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Island Scout's Coronation Diary

By Queen's Scout W. D. Ives

NEW YORK TO CORK, IRELAND

ABOARD M.V. GEORGIC, May 26 —We arrived in New York at 8:10 A.M. Tuesday, May 19th, at Grand Central Station. From the station we walked to an Automat, for breakfast. These Automats are quite a thing. For thirty-five cents I got: pancakes, toast, wheaties and coffee.

From the Automat we walked down the streets of New York, which appear as deep canyons surrounded by steep walls of buildings on either side, to Rockefeller Centre. There we were taken on a tour of the main buildings. On the Rockefeller Plaza was a Coronation display of the Golden Coach drawn by the eight gray horses. This was surrounded by the Yeomen of the Guard and the Household Cavalry.

Across from the coach was a large figure, I could not figure out what it was, in the pond; from this figurine spouted water from various places. From the Plaza we went to the roof of the highest building, for a look over New York City. The elevators we travelled in went so fast, that you felt as if your stomach was left on the floor. From the top of the building we took many pictures of Central Park, the Empire State Building, Jersey City, the U. N. Buildings and a few other interesting spots.

From Rockefeller Centre we walked to the United Nations Building, a distance of approximately two and a half miles. The Buildings, where most of the world's arguments are decided, are excellent pieces of construction. We toured the different Council Chambers, five rooms in all plus the General Assembly Hall. These chambers are coloured in tones pleasing to anyone, some are very bright and some are dark. Around the sides of every chamber are two rows of glassed-in rooms. One row is for interpreters and the other is for T.V. and Newsreel men. The five languages of the United Nations are: French, Spanish, English, Russian and Chinese.

When one is in these Buildings he or she stands on International territory or many countries within a country.

We ate our dinner in the U. N. Restaurant. The chef could put large sandwiches together faster than the eye could follow; he made a good job of them too.

From the U. N. Buildings we took a bus to our boat, stopping on the way to buy some more films.

We got to the wharf at 2:30 in the afternoon and had to wait an hour or so, before we could go aboard.

We left New York at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, for England and the Coronation on the M.V. Georgic. On the boat are some seven hundred Irish people headed for their homeland. The total number of passengers is around 1,400.

Aboard the ship, which is not very large, is a dance hall and movie theater combined, and quite a few lounges.

Some of the fellows, including myself, had been laid up with a cold and seasickness.

We expect to dock at Cork, Ireland about 2:00 A.M. Wednesday morning, May 27, and at Havre early Thursday morning. We dock at our port, Southampton around 4:30 P.M. on Thursday to get the special train to London at 7:00 P.M.

Last night, Monday the 26th, an Amateur Concert was held in the main lounge. Many people took part in the singing, Irish dancing, and the Scouts sang their own familiar songs.

The meals on this ship have been excellent, as well as the service. The sea has been fairly rough, giving the ship a bit of a roll.

In my cabin, which is near the waterline and gets little of the roll, are two other Scouts. They are Lloyd Higgs of Moncton, N.B., and George Hoang of Belleville, Ontario.

That is all until before the actual Coronation of our Queen, Elizabeth II.

W. D. Ives.

LANARK, Scotland, (CP)—Engineer James Prater, 27, shot down a crow here. Then he clubbed it with his rifle—and died when the weapon discharged and wounded him in the stomach.

Mount Stewart Soldier In Ceremonial Guard



Gunner Herbert George, Mount Stewart, was specially selected for the tri-service Coronation Honour Guard and Colour Party from the Atlantic Command of the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force, which marked the Coronation celebrations at Boston Symphony Hall, Boston, Mass., on Tuesday, for Canadian and British residents in that American city. He is shown in the front rank second from the right. The Guard and Colour Party, under the command of Lieutenant Commander H. H. Smith, RCN, of Victoria, B. C., and Halifax, carried out a special ceremonial drill following the Boston Symphony Pops Concert at the Hall. The drill, of about 30 minutes duration, included presenting-arms during the playing of the United States National Anthem and again, following a re-broadcast of the speech by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, during the playing of God Save The Queen.—(National Defence Photo).

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Softball has been holding the spotlight in Summerside during the past week, partly, we suppose, because baseball has not swung into action here yet, but partly, too, we think, because there is unusual interest in the sport this spring. The ladies' league promises to have its best season to date, and the men have got back into action. Both leagues are enjoying a large following of fans. We feel that some of the credit for this fine beginning should go to Elmer Matheson, the softball chairman of the Summerside Athletic Association, who has worked hard to make the softball picture a bright one.

We're afraid, however, that the strong arm of Ross Armstrong, backed up as it is by the powerful hitting attack of Ross and some of his teammates, will make the league a rather uninteresting affair before many more games are played. One of the important requirements of a sport, is even competition, and a reasonable amount of uncertainty as to the eventual victors. Right now it looks as if the Summerside Goats can romp away with any game they play in the Summerside men's league, and we'll be greatly surprised, but greatly pleased if the other teams can jam this prediction down our throat.

If, however, our prediction proves only too true, we think something should be done to attempt to remedy this situation. It would be a shame to break up this good team, and we certainly don't advocate such a step. As they stand, they should be a real threat for Island softball supremacy, and might even give the best in the Maritimes a go for honors. It would be fine if the Goats could get into a league with an RCAF team, and a Charlottetown team, both strong enough to make an interesting softball circuit. Such a league would, we believe, create a great deal of interest, rivalling the following which the baseball boys have.

If such a league could be organized, then, perhaps, the Goats could also remain in the present league, in order to get enough games to make it interesting for them, with the stipulation that the pitching slab be declared "out of bounds" for Armstrong. This would give pitchers like Ballem a chance, and probably make for even enough competition. We know it sounds ridiculous to make a rule forbidding any player to play any position, but nevertheless it might solve the problem, and Ross could still get a lot of fun out of playing some other position, and giving the ball those long rides he very often does.

Well, maybe these suggestions are a bit premature. Let's watch a few games first. Maybe the batter on those other teams want to be given a chance to prove that Armstrong isn't such a much of a...

Johnny Sain Says Arm Is Stronger Than Ever

(By Joe Reichler) NEW YORK. (AP)—Greybeard Johnny Sain, regarded as all washed up two years ago, says his arm is stronger now than when he won 20 games for Boston Braves in 1950. The tobacco-chewing New York Yankee's surprise top winner thus far thinks he can win 20 again if he is used often enough. He's already made seven starts and pitched 64 innings, more than any other Yankee hurler. He also leads with five complete games and 28 strikeouts. He has won four, saved two others in relief, and lost two. In short, he has become the world champions best pitcher—at 35. What is Sain's secret? "There's no secret at all," Sain said Wednesday. "I'm pitching the same way now as I always have. "I had a sore arm when the...

Mike Dimaggio Drowned Saturday

BODEGA BAY, Calif. (AP) — Mike Dimaggio, 48, member of the famous baseball family, drowned Saturday as he fell, unnoticed, from a fishing boat tied at a pier. He followed his father, the late Joseph Dimaggio, as a commercial...

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Effective Monday, June 22nd Double Train Service To and From Mainland Daily Except Sunday. Lv. Charlottetown— For Summerside—7:00 a.m., 3:30 p.m., daily except Sunday. For Borden—7:00 a.m., 2:10 p.m., daily except Sunday. For Murray Harbor—3:15 p.m. daily except Sunday. For Souris—2:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. For Elmira (Lv. Souris)—6:45 p.m. Monday; 5:45 p.m. Tues. For Georgetown—2:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. For Tignish—3:30 p.m. daily except Sunday. Lv. Summerside— For Charlottetown—7:15 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 1:45 p.m., daily except Sunday. For Borden—7:15 a.m., 1:45 p.m., daily except Sunday. For Tignish—6:15 p.m. daily except Sunday; 12:01 p.m., Mon., Wed., Fri.

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