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KINGSTON WENT WILD OVER THE GLAD NEWS

Flash Wire Before 5 a.m. Announced That the Armistice Was Signed--Great Celebration in Front of the Whig Office And on the Market Square.

Kingston first heard the news of the armistice being signed and of the war being over shortly before five o'clock Monday morning. Columbus Hanley, local manager of the Great North Western Telegraph Company, was "sleeping" on the wire at his home, and he caught the flash which said: "Armistice is signed." The Whig was at once notified, and very soon afterwards the glad news appeared on the Whig bulletin.

Meantime the city hall bell rang out the joyful news, and its pealing was followed by the blowing of whistles and ringing of church bells. When the city hall bell began to peal, two young ladies ran out of the British-American hotel to see "where the fire was." A Whig man shouted at them that the war was over, and they quickly routed out the whole hotel population, which got out onto the streets in quick order, and then the real noise began, which was added to by a fire wagon dashing through the downtown streets blowing a siren.

A stirring celebration occurred at the Whig bulletin board before six o'clock. All roads seemed to lead to the market square, and within a few minutes the streets were black with people. Mayor Hughes was among the first to be on the scene, and he was followed in a few minutes by W. F. Nickle, M.P. A noisy celebration took place, and the market square resounded with cheers and patriotic songs. The band of the Salvation Army was early in evidence, and aroused the people to a high pitch of enthusiasm. They started off with "Rule Britannia," and the people joined in the anthem with all the strength of their voices. A scene of the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Automobiles crowded the square, and their hooters added to the big noise. All the long pent-up feelings of the populace were let loose, and for once the Kingstonsians forgot their conservative natures. All classes of citizens joined with each other in fervent expressions of thankfulness and pride in the glorious news. When the bulletin was issued, stating that Germany had capitulated, and that the surrender was absolute and unconditional, cheer after cheer rose to the sky.

After half an hour, and then the Salvation Army band marched off to the strains of "O, Canada," followed by a cheering exultant throng. The crowd flocked into the City Hall, which was opened as soon as the news arrived. As the morning progressed the crowds and the demonstrations increased. The younger element of the city gathered with flags and musical instruments, and their enthusiasm was unlimited. Some ten children paraded, bearing a huge flag, followed by an improvised band. Every automobile was decorated with flags. The soldiers formed a large part of the crowd, and these boys, who have played so large a part in bringing about the glorious victory, were foremost in showing their delight at the news.

A significant fact was that there was a feeling of sympathy for the misguided German people. Even in the moment of victory, the victors could find time to be generous towards the vanquished. One citizen remarked that it was grand news for us, but that he felt sorry for the common people of the German Empire, now that their country is given up to revolution and anarchy. These sentiments met with general approval. It was a striking demonstration of the British way and the British sentiments, sentiments which forbid the striking of an enemy when he is down. In the hour of victory there is still time to be compassionate towards the suffering of the citizens of the defeated country. Towards the arrogant leaders of Germany there is no feeling of sympathy, but all feel that the people are suffering for the sins of the hated junker class.

Whig Office the Centre. The Whig office was the centre of all the early demonstrations. The Mayor, W. F. Nickle, M.P., H. C. Nickle, and Ald. S. Corbett met in the Whig office a few minutes after the arrival of the news, and watched with great interest the enthusiasm of the crowds. After the first flush of victorious enthusiasm, the crowd formed into a procession and marched up Princess street, ready to celebrate the general holiday which the Mayor proclaimed at a gathering in the City Hall just after six o'clock this morning. At a few minutes after seven the procession, headed by the Salvation Army band, returned to the market square, and a further demonstration took place. Led by the Mayor, round after round of cheers were given. The students of Queen's University, led by J. Courtland Elliott, paraded enthusiastically in front of the Whig office, and added to the big noise in a manner worthy of the students.

The scene in the market square after seven o'clock was one of unbridled rejoicing and enthusiasm, and as time went on it increased in intensity. Kingston was determined to celebrate in a manner fitting to the occasion.

Declared Public Holiday. A meeting was held in the City Hall about 6.30 o'clock on Monday morning. The old hall has been filled for political and other gatherings on many occasions, but there is one thing sure, and that

that is that there never was a more enthusiastic gathering than that which was held following the peace news. The hall was filled to overflowing. Following the loud cheering, Principal Taylor of Queen's University led in prayer.

Mayor J. M. Hughes spoke next, and declared a public holiday for the citizens, and this announcement was received with cheers that could be heard at Barrfield. His Worship also announced that there would be a meeting in his office at the City Hall to arrange for the big demonstration to be held on the market square to-night.

Following the remarks of Mayor Hughes, W. F. Nickle, M.P., spoke for a few minutes, and then the gathering dispersed, but on reaching the streets a big procession was formed, and there was a march around the downtown streets, headed by a band, which also attended the meeting in the City Hall and rendered selections.

The People Went Wild. After fifty months of waiting and watching, the people of Kingston were let loose to-day, and they certainly celebrated with all their power. From seven o'clock onwards Princess street was a seething mass of people. The band of the Salvation Army headed the parade, and marched up and down the street playing patriotic marching tunes, and the procession gathered in numbers every minute. Automobiles, motor trucks and wagons lined up, filled to capacity, and gaily bedecked with flags, and in a very short time a long procession was formed, completely blocking the streets on both sides. The entire street from King street to Division street was a solid mass of traffic, and almost every one carried a flag or some instrument with which to add to the big noise. The whole populace went wild. The false alarm of last week warned the citizens that the good news might be received any time, and were prepared to celebrate. In the outlying districts the houses were gaily arrayed with hither and thither spreading the great tidings.

Hats Off to Returned Soldiers. Returned soldiers carried their heads high to-day. These gallant lads, who brought about this glorious victory, had a new light in their eyes when they realized that their struggles and sacrifices had not been in vain. Many of them thought of comrades now lying in Flanders fields, and wished that these boys, too, could have been here to celebrate the defeat of the Hun. Many discharged soldiers hunted up their uniforms, and wore khaki for the occasion, confident that the authorities would not deem it an offence on such an occasion. They added to the general rejoicing, and were greeted with enthusiasm by the citizens. For once the people of Kingston showed that their hearts are in the right place, and the soldiers were

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Some of the homes must have been shy of pots and pans, judging by the number seen on the streets during the celebration.

Automobiles were here, there and everywhere. There was no saving of gasoline. People spent hours driving around the city waving flags. Many of the autos were beautifully decorated.

Celebration Blasts. The people of Kingston got up early on Monday morning. People who were always regarded as "sleepy heads" were among the first to sit up in bed and rub their eyes and say, "My, but isn't it great!"

The Trades and Labor Council did not lose any time in arranging for a big parade. They arranged for one to take place in the afternoon at one o'clock, and requested all workers who could make a noise to meet at the locomotive works at that time.

The Salvation Army band took a prominent part in the celebration. They were on the job from the time the joyful news was received, and headed several parades around the city.

A number of Americans were in the crowd that celebrated on the market square, and they declared it was the happiest moment of their lives.

One young man in a parade picked up one of the "silent policemen" and carried him off on his shoulder. (Continued on Page 3.)

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