

VETERANS WILL TAKE HAND IF FOOD CURTAILED

Returned Soldiers Assure Mayor Gray They Will Not See Women and Children Forced to Suffer.

STRIKERS PLAN TO LIMIT SUPPLIES OF FOODSTUFFS

Police Officers Agree Not to Take Part in Sympathetic Strike.

WINNIPEG, June 4.—Members of veterans' associations who kept out of demonstrations by strikers yesterday on the advice of their leaders, paraded at noon today under sanction of city officials.

The returned soldiers who refused to approve of the general strike massed around the parliament building.

The other parade moved up Portage avenue and passed within four blocks of the parliament building. These paraders continued up the avenue and did not turn in the direction of parliament.

The parade of the returned soldiers who refused to approve the sympathetic strike returned from the parliament building at 1:30 p.m. The marchers carried banners bearing the inscriptions, "Down with Bolshevism," "We uphold our duly elected constitutional government," "Deport the enemy alien," etc.

The gathering around the parliament building was estimated to include more than 2000 soldiers. Several Canadian army officers addressed the gathering and denounced the demonstrations of the past few days.

"If alien and other demonstrators attempt to interfere with this orderly demonstration we will act as true Canadians should," said one of the speakers.

While the parade demonstrations were in progress, the central strike committee was calling out union workers who thus far were not on strike. Motion picture operators were ordered to work.

Efforts of the strike leaders, however, were directed principally against the distribution of foodstuffs.

Spokesmen for a big delegation of returned soldiers opposed to the general strike told Mayor Gray at the city hall this afternoon that if the strike forces persisted in their efforts to curtail food supplies in Winnipeg, they "would tear the Trades and Labor Council to Pieces."

There were various indications that the struggle, now in its twentieth day, was approaching the climax. Soldiers were held in readiness for action at barracks.

Although conciliation offers have been obtained from both sides in the metal workers' controversy by the Railroad Brotherhood mediators, no details have been made known.

Conditions in Edmonton and Calgary, where the general sympathetic strike failed to tie up public utilities, are reported as almost normal.

Seventy-five mounted police, who have been on strike duty at Lethbridge, have left there for Vancouver.

The Policemen's Union has agreed not to join the present sympathetic strike, and as a consequence the city council has withdrawn its ultimatum. The ultimatum stipulated that the police must sign an agreement binding them from joining any sympathetic strike under any circumstances. Such an undertaking was declared by police union officials to be too drastic, and it was finally decided to restrict the agreement to meet only the present situation.

James A. Duncan, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council of Seattle, arrived in Winnipeg this morning and will address the strikers at Victoria Park this afternoon.

Union engineers in bakeries and creameries here were called out this morning by the central strike committee. First reports said most of the men obeyed the order. Some of the men driving milk and bread wagons also quit work.

Adopt Different Tactics

Different tactics were adopted by returned soldier element among strikers yesterday and no rioting took place. The leaders of the parading veterans say they were told by Mayor Gray that if they paraded again to parliament buildings he might have to proclaim martial law. The leaders told the veterans they were not afraid, but their information was to the effect that the citizens' committee wanted disorders so that military could be used.

Instead of going in a body to see Premier Norris, the executive of the striking veterans split into three detachments, one going to parliament buildings, another to the city hall to see Winnipeg City council, and a third to the city council of St. Boniface, across the river.

Want to Be Deported

The vice-president of the Trades and Labor Council, who said he had formed the Great War Veterans' Association and had been its first president, expressed a longing for the time when capitalists would have to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow and understand the conditions of the workers. He was heckled as to his attitude towards aliens. Replying, he said: "The aliens want to be deported, the Trades and Labor Council want them deported, the soldiers want them deported, but the government refuses to deport them," (cheers).

Comrade Bray announced that Premier Norris took a standpat attitude when the delegation waited on him, and that he said the government would not deal harshly with phone operators if they applied for their positions, and that while the referendum act, which the government had passed, had been declared unconstitutional, he would welcome the use of it by strikers and veterans, believing that seventy-five per cent. of the people were against general strikes.