

MY YEARS IN THE KAISER'S ARMY

cause they were so tired that they could scarcely stand. They were not punished then, but in the one big fight we had before Antwerp they were dismounted and sent to cross the river. I have not heard that any of them survived. After the pacification of Louvain we had a riotous night dance in the public garden.

"It was only when we reached Brussels that we had our first good rest after leaving Germany, but we were soon busy again. Something had gone wrong with the blood-vessels in my head, and I was detailed for police duty in the capital.

"We were then transferred from the Great General Staff to the jurisdiction of the Intelligence Bureau, and I had a splendid time, though the underhand work of spying and denouncing was not to my liking. Before I was sent forward to the Antwerp lines I had some good experiences in spy-hunting, especially against the English agents.

"At first matters in Brussels were not very pleasant. We were lined up for the march into the town, and off we went with the regimental flags flying, the bands shrieking the 'Wacht am Rhein,' while behind us the Austrians bellowed 'Gott er halte Franz der Kaiser.' But one could feel that it was different from Louvain or Aerschot. In the uni-