

LABOR CALLS GREAT STRIKE IN WINNIPEG

At 11 a.m. Thursday, All Organizations Affiliated With Trades Council Will Down Tools.

RETURNED MEN CHARGE BOLSHEVISM RESPONSIBLE

Unions Run by Demagogues Who Wish to Protect Enemy Aliens, Say Veterans.

WINNIPEG, May 14.—At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night a sympathetic strike was ordered to take place at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning. This is the result of a strike vote taken in sympathy with the building and metal trades workers who are still out.

Veterans to Meet.

At the call of the presidents of the G.W. V. A., the Army and Navy Veterans, and the Imperial Veterans, a mass meeting of all veterans, 16,000 in number, will be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning to discuss the attitude of returned soldiers in the event of a general strike.

The presidents stated that they wish it distinctly understood that this is not an effort against legitimate strikes, nor an effort at strike breaking, but simply a meeting of returned men to consider how they can best co-operate with the authorities in maintaining law and order should riots develop, with attendant menace to life and property.

It is stated that 80 unions, involving approximately 25,000 workers, will lay down tools.

Ernest Robinson, business agent and secretary of the Trades and Labor council, gave out the following announcement:

"A general strike has been called of all organizations affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council. The strike will be called Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Every organization but one voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike and the biggest strike in the history of Winnipeg will take place as above stated. No exceptions are expected in this strike. All public utilities will be tied up in order to enforce the principle of collective bargaining.

"Railway carmen have decided that in case of a general tie-up all foremen refusing to handle tools will be given the full protection of the organization. Transcona is included in the general strike.

Veterans Are Neutral.

Deploring the fact that conditions exist which have led to the present industrial unrest, the Winnipeg branch of the G. W. V. A. last night issued a statement over the signature of Geo. P. Weir, chairman of the executive committee, stating that the association's attitude "is one of strict neutrality." The statement adds: "That our organization is one which will uphold law and order at all hazards, for we desire any change in our economic and industrial system to come through constitutional means."

Resent Bolshevism.

Keenly resenting what were described as the pro-Bolsheviki and pro-Spartacan resolutions passed at the Trades and Labor Council at Calgary, the Army and Navy Veterans' Association last night unanimously went on record as being absolutely against Bolshevism in all its phases, declared that the Trades and Labor Council in Winnipeg did not represent true democracy and urged that all publications which advocated Bolshevism be suppressed immediately that the printers and publishers be deported and that it be made a criminal offence to be in possession of such literature."

One speaker stated that 10,000 copies of the Socialist Bulletin containing a letter from Lenine, the

Russian Bolshevik leader, had been published by the Allied Trades and Labor Council of Winnipeg. Replying to a comrade, the speaker said trade unionism was all right, provided it was run by sane men. If the alien enemy and demagogues were cleared out, labor could have all the trade unionism it wanted.

"We want the enemy alien cleared out, but the labor council says it wants to protect it. We are out for a show-down. If the Trades and Labor Council back up the alien enemy, then we won't back up the Trades and Labor Council."