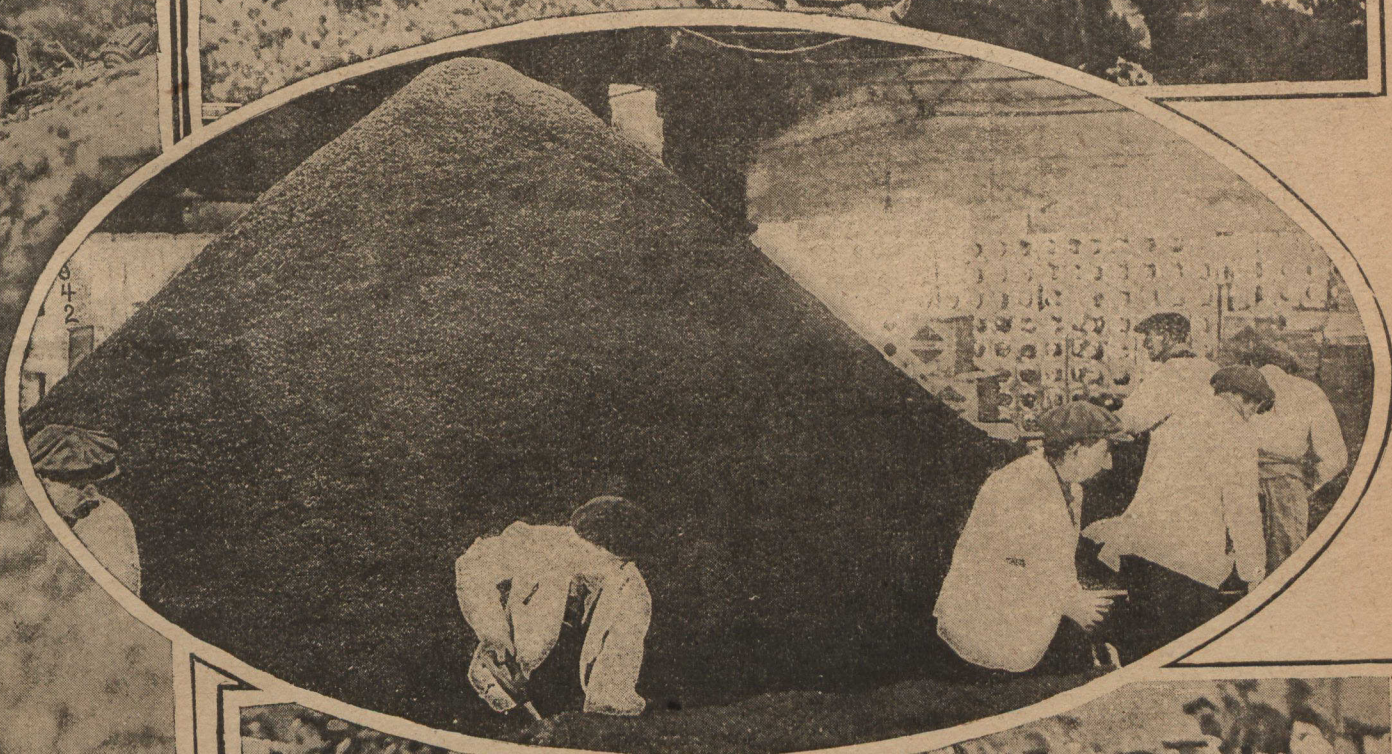


OVER THE WORLD IN WAR-TIME

CLEANING rifles at the front is a cold, clammy business. It's bad enough to have the sights and the trigger jammed with mud, to have mud oozing up inside the barrel. But when the mud begins to freeze, it's much worse.

THIS French soldier in the Balkans has a precarious job. His business is to fire signal rockets at night, and he is naturally a much exposed individual. The presence of French soldiers on that front long ago proved that France's main object in going to war was not merely to regain Alsace-Lorraine.

WHAT looks like a heap of chaff from a Western Canada threshing machine is really a huge pyramid of tea for use by the soldiers at the front. There never was such a tea war as this. The heap



shown in the picture contains 48,000 lbs. The men are mixing it with wooden spades about the same as navvies mix gravel and cement to make concrete. So much tea is needed for the troops that people in England are beginning to advocate the abolition of afternoon tea, which seems about as radical as proposing to abolish the British constitution. Commenting on a letter by Mr. Chadwick, the Times says:

"During recent years there has been an extraordinary growth in the observance of the tea hour in London restaurants and cafes. Those who cater for the habit have encouraged it by the provision of pleasant music as an accompaniment to tea drinking and cake nibbling and chatter; and the newer tea-rooms and lounges have been made as bright and charming as is possible through the art of the decorator.

"In some of the more popular restaurants hundreds of light teas are served every day, and on Saturday afternoons it is a common thing to see scores of people waiting patiently to get a seat at the tables. Whatever order is given usually ends with the words, 'and bring some cakes.' The pastries favoured are cream-filled eclairs, or cakes coated with sugar icing. What the afternoon sugar consumption may come to in the aggregate in the West-end is a matter for conjecture, but the figure if it could be ascertained by a census would probably prove to be alarmingly high."

AUSTRALIA has recently voted down a conscription measure, preferring the spectacle of free men voluntarily enlisting and marching to war as shown in the accompanying excellent photograph of typical Australians now being recruited.

