

VETERAN URGES MATES TO 'USE COMMON SENSE'

Tuxedo Patient Says "Mismanaged Demonstrations" Must Not Be Repeated

A plea for "common sense and sound judgment" during the period of reconstruction instead of "mismanaged demonstrations" against alleged alien enemies is contained in a letter written The Tribune today by Pte. Joseph Turck, a returned soldier now at Tuxedo Convalescent hospital.

Here are excerpts from Pte Turck's letter:

"The recent demonstrations were mismanaged as far as the "enemy aliens" question is concerned. The "foreigners" assaulted were mostly of Polish, Ruthenian and Czech origin, thus our allies.

"Why not use, in this period of reconstruction, a bit of common sense and judgment before committing any more outrages? To returned soldiers unquestionably belongs the preference of employment, but it is deplorable that the personal liberty of any person of the above-mentioned nationalities should be endangered as long as they stay away from the Bolshevik plague.

"In some instances I saw that persons attacked during Sunday's and Monday's demonstrations were unable to understand English. Someone will say: 'Why don't they learn?' It is because upon their arrival to this country they were accepted as so many immigrants needed in our industries and agriculture. The moral obligation of the fosterers of immigration was then considered entirely fulfilled and the most essential work, preparation of the immigrants to assume responsibility as citizens of Canada, was entirely overlooked.

"Some tasks done by foreigners at present is of such a character that no doubt some of my comrades would refuse to perform them, no matter what the remuneration. It is true that one of the most essential friends of labor, health, is neglected by many factory and plant managers.

"Canadians must welcome immigrants and not hinder their entrance, as they are needed in the future development of natural resources, but it is up to the Canadians, and especially the immigration and educational authorities, to impress upon the minds of the newcomers the necessity of training and the reason why they should become good citizens of this great country, instead of letting them wander in dark with the idea 'to make money and go back.'"