

FRENCH OCCUPY VALLEY CEDED BY ITALIANS

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~~the province~~ ³
The Alpine ~~provinces~~ of Tende and Briga ~~are~~ transferred from Italy to France by the peace treaty. Italian inhabitants of the villages moved out. It was not to be expected that they enjoyed the compulsory uprooting, but under Italian police supervision at the frontier the people were quite orderly as they said goodbye to their old homes.

French people lost no time in taking over, ~~the little~~ ~~province~~. This debatable border country has changed hands ^{on} many ~~times~~ ^{occasions} in the past. This time the French were taking possession and everyone was in high spirits.

The tricolor was soon on view everywhere . The newly-appointed prefect ordered the flag to be officially run up, and from that moment the place really seemed French. The occasion was too good for celebrations to be brief. Naturally they made a night of it.

(Half after kiss) Some refreshment during the interval must have been had by the local ~~committee~~. *Lord Waterlog*