always at a small table at the far end of a dining room, where one chair stood with back to the wall with another set opposite. The member who had the claim of seniority to the better position died and his friend, on the day of the funeral, was sitting thoughtfully and alone in the chair with the back to the wall.

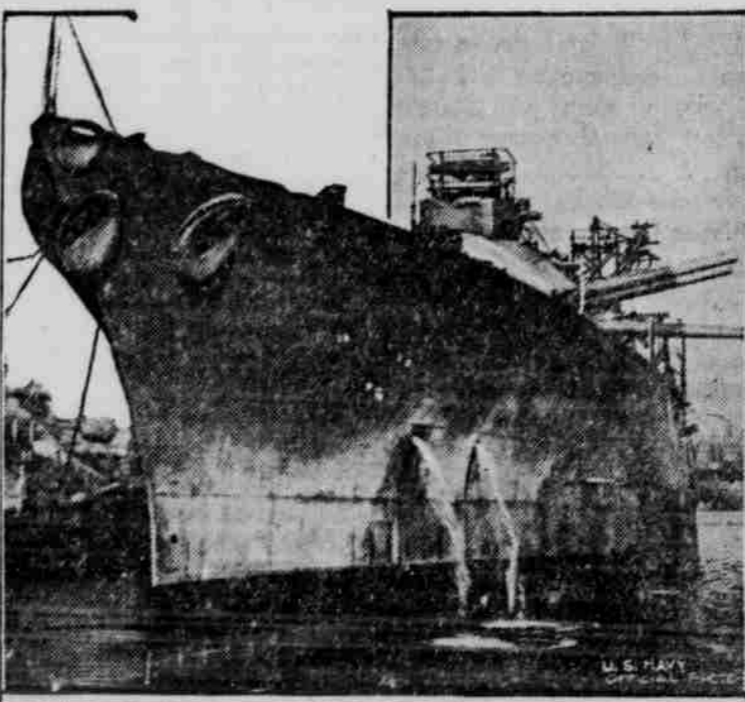
"Pray forgive me," said a younger member earnestly, but I must really say, venture to offer my profound sympathy. You and he were such devoted cronies that I can well imagine the feeling which is yours now that your companion—

"True, true," quavered the surviving friend with considerable emotion. "This is, as you suggest, an impressive moment for me. One of those occasions not likely to be forgotten. The old scoundrel kept me, as a matter of fact, out of this chair for well over a quarter of a century."—Flaneur in Indianapolis Star.

We Have Met Such People.

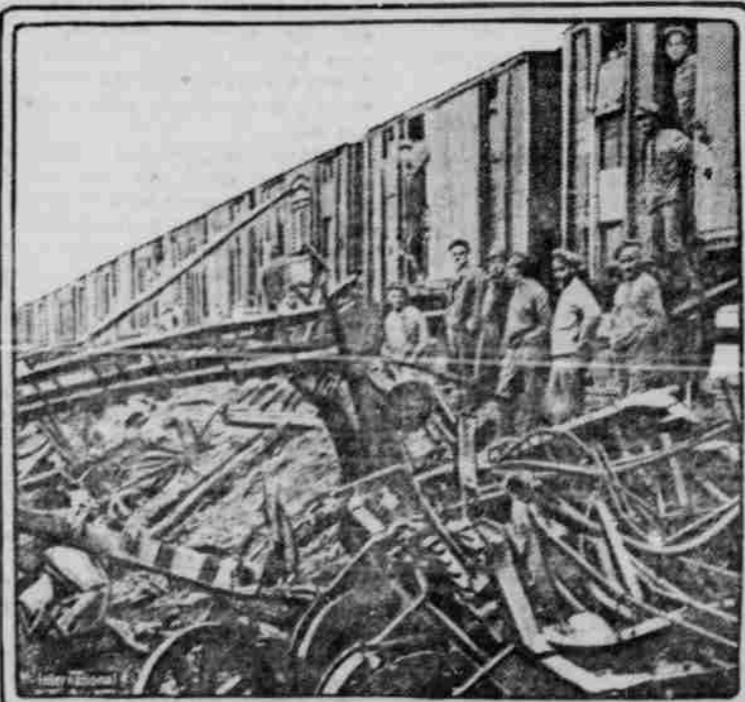
"Some people's ideas of heaven and of politics," said Senator Sorghum, "are very much the same. They consult their own imaginations as to the kind that would suit their personal tastes and then stand out for it till doomsday."

THE TENNESSEE NEARING COMPLETION



Bow view of the great superdreadnaught U. S. S. Tennessee, which is nearing completion at the Brooklyn navy yard. She was launched April 30, 1919, and when completed will be one of the largest and most powerful battle ships afloat.

ROLLING STOCK DESTROYED BY THE REDS



Rolling stock on the Trans-Siberian railway which was destroyed by Bolsheviks. In many cases the wrecked cars were pushed from the track and rolled down into the nearest ditch so as to facilitate uninterrupted passage of other trains.

CONDENSED INFORMATION

Cuba is the greatest consumer of raisins among Spanish-American nations.

To lessen the noise of water falling into a bathtub an inventor has patented an extension tube for faucets. In an English inventor's belt-driven automobile changes of speed are made by moving the belt from one set of rollers to another.

The 66 books of the Bible were written by 40 men during a period of 1,600 years.

There are 782 varieties of arctic flowers which have but two colors, white and yellow.

What is said to be the smallest electric motor forms a new dental tool holder and weighs but four ounces.

Electrically operated oilers for machinery have been invented that can be controlled from central switchboards.

POSTSCRIPTS

Canada is nearly as large in area as the whole of Europe. Mexico has a tribe of Indians whose language is limited to about 300 words and who cannot count more than 10. What is said to be the smallest practical electric motor forms a new dental tool holder and weighs but four ounces. About one-third of the world's gold comes from a strip of land in the Transvaal six miles long and fifty wide.

Of the world's boots and shoes, more than 47 per cent are made in Massachusetts.

The miserable tenements of the London slums are being replaced by modern buildings.

None of the Spanish railways is fitted with block signals, nor, in fact, with any signal system.

Less expensive than a bristle brush, a shaving brush made of a hemispherical piece of rubber sponge has been invented.