

SOLDIERS DE CLARE RIFOTS AT FEND

TELL MAYOR THEY WILL KEEP PEACE

Veterans, Deploring Ruffianism,
Outline 4 Demands to
Public

WANT ALL ENEMIES FIRED

"Peace" was declared today on the "Winnipeg front."

Responsible leaders of returned soldiers informed Mayor Gray that they do not approve of the destruction of private property and are determined to put an end to rioting.

They declared that they will co-operate with the police to prevent a recurrence of the disorders of Sunday and Monday, even to the extent of picketing the city, if necessary.

In return, the mayor affixed his signature to a document setting forth four demands, formulated by the returned soldiers at a mass meeting Monday evening.

Outline 4 Demands

The demands are contained in the following statement:

To the Press of Winnipeg—This is to advise the citizens of Winnipeg that the undermentioned committee of returned soldiers wish to announce that the wishes of the returned soldiers are as follows:

1. That all alien enemy property be at once confiscated as provided for by law.

2. That employers of alien enemy labor at once dismiss them and replace by returned soldiers regardless of nationality.

3. That wherever possible employers assist returned soldiers to make them proficient to replace these alien enemies.

4. That employers at once arrange to notify committee their willingness to meet same and state what their intentions are regarding these questions and prevent further unrest.

For the soldiers the statement is signed by the following members of a committee: W. Jenkinson, C. W. Marshall, A. J. Searle, G. W. Enefer, Wm. Hutchinson, J. A. Martin, J. O'Garman, A. Loosley, chairman.

For the city, Mayor Gray affixed his signature. The statement carries this additional sentence: "Em-

remanded until Wednesday for sentence. The maximum penalty will be urged by Crown Prosecutor R. B. Graham, he said.

Although the demonstration Monday, according to police, was planned on a more elaborate scale than disturbances Sunday, much less damage was done.

Damage in connection with Monday's visits is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000 by police.

Total damage is now estimated at \$35,000.

Among the places entered Monday were: St. Charles hotel; Royal Alexandra hotel; Vulcan Iron Works; Alhambra dance hall, and Glutki's fruit and confectionery store, Selkirk ave. Little damage was done in any of the places with the exception of the Glutki store, where two plate glass windows were smashed.

COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF ERT ESTABLISHMENT

The Travellers' building was the first place visited by the mob Monday. Armed with bricks, the men completed their work of destruction on the automobile accessory plant in the building owned by the Michael Ert company. In all about 200 bricks and rocks landed in the store through the broken windows. Many of the men then entered the store through the windows and recovered their "ammunition."

It was there that the first fatality since the rioting began Sunday occurred. A cat, lying peacefully in one of the smashed show cases in the store, was hit by rocks and killed.

Police arrived before any further damage could be done. The crowd withdrew with the exception of a few civilian ruffians who attempted to battle with the policemen. The rowdies were routed in three minutes. Police made no arrests.

One hundred and fifty men then marched to the Swift-Canadian Packing plant in Elmwood, with the intention of attacking the place. City officials, however, had received advance information of the intended visit, so Mayor Gray and Brig.-Gen. H. D. B. Ketcher arrived there just ahead of the men.

W. R. Ingram, manager, tried to speak, but the crowd began to threaten and Mayor Gray stepped on the platform. He appealed to the men for "British fair play." He told them that they had his full-hearted support in their endeavor to rid Canada of alien enemies.

"But let us do it constitutionally," he urged. "Send letters to every employer in the city to get rid of the alien enemy help. Give him three days to do it in."

"Well, why don't the Swift-Canadian company get rid of theirs now?" one of the men shouted, amid cheers from his companions.

"The manager says he will get them out right away," the mayor replied.

Several men complained that the

arm had refused to give them employment.

"You know that I am for you boys," Mayor Gray declared. "I am trying to get you fair play at the vocational training schools and I will see that you get fair play everywhere in the city. Go home and show the people you are law-abiding citizens."

Ingram Makes Offer

Mr. Ingram was then allowed to speak. He said that he would be willing to employ "white" help everywhere. He told the men that he would be willing to submit a list of positions now held by aliens and give soldiers a chance to replace the alien help.

"There is work here that only aliens want to do," Mr. Ingram told the men. "These jobs, as many of you know, are not for 'white' men."

The leaders of the crowd, after consultation, decided to accept the manager's offer. The crowd started to move on. The afternoon's rampage then began. The men boarded 20 automobiles which they seemed to own and while 10 cars filled with men left for the down town district, the remaining 10 cars visited every store in the north end.

Man Knocked Unconscious

A man was assaulted at Selkirk ave. and McKenzie st. after it was found that he was an alien enemy. He was left on the ground unconscious.

Three men were stopped on Dufferin ave. and forced to kneel in front of the Union Jack and kiss it before they were released.

In the meantime three of the 10 down-town autos visited St. Boniface while two cars and two units of men on foot were systematically "visiting" in Elmwood and the north-eastern part of the city.

They surrounded the building occupied by the Alaska Bedding company. When 25 men entered the warehouse, a few aliens employed there managed to escape through a door at the rear.

The men left when a number of returned soldiers employed there assured them that the company was making every effort to replace alien help with veteran soldiers. The company even went as far as to employ men on part time and pay them their full wages until they got used to their new occupation, employees of the company asserted.

An Italian barber shop was next visited. The proprietor was made to show his naturalization papers. One of his "costumers," however, was badly beaten by a few men.

One hundred men then entered the Manitoba Cold Storage plant and "captured" an alien, while another alien escaped. Arrival of the police saved the captured man after he had been badly beaten.

Wreck Employment Agency

A jitney bar on Henry ave. and an employment agency owned by William Schultz, 179 Henry ave., were then wrecked in turn.

The Schultz establishment was practically demolished. At the jitney bar the men "commandeered" a large supply of soft drinks and smashed a few mirrors.

The Empress, Bell and American hotels were next visited and windows smashed in each place. At the Empress the men were given all the drinks and smokes they wanted.

Allies' bar was the next place visited. After a few drinks of light wines the men got over the bar and divided the stock of cigars and cigarettes among themselves.

No damage was done at the Carlton cafe and Fort Garry hotel, which were visited by two of the "up-town" automobile parties.

In both places the men got a cordial reception. At the Union Station lunch counter they were given a free lunch.

Seek Blumberg

Two parties in the meantime had called on the dye works owned by Sam Blumberg, president of the Winnipeg Socialist party and Bolshevik champion. The first "delegation," after finding Blumberg out, smashed one window and left. The second party wrecked the whole place, smashing windows and machinery.

In the evening, more than 2,000 men paraded down Portage ave. A window in a store at 497 Portage ave. was smashed and a watch and some jewelry were stolen.

Later another store at 470½ Portage ave., owned by Sam Blumberg, who was reputed as a "red," was entered. Mr. Blumberg was out, but the crowd smashed all the windows and made off with a few valuable articles. In the meantime "north-end" patrols were systematically visiting every store in the district.

A store on Dufferin and Aikins st. was entered and a window smashed in a store on the opposite corner.

Cigarettes and cigars were stolen from several stores. At 446 Selkirk ave. a store owned by John Klowski was entered and a window smashed.

Three men were assaulted on Burrows ave. at 10 o'clock. One fled but the other two were beaten before the crowd found out that they were Englishmen.

The parties dispersed at midnight.