

TO OUST REDS FROM UNIONS

Winnipeg Mayor Serves Notice That Alien Extremists Must Go

RECOGNIZE REAL LABOR

States Employers Will Not Reject Collective Bargaining and Unions

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Winnipeg, Man., May 23.—(By J. F. Livesay to C.P.)—The question of permanent industrial peace in Winnipeg, evolving from the present general strike of local Labor unions, which developed phases nation-wide in scope, rested to-night on the future status of the radical enemy alien.

Leading citizens of Winnipeg, including Mayor Charles F. Gray and members of the Common Council, to-day joined with Provincial and Federal authorities in informing union Labor workers of this city that either the alien extremists in the union ranks must be ousted or every force of law and order will be concentrated to rid the Dominion of this element.

Big Conference Called.

At 10.30 o'clock to-morrow forenoon, in the Council chamber of the City Hall, it is expected that representatives of every phase of Dominion, Provincial and municipal activity affected by the general strike which began a week ago to-day will discuss the situation. This meeting was decided upon by Mayor Gray and the City Council this afternoon. The Mayor announced that it was not intended, primarily, as a strike settlement conference. He referred to it as a gathering of officials and citizens representing Government, industry, labor, commerce and military protection. The chief purpose of the meeting, the Mayor said, is to "clear the air" of the menace of radical propaganda and possible misunderstandings which, with Winnipeg as their strategic breeding grounds, were threatening to involve the entire Dominion.

Cut Dominion in Two.

Winnipeg is the only important city in Canada where a general strike of union workers can cut the Dominion in two. All transcontinental railroads and wire traffic is routed through this city. When the general strike was declared last Thursday, halting the strike of the building and metal workers unions, the official publication of the Central Strike Committee announced that Winnipeg would be "isolated." This program was not completely carried out.

Since yesterday, when aggressive opposition to the isolation progress of the strike leaders was begun, constant improvement has been reported in various branches of commercial and public service. Nearly all the stores in the business district were open to-day and many made deliveries. Telephone service was partly restored by volunteer operators; restaurants and other places of business still closed displayed placards this afternoon announcing that they would open to-morrow and that "help was wanted," and leading employers reported to Mayor Gray and the Citizens' Committee that a number of clerks who had been on strike had applied for reinstatement.

Employers Make Concessions.

Mayor Gray and members of the City Council pointed out to-night that they had received assurances

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store industrial tranquility said they were hopeful that the meeting to-morrow would result in suspension of the general strike. It was intimated that the representatives of the local iron works were ready to confer with members of the Building Trades and Metal Workers' Union after the sympathetic walkout was called off, but that they would not take any steps toward conciliation while the general strike was on.

Victoria Day, commemorating the birthday of Queen Victoria, is to be celebrated Saturday, but the City Council has announced that the use of fireworks will not be permitted unless the general strike has been declared off by to-morrow night.

"There is only a thin sheet of paper between both sides," said Alderman W. B. Simpson, a Labor supporter, to-night.

Calgary Unions Voting.

Calgary, Alta., May 22.—Calgary Labor unions affiliated with the Trades and Labor Council to-day started voting on the question of going out on a general strike Monday in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers. Labor leaders predict that local workers would vote in favor of the walk-out.

Miners to Strike To-morrow.

Lethbridge, May 22.—Local miners to the number of 1,200 go on strike Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock as a result of a strike order sent out Wednesday by District No. 18 union officials. Seven mines in Lethbridge field will be deserted.

Still Out at Shipyards.

Port Arthur, Ont., May 22.—(Canadian Press Despatch.)—The strike at the shipyards is still in progress. The Company made an offer to institute the eight-hour-day with nine hours' pay, August 1, but the men unanimously voted it down. They demand the eight-hour-day at once.

General Strike Vote in Alberta.

Ottawa, May 22.—Information has been received at the Labor Department that the Provincial Federation of Labor of Alberta will take a vote on calling a general strike in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers. If a strike is decided on it will be effective from next Monday. As this would be purely a sympathetic strike, it is probable that should the Winnipeg trouble be adjusted, no strike order would be issued.

Sympathetic Strike at Brandon.

Brandon, May 22.—The mechanical roundhouse men and the car men of the Canadian Pacific Railway walked out yesterday noon in sympathy with Winnipeg. It was generally known Tuesday evening that such a strike would take place. In the afternoon meetings were held in the Trades Hall by various organizations at which strike votes were to be taken and it was expected that Thursday would see some definite line of action decided on by Labor unions at Brandon.

must no longer be permitted. Declarations to-day by Federal, Provincial and local officials that supporters of I.W.W. or Bolshevik doctrines must be ousted from union power and may eventually be deported from Canada were received with satisfaction by the Manitoba Great War Veterans' Association, which recently urged such action. Mayor Gray received vigorous applause when he reiterated the determination at the Council meeting this afternoon.

Morning and evening editions were issued by The Winnipeg Free Press, the first newspaper in the city to publish since the general strike got under way.

Various officials who to-day participated in the movement to re-

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nor union recognition would be rejected by Winnipeg employers in considering a strike settlement plan. The Mayor said that he endorsed the attitude of many business men, namely, that conferences between employers and delegations of their unionized employees regarding differences would be satisfactory, but that the general strike threat as a weapon to enforce settlement of individual union differences