

### Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason.  
UNDERSTANDING US.

They held the theory everywhere—a theory uninviting—that gold is all for which we care, for which we'll do our fighting. "They're money grubbers, one and all," the nations cried, in anguish; "we have our backs against the wall, and still in sloth they languish. Still, they chase the buck and bone, to strains of Yankee Doodle; they hear the stricken peoples groan, and gather in more huddle." But now they see our legions rush across the rolling breakers, and not to gather in some cash or annex foreign acres. They see our men go forth to fight where demolition rages, to plant the standard of the right where it may stand for ages. Across the mined and ambushed sea, a thousand leagues of

water, we go that nations may be free, that tyranny may totter. The wealth for which we planned and toiled in times of peace, is helping to see the warlord's program spoiled, and sets his cohorts yelping. And now they see us as we are; we're slow to wrath, but thunder! When aroused we rip things all ajar and tear the map asunder. They see us standing up for right without a thought of profit; they'll see us carry on the fight until there's ice in Tophet.

**ANOTHER EMPLACEMENT.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, July 29.—(Havas Agency).—French and American troops have discovered a second emplacement for a German super cannon at Nanteuil-Notre-Dame, according to The Herald. The emplacement was five metres deep and 14 metres square. The first super cannon emplacement discovered by the Allies was at Brezy, a little over three miles to the south of Nanteuil-Notre-Dame.

### CHARLIE CHAPLIN IS NOT WITH R.A.F.

Comedian is Still Making Motion Pictures in California

**NOT DRAFTED YET**  
**But Was Recently Married to His Leading Lady**

Charlie Chaplin, the much featured star in Movieland whose eccentric walk and exaggerated comicallities have gained for him friends and finances sufficient to excite the envy of minor kings, has been mentioned in print of late by Ontario newspapers which have persistently credited him with being now in the Royal Air Force, preparing to take up his part as an Englishman in the fight for civilization. He has been referred to as resident at Leaside. Again he has been attached to Deseronto. One paper has had him at Deseronto. Another placed him at Camp Mohawk—and still another at Beamsville.

Kingston Jostled  
It was one of the Kingston dailies that invested its recognition of the "million dollar success" turned soldier with the convincing particulars disclosed in the following excerpt:  
"Kingstonians who were in Belleville yesterday saw calmly walking up and down Front street gazing up at the shop windows a personage familiar to all motion-dollars, Charlie Chaplin, the 'million-dollar comedian' who has been drafted into Britain's army, and is now training at Camp Mohawk as an aviator. Gone is his funny moustache and his alligator walk. He would be hardly recognizable now except for his drawn face, familiar to everyone. His uniform fits him like a glove. His cap is neatly folded away under the regulation puttees and his head is crowned with a dinky little cap which completely transforms his appearance. Charlie has made two or three solo flights and expects to go overseas very shortly to fight the Huns. If he is successful in the war, the Germans undoubtedly will desert the sector to which he is attached."

The admission that Chaplin's appearance is completely transformed in R. A. F. uniform is something of a saving clause in this case. The Belleville "Intelligencer" too assured its readers that Chaplin was "in their midst," with much particularity and somewhat personal comment.  
In the Sunny South  
As a matter of plain fact, Charlie Chaplin when seen in Belleville was actually present in the flesh at Los Angeles. He has not been drafted into the British army. He is not in training at Mohawk or any other Canadian aviation camps. He has yet to make his solo flight, save in the realms of fancy. He has not been enrolled in the Royal Air Force, as careful search of the records of that important branch of the army activities authoritatively attests.

He registered under the American draft some time ago as a naturalized citizen, but was not drawn for service, and therefore has continued in the enjoyment of his favorite pastime of piloting one "war" upon another by way of picture-making, with a little boxing on the side to keep himself in form.

Acquired a Bride  
As a variation from fun and film and financing he took the time a few weeks ago to acquire a bride, the wedding being kept secret by order of the business management, which holds to the time-honored theatrical



**CHAMPION CANOEIST NOW IN FRANCE**  
Six Members of the Balmly Beach Canoe Club who won the championship of the War Canoe Class in 1914, and are now connected with the 53rd Battery in France. From Left to Right: Wm. Russell, Gordon Croft, Norman Attrell, Herb Ellis, Leonard MacDougall and Charles Collins.

superstition that the known marriage of an popular star depreciates his or her box office value.

The lady in the case of Mr. Charles Spencer Chaplin, Signor Carlos, as he is christened in Spain, which claims the honor of being his native land—was formerly Miss Edna Purviance, for some time past his leading woman.

They were not denied a honeymoon, which took them to Hawaii, but the wedding trip also was strictly at sea. The voyage to Honolulu was carefully camouflaged by the company management as necessary in connection with the filming of a new comedy, with the back-ground, cord and "atmosphere" of the Pearl of the Pacific as essentially incidental.

After a fortnight in Honolulu and the usual trip to the great volcano, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer Chaplin returned to America and resumed the quest of the dollar, in which up to date the groom has proven himself singularly efficient.

From Old London  
While Charlie Chaplin may have been born in Spain, as writers of that country maintain, producing registration certificates as supporting evidence, he was first heard of in the dear old London of pre-war days, as a street arab with an instinct for mimetic imitations, his now famous walk having been copied from the stuffing of an old curstie character who stood out in precarious existence by "olding 'orses."

With the walk he "got it over" in a London hall, whence the graduation to the movies came as a matter of course.  
**CONVOY SYSTEM EFFECTIVE.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
London, July 29.—(Via Reuter's)—As evidence of the efficiency of the convoy system since it was established by the Admiralty about a year ago, it is pointed out that the proportion of ships lost to those conveyed during that period has been 59 per cent. In other words only one ship out of nearly 200 has been lost.

History at First-Hand.  
Light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles per second. As everyone knows, we are now looking at some stars with lights that left them centuries ago. Suppose that you could prepare to space at a velocity greater than that of light. And suppose that you were armed with a telescope so powerful that you could see everything that happened on earth. A time would come when history would unfold itself before your astonished eyes. You would see Napoleon losing the Battle of Waterloo; you would see the death of Julius Caesar; and then Mark Antony making love to Cleopatra on the Nile. If you like, you could juggle yourself back and forth so that you could see the same event over and over again and make a special study of it.—Popular Science Monthly.

Portuguese Burial Customs.  
Instead of headstones and monuments, the cemetery of Lisbon shows rows and rows of tiny chapels ranged in long avenues bordered by cypress trees. The Portuguese are reluctant to bury their dead out of sight, and these chapels serve as mortuaries for the coffins, which are placed on the shelves within. Through the iron grills the eye discerns small altars and flowers gleaming through the subdued light of the interiors.

Houses Scarce in Germany.  
Germany is said to lack 750,000 of having enough small dwellings. No empty houses are available in any of the large towns and rents have gone up 50 per cent. The dwelling house committee of the Reichstag recently recommended that the state advance 500,000 marks and construct family barracks and the committee's recommendations were unanimously adopted.—Fathfinder.

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