

## The Frontier.

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE": we learned that we of the army of occupation, numerous questions as to how we would be enemy the Huns, upon their beloved Fatherland, but one solution to namely that their attitude demand our being alert in case of problem. We used to talk freely the subject of our were not a few who ways on the safe side, where on their person of some sort, in case its use; also to engage in conversations great war.

fortunate or unfortunate greatly as to which, those who covered the to miss the long route Belgium with all its and receptions preparations for our soldiers, be returning from a leave in gay Paris, made by train or lorry as circumstances

morning aboard a few odds and ends, the square in the Bel- elot, our last stopping side of the frontier, the road, numerous from the windows to combat that odd use within us, as we not we were still in the frontier into

g through the silent by rolling woodlands often from which tumbling down to the roadside for a n to be lost in the ts; suddenly a steep encountered, which monotonous climb, a steaming engine reaching the summit, of numerous towns d here and there expanse of country, t time in most in a narrow winding of the valley below. past, we had just to the ordinary re when one of the ted out, "hurrah Germany." Silence utes when one chap lows, who would pring eh?" most disappointed any was a French ted the fact that able to speak the rance and Belgium ge spoken in a large ntry) he was now as us as far as talking r soundly assuring ly having a taste of suffered and under- s after crossing the e mingled with the ve settled down to n in which we found

e was when we cross-road and by ward, not knowing h: roads to follow. een told that the spoken for some tier, so we decided eaking companion e fraulein and her our destination. ainly s e what was look of contempt couple of German uldn't understand. ould speak French ndered (although they could); how- speak to them, so on a certain road d the correct one. his was the only d the German as to be. At rail- way carriages, or e used in the ner possible. A ring our travels ice of the country

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districts. Apparently nothing was wasted and every available bit of land was under cultivation.

It was interesting to see the crowds of civilians gather to watch the Canadian Scottish battalion pass, their kilts swinging in unison as they marched to the strains of some rousing Scottish music, that kind that carries a Scotchman back to his native cottage amongst the glens and heathered hills of one of the most beautiful spots on this old earth. Although they marvelled at what to them was apparel more suitable for women than brave men (indeed they term the Scotties "ladies of hell") still there was something about the music and the fine appearance of the men that struck new life into the hearts of even the broken hearted Germans who must surely have realized that defeat was the result of their putting into practice the foolish idea that might should rule the world.

Next day I joined the corps, and after remaining for a few days we all started in lorries for the beautiful city of Bonn, on the Rhine, where the headquarters of the corps were located. As we passed down the wide, clean streets of this city in front of whose famous university, on the Hofgarten, the ex-Kaiser frequently reviewed his troops, the inhabitants gazed at us rather in amazement but were quite courteous towards us. We afterwards learned that they had heard terrible reports about the Canadians, in fact we were regarded as next to savages. Every soldier was armed and the first thing to do was to teach the Hun a thing or two just to make him aware that we were as part of a conquering army.

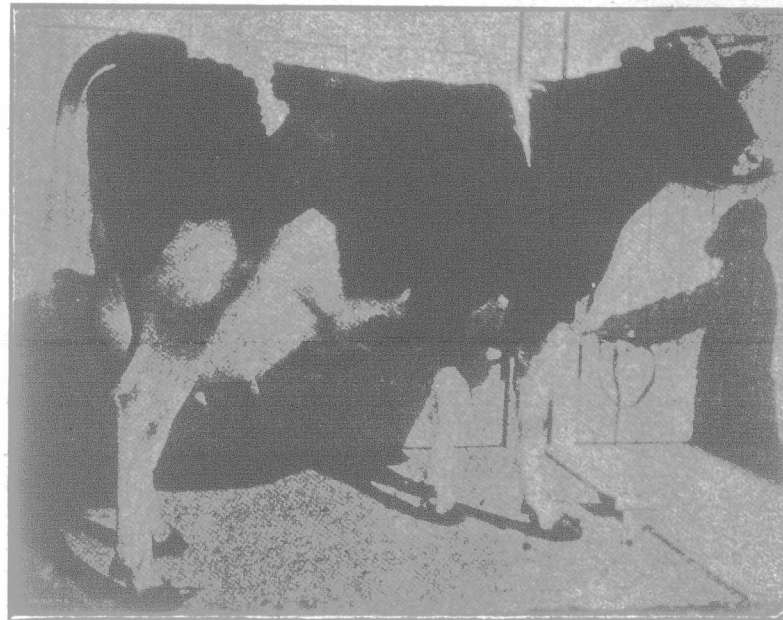
For instance the street car conductors soon learned that soldiers were to travel on their cars free of charge a simple fact that they found very difficult to grasp. Movements of the people were restricted, and everyone had to be in by a certain time nightly. Men had to pay compliments to officers and salute the British flag. I remember an instance of a big Prussian officer meeting a Canadian officer on the street, and giving him a proper salute; however he was no sooner by than he made a certain sign to the same officer which no Canadian would have tolerated from a Prussian. A sort of I-put-one-over-him smile filled his face, but he hadn't reckoned with a private who had witnessed all and who landed him such a solid one on the jaw that he fell unconsciously to the ground. Our good friend Pte. Canuck simply lifted the helmet from his head as a souvenir and proceeded down street leaving the Prussian in a dazed condition to reconsider the event.

As time passed, the restrictions on the people were considerably lessened and they found the Canadians were not savages as they had expected, but gentlemen who demanded plain civility from every member of the community.

It seems to me there were three main reasons why the people became so friendly as to allow orchestras in some of the best theatre in the city to play, "Britannia Rules the Waves," and similar selections; namely (1) they were afraid of the consequence if they misbehaved or offered resistance. (2) Hearing of the furious conflicts such as in Berlin, and cities and towns just outside the occupied territory, they were glad we were there to preserve order, regarding us as the lesser of two evils. But to me the third and most important reason was that they being down and out as it were, realized that having lost a great conflict the wisest plan was to knuckle down and forget the past years of misery and bloodshed.

Several weeks have passed since we again crossed the frontier, this time in the opposite direction into Belgium. the trip to the Rhineland is one I will never forget, but one is obliged to wonder how we would have fared had the Germans been the victors, also to conclude after having seen the destruction in France both to lives and property that after all the Germans are getting off too easily.

H. McMillan, a "Farmer's Advocate" reader, gives the following recipe, which he has found successful for the removal of warts: "A cupful of soft water, a tablespoonful of soft soap and two teaspoonfuls of salt, mixed together and applied to the warts every third day."



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