

WAR VETERANS MUST REMAIN CALM DECLARES DOMINION PRESIDENT

G.W.V.A. Will Demand That Enemy Aliens be Sternly Dealt With But Are Against Clashes With Constituted Authority.

Although agreeing with the principle that there must be no clashes with constituted authority, the G. W. V. A. veterans will demand that enemy aliens be sternly dealt with.

This is the keynote of an open message to the G. W. V. A., delivered last night by Dominion President W. P. Purney, who in his address appealed to the organization to maintain its tenets which demand the maintenance of law and order at all costs.

Considerable anxiety has been felt in official circles recently as to the attitude displayed by returned soldiers toward enemy aliens resident in Canada. In almost every province the veterans have expressed themselves in no uncertain terms on this question, and of late fears have been freely expressed that this latent antagonism would develop into lawless action at various points.

When called into conference with the Government, officials of the G. W. V. A. emphatically affirmed that the general body would not condone any violence, and though extremely dissatisfied with conditions which had permitted aliens to exploit the country's necessity, restraint would be exercised pending the action of the federal authorities.

It was pointed out by Sir Thomas White, the acting Prime Minister, that insuperable difficulties confronted the Government in accomplishing the deportation of seditious aliens, owing to the lack of transportation facilities, and the impossibility of gaining admission for these people into Central Europe.

The message of President Purney reads as follows:—

"To all those sincere, brave and loyal men, who have built so high and glorious a name for the citizen soldiers of Canada, and who have banded themselves together as much for the future general welfare of our country as for the interest of themselves, their comrades yet to return and the dependents of those who can never return. We your chosen representatives remembering the patriotic and constructive aims of our organization as well also your power to so greatly assist in the safe progress of the country through a period of its history fraught with so

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PRES. W. P. PURNEY, of Dominion G.W.V.A. who tells G.W.V.A. veterans to uphold law and order in regard to enemy alien problem.

many possibilities of danger, earnestly appeal, as the Great War Veterans' Association stands for law and order, to our members to refrain from all acts which might bring our association into conflict with constituted authority. Upon your attitude in this regard at this time rests the future of our country. The Government in dealing with enemy aliens is hampered by conditions which require time and patience to overcome. We are not making any appeal on behalf of the Government but on behalf of our comrades all over Canada and those still to come home. We ask that the glory of the sacrifices made by never-to-be-forgotten comrades be not dimmed by any hasty or unlawful acts of ours. We cannot hope to gain the goodwill of our fellow Canadians if we seek to obtain by force what we will surely get by the constant pressure of constitutional methods."