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Queen's Park 'Captured' By Visiting U.S. Force

In the year 1812 American soldiers captured Ontario's Legislative Building and burned it to the ground. Yesterday afternoon American troops again "captured" Queen's Park, but this time without firing a shot.

The "captors" were 136 officers and men of the famed "Yankee Division" from Massachusetts, who marched solemnly into the august Legislative Chamber, usurped the seats of the Province's duly elected lawmakers, and were welcomed with sincere cordiality by Premier Hepburn and Colonel George Drew, the Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

It was the first time in history that armed Americans had been greeted in the Queen's Park inner sanctum. It was the high point in a day-long welcome for the stalwart, splendidly trained representatives of the 26th Division, First United States Army, who came here under the command of Brigadier-General Thomas E. Troland to participate in the inauguration of Canada's Second Victory Loan.

The "invasion" was a personal triumph for General Troland and the men under his command. It is unlikely that a more finely equipped, ruggedly handsome group of young men ever strode through Toronto's streets, and, despite the fact that persistent, unseasonal rain drizzled from above, thousands lined the route of march to cheer them.

It was the first time in a quarter-century that American fighting men have made an official visit to Toronto, and from morning until late last night they paraded through numerous functions accompanied by a detachment of troops from headquarters, Military District No. 2, in battle dress.

They were welcomed at City Hall, then marched to a civic luncheon reception in the King Edward Hotel, where they fraternized with their Canadian escorts. Following luncheon they paraded to Queen's Park, where they were inspected by Hon. Albert Matthews, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, before tramping through the vast halls of the Government building. In the portals of the Legislative Chamber they halted until Mr. Speaker, Hon. James Clark, invited them to enter.

To Members' Benches.

The members of the House had taken seats in the galleries, and the American troops, rifles in hand, marched stiffly into the horseshoe of members' benches and remained stiffly at attention until they were ordered to be seated.

Mr. Speaker sat on the dais flanked by Major-General C. F. Constantine, O.C., M.D. No. 2; General Troland; Premier Hepburn, Colonel Drew and Hon. North Winship, United States Consul-General.

Significance was added to the occasion by the fact that the historic Mace of the House lay in its accustomed place. It was the same Mace which was captured by the American troops who razed the

buildings 130 years ago. It remained in the United States until 1934, when President Roosevelt ordered it returned to the Government of Ontario.

"You are here in the darkest hour of the world's history," Premier Hepburn told the American troops as they sat rigidly upright, every eye turned toward the dais. "We are faced by the most ruthless foes civilization has ever known.

"We hear of United States marines being treated shamefully by the Japanese and being hitched to vehicles. We hear of the barbarous treatment accorded to Canadian soldiers captured at Hong Kong. These people, along with those of the conquered countries, look to us for help.

Economic System Indictment.

"It seems an indictment against our economic system that we pause at this critical juncture to persuade people to do what they should do to raise money for war purposes."

Colonel Drew, in greeting the Americans, said: "It's something to live in a country where a man is permitted to be called 'the Leader of the Opposition.' On the extent to which we can work together depends the future of the world."

And then General Troland replied by saying: "It is an honor to stand in this august and stately hall as a representative of the First American Army. This is a small force with me, but it is representative of the mighty forces that are growing below the border.

"We are here to wish you well—to urge you on—to carry on to a successful conclusion this Second Victory Loan; to enable all your citizens to engage in this great common cause."

Led by Boston Band.

Later the troops paraded along St. Clair from Dufferin to Vaughan Road. They were preceded by their smart band from Boston's 101st Infantry Regiment and a band from local military headquarters marched in front of the Canadian de-

WOULD ALTER MEDICAL ACT

Mentally Incompetent
Doctors May Be Barred

THREE BILLS READ

Under an amendment to the Medical Act, introduced into the Ontario Legislature yesterday by Hon. H. J. Kirby, Minister of Health, a physician's name may be stricken from the official register in the event of him being found mentally incompetent or mentally ill.

The bill provides that on application of four registered medical practitioners, the council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons shall pass on the propriety of a doctor continuing practice after a complaint is made as to his incompetency. It is also provided that "infamous or disgraceful conduct in a professional respect" shall be cause for expulsion.

The bill was one of three sponsored by Mr. Kirby and given first reading. An amendment to the Public Health Act permits the use of what is known as the "flash method" of pasteurizing milk. At the present time, milk must be held to 142 degrees heat for thirty minutes. Under the proposed method, pasteurization may be accomplished by submitting the milk to 161 degrees for fifteen minutes.

Under amendments to the Dentistry Act, clauses are proposed which would bar unqualified and improperly trained dental laboratory technicians from undertaking not only the manufacture of dentures, but the actual practice of dentistry. The measure is the result of a request by both dental laboratory technicians and dental surgeons.

Hepburn, Drew Will Take Part In Debate Today

The first full-dress debate of the current session of the Ontario Legislature will occur today when both Premier Hepburn and Opposition Leader Drew are slated to speak.

Lieutenant-Colonel Drew will open the "Leader's Day" debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. In view of the Liberal caucus last night, it is generally considered that the Premier will declare something of the Government's policy.