

Berlin, May 9th.—A despatch to the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung from Muelheim today says the French troops from Geldorf crossed the Rhur last night, and occupied various points in the town of Muelheim, including the national bank.

The Virgin Islands had the misfortune to come into American possession just a few days before war was declared by the United States against Germany. In the whirl of events that followed the peoples of what had been the Danish West Indies were forgotten by Congress and by the people of this country in general. The Navy, sorely pressed for officers for war duties, nevertheless assumed a sort of guardianship over the islands and a naval governor was appointed. The governor received about as much attention as the inhabitants, however, and little thought of any sort was given to the new possessions and the new American citizens until one day an odd-looking fellow wearing a faded brown derby drifted into the offices of Senator Kenyon on Capitol Hill and told a heart-gripping

With President Harding's permission and hearty approval, Capt. Kittelle has taken up with several cabinet officers matters affecting the islands and he will work out as many improvements as are possible under purely executive authority.—*Washington Star*, April 19th.

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