

RETURNED MEN RESTORE ORDER

Soldiers Are Co-operating With Mayor and Police in Winnipeg

CONFER WITH RAILWAYS

Representative Citizens Are Waiting on Employers to Have Aliens Replaced

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 28. — Returned soldiers' representatives announced at the City Hall to-day that returned men will picket all places where trouble is likely to result and prevent hoodlum demonstrations. The men accepted the word of Mayor Gray and other prominent citizens that a committee of representative public men were working to form teams to wait on employers of labor and replace aliens as fast as circumstances permit. The soldiers' representatives are now in conference with Canadian National Railways authorities in regard to aliens employed in railway shops.

Among the complaints made by returned railway workers was one that they were not given seniority over aliens who had been taken on in their absence overseas. This will be taken up with the railway authorities.

Offer Services to Restore Order.

A delegation of eight returned soldiers, headed by A. Looseley, nominated at a mass meeting last night of 2,000 veterans, waited on Mayor C. F. Gray this afternoon and offered their services in helping to restore order. They will co-operate with the Mayor and the police in any way suggested. A statement was prepared in which employers and the public were asked to do all possible for the welfare of the returned men, and giving assurance that if this is done there will be no need for disturbances.

Swift's Want 500.

Swift & Co.'s plant early sent a request to the Great War Veterans for 500 returned soldiers to fill jobs held by aliens, who, they declared, would be discharged as soldiers came to fill their places.

J. H. Ashdown, of the Ashdown Wholesale and Retail Hardware Company, to-day ordered that all enemy aliens employed in his shops be dismissed.

No Further Rioting Likely.

It is not likely that there will be further rioting by returned soldiers in Winnipeg. The various returned soldiers' associations are arranging to consult together, and resolutions are being drawn up expressing the confidence of the soldiers that the objectionable foreigners who have been the object of the soldiers' complaints will now be dealt with by employers and civic authorities and that many of them will voluntarily take themselves off.

Further Violence Deprecated.

The soldiers will express their appreciation of the action which the returned men as a whole chose to take during the week-end in breaking up Bolshevik meetings and clubs of enemy nationalities, but in the belief that the desired effects will now be obtained, further violence will be deprecated.

Five Civilians Under Arrest.

Five men are now under arrest as the result of the rioting. All are civilians, and are considered more in the class of rowdies or petty thieves, who took advantage of the soldiers' raids to indulge in violence and theft. None of their cases has been settled yet.