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Laughs

Invasion Humor:

- A sailor whose ship had been sunk yelled from the water at a nearby barge crew. One of the crew called back: "You don't want a line from us. We're sinking."

"The hell I don't!" cried the sailor. "I'm sitting on a mine."

- A London Star cartoon revised "Any gum, chum?" by showing a French child asking a debarking American soldier: "Est-ce que vous avez le gum, M'sieu?"

- A half million German marks billowing across an English airfield started a spy scare. It developed that they had blown out of a trailer which a farmer was driving to his new home. The farmer had bought them for \$20 in 1922.

- The first invasion stowaway was Pvt. Charles E. Schmelz Jr. of Pittsburgh, who guarded a glider before the take-off for France. Schmelz, seeking a cozy corner for a nap, found one and woke up high above the Channel. That night, instead of standing guard in England, he fought in France.

- The Canadian corvette Prescott off the coast of France asked a nearby American cruiser: "Do you know where the port authorities are?"

The cruiser answered: "No, I'm a stranger here myself."