

TORONTO ITALIANS ANXIOUS TO RETURN HOME AND FIGHT

The Cheering and Great Enthusiasm When News Was Heard, Was Followed by Serious Conversations, After Which Many Left Meeting To Prepare for Journey.

"Long live Italy! Death to her enemies! Italy shall be avenged!" These and many other outbursts of patriotic feeling made the walls of the Italian National Club, 68 D'Arce street, shake when a reporter for The World announced last night to the members of that club that Italy had declared war. All had been peace and quietness until this news was brought in. After the cheering and initial outburst had subsided, little groups of members gathered in the different parts of the building and began to discuss the situation, and many of them hurried home to consult with their families about leaving to serve the colors.

A Fusconi, president of the Italian National Club, said: "We have about 170 members and all of them have shown a kindly feeling to the allies and a marked hatred to our old enemy, Austria. Already 50 members have gone to Italy during the past few weeks, and now I guess there will be a great many more. We are only a social club, but there are four benefit clubs in the city who are going to hold a parade in Toronto. This was going to be held to show their faith in the allies, but now I am sure it will be held on a far greater scale."

Never Better Able. C. Franco, the secretary of the Italian National Club, in speaking of the war that his country has just entered, remarked that Italy was never in better condition to wage war than at the present time, as there are 8,000,000 men to go into the field at the present time. These men are between the ages of 20 and 35 and there are 2,000,000 more available between the ages of 35 and 40.

Italy can never forget the help of Great Britain, and as she has put her navy after that of Great Britain it will prove itself a big factor.

M. Basso, the Italian interpreter at the local court, said that he expected that 90 per cent. of the Italians in Toronto would leave for home within the next month, as there was nothing for them to do here, and if they remained it would mean starvation.

No Official Word. The Italian consul, P. Nardello, was not able to give any official statement, as he had not had any confirmation of the declaration of war between his country and Austria. There are over 12,000 Italians in Toronto, he said. Of these about 3000 are reservists. A number of Italians have left Toronto during the winter, but most of them left on account of not being able to get work, also some of them who went home have probably joined the army. I do not expect that a great many will leave, immediately, as Italy can go on for some time with the forces already gathered.

Dr. Harley Smith, who until two months ago was the Italian consul at Toronto, stated that he was not in a position to state what the Italians would do who resided in Toronto. "The Italian colony here has taken the matter very quietly," he said, but he thought that a number of them would leave for the front as soon as possible, especially the young men.

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THE KING AND QUEEN OF ITALY



King Victor Emmanuel III. and Queen Elena, whose country is now at war with Austria.

SECOND COMPANY STUDENTS ENLIST

Toronto Expected to Furnish Two Platoons and Twenty Men Sign.

TO GET COMMISSIONS

Some Officers Expect Post in England, But Others Go as Privates.

Recruiting in the second university company for overseas service is progressing favorably, according to Capt. G. M. Smith, who is in charge of the Toronto headquarters of the company. There are 107 university men on the parade state in Montreal, Toronto is expected to furnish two double platoons. Already twenty men have been signed up, and about 60 more are expected to be sworn in next week. Barrieffield, Kingston, will be the scene of the three months' training which the unit will undergo prior to being sent to England.

VETERANS WILL HONOR MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN

Honor will be paid to the memories of veterans of former campaigns and also to the Canadians who, during the present conflict, have so gallantly fought and given up their lives, at a ceremony to be held in the veterans' memorial service and decoration of monuments at Queen's Park this morning at 10.30.

The 12th York Rangers' Band and a choir of 50 voices will render patriotic selections. Addresses will be given by Lieutenant-Governor Colonel J. S. Hendrie, Major-General Sir William Otter, Ven. Archdeacon Cody and Mayor Church. A parade to the meeting place will be held by the veterans of 1866, of 1870, of 1885 and of South Africa. Detachments from the city regiments will also take part.

HEARTY SEND-OFF TO NEW BATTALION

Thirty-Fifth, Seventy-Five Per Cent. Canadians, Goes to Niagara.

ALL IN SPLENDID FORM

Fine Appearance of Men Due to Excellent Training Received.

Patriotism and pathos were combined in the send-off given the 35th Battalion when it left for the Niagara Camp yesterday morning. Thousands of relatives and friends were at the armories to bid them good-bye. The scene will be memorable in the history of the Toronto garrison. Shortly after ten o'clock the battalion left for the wharf to take the steamer Corona. Most of the eight hundred men who went were from Toronto homes, and had many relatives and friends to see them off. Lieutenant-Col. F. C. McCordick's command is notable for the large proportion of native-born Canadians it contains. The percentage is given as over 75 per cent, so many being residents of Toronto that it is called the "Toronto" Battalion.

Among the Toronto officers of the 35th are Major Reginald Pellatt and Adjutant Reginald Gery. The fact that Major Pellatt is the son of Sir Henry Pellatt, for so long colonel of the Queen's Own, and that the adjutant is an ex-Mayor of Toronto, adds to the local interest taken in the regiment.

Efficiency High. The 35th Battalion has reached a high state of efficiency, but was cramped at the armories for field training opportunities, and it is stated that at Niagara considerable tactical exercises and attack and defence movements will be engaged in.

Did It Quickly. When the 35th Battalion set out from the armories yesterday morning they were headed by the brass band of the 109th Regiment, which played stirring patriotic marches. Under the direction of their company officers the troops were expeditious in getting aboard. As the steamer Corona pulled out at ten minutes to eleven the throng of friends on the wharves and the battalion members exchanged enthusiastic cheers.

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In England When War Broke Out, Sixty Promptly Enlisted. Special to The Toronto World. GALT, May 22.—Mrs. J. Lowthorpe and Mrs. Darrington of this town have six brothers, all former Galtians, serving in the British army. Pte. J. W. Brown of the Fifth Yorkshires has been wounded in action. He left here last summer with his wife and family to visit at his home in Beverley, Eng., after nine years' residence here. War broke out and he enlisted, as did his five brothers, Galtians, who were also home on holidays.

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HIGH SCHOOL CADETS' OFFICIAL INSPECTION

King's Birthday Set Aside for Review of Nine Hundred Toronto Boys. Arrangements for the annual inspection of the Toronto High School Cadets, or, as they are officially called, "The Toronto Collegiate Institute Cadet Regiment," have been made for the morning of Thursday, June 3, King's birthday, at 10 o'clock, on the front lawn of the university. Major Barker, who has been in command of the regiment since the date of its organization, is expected to be present in person. It is probable His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Hendrie will receive the salute and present his medal for rifle shooting, won by Cadet McKendry. Colonel the Hon. Senator James Mason will, it is expected, attend to present his challenge shield, won for the third time by Harbord C. I. Major Barker will inspect the regiment in battalion and company drill.

An effort will be made to have the minister of militia, Premier Hearst, the minister of education, Mayor Church, Gen. Lessard, Col. Legis, Sir Henry Pellatt, President Falconer and Hon. Col. Archdeacon Cody and other prominent men present to see the splendid work that 900 of the lads of Toronto can do. It will be the first time that the new regiment will turn out in full strength, in uniform.

The splendid band of 50 pieces, led by Lieut. Slater of the 48th Highlanders, will also be a feature, and the new Stetson hats donated by the Dominion Government will be worn.

BARRIEFIELD READY TO RECEIVE TROOPS

Influx of Infantrymen Will Begin Tomorrow — Advance Parties Arrive. Special to The Toronto World. KINGSTON, May 23.—Preparations have been made at Barrieffield for the reception of the troops that will come into camp Tuesday. The 25th Battery has gone into camp. These battery-men will look after the arrangements for the artillery brigade, there being the 25th Battery and ammunition column (Capt. W. Harty in command), and these units will arrive from Ottawa Tuesday.

Thirty men from the Eighth Regiment, C.M.E., arrived from Ottawa Saturday, to act as an advance party for that unit, and 35 men from the 35th Battalion also arrived from Ottawa, to make arrangements for the unit.

TRIBUTE TO VALOR OF FORMER HEROES

His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans' Association celebrated the 30th anniversary of the battle of Batoche yesterday morning by a church parade from the armories, and a military service at the Church of Ascension. Among the prominent members of the Veterans' Association in attendance were: Capt. Fahey, Q.O.R., '66; W. N. Nurse, '66 and '85; Col. Leslie, Major Curran, Capt. Vennell and J. D. Lewis, 90th Winnipeg of '86. Rev. J. E. Gibson preached the Batoche anniversary sermon. The preacher paid an eloquent tribute to the valor and traditions of both branches of the British forces. He pointed out that the traditions of the past were a potent inspiration to his majesty's soldiers now bearing the heat of battle at the front. Men who had passed through such momentous experiences as the members of the Veterans' Association must on the recurrence of the anniversary of the battles in which they took part, in memory live over again the stirring events. Their deeds should endure in the grateful memory of the empire.

GRATEFUL TO CANADA FOR HELP RENDERED

A letter from the King and Queen of Belgium to M. Goor, consul-general at Ottawa, expresses the gratitude felt by their majesties for the assistance which has been received through Canadian channels. It is as follows: "Sir, the king has read the interesting report you addressed to him and the long list of contributors towards the Belgian Relief Fund has had his particular attention. Profoundly touched by the magnificently generous spirit in which the contribution of Canada responded to the appeal of your committee, his majesty wishes to convey his heartfelt thanks and the expression of his best feelings to all those who kindly sent assistance to our unfortunate compatriots. Please be the interpreter of our sovereign's feelings, and accept the assurance of my sincere esteem. The Secretary. (Signed) J. Ingenbleek."

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