

# Enslavement of Women By German Invaders

*Cruel Oppressors Overwhelm Them with Hard Labor and Humiliations of Every Kind--- Then*

*as a Final Refinement of Moral Torture Force*

*Them to Salute and Smile!*

By Clive Marshall

THE period of initial violence and atrocities has passed in Belgium and invaded France. The first carnival of rapine, lust and blood is largely ended so far as civilian victims are concerned. But have you ever thought about the conditions which have succeeded it—which exist today—in the invaded territory still subjected to Prussian rule?

The humiliation, the spiritual martyrdom, the long slavery inflicted by the Germans, has in it a studied and monstrous cruelty that makes the blood boil, perhaps even more than did the earlier accounts of physical violence.

And today, as in the first invasion, it is the women who suffer most.

The Prussians seem to have a perverted genius for inflicting cruelty and humiliation upon women. It is a lower thing than mere brute passion. Its true explanation probably lies in the pathological degeneracy of the Prussian race.

Nietzsche, in his terrible book, "Thus Spake Zarathustra," which many believe was the inspiration for Germany's mania of world conquest, said: "When you go to see a woman, always carry a whip."

History tells of individual monsters in the grip of such perverted passions, but never before have they become the stigma of an entire people.

Never before have women been subjected wholesale to the enslavement of such satanic masters.

Study the cartoons of Raemaekers, and you will see that he has depicted not merely the external manifestations of this German trail, but that he has comprehended the particular abysses of depravity from which it springs.

## Unbearable Humiliations

No fact illustrates more poignantly the unbearable humiliations to which the girls and women of the invaded regions have been subjected, than the news, recently brought to America, of the rule which forces all women to stop and stand at a military salute every time they encounter a German officer.

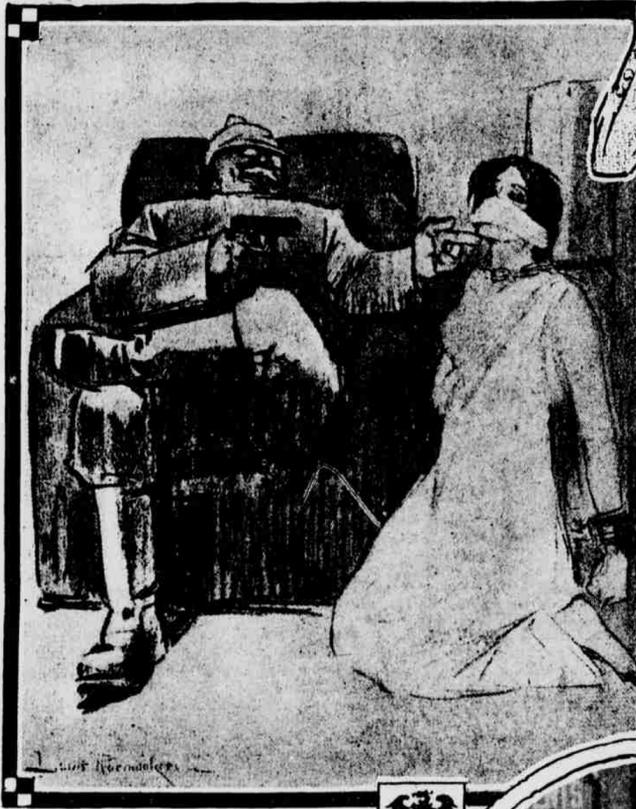
And that isn't all. By refinement of cruelty, each woman, when she salutes, is compelled to smile!

Her heart may be broken, her brothers slain, her home destroyed, her sisters—perhaps herself—may have been a prey to the bestial passions that were loosed in the early days of the war. And now, as she stands at salute before the authors of these horrors, she is forced to smile!

Imagine your own sisters, or your wife, subjected to such humiliation. It seems unbelievable, yet the facts have been proven, and conditions like these are exactly what the Germans dreamed of inflicting on the entire world.

Were they able to invade America, the daily life of American girls and women would be like that of those in Belgium and northern France. Think of the cumulative horror of it.

Not once, but every day, and many times a day, these heartbroken women are forced to smile into



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"AIN'T I A LOVABLE FELLOW!"

(Cartoon by Louis Raemaekers.)

the faces of their conquerors. If they refuse, it means prison, and perhaps the lash.

For the Germans haven't hesitated to use even that last method in enforcing their regime of slavery.

Reputable witnesses have recently told of seeing bands of Belgian women laboring in the fields, guarded by Prussian soldiers who were armed with whips, and who used them when the workers faltered.

A French writer, C. Journelle, in a recent article in the Atlantic Monthly, telling what France has learned of civilian sufferings in the invaded regions, describes the condition of portions of this enslaved population who have become repatriated.

"All of them," he says, "men and women alike, had lost a fifth, a fourth or a third of their weight. They all looked as if they had escaped from a torture chamber."

M. Journelle's testimony shows that the compulsory salute is only one small detail in the German persecution of women.

## A Regime of Slavery

He tells of officers, revolvers in hand, who compelled gentlewomen to wait upon them as servants at table, and says that in districts where game is abundant, girls, whatever their station in life, are compelled to act as hunters when the officers hunt. Those who refuse are imprisoned in a dark cellar three days for each refusal.

The German authorities have laid upon women all mental tasks, taking no account of social position or physical strength.

The widow of a certain French colonel killed



Beginning the Journey Into Slavery.



Hered Like Animals in Open Carts, Women and Children Are Carried Away by Hundreds and Forced to Slave Beneath the Lash in the Fields.

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maternity. The wife of the Mayor of Le Catelet, sentenced to three months in prison for not making known her husband's presence in her house, was separated from the infant she was nursing, and dragged away by two policemen. In many places mothers were torn from children in their arms, from sobbing and desperate little girls who threw themselves on their knees without avail."

Such is life today for the women in territory subjected to the German yoke.

Such would be the life of women in America if the Germans invaded this land as conquerors.

## Prolificacy of Fish

THE cod is estimated to yield 45,000,000 eggs each season. As many as eight, nine, and even nine and a half million eggs have been found in the roe of a single cod. An eel was caught in Scotland some years ago which was 32 inches long and weighed about two pounds. The ovary was about 12 inches long and it lay in the fish, but when opened out it was nearly 20 inches in length, and it was calculated that this contained upward of 10,000,000 eggs, rivaling, if not surpassing, the cod in this respect.

This, however, would appear to have been an exceptional find, and it is generally admitted that the cod is more prolific than any other fish. Though not equalling the cod, many kinds of fish are exceedingly prolific. More than 36,000 eggs have been counted in a herring, 28,000 in a smelt, 1,000,000 in a sole, 1,120,000 in a roach, 3,000,000 in a sturgeon, 342,000 in a carp, 383,000 in a tench, 546,000 in a mackerel, 992,000 in a perch and 1,357,000 in a flounder.

The oyster is also very prolific. It has been ascertained by recent observation that in the liquor of their shells small oysters can be seen by aid of the microscope—120 in the space of an inch, covered with shells, and swimming actively about. A herring weighing six or seven ounces is provided with about 20,000 eggs.

After making all reasonable allowances for the destruction of eggs and the young, it has been estimated that in three years a single pair of herrings would produce 154,000,000. Buffon calculated that, if a pair of herrings could be left to breed and multiply undisturbed for a period of 20 years, they would yield an amount of fish equal in bulk to the globe.

In action, was forced to be in turn a chambermaid and a farm laborer in Germany.

M. Journelle tells of seeing women working under the lash in the regions about Laon. When aircraft passed over, the women were forbidden to leave their work, while their keepers sought cover in dugouts.

Mrs. Edith Wharton is reported to have seen an elderly woman whose arms boche officers had broken with their sabers.

Women and girls of refinement and social position are frequently compelled to disrobe in the presence of German officers, on the pretext of search or medical examination.

"In their souls, no less than in their flesh and blood," says M. Journelle, "do these Germans exert themselves to wound their helpless victims. The German has no respect for girlhood or for