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troops into Germany over a year ago was a new experience in Canadian warlook into." "What?" Probably the troops had been so well trained to respect the Belgians and the French and their property, that they failed to give complete satisfaction as an army of occupation. It was told in "barrack-room gossip," just before the boys left the Rhine, that though their fighting abilities had been fully recognized they had failed somewhat to "put it over" as an "army of terror" on the Rhine. The Canadian soldier had never had much chance to develop

never had much chance to develop the bullying characteristics. He would rather learn the language and make himself at home when he wasn't ac-tually fighting. He lost no love for the German, or for Germany, but he did not have the nack of shoving the "iron heel stuff" down in the approved Prussian style. The passage through the Ardennes and into the sloping ground to the

and into the sloping ground to the Rhine was made with practically no opposition. In advance of the Canadian forces ran tales throughout the German households, which pictured the coming soldiers as the last word in savage ferocity. "They had always been put in the vanguard by the Eng-lish because of their ignorance, and they were so forceions that even the they were so ferocious that even the

they were so ferocious that even the troops of the dear Fatherland could hardly ever stand up against them." Many incidents happened along the route which proved a revelation to the quiet business-like army in the hash dearmap women not infrato the quiet bismissified any in khaki. German women not infre-quently fainted dead away on hear-ing that the Canadian troops were a matter of a day's march down the road. Little family parties were often seen in an attitude of fearful prayer as the bands of the infantry propresended. But the Germang prayer as the bands of the mining prayer as the bands of the mining approached. But the Germans everywhere proved remarkably well disciplined as regards public orders. All that seemed necessary was to post up a placard signed by a British officer.

It was needless to go further. The orders were invariably obeyed. A number of the rules which a few weeks before had been imposed on weeks before had been imposed on Belgian civilians by the Hun were now imposed on the peoples of the Rhine. They must remove their hats to all British officers. They must not collect in groups or meetmust not collect in groups or meet-ings of any sort without permission from the military authorities. No dances, concerts or entertainments, of any kind were allowed. Every civilian must be in his house before seven o'clock in the evening, unless is meanersion of a page signed by the in possession of a pass signed by the British military authorities. Some of the soldiers who got the temporary job of military police for a few days, found it practically impossible to col-lect any "graft." Evory German was invariably in his home by seven

neid a loaden pistor at his hose and informed him that five francs were worth seven marks. His agreement would then prove most cordial. In fact one would almost be led to be-lieve that the mark might have been made even lower in value as far as he was concerned. he was concerned.

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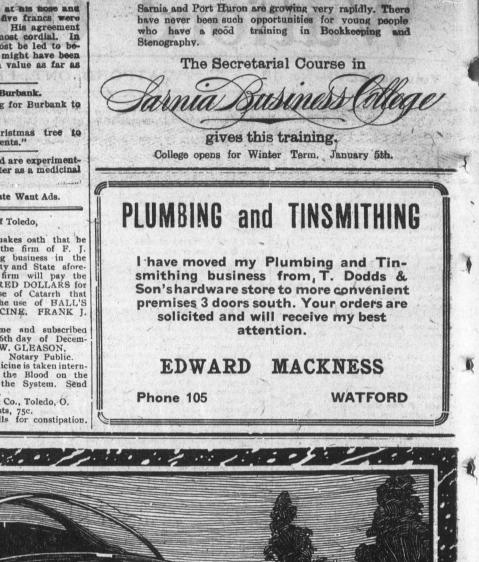
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The saluting order, however, met The saluting order, however, met with some little difficulty. The Ger-mans at first appeared to know nothing of such etiquette except as applied to their own German offi-cers. They were not long left in ignorance. The language was too strange for an officer to instruct the straggling wayside Hun to any ad-vantage. But jerking off his hat and dronping it on the ground at his feet vantage. But jerking off his hat and dropping it on the ground at his feet usually conveyed the desired instruc-tion. The Heinie would usually pick up his hat with sullen gesture, and a gleam of ill-concealed hatred in his eyes. Soon, however, they were so well trained that n.c.o.'s as well as officers were taking the German solute. salute.

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