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Asphyxiating Gas.—The use of this is expressly forbidden by The Hague Convention of 1899, which Germany signed. Sir John French reported on May 3, 1915, regarding the first use of poison gas on the British front at Ypres: "A week before the Germans first used this method they announced in their official communiqué that we were making use of asphyxiating gases. At the time there appeared to be no reason for this astounding falsehood, but now, of course, it is obvious that it was part of the scheme. It . . . shows they recognised its illegality and were anxious to forestall neutral and possibly domestic criticism." According to prisoners the gas was contained in steel cylinders, fitted with tubes pointed to the British trenches. Asphyxiating shells were also employed by the enemy.

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