

DEVIL'S WORK IN BELGIUM

versity town we made our triumphal march through streets where one could almost hear the breaking of hearts. Every blind was drawn, and save for a few reckless loafers the streets were deserted. I think it was because of the so pronounced sorrow and resignation of the Louvain people that old Manteufel ordered the evacuation of the town and later sent in the Pioneers to burn up the houses.

"Before the burning Manteufel selected an awful night when the rain was falling in torrents, and ordered the evacuation to be completed in a few hours. I have since seen many things, but never anything to equal the clearing away of the population. Men, children, old women and babies just born could only escape destruction by flight. Whither they went no one knew or cared.

"It was just after we left the still burning town, over which a heavy pall of acrid smoke hung for weeks, that we ran into a troop of about twenty Belgian soldiers. They had been separated from their regiments when we defeated them at Tirlemont, and were evidently trying to regain their units. They immediately surrendered when they saw us, for we were a complete army, but von Manteufel said he had no time to send prisoners to the rear, and so we shot them. We had no time