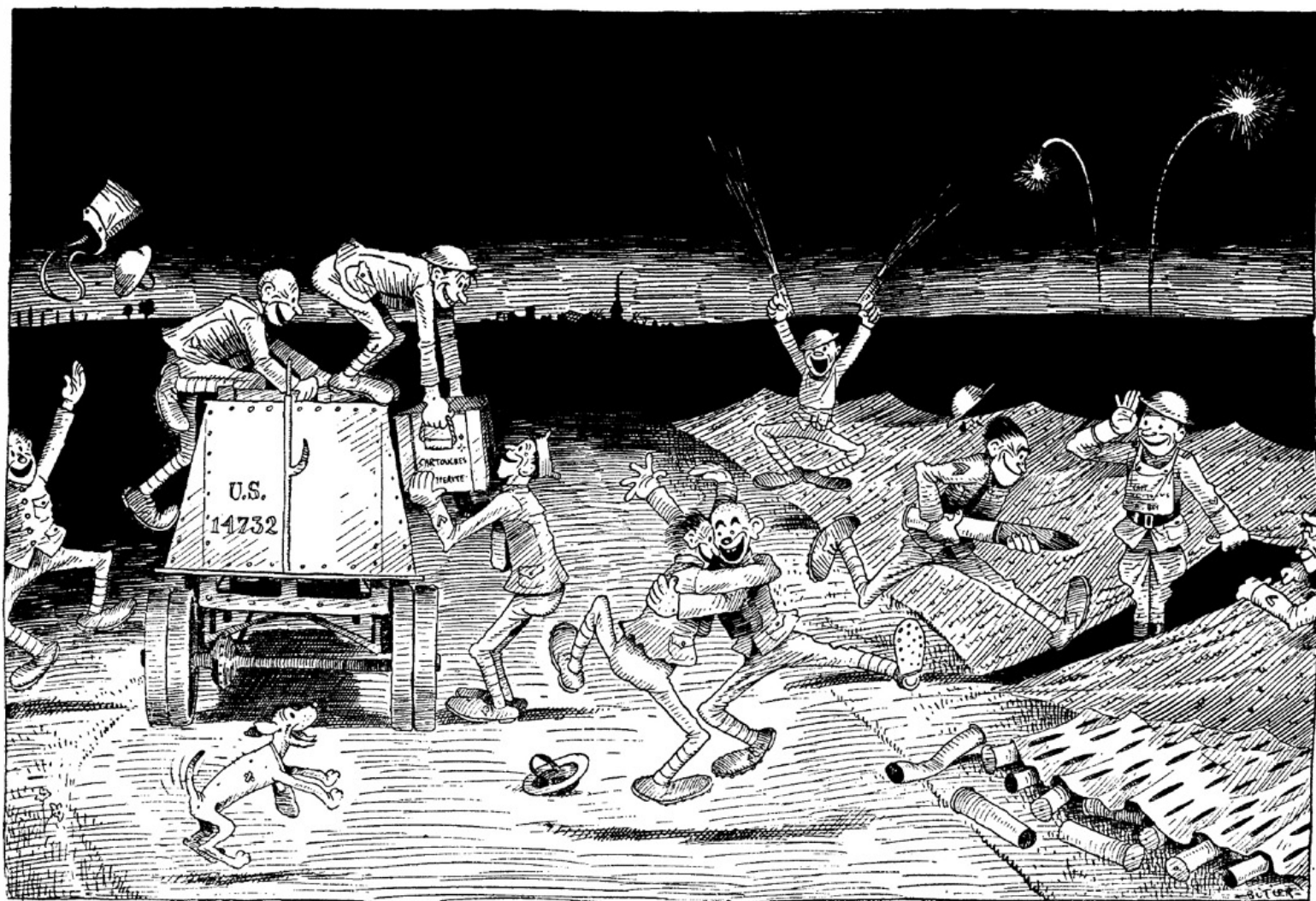


FIRST MUSTARD GAS SHELLS



FOR months the Americans had suffered from repeated concentrations of German mustard gas without the chance to retaliate in kind. It was known that the French had on hand a limited supply of these shells, but were holding them in reserve for emergencies. Captain Butler drew for the "Observer" this cartoon of the fancied arrival of a load of mustard gas shells in a battery position. This drawing was judiciously circulated among the French High Command and, as a result, 6,000 rounds arrived for the First Division and were fired as a national salute on the 4th of July.

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