

HIGHLAND CHEERS FOR NAVY RECRUITS

Canadians Give Youngsters Bound for Newport a Mem- orable Farewell.

CITY OWNED BY KILTIES

First Evening of Freedom Showed Them the Town and Coney Were Theirs for the Taking.

A hundred New York youngsters, recruits in the United States Navy, sent off to the Newport Naval Training Station to begin their education as sea-fighters, received a memorable farewell yesterday afternoon, when the entire force of Canadian Highlanders, now in this city for "British Recruiting Week," went to Union Square to give them a parting cheer. It had originally been planned to split the Highlanders up today into small detachments and send them out through the city to hold recruiting rallies, but the intense heat, to which the fighting men from the North are not yet accustomed, and their strenuous day in Newark on Tuesday caused their officers to abandon this plan. Then they decided upon a day of complete rest, but just at this point Commander Charles A. Adams, U. S. N., in charge of recruiting for the navy in New York, called at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, where the Kilties are staying, told them of the departure of his recruits, and invited officers and men to see them off.

Lieut. Col. Darling, commanding the Gordon Highlanders, and Lieut. Col. Guthrie, commanding the Macleans, consulted Lieut. Col. J. S. Dennis, who, being in charge of Canadian recruiting in general in the United States, is in command of the expedition, and all decided that an opportunity like this could not be missed. So the pipers were told to strike up and the drummers to beat the long roll, and in a few minutes the Kilties were swinging down Fourth Avenue to Union Square, accompanied by the admiring throng of New Yorkers that follows the Highland bonnets every time they appear.

The new recruits for the navy were drawn up in line alongside the land battleship "Recruit," in charge of Chief Boatswain C. F. Pierce, with Commander Adams on the quarterdeck, and the crew of the Recruit, armed as infantry, a little further aft. As the first distant skirl of the bagpipes came to him, Commander Adams brought his men to attention, and when the first tartans appeared through the cheering crowd, which by this time packed all the spaces around the ship, the blue-jackets presented arms. The band of the Gordons marched up on the quarterdeck and played war songs while Commander Adams was formally introduced to all the Highland officers, the pipers and the platoon of infantry forming up on the starboard side of the Recruit, forward. Then Commander Adams and the three Canadian commanders went down to a speakers' stand which had been erected on the starboard side, and Colonel Guthrie, introduced by Commander Adams, spoke to the recruits as a man who had been in the war since its beginning and knew what he was talking about.

In the Same Flight.

"It is a great thing to be able to talk to you lads today," he said, "for, after all, you come of our blood, your traditions are the same as ours, and more than all, we are in the same fight, and in it to the finish. You are just entering a service of glorious traditions, as every Britisher and Canadian knows, and more than that, you have the right to claim a share in the traditions of the British Navy as the common heritage of the English-speaking peoples. The traditions of the British Navy are now yours as well, for we are brothers all, these days. In fact, in spite of the past, we have always been brothers, but we didn't realize it fully until now. As a Canadian officer I am proud and happy to say so here, because Canada and America in the past have been privileged to prove to the world, by 100 years of unbroken peace, that war is unnecessary between free nations. We have shown it by our long frontier, along which for 100 years not one armed man has ever faced another armed man, nor one gun another gun."

Just as the Highlanders were marching back to their armory, a chance remark by Fire Commissioner Adamson, who was present, caused an impromptu addition to the program which was hugely enjoyed by the crowd. The Commissioner, in conversation with Commander Adams, inquired as to the fire protection on the Recruit. Commander Adams passed the remark off and continued the conversation, but quietly signaled to Chief Boatswain Pierce. A bell rang furiously, a bugle sounded "Fire quarters," and in less than ten seconds half a dozen hose nozzles were playing in all directions over the Recruit's decks, while a bucket brigade lined up with a swiftness that completely satisfied the Commissioner.

Highlanders Won the City.

The Highlanders last night received their first evening of freedom in New York, and soon found that the city was theirs. Everywhere they went they were greeted with cheers and slaps on the back, and found it difficult to spend any money because of the insistence of everybody that they help themselves, free of charge, to anything in the place. Many of them went down to Coney Island, where Luna Park and everything in it, and most of the shows outside it as well, welcomed them with open arms. The mere sight of a kilt

and sporran was sufficient to give their wearer a free ride on anything that moved on the island.

Today is Brooklyn Day for the Highlanders. They march to Borough Hall, via the Manhattan Bridge, at 3:30 P. M., and return in the evening after a reception, parade, recruiting rally, and dinner. Tomorrow they will hold recruiting rallies by detachments throughout the city, and in the evening will make their last public appearance at the great rally in Madison Square Garden.

The effects of the Kilties' visit and the enthusiasm they have aroused began to show yesterday in the recruiting figures, both for the British and American services. Over sixty men enrolled for the British service from Newark alone after the visit of the Highlanders there, and men have been coming in from New York at an equal rate. Colonel Walsh, in charge of New York recruiting for the United States Army, said yesterday that volunteers were continuing to come in remarkably well for the lateness of the campaign season, and he attributed the good results almost entirely to the Highlanders.