

UNIONS MUST OUST ALIEN EXTREMISTS IS DECLARATION OF WINNIPEG MAYOR

Conference to "Clear the Air" Called for Today

Winnipeg, May 23.—The question of a permanent industrial peace in Winnipeg in the present general strike of the unions, which developed phases nation-wide in scope, rested last night on the future status of the radical enemy alien. Leading citizens of Winnipeg, including Mayor Charles F. Gray, and the members of the city council today joined with the provincial and federal authorities of the city council 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.

At 10:30 this morning 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 week ago today, will discuss the situation. 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 misunderstanding which, with Winnipeg as their strategic breathing grounds, were threatened to involve the entire Dominion.

Nearly all the stores in the business districts were open yesterday and many made deliveries. The restaurants and other places of business displayed placards in the afternoon announcing that they would open today 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.

The mayor said that he endorsed the attitude of many business men, namely that conferences between the employers and delegations of their unionized employees regarding differences would be satisfactory but that the general threat as a weapon to enforce settlement of individual union differences must not be permitted.

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

Against Sympathetic Strike

Winnipeg, Man., May 23.—A bulletin posted on the Free Press bulletin board today states that a resolution was carried unanimously yesterday at the triennial convention of the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, at Cleveland at which eighty-five Canadian delegates were present, that the order would not authorize a vote to take part in sympathetic strike at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 22.—Mayor Gray said today:

"The constituted authorities are determined to stamp out the Bolsheviki or red element in Winnipeg."

Ottawa Optimistic

Ottawa, May 23.—Just before midnight Hon. R. Lemieux asked the acting prime minister if he had any news from Winnipeg.

Sir Thomas White replied: "The situation remains unchanged. There is no disturbance. The reports we have are that it is more favorable for a settlement."