

Terrible Weapons That Hurl Jets of Liquid Flame



Liquid fire being used on the west front to rout the enemy from protected positions in woods at left.

(Above)—American soldiers their faces well protected against the deadly fumes of poison gas, are here seen using gas flappers to fan the gas out of the trenches. This is necessary because some varieties of the gas are heavier than air and cannot be expelled except by artificial means.

(At right)—The German flammenwerfer here shown consists of a tank holding benzol, made from coal tar mixed with crude oil. A pressure of nitrogen propels this through the hose, at the nozzle of which is a friction igniter which causes the flame produced to be thrown from forty to fifty yards with fearful effect.

