

A WHIG REPRESENTATIVE SAW THE METAGAMA DEPART

From Montreal on the Morning of May 6th.

THE GOAT WENT ALONG

WITH THE 21ST BATTALION AS A MASCOT.

"Be Sure and Beat the Germans As Hard As You Beat That Drum," Said Major-General Hughes To Pipers' Band Base Drummer.

The 21st Battalion and Queen's Stationary Hospital which reached Plymouth, England, on Saturday morning on the S.S. Metagama left Kingston on the evening of May 5th for Montreal where they embarked on the new Canadian Pacific steamship Metagama which sailed for England the following morning.

When the steamer left the Harbor Commissioner's wharf at 10:30 o'clock a Whig representative was on the wharf and witnessed the departure.

Shortly after war was declared, Major General Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, asked that the newspapers of Canada refrain from publishing anything that might put the enemy in touch with the movement of troops to and from Canada. For that reason the Whig has not made mention of the troops from the time they left Kingston. On Saturday, May 8th the Whig received a wireless message from one of the officers of the battalion stating that the Metagama was then at Newfoundland.

Lieut.-Col. W. G. Anglin also communicated with his wife from Cape Ray. "No Canadian force ever left for overseas service with a more enthusiastic yet regrettable farewell than that which was accorded the 21st Battalion and Queen's Stationary Hospital," so stated one of the officers when writing home after leaving Kingston.

The members of the 21st were high in their praises of the treatment which they received while in training for the past six months in the old Limestone city. "While we are fighting in the trenches in France we will always think of Kingston and our many friends," remarked one of the infantry men just as he was about to leave.

Arrival At Montreal.

The first train which carried the left half of the 21st and Queen's Hospital arrived at the Montreal station at 5:25 o'clock next morning. On account of the men having so much heavy baggage the cars were taken down to the wharf, about two hundred feet from where the steamer was moored. When the train pulled in the steamer was not quite

ready to receive the soldiers, and for that reason the commanding officer gave orders to the officers commanding the different platoons to remain aboard the cars until they heard him blow a whistle. During the half hour which the men were compelled to remain on the cars they had a splendid opportunity to write letters and post cards, which since have found their way to all points of the Dominion.

When the whistle was sounded a few minutes after six o'clock, the soldiers who had spent the night in the cars with little or no sleep, crawled out and fell in for roll call which required a very few minutes. As soon as the officers commanding the different platoons assured the commanding officer that every man had been accounted for, he gave the command for the men to embark, which was done in very quick order. Although the volunteers realized that they were going over the ocean and probably would never return, they were the happiest crowd one would meet in a long while.

The second train, which carried the right half of the 21st Battalion arrived about 6:30 o'clock and all immediately embarked. It was a grand sight to see the nurses headed by Lieut.-Col. W. G. Anglin as they marched through the railroad yards to the steamer.

Although all were aboard the Metagama by seven o'clock the steamer did not pull out until about three hours later. The McGill and Laval base hospitals also were aboard the Metagama.

General Hughes Said Good-Bye. Major-General Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, was on the scene bright and early to shake hands with the officers before they boarded the steamer. He was in Montreal for a few days having addressed a meeting in St. James' Methodist church the evening previous. As the men marched through the freight sheds the Minister of Militia spoke to many of them.

"Good luck to you and be sure and beat the Germans as hard as you beat that drum," were his parting words to the base drummer in the Killarney Band.

While the steamer remained at the wharf the Minister of Militia spoke to the officers and the nursing sisters and wished them a safe return. As the Metagama pulled out, people who were in vicinity of the wharf will never forget the sight. The whistles on all the boats which were lying at the wharves sounded as the steamer was towed out into the main channel by two small tugs.

Few Kingstonians There.

Very few Kingstonians were afforded the pleasure of seeing the men leave, as the restrictions on the wharves were tight. The Whig representative had considerable difficulty getting in, as every person who was admitted required a pass from the Harbor Commissioners. It was through the courtesy of the Montreal Daily Mail that the Whig representative got inside the main gate.

The steamer Metagama is the new C.P.R. liner which has only crossed the ocean three times. This was her first trip to Montreal. During the four days which she was at Montreal the crew did considerable work which was necessary before so many soldiers could be accommodated.

On account of the steamer being used as a transport she had been painted black, so as not to be very conspicuous. The Whig man had a splendid opportunity to see the crew loading munitions which will be used at the front.

The white goat, which was the property of No. 2 Company 21st Battalion, was taken over with the troops. As the soldiers marched up the gang plank the goat followed the men without any coaxing.

BATTLE FOR LIBERTY

IS BEING FOUGHT IN THE PRESENT WAR.

Rev. Dr. Jordan Says Germany Deliberately Prepared and Fixed the Train That Started Great Struggle Now Going On.

Preaching in the First Congregational Church Sunday evening, Rev. Prof. W. G. Jordan said: "Christianity took the highest teaching of Judaism and set it free from humanity. It set God and mankind above any mere class or race, and we believe that in the great war that is now being waged we are fighting again the battle for liberty and righteousness. We have our own faults, national and personal, but there are some things concerning which we are quite clean. (1) Germany deliberately prepared and fixed the train that started this great conflagration. (2) No great modern civilized nation has produced in the same way as military and political class that scoffed at sentiment and humanitarianism and declared that the sword is and must be the arbiter of a nation's fate. (3) A nation could not have adopted such methods of warfare if its sense of right had not been perverted by a false narrow patriotism. With all the mistakes of the past we can claim that the British Empire is the fullest political embodiment of this great principle of liberty and diversity. Its unity in this hour of darkness springs not from coercion but from the spirited sense of a common citizenship. Thus we see that this central Christian principle is meant to rule both in personal life and in political organization. It gives to each of us a place according to our ability and faith. It rests up on our faith in the oneness of God and the recognition of the right of our fellow men.

REQUEST TO FRIENDS OF BOYS AT FRONT.

It is the custom of the British War Office and Canadian Militia Department to notify by telegraph the next of kin of men killed or wounded before per- mitting their names to appear in the published casualty lists. Since the fierce fighting, Kingstons, like all the rest of Canada, is living in a state of anxious expectancy. It would help materially to relieve this tension and would also be greatly appreciated if persons receiving such telegrams, or hearing of their receipt by others, would notify the Whig by telephone or otherwise as quickly as possible, in order that the news may be bulletined or published at the earliest possible moment.

Letters received from boys at the front or in the various training camps are also of great interest to the citizens generally. The Whig will be glad to receive for publication any and all such letters. Personal matter will, of course, be omitted and the letters promptly returned to those to whom they are addressed.

The Principle Of Nature.

Dr. Jordan took as his text the words: "Now there are diversities of gifts but the same spirit." (1 Cor. xii. 4.) The Apostle Paul when he wrote these words was dealing with the life of the Christian community but in these there is a principle that applies to all life. In another place he tells us that where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. He is careful to show that liberty is not license and is anxious that the sacred name should not be used as a cloak for selfish recklessness. The principle that the Apostle here expresses is the principle of nature. The world that God has created is remarkable for its wonderful variety; we can not believe that the world of men was meant to be squeezed into a small artificial scheme of uniformity. Paul is discussing the life of the soul and the methods of church government and public worship, he is not immediately concerned with what we call politics. The new-born church to which he belonged had battle to do with political or civil problems. The nation to which he belonged was a small part of a great Empire and had little scope for political activity. The Christianity of that time and to do its work by giving a spiritual appeal to individual men, and not by attacking directly the question of social reform. Many devout men were looking for a new kingdom, a new heaven and a new earth wherein would dwell righteousness and peace. When this afforded all disorders would be banished and all problems solved by a new revelation of the Christianity and by the sovereign power of God. Hence all the strength of this great teacher was given to the exposition of great principles, concerning the love of God and the salvation in Christ which is offered to all without distinction of race or class.

In Light Of History.

At the present time we look at all great things in the light of history. We cannot understand the present war, without studying the history of the world as it unfolded in the last fifty years. So we cannot understand this simple text, with its statement that seems to us Solomon place. We that remembering that behind the Apostle there lies a long period of toil and progress. Men had believed that there were many spirits, that there were different gods, and that there were different classes of men. The great Christian teacher understands that there is one God, on Spirit and that we should rejoice in variety and not regard it with narrow intolerance or petty jealousy. This is a truth that is the basis of any real peace. The Bible itself is one of the noblest illustrations of this great truth. It is, in a supreme sense, God's book but it is also men's book. Its truths are not given to us in the form of stiff dogmas but in a wonderful story of human life which is rich with variety and growth. It has shown itself to be the book of humanity by getting itself translated into all the languages of the world, but that is only a beginning. Its great teachings must find their appropriate expression in the varied life of mankind.

When we look back over the history of great nations we find that the worship of uniformity has been a great curse, attempts have been made, by fire and sword to make men think alike and worship in the same way. Men who did such things evidently did not believe that the central truth and essential spirit craved variety of expression. (2) Progress has been made by the conflict of two opposite forces, the love of liberty and the power of custom and authority. This movement can never cease but it can be made healthy by courageous conversation and kindly tolerance.

Hospital Appointments.

Miss Jennie Allen, Sharbot Lake graduate nurse of Kingston General Hospital, has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Chatham General Hospital.

Miss Anna Allen, Sharbot Lake graduate nurse of Nicholls Hospital, Peterboro, has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Smith's Falls General Hospital.

Steamer Rideau Queen

Leaves Kingston on Mondays at 6 a.m. for Portland, and Fridays at 5 a.m. for Smith's Falls, returning Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Called To Vancouver.

Rev. Ernest Thomas leaves Wesley Methodist Church, Regina, in June to take the pastorate of Wesley Church in Vancouver. Mr. Thomas was once pastor of Princess Street Methodist Church, and is married to a Kingston lady.

Y. W. C. A. Annual Meeting.

Tuesday, May 18th, at 8 o'clock. Supper served at 7 o'clock, 25c. Public are invited.

Had An Operation.

Mrs. T. Mackenzie, 38 Ordinance street, underwent an operation in the General Hospital on the 10th inst. She is getting on splendidly.

E. J. McIntyre, Toronto, is dead


after a protracted illness.

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