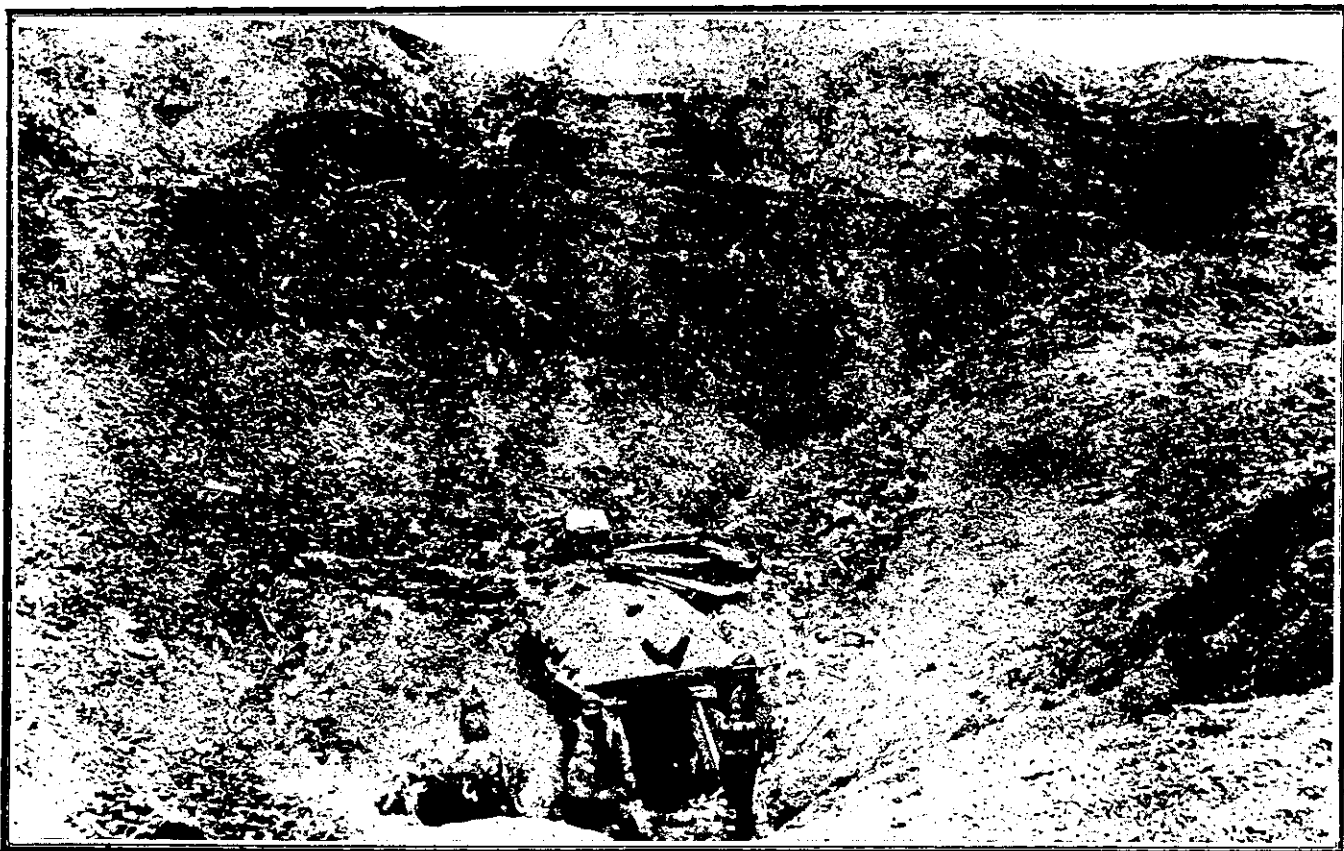




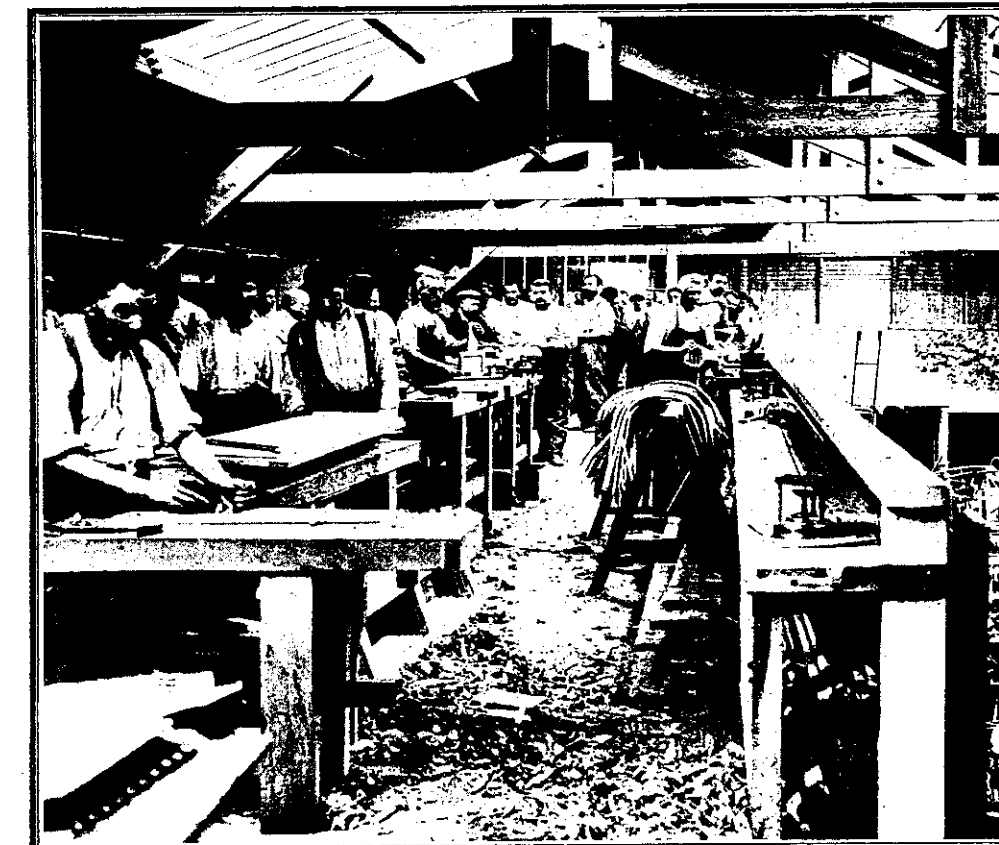
AN ASSEMBLAGE OF FRENCH HEROES, WHOSE GALLANT DEFENCE OF VERDUN IS ONE OF THE MOST NOTEWORTHY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE WAR—A striking illustration showing some defenders of Verdun. General Dubail presiding over a conference held on the battlefield. A general is explaining to the officers the reasons why the recent offensive in Champagne failed.



THE EFFECTIVE ARTILLERY FIRE OF THE FRENCH—A GERMAN FORT AND REINFORCED CONCRETE DESTROYED BY A BIG FRENCH SHELL GION.



THE EXPLOSION OF A MINE IN THE TAHURE SECTOR IN FRANCE, SHOWING THE TERRIFIC NATURE OF ITS EFFECT UPON THE GROUND IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY. The French call the district "The Region des Etonnoirs," because the whole country is pitted with shell holes and looks like a series of volcanic craters. The French, as may be seen, have made themselves a dug-out in the base of the holes.



FRANCE CONSTRUCTS AEROPLANES DAY AND NIGHT—The French have the country at which aeroplanes are built in unlimited numbers as fast as hundreds of men can construct them. The illustration shows the men engaged in the work of the French Government.