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NEWS FLASHES: GUNCOTTON FACTORY.

Even in America the manpower question is acute and women are working in munition factories. They are searched on entering this gun cotton plant to make sure that nothing inflammable goes inside. Outdoor shoes are changed for safety ones. This is one of the most dangerous jobs in the world. Maximum supply of gun cotton must be kept up; every precaution is taken against accidents,

Almost like spaghetti comes the explosive required for small arms ammunition. Millions upon millions of pellets are required to serve the armies in the field. Just in case of an accident there are emergency exits. All the fun of the fair and no charge.

POLISH TROOPS IN ITALY.

Sunny Italy just now seems to be trying to look like Siberia. An Italian mule train is the only means of getting supplies to some mountain positions of the 8th Army, where the snow is the worst for many years.

The front line here is held by troops of a Polish Division, to whom the arrival of the mule train is very welcome. The Division is made up of men who fought under Montgomery in the desert, as well as some who have campaigned in Russia. A film War correspondent was on the spot as forward patrols went into action.

The 8th Army will be very glad to see the back of this rigorous winter. Perhaps before long the Polish Division and all the Allies, will be advancing towards the capture of Rome.

FIRESTATION MASCOT CAT.

Here's some light news from the fire-fighting front in America. The Station mascot is the only cat in the States that never misses a fire. Puss-in-Boots just lives for the alarm. When it comes it's the end of sleep for everybody. Puss is already dressed and the firemen don't take very long over it.

No fire station is complete without the traditional pole, so down they go, and bless me if Puss doesn't do the same. On the way to the fire she has a front seat. If her boy-friends waiting on the tiles, there's nothing doing till the fire has been put out.

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1. TITLE: FLASH--CAT AIDS DOGPOWER SHORTAGE

2. Remember how many civilian dogs used to be around?

Thousands of them are with the armed forces, and there's even a shortage of Dalmatians, traditional firehouse dogs.

So a Brooklyn firehouse, without a dog, takes on a new mascot. Introducing Blackie, the fire-eating feline, a modern puss in boots.

There's the alarm. Come on, you guys, let's go.

12. Down the pole. And Blackie can slide, too. Watch. Some pole-slider. Would you call her a pole-cat? No? Anyway, she's a real mascot, chasing fires instead of mice.