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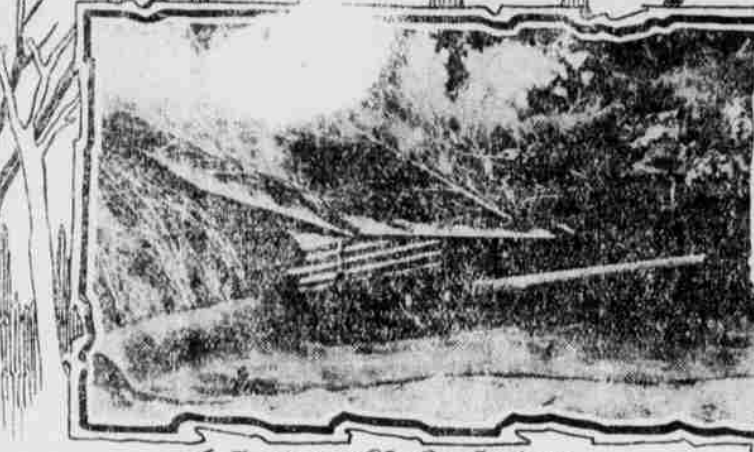
CERTAIN THINGS which tend to be mistaken for the real thing are also applied to the color of uniforms. This Mr. George Bernard Shaw in describing his recent visit to the front writes: "I have seen U-planes. This time though still a super-armed civilian I was in khaki, like everybody else by way of camouflage."

A military man gives the definition of camouflage as "the art of concealing by devices assimilated to nature's methods and surroundings."

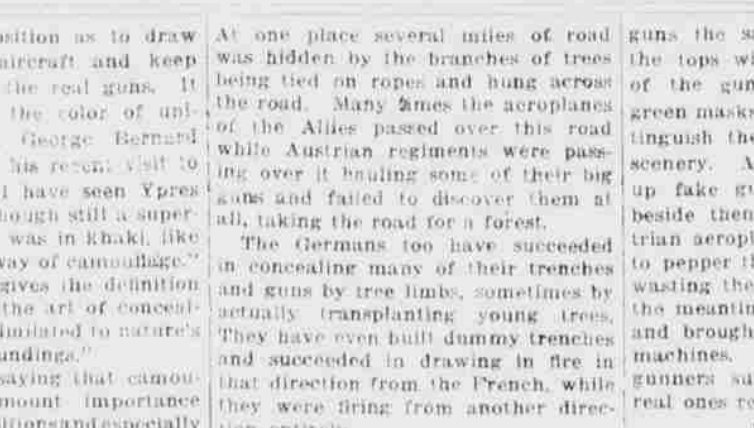
It goes without saying that camouflage is of paramount importance where there are positions and especially strategic batteries the situation of which is to be hidden from the enemy. The French, Germans and Italians have gotten the art of concealment down to a real science, but the British are far from perfect as on one or two occasions they have painted an airplane hangar a green gray and left a number of tents about it in their natural color. In another place, for some unaccountable reason, the tents were striped to represent fences and instead of concealing them the stripes called attention to them.

Word Unknown Before The War.

It is a word unknown to previous dictionaries and has come to be used as a general term covering all kinds of protective coloration for military purposes and other forms of concealment, such as the screening of an exposed section of a road, or the hiding of gun positions from aeroplanes by screens of foliage or placing dummy



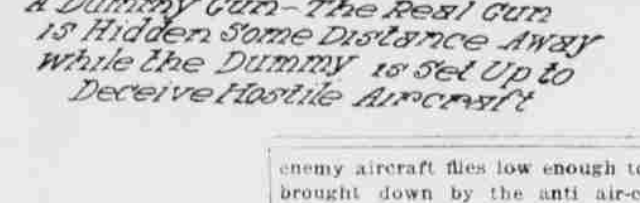
A Camouflaged Gun



Road Camouflaged By Having Branches Hung From Ropes



Artillery Weapons Camouflaged



A Dummy Gun - The Real Gun Is Hidden Some Distance Away While The Dummy Is Set Up To Deceive Hostile Aircraft

guns the same shade also covering the tops with sod. Even the faces of the gunners were covered with green masks and it was difficult to distinguish them from the surrounding scenery. At another point they set up fake guns and wooden gunners beside them. Pretty soon the Austrian aeroplanes flew over and began to pepper the fake guns and gunners wasting their bombs and energy. In the meantime Italian airmen went up and brought down one of the enemy machines. The imitation guns and gunners suffered severely while the real ones remained unharmed.

French Artists.

The French are past masters in the art of camouflage and in many instances their humbugging disguises have saved the day. At one time the Germans thought they commanded a railway track far into the distance behind the French lines. The whole thing, however, was a fake, the signals rails and ties, the trees that fenced the lines and the hills on the horizon were all painted on a screen by clever French pipe camoufleurs and set up in the night across a village street which was needed for military operations. The Germans were driven back by the men who passed under the screen before they had time to use the railroad and never discovered the clever ruse. Checkered wire is the foundation for much of the camouflage work. Reeds and grass woven through it are used to conceal positions and unless the



President Poincaré Passing Over a Camouflaged Railroad at the French Front

enemy aircraft flies low enough to be brought down by the anti aircraft guns they do not discover the camp or trench of the men.

At another place a supply train was painted to represent a row of cottages and went through without a mishap from the enemies' aeroplanes. Over and over, guns made from sections of telegraph poles and the fore-trunk of a wagon with boards for gun shields have fooled the Germans. One particular stunt of the French is to put a couple of ounces of gunpowder on a tin shelf at the muzzle and fire it by electricity, especially when the real gun is being fired elsewhere. The dummy gun always tempts the enemy to waste many rounds of perfectly good live shell and wears out his energy as well, for there is nothing so disheartening to a military man as to discover that he has been fooled.

Machine guns are hidden by the emplacements being covered by sod care being taken that no sod be removed nearby. Dummy trenches are built in places which will not endanger the real position. The French often cover these dummy trenches with the limbs of trees which soon wither. This, of course, gives the enemy an idea that the trenches were concealed by tree limbs which have withered and they invariably open fire on the dummies. Early in the war the Germans proved excellent targets for the French gunners and had to be abandoned. Pretty soon trench warfare became the all important way of fighting and concealment became necessary. Artists of all ranks were called to assist and camouflage became one of the important branches of the army

TULSA PREACHER IS EXONERATED

FLOYD SATISFIES OFFICIALS HE IS NOT DISLOYAL—IS VOTED \$1,000 SALARY INCREASE.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 4.—The Rev. L. E. Floyd, pastor of the First Baptist church, has been exonerated of the charge of making disloyal remarks in a sermon last Sunday, although the county council of defense has made no report of its findings following Wednesday's investigation. The church board gave the exoneration unanimously voting an increase in salary of \$1,000 a year.

Floyd denies even the thought of disloyalty and claims that misconstruction was placed upon his sermon by persons who desired to oust him.

"I did say that my heart went out to the German soldiers in the trenches, but it was in the body of my sermon and the statement was made shortly after President Wilson in his message had declared that America is not fighting the German people, but Kaiserism and autocracy," Floyd explained. "I thought I made this point clear in my sermon, but it was very evidently misunderstood. What I said was that the condition is pitiful in which the German soldiers are forced to fight for a government with which they are not in sympathy."

"I did not refer to the Red Cross as a chican patriot. But I did knock the chican patriots who are taking advantage of the national situation for either private gain or to get free advertising of their personal assertion that they are patriotic."

DRAFT BEGINS IN CANADA.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 4.—The machinery of Canada's military service act has been put in motion and is working smoothly. Men conscripted in the first draft are reporting in batches as previously arranged by district registrars, and will go into training as rapidly as they can be handled and dispatched. The new legislative call for 610,000 men. The first draft is said to exceed 20,000, although the exact number was withheld for military reasons.

FILIPINOS FOR U. S. ARMY.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Approximately 27,000 Filipinos are expected to be mustered into the United States army under a bill passed by the house, taking in the Philippine National Guard and scouts.

FARMERS IN OKLAHOMA AND IN OTHER AREAS MAY GET FREE SEED

Washington, Jan. 4.—If normal production of the nation's food and feed crops is to be had this year, prompt action to protect the seed supply is necessary. Secretary Houston expressed this view yesterday in asking for an urgent deficiency appropriation for seed purchase and sale of seed to farmers at cost.

"There is urgent and immediate need for at least \$8,000,000 and it is probable that an additional sum will be required in the near future," the secretary said. "The seed situation presents many difficulties. Two general areas have suffered severely from drought during the past season—the southwest, including a large part of Texas and a part of Oklahoma, and a considerable portion of the northwest, including large sections of North Dakota and eastern Montana."

"These regions represent a large part of the grain-producing areas of the United States. The seed emergency situation in the north half of the corn belt is more serious than it has been for many years."

The secretary said it is important that adequate seed supplies of soy beans and wheat or rye beans are available for the next planting season.

OKLAHOMA CHARTERS.

- Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—Secretary of State J. L. Lyon has issued the following charters.
- Medical Mining company of Oklahoma City; capital stock \$200,000. Incorporators: E. S. Linn, C. B. Taylor, Oklahoma City, and T. C. McCurdy, Purcell.
- Federal Trust company of Oklahoma City; capital stock \$200,000. Incorporators: R. Cleveland, H. D. Marsh and A. Allen, Oklahoma City.
- The Auto Owners Supply company of Oklahoma City; capital \$100,000. Incorporators: G. H. Newcomb, Oklahoma City, W. H. Henke, Elk City, and Grady F. Slavton, Elk City.
- Nebo Lead and Zinc company of Pottawatomie; capital stock \$300,000. Incorporators: E. F. Sparrow, D. A. Thurman, and M. Nowlin, Oklahoma City.
- Blue Jay Mining company of Oklahoma City; capital stock \$100,000. Incorporators: Norman Nelson, W. N. Hayes and W. A. Ledbetter, Oklahoma City.
- Niagara Gasoline company of Tulsa; capital stock \$100,000. Incorporators: W. P. Kingsbury, Albert H. Bell and Ray S. Bellows, Tulsa.

MARINE IS WARMEST DRESSED OF FIGHTERS

Washington, Jan. 4.—The American marine is the warmest dressed of all America's fighting men; the senate military committee learned from Michael E. Driscoll, a cloth expert from Barren, N. J., and the German prisoner in his "gray down" uniform has clothing 50 per cent heavier and warmer and more costly than the American soldier.

A worn, stained scrap of gray cloth from the overcoat of the first German prisoner taken by General Pershing's men was held up to the view of the committee for examination. The committee's investigation turned on the much disputed point of whether "sheep duff" mixed with wool is good for a soldier's overcoat.

Mr. Driscoll agreed with previous witnesses from the committee of national defense that there was little difference in effect and that the clothing with "wool-worsted" mixed in was cheaper. He revealed heavier uniforms for the men in Europe.

STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL TO URGE STRICT ECONOMY

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—The State Council of Defense will urge employers throughout the state to put women in place of drafted employees wherever practicable, instead of filling vacancies with new dravon from other useful occupations. Limiting of purchases to necessities will also be urged. A strict surveillance of pool halls is to be made by the council, and men found filling their time there may be drafted for some kind of work. It is the purpose of the council to economize in every way possible and labor and facilities will be utilized in the same sense. At a meeting of the council it was decided to appoint J. M. Aydelotte, chairman of the State Council; Dr. Stratton Brooks, state food commissioner; and Chester H. Westfall, secretary to the governor, as a committee representing the council to be in session and have charge of the council's work. The last Saturday in each month was fixed as the regular monthly meeting time of the council.

THRIFT STAMP CAMPAIGN PLANNED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—A campaign of education relative to the purpose of the thrift stamps is being conducted by R. H. Wilson, state superintendent, to be conducted among the schools of the state. The subject will be discussed thoroughly at the state meeting of county superintendents here Feb. 11 and 12, which has been announced. Mr. Wilson believes there are many people who wish to aid in every way they can in the prosecution of the war, but do not understand the purpose of the thrift stamps. The purpose that a plan be arranged at the superintendents' meeting that can be taken back to the schools by the superintendents and applied with effect. Those in the state who will have charge of the thrift stamp campaign will be invited to the meeting so they can explain the work relative to the stamps.

GAS SHORTAGE AT TULSA DUE TO INADEQUATE MAINS

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 4.—Suffering from gas shortage during the cold wave just ended was due to the fact that distributing mains in towns in Oklahoma supplied by the Oklahoma Natural Gas company are for the most part inadequate for the service demanded of them, according to officials of the gas company. This applied especially to Tulsa, which has grown so rapidly the last five years that it is claimed it will be necessary before long to replace all the old gas mains with others much larger. The Oklahoma Natural is connecting with all available new wells in the Tulsa district, it was stated, in order to maintain the gas pressure at near the demand. In spite of this fact, Tulsa suffered severely an account of shortage of gas.

CONGRESSMAN AND SON FREE FROM INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wyo., Jan. 4.—The indictment charging Congressman John M. Nelson and his son, Byron Nelson, with conspiracy to evade the draft act, was quashed by Federal Judge Charles Carpenter here.

LYON SUGGESTS PLAN FOR HANDLING ABSENTEE VOTE

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—Some confusion and possible delay in receiving votes from the soldier and sailor absentees might be prevented, in the belief of Secretary of State Lyon, if a suggestion he outlined in a letter to Governor Williams be followed. The law relative to registration of candidates for state and county offices requires that they register not more than 100 days nor less than forty days before the date of the primary election. In a majority of cases they have waited until practically the last day. There is a large soldier vote away this year, and no matter where they may be, they are under the law entitled to vote. Lyon suggests that the governor issue a proclamation giving all prospective candidates fifteen days from the beginning of the 100-day limit to register. This would, in his opinion, give the state election board ample time to have the ballots prepared and the secretary

Union Teamsters.

Regular meeting of Local No. 583 Monday night for election of officers. 25 BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

FIELD AGENTS TO AID IN COLLECTING INCOME TAXES

Oklahoma City, Jan. 4.—Preparations for collection of income tax for 1918 were completed by the internal revenue collector when thirty-four employees of the office left for different parts of the state to assist those subject to the tax in making out their returns. The field men have been under the supervision of Miss Lois Cordell, head of the income tax department. It will require about sixty days for the field men to complete their work.

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