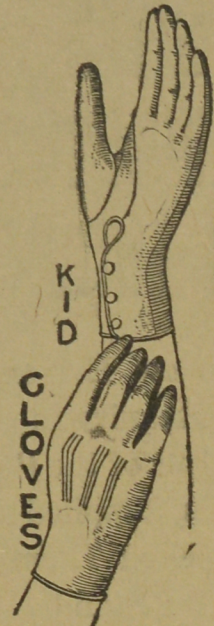


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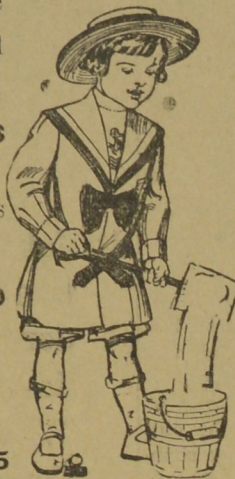
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NORTH DEVON

## DESCRIBES ENTRY OF THE BRITISH INTO COLOGNE

Marched by the Great Cathedral Headed by Mounted Infantry and Cologne Policemen—Returning Prisoners Cheer the Troops—Civilians Exhibit Politeness and Appear to be Glad to See the British—Restaurant Prices High,

(E. Percy Noel cables the Chicago News as follows)

The first elements of British infantry entered Cologne this afternoon to reinforce the cavalry which arrived Friday night. Preceded by a crowd of civilians, the infantry marched past the towering cathedral, headed by British mounted military and Cologne policemen, while crowds ran from all directions across the square.

Three platoons marched on the double quick to the Rhine itself, halting beneath the imposing towers of the Hohenzollern bridge. The German sentries, who guarded one-third of the eastern part of the bridge, departed last night with other rear guards.

Today I walked across the bridge past the demarcation where I saw German sentries yesterday, including one who offered to surrender to the British. On the eastern bank I was stopped by a British sentry, but could see the line of the enemy transports nearby. British machine guns were the sole protection against the enemy's return.

Returning Prisoners Cheer

Street cars came and went carrying civilians, while a river steamer passed heavily loaded with British prisoners of war returning home by way of Holland. They cheered lustily when they recognized my khaki uniform. Near by the buildings of industrial exhibition ignited by departing German troops after they had pillaged them sent up clouds of smoke from the red flames raging over acres of ground.

British regulations for the behaviour

of the citizens have not yet been posted, but are likely to be when more troops arrive. The civilians for the most part are polite, but not all of them. Many endeavor to fraternize with the British troops, obviously being glad to see them.

There is little evidence of misery here. The opera and other theatres and also announcing matinees for Monday. Motor and horse drawn cabs await fares, private automobiles circulate and trains come and go in the railway stations. This situation will be altered when the formal occupation occurs late in the week.

Meantime the population is under the control of the British troops, although the latter are now few in number. Near and on the floor of the tower entrance to the Hohenzollern bridge and at convenient points elsewhere I saw how the machine guns were arranged to command large areas and how they are provided with ample stocks of ammunition.

Men Wear Arms at All Times

An order requires officers and troops to carry arms at all times. This provides the unusual spectacle of British officers wearing automatic pistols while dining in hotels and restaurants.

The customary investigation here finds but few poor people. Nearly all have been making money industrially since the war began. This accounts for the good clothes worn and the rarity of any but leather shoes. Despite this the interior of the best hotels is placarded in red warning the guests to keep their shoes inside their rooms instead of leaving them outside to be polished.

Restaurant prices are high, but the food is excellent. Rhine salmon is 15 marks (\$3.75) a portion and roast beef 9 marks (\$2.25) which is comparatively cheaper than in Brussels, while prices of shoes here are nearly one-half less than those in Brussels last week. The British cavalry will probably pass the Rhine on Tuesday to occupy finally the zone beyond the Rhine. News of the disturbance in Berlin pleases the average citizen. Few seem to realize that in a few days they will be virtually cut off from Germany, just as were the Belgians and French during the German occupation of Belgium and northern France.

THE LAY OF THE HEN

In days of old  
Fresh eggs were sold  
For something like a song.  
But nowadays  
The chickens' lays  
In high-priced acts belong.

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## HE COULDN'T STAND THAT

(Stars and Stripes.)

In most of the recaptured French towns, when dawn came on that frosty morning of November 11, could be heard the jingling of harness, the brays of mules, the swelling chorus of grumbling and shouting and laughter—the music of an American regiment waking up.

In the half-frozen mud of one of the shell-torn roads a Yankee lad—he might have still been in high school had he stayed in the States—met a little French girl of about ten years, blue with the cold and visibly shivering in a thin, long worn gingham dress.

"Well, I'll be—" said the youthful doughboy. "I can't stand that." His pack was lighter when he took to the road with his company an hour or so later. And if any quartermaster raised a fuss about a missing O. D. blanket, Stars and Stripes hopes heaven will have mercy on that quartermaster's soul.

People who do not hesitate to speak freely of \$1,000,000 now mention a dozen eggs in an awed whisper. With the return of peace, what are we going to do with wrist watches? When a girl is in love she is hungry only between meals.

## FARM FOR SALE

The Department of Agriculture wishes to publish a more complete list of farms for sale during the coming winter. All persons having improved farms for sale are requested to communicate with the Superintendent of Immigration, 108 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

WANTED—Books and magazines for distribution to returned soldiers en route home, in the Military Hospitals, or going overseas. Telephone Mr. A. Murray, care of A. Murray & Co. Tel. No. 159, or leave at store for Military Y. M. C. A.

## FURNITURE SALE

Miss Frances C. O'Connor will dispose of the balance of her household effects at private sale. A rare opportunity to procure valuable pieces of furniture at bargain prices.

## WATER NOTICE

Water consumers are again notified to pay their water rates before December 31st if they wish to take advantage of the discount.

G. R. PERKINS,  
City Treasurer.