

The Book of the Badewagenen.

- 1 In the fourth year of the great war the A.P.M.'s of the hosts of Hunland did counsel together, saying: Let us devise new forms of punishment for those who offend and do those things which are Verboten.
- 2 And it came to pass that one Heinrich, surnamed Sauerkraut, counselled after this fashion: Since from the days of our forefathers it has been held an abomination for a son of Hunland to wash himself, surely it were goodly punishment to award those who transgress and do those things which the All-Highest has Verboten.
- 3 And the words of Heinrich, surnamed Sauerkraut, found favour with the A.P.M.'s of Hunland, so that they fashioned Badewagenen to wash those who were awarded field punishment.
- 4 And this form of punishment was feared more than any other in the land, and he who must submit to it was an outcast, for in al! Hunland it is an abomination to be clean.
- 5 Now in the eighth month of the fourth year of the war, Sir Arthur, surnamed Currie, led his hosts in battle against those of Hunland, saying: Let us smite these children of uncleanliness, that the world may be better for their departure.
- 6 And the men of Currie smote the hosts of Hunland hip and thigh, and marvelled greatly when they found the Badewagenen and understood it not, saying:
- 7 Can a leopard change his spots, or a Hun be found who washeth himself willingly.
- 8 Nevertheless, they did prod with their bayonets the naked Huns, who did flee therefrom, and there was wailing and gnashing of teeth.

- 9 And the Badewagenen was spirited away by one surnamed Haggerty, and was brought to the camp of the signaimen, who marvelled much.
- 10 And one learned above all others in the mysteries of wireless, and who understood also screw-cutting machines, gave utterance after this wise: Let us fill the thing with water and light the fire, and something must happen. And this man was called Johnson.
- 11 And this was done, and the steam thereof ascended unto heaven, but the thing worked not.
- 12 Then another, rightly named Steel, did acquire by night a force pump, and when the thing was filled with water and the fire was lighted, and the force pump was worked, yea verily, the whole thing worked.
- 13 And the signalmen rejoiced greatly, and did wash themselves, for the hosts of Canada do not hold it an abomination to be clean as do those of Hunland.
- 14 And the sounds of splashing in the Badewagenen were great, and one did say, "Good old Fritz."



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