

MESABA'S LOYALTY IS SHOWN BY THOUSANDS

Entire Range Sends Delegations
to Hibbing to Take Part in
Big Demonstration.

1,000 AUSTRIANS IN LINE

As One Result of Celebration
Eleven New Men Enlist With
Militia Company.

HIBBING, April 22.—The Mesaba range gave strong testimony of loyalty to America today when her residents marched 12,000 strong behind the Stars and Stripes.

The thousands filled the streets in a flag-carrying throng two miles in length. More than 1,000 sons of Austria marched behind an equal number of Italians led by Rev. Father Raphael Annetichiarico. Every one wore the only emblem in the parade, the flag.

The Jewish society turned out 500 strong. Labor was represented by a long line of men and women affiliated with the trades assembly and nearly every church was there with a delegation. The Aldrich party formed a line nearly half a block long.

Another Tribute Given.

After the parade the bands from Buhl, Nashwauk, Keewatin, Eveleth, Chisholm and Hibbing assembled at the reviewing grounds, where the thousands paid another tribute to the flag.

It was not only Hibbing's demonstration, there were hundreds here from other range villages. Hundreds of automobiles lined the streets and it seemed as if all the flags on the range had been thrown to the breeze in Hibbing.

Leading the parade, with the police escort ahead, was Mayor Victor L. Power, James Lamson, Albert Dyer and Mayor Lee Raucstadt of Buhl. The Hibbing band lead Company M of Hibbing.

The demonstration was not in vain, for 11 men were enlisted today in the Hibbing company. Only 20 more are needed to raise the unit to war strength.

Six youths, two of them citizens of foreign birth, signed the enlistment immediately following the flag salute. They are Nick George, John Werner, Glen Lewis of Keewatin, Nick Deberian, Lawrence Winkernewerder and Norman Casewill.

Those Honored.

Given an honored place were Harold Friday, John Brose, Albert Kaiser, A. Dean Jackson, Hugh Riley, Edward Karmode, Daniel Sullivan and Ralph Kleffman, Hibbing boys who have joined the navy. I. Sher, university student, announced his intention of joining the soldiers from Hibbing.

School children were the feature of the demonstration. There were 4,000 in line, marshalled by the teachers. They ranged from high school students to the little tots hardly bigger than the flags they were carrying.

Lodge delegations were another feature. The Presbyterian Sunday school children carried a silken flag nearly as wide as the street.

"It was the biggest demonstration ever held in this village," declared Mayor Power.