

MAYOR TO-DAY ASSURED THAT RIOTS ARE OVER

Promises to Call Mass Meeting
Next Week to Discuss
Alien Labor.

CITIZENS SATISFIED

Committee of Soldiers and Citizens
Confers With Mayor on
Popular Disturbances.

Mayor Church was waited upon to-day by a committee which placed before him the resolutions passed by the meeting at Queen's Park last night.

"I will do as much as I can, but I am not the Prime Minister of Canada," said the Mayor.

"I am a civilian and was asked to act as chairman of the meeting last night," said Mr. G. H. Smith, who headed the deputation.

"I am only one of three Police Commissioners," said the Mayor. "When I went down town on Saturday night, and saw the whips flying, I thought that it should not be done. I think they went a little too far."

"A meeting of citizens was called for," said Mr. Smith.

"Who called the meeting?" asked the Mayor.

"The meeting was first called by the returned men; but they thought that the citizens should be admitted."

"What do you mean by aliens?" asked the Mayor. "Ottawa has already passed an order-in-Council that aliens shall not be molested. I am not in favor of this legislation and have asked the Government to amend it. The police should not be beaten. The police have a better record than any other body on the American continent."

Disputes Government's Power.

Mr. Smith: "I say that the Government has no right to pass orders-in-Council."

Mayor Church: "You better go to the courts about that."

Mayor Church: "I do not think clause two should be sent to the Dominion Government. It stipulates that all aliens should be returned to their own country or join the E.F. You can well afford to leave the matter to the British Mission. By aliens you include American citizens."

Says It Helps Aliens.

"I want to say as Mayor that these riots on the streets have done more to help the alien enemy than anything you could have done," said Mayor Church.

"You say that all single men of the police force should be drafted. That is a matter for the police. The police is only one-third strength to-day, and the citizens must be protected. It is an intolerable state of affairs for the police force owing to the war. The policemen should not have to stand on the streets and have bricks thrown at them. By that I do not mean to justify what occurred on the streets."

"I will submit this whole petition to the Government," said the Mayor. "I agree with some of these resolutions. I shall submit a copy to the military authorities."

"Clauses three and four are matters for the Police Commissioners."

"The aliens have been disarmed as far as I know. I shall submit all these resolutions to the military authorities, the Government, and the Police Commissioners."

"We thank you for the way in which you have heard these resolutions," said Mr. Smith.

"We have never got anything from the Governments except orders-in-Councils, that have continually trodden upon our liberties. If you keep away the police from our meetings there will be no trouble. We are going to keep up these meetings." (Applause from ladies in delegation.)

Mayor Church: "So far these meetings have caused disorder, and we are going to put it down."

Riots Not Result of Meeting.

Mr. Smith: "We don't object to that, if anyone oversteps the mark. We deny that these riots were the result of the meeting."

Mayor Church: "The police have a right to be present at all meetings, and there is nobody that has voted more for these very resolutions than the police themselves. There are claims for \$75,000 damages as the results of the meetings. The taxpayer may have to pay for them."

Mr. Smith: "We have no direct evidence of anything done by returned soldiers except that they went into these meetings looking for a man."

Mayor Church: "We are going to stop all these meetings where the riots are. If you want to have a meeting have 25 citizens call the meeting and I shall preside as Chief Magistrate of the city." (Applause from deputation.)

Mayor Church: "We will hold a proper meeting to discuss those ques-

tions. I assure you returned soldiers the police have no quarrel with you. Let us get together. (Applause.)

"I am sorry some women were attacked. The women have done much and encouraged the men to enlist."

W. A. Ashton: "I take it it is your dearest wish that these troubles cease. We want to help the police, but we cannot close our minds to the fact that it is the police who have been responsible since Friday.

"We are willing to enlist as special constables, but we want the police to refrain from hitting women. You are going to read the Riot Act to-day?"

Mayor Church: "I am not going to read the Act. If there is another riot I will go to the place and read the Act." (Applause.)

"Can you suspend the police who are guilty?"

"There is no use passing resolutions like that. If you guarantee there will be no more rioting I myself will draft resolutions for a proper public meeting." (Applause.)

"I want it understood at this meeting there will be no reference to these riots. We are going to discuss alien labor. I suggest you should get the Premier of the Province."

A voice: "The G.W.V.A. have taken no part in this officially as yet, but we are going to."

Wm. Baker, Earls court: "I attended a meeting this spring at Massey Hall. We drafted resolutions and sent them to Ottawa, and they turned us down."

The Mayor then proceeded to the City Hall steps and read his proclamation.