

## AMERICA AND THE WAR.

America too is learning the advantages of a balloon barrage.

The United States War Department at its testing ground at Akron, Ohio, tries out a variety of designs for the purpose of selecting the most suitable for protection against enemy

bombers. One decorative gasbag was got by crossing a star fish with a bull frog. I don't want to appear snobbish, but I still think out balloons look more modish - - don't you?

However, let's turn to another jolly little war weapon, the portable flame thrower. Uncle Sam's engineers have improved on this you'll be glad to know, giving it increased range and accuracy. Let our American salesman give you a demonstration on your air raid shelter.

That's chemical warfare's deadliest weapon but equally dangerous are enemy agents. In the biggest round up in America, suspects are brought in by G men as the result of smart counter espionage work. Thirty two men and women, including a former Viennese Artists's Model, accused of transmitting vital military information to a foreign Government. Each suspect is held under five thousand pounds bail as they come before the examining Commissioner. Seven of the prisoners plead guilty as the law unravels a story involving the activities of Fritz Duquesne - forty years a professional spy. Uncle Sam clamps down hard on the Secret Service Agents working against

the States. But what's this? Glamour girls in plane loads. Its one  
of those brainwaves they have in the States of mixing soldiers  
business with pleasure.

New York Mannequins answer the call to arms. First of all  
the leathernecks march around the parade ground so that the Brass Hats  
can have first innings, telling the girls all about the battle of  
Bunkers Hill. Then comes what everybody's been waiting for...  
bathing beauty parade. A sparkling exhibition of this, that,  
and the other. The girls are simply laden with "if".

I rather thought something like this would happen.