

ALIENS PROMOTE LETHBRIDGE RIOT IS THE NEWS HERE

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**Strike Situation is Considered
Tense Also in Amherst and
Sydney.**

Riots broke out in Lethbridge yesterday according to information received last evening by Mr. G. C. MacNeil, Dominion Secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association. The riots, the telegram state, were promoted by the alien element. The Great War Veterans of Lethbridge have the situation well in hand and, it is believed, have suppressed the disturbance.

The unions of Lethbridge went on strike a few days ago in sympathy with the Winnipeg general strike. The miners from the Crows Nest Pass district numbering 8,000 immediately joined the Lethbridge unions, and it is believed the radical foreign element among the miners and city unions, have taken the first step toward anarchy.

Fear Considerable Damage.

Just what the situation was in Lethbridge last night was not clearly indicated either in the telegrams received by Mr. MacNeil or by the abbreviated press despatches coming through the double strike committee and G. N. W. censorship, but grave fears were entertained that a considerable property damage was done and perhaps innocent people injured before the Great War Veterans could restore order.

In Lethbridge, as in other cities affected by the general strike, the G.W.V.A. has guaranteed to main-

tain order, although in some cases individual members of the organization may sympathize with the cause of the striking unions.

News Caused a Surprise.

It is feared the riot started from some insignificant brawl and gradually grew into riot proportions. The miners from the Crows Nest Pass district are believed to have a large number of foreigners in their ranks and it is possible if they visited Lethbridge their desire for excitement led to the trouble.

The news of the riot was received with considerable surprise in Ottawa last evening and it was generally hoped the meagre information received did not presage worse tidings.

Sydney and Amherst.

Information received from Sydney last evening indicates the strike situation is tense there and in Amherst. In the Cape Breton town the foreign element makes up a large part of the population and while it was believed the situation could be controlled it was feared an outbreak might occur. In Sydney hundreds of miners and steel workers are employed by the Nova Scotia Steel Company and by the Dominion Coal Company.

The Allied Soldiers and Workman's Council alleged to have been formed in Sydney was repudiated altogether by the Great War Veterans' Association there.

In Amherst, where 3,000 men, practically the entire male population of the city are on strike, the situation is reported to be quiet.

In Halifax the difficulties between sections of the building trades and their employers were, it was said in Ottawa yesterday, in process of solution and it was expected the strike there would be settled within a few days.