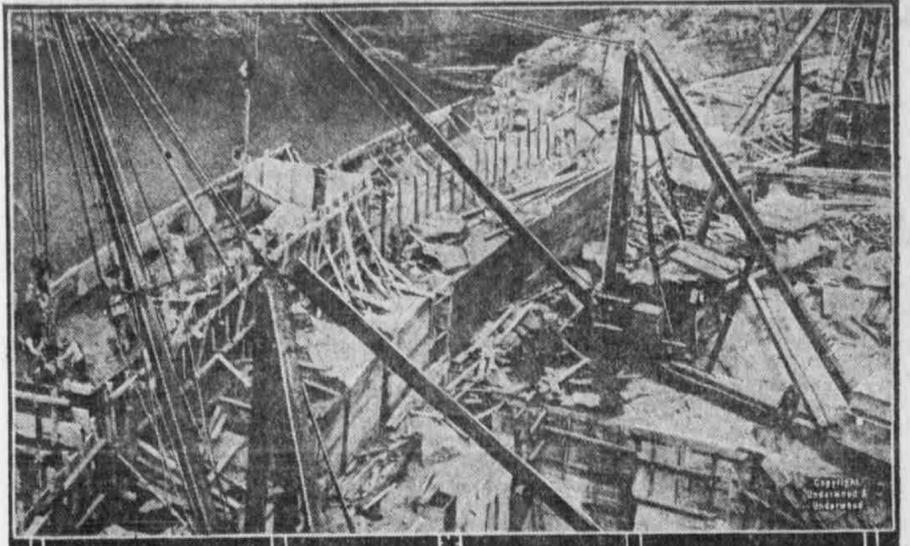


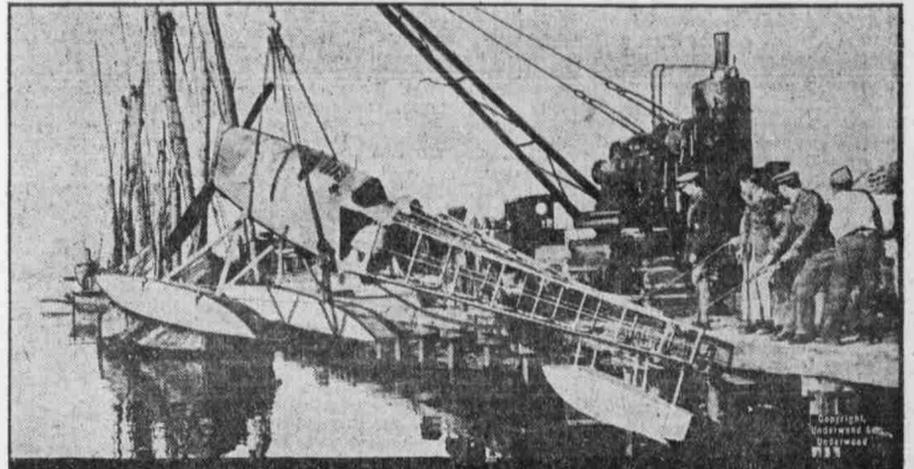
1—Remarkable camouflage of a bridge southwest of Montdidier, France, which was entirely covered with a coat of "grass." 2—Belgian veterans with machine gun dog team, who have come to America to aid in the Victory loan campaign. 3—John K. Caldwell, American consul at Vladivostok, Siberia.

**BUILDING THE OTAY DAM NEAR SAN DIEGO**



The new Otay dam, near San Diego, Cal., rising on the site of the dam which was washed out in 1916 with a loss of 25 lives and a property loss of \$2,000,000, is being rushed to completion by the municipal engineers of San Diego. When completed the dam will be 450 feet above sea level and will have an estimated storage capacity of 16,000,000 gallons.

**FIRST SEAPLANE LAUNCHED AT THE SUEZ CANAL**



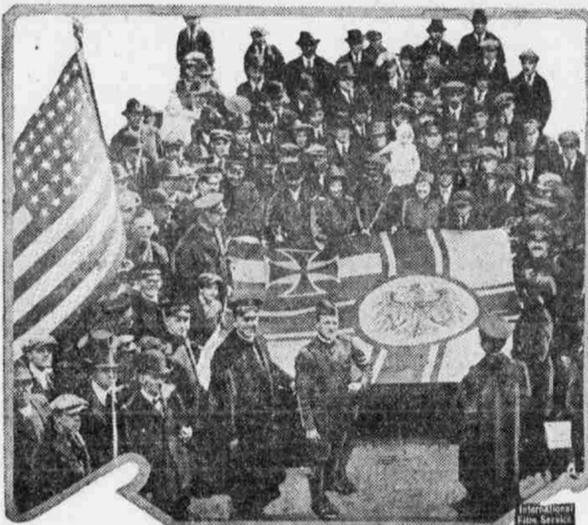
The first seaplane ever launched at the Suez canal is here shown being put into the water in the presence of British officers.

**RELATIVES BRING FOOD TO BOLSHEVIK PRISONERS**



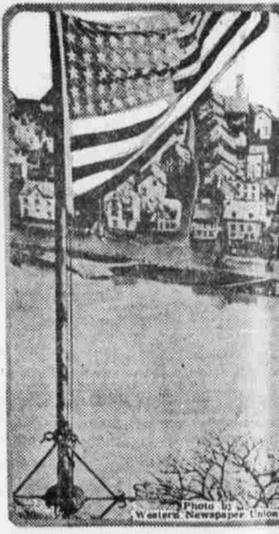
A scene outside the city prison at Ekaterinburg, Russia, where political prisoners, bolsheviki, are imprisoned. Scenes like this can be seen daily, the women bringing food and notes to the prisoners. The feeding of the prisoners has become a serious problem on account of the shortage of food in Russia.

**BATTLE FLAG FROM METZ FORTRESS**



The German flag that flew over the fortress of Metz when the allied troops occupied it has been brought to the United States by Commander Howard Hinkle of the Salvation Army, who has turned it over to the Philadelphia Victory loan committee for use during the campaign. Commander Hinkle was at Metz when the Germans left and took possession of the flag. The French government has claimed it and it will be returned to France when the Victory loan drive is finished.

**NEW FLAG OVER OLD CASTLE**



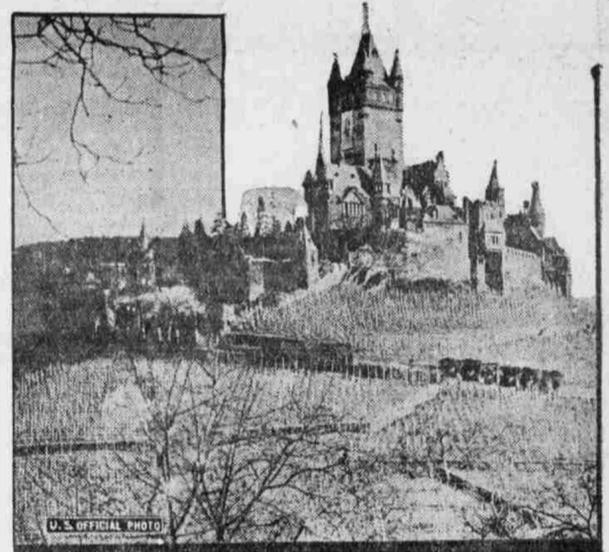
This new flag marks the headquarters of the American Fourth army corps. The town in the background across the river is Kond. A variety of flags has flown above the castle at various times in its history. The castle is located at Cochem, Germany, and the river is the Moselle.

**MRS. BICKNELL DECORATED**



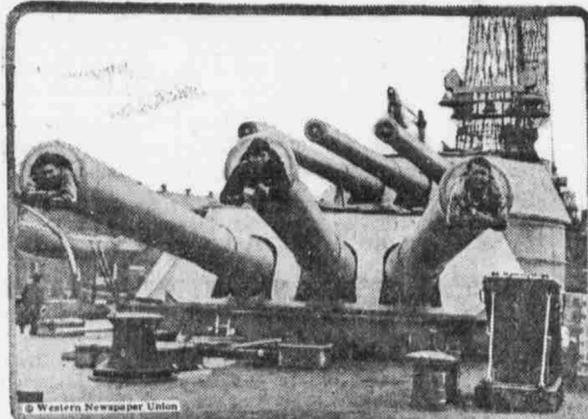
Mrs. Ernest P. Bicknell, in charge of a Red Cross bureau in Paris, has been decorated by the queen of Belgium for distinguished service. Mr. Bicknell has recently been in charge of Belgian relief work for the Red Cross, and their daughters are doing canteen work.

**FINE HEADQUARTERS FOR YANKS**



This is "Burg Cochem," the headquarters in Germany of the Fourth American army corps.

**BIG GUNS OF THE BATTLESHIP IDAHO**



Three gobs looking out of the muzzles of the big guns on our latest and largest battleship that was recently launched at Philadelphia. The Idaho is the largest ship in the United States navy.

**DECORATING A YANKEE HERO**



Capt. Harry H. Semmes, one of the heroes of the St. Mihiel salient drive, being decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross. He was the skipper of a Yankee tank which tumbled into the Rupt de Mad and was completely submerged. The captain, after escaping through the turret door, found that his driver had been unable to get out. Captain Semmes, under machine gun fire, returned and rescued him.

**Time, Gentlemen.**

Midnight. The clock on the mantelpiece had just struck the mystic hour, and one or two of the card players suggested it was time to go home, as they were perhaps trespassing on the kindness of the mistress of the house, who, by the way, was not present.

"Not at all," said the host, with a gracious wave of his hand. "Time is of no account. Play as long as you like. I'm czar here."

"Yes, gentlemen, play as long as you like," echoed a sweet little voice from the doorway, and they all rose to their feet as the mistress of the mansion entered. "Play as long as you like," she repeated, "but, as it is twelve o'clock, the czar is going to bed!"

**Touching.**

"My grandfather," said an Englishman, "was a very great man. One day Queen Victoria touched his shoulder with a sword and made him a lord."

"Ah, that's nothin'," the American boy replied. "One day an Indian touched my grandfather on the head with a tomahawk and made him an angel."—Life.

**Too Much to Believe.**

Nate Salisbury of the Chicago Post, has an entirely new version of "ther' ain't no sech an'ible" story, which he told to members of the American Press Humorists' association while the convention was being held in the Windy city.

The "hero" of this yarn was a wabby individual who stopped to gaze into the window of a restaurant where some proud fisherman had placed on display a high muskellunge nicely mounted on a board.

The man gazed at the trophy for some time, and then, as he turned to go, he put his whole soul into the exclamation:

"Well, the man who says he caught that fish is a doggone liar."—Youngstown Telegram.

**Depreciation.**

Ho—My friend was very much surprised to find how bright our boy was. She—No wonder he was surprised after associating with you.