

# ALIEN WORKERS ARE ROUNDED UP

Soldiers, Mostly Veterans, Go  
Through Large Munitions  
Factory

Jumping over benches and shell-making machines as if in a charge on the German trenches, half a hundred returned, disabled soldiers, with a few from Exhibition Camp, last night raided the munitions factory of the Russell Motor Company at King and Dufferin streets with, the object of rounding up the alien enemies employed there. Soldiers went through the great machine shops as they had dashed last summer down the communicating trenches of the Teutons on the Somme, and in less than ten minutes emerged with a score or two of prisoners. City constables, military police, mounted officers, a platoon

from the Irish Fusiliers Battalion and members of the Headquarters Staff at Exhibition Camp looked helplessly on. A throng of citizens in Dufferin street cheered the wounded men as they returned from the factory with their captives.

## Raid Was Planned.

The raid was thoroughly organized by Lance-Corporal Charles O'Brien of 790 King street west, who fought in Flanders with the 21st (Toronto) Battalion, and was wounded at the Somme. Demanding better treatment of the returned wounded soldiers, O'Brien told Mr. H. D. Scully, manager of the munitions factory, that he applied for work there a day or two

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ago, and had been told in "plump and plain language by a foreigner" to "Get to h—— out of here." He was not going to stand for that sort of language from a Hun, he said. Two other returned soldiers backed him up.

Colonel Henry C. Osborne, Assistant Adjutant-General at Exhibition Camp, also took part in the informal interview, the deliberations taking place beside a row of machines which were grinding out 9.2 shells for the allies. Col. Osborne asked Mr. Scully if he would give returned soldiers the preference for vacant positions in the factory, and Mr. Scully undertook to write the Colonel a letter to that effect to-day. This satisfied the military party, and the Colonel, his staff officers and the returned wounded men emerged triumphantly from the factory to the street, where Lance-Corporal O'Brien was hoisted shoulder high by his colleagues and called on for a speech. The Union Jack was waved about him and loud cheering broke out as he announced the result of the interview inside. Then the crowd wanted to hear from the Colonel, and Colonel Osborne was raised shoulder high amid further cheering.

## Col. Osborne Gives Offence.

Col. Osborne began tactfully, but made some remarks toward the conclusion of his speech which did not find favor with the crowd. He told of the promise made by Mr. Scully to write him to-day, stating that preference would be given to returned soldiers in future, and that the gate-keeper who insulted the veteran of the Somme would be "fired forthwith if he can be located and identified." Cheers greeted this announcement, but Col. Osborne wound up by lecturing the returned men about saluting. He complained that General Logie was riding through the streets some days ago at the head of six thousand troops, and half-a-dozen returned soldiers "found it too much trouble to straighten up and salute the General."

"Wounded soldiers on crutches can't very well salute!" shouted one man, and others exclaimed: "The returned soldiers should be saluted."

Colonel Osborne appealed for British fair play to all, and urged the soldiers to quietly disperse. The wounded men then formed up and marched off, with flags flying, down Dufferin street.

"They'll soon get tired of that," remarked one police sergeant to another police sergeant as they disappeared from view.

As the soldiers went through the factory, rounding up their men, they promised that none would be molested if they produced papers showing that they had permits from the authorities to be at large. The men arrested spoke broken English. They offered no resistance.

A Globe reporter, who accompanied the wounded soldiers on their round of the factory was told by a foreman that over a hundred alien enemies were employed in the plant and that some of them were making six and seven dollars a day. "They are pretty 'foxy' and don't say much," said he, "but I would rather be working with white men. I'm in sympathy with the soldiers."

## Manager's Statement.

Mr. Scully, Manager of the factory, denied this statement. He said the company had about three thousand employees at the plant, and only three per cent. of them were foreigners. If they were employing alien enemies they had been brought down from the Kapuskasing Internment camp by permission of the Government. None of them were skilled workmen, he declared. They were all laborers, and did not get more than 30 to 35 cents an hour.

From investigations made by The Globe, it was apparent that the Government is to blame, if alien enemies are crowding wounded Canadian soldiers out of positions in Canadian factories, as the alien enemies are all employed by permission and sanction of the Government.

A comical feature of the riot was the spectacle of the platoon of soldiers from the 208th (Irish Fusiliers) Battalion who had been rushed to the scene without rifles, bayonets or weapons of any description, and in charge of two officers, one of whom could not have been more than twenty-one years of age. The "Fighting Irishmen" obviously could not do much in the way of quelling a riot without a shillelagh of some kind, but the men of the 208th were in sympathy with the wounded soldiers, and did not seem disposed to interfere with them, anyway. Nor did the city police lift a finger to check the war veterans.

## Raid Not Resisted.

It should be added that the officials of the Russell Motor Company were notified by the returned soldiers that the raid was planned, and the company, rather than have its property damaged, offered no resistance to the attack. No damage was done to the plant or to any other property. The raid was carefully planned and quickly executed. Work in the factory ceased for about an hour while the raid was in progress.

The war veterans declared last night that they are planning raids on other

munition factories in the city where alien enemies are employed.

## Soldiers Invade German Apartments.

From the Russell plant the soldiers went to the provision store of Jos. M. Zuber at 1,518 Queen street west, and failing to get in some of them climbed over his awning to the windows of his sleeping apartments. A window was forced and Zuber was taken from his bed and downstairs to his store where he was questioned and his papers examined, which appeared to be satisfactory to the soldiers, who then left quietly. Zuber is a German.

## Take Cakes and Pies.

George E. Munger, a restaurant keeper at 1,336 Queen street west, was also compelled to admit the crowd of soldiers, who swarmed about his place, while a committee sought an interview with him as to his help. He gave the desired information, but here the soldiers helped themselves to pies and cakes laid out on the counter. They, however, did no damage.

Speaking to The Globe after the soldiers had left for downtown the police of No. 6 explained that the calls made in Parkdale were apparently well organized, and the soldiers under all the circumstances were well behaved.

The police say there were no arrests.