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Observing the Armistice

The signing of the armistice by the Teuton representatives was appropriately observed by the men of the E. T. D. on Monday. Somewhat dubious at first of the early rumors which came from Montreal by wire by reason of the hoax perpetrated on the previous Thursday there was no general giving way to feeling until an 'extra' arrived from Montreal and then the cheering began. The morning's routine was carried through but the afternoon was proclaimed a half holiday, part of which was taken up by a football game between the Depot team and selected eleven from College and Vinegar Barracks, this resulting in a no-score tie.

Morning and evening papers were snatched up eagerly and read by Soldiers and Civilians alike. One sensed a strange feeling as one realised the termination of the sanguinary struggle.

The factory whistles at St. Johns were blown nearly all the morning and during the afternoon the church bells were rung.

The town was crowded during the afternoon and night with soldiers from the Depot, Vinegar and College Barracks. An impromptu band composed of a fife, a kettle-drum and a big drum, bearing a life size portrait of the Kaiser in distress, was formed and 'processed' to and fro and over into Iberville. Pickets were brought out and patrolled the town until a late hour but the celebration was both sane and safe but none the less joyous.

The Depot is still in Ottawa and so there was no festal music which would have added enthusiasm to the occasion long to be remembered in the lives of all on the E. T. D. strength.

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