

Veterans Assume Leading Role in Winnipeg Strike

*Demand That All Aliens be Ousted From Labor Unions
—Disparaging Remark of Seattle Labor Leader
Adds Fuel to Flame—City Distributes Milk
and Bread—More Men Out in Calgary*

WINNIPEG, June 5.—More than 4000 Winnipeg veterans of the great war, including scores of officers and hundreds of union men, after standing at attention in the Auditorium this afternoon and singing "God Save the King," pledged themselves and their resources to maintain law and order in Winnipeg and to stamp out Bolshevism and anarchy from the forces of Winnipeg labor.

The mass meeting was still in session early this afternoon. Resolutions were passed demanding that the authorities immediately arrest and punish all persons responsible for the strike situation in Winnipeg, who have attempted to overthrow constitutional government. Deportation of "all undesirable aliens" also was urged.

Mayor Charles F. Gray addressed the mass meeting and said the city wanted two thousand special constables from the ranks of returned soldiers. To protect honest labor from intimidation, to provide for all issues and to safeguard every branch of municipal and civil life.

A roaring response "We are at your service" followed the mayor's request. The city will pay the constables six dollars a day.

To Visit Strike Headquarters

The mass meeting decided to appoint a committee to visit the strike headquarters in the Labor Temple today and to demand that the strike leaders immediately announce their stand on the local food situation and alien question. It was intimated that if the strike leaders' reply is not satisfactory, the delegation of returned soldiers "would take things into their own hands." Military authorities urged the paraders not to visit the temple en masse "today."

"I understand the soldiers are so incensed over the high-handed methods of strike leaders and insulting remarks made by James Duncan, the Seattle labor leader, yesterday, that they have threatened to wreck the labor temple and 'make an example' of the leaders," said Mayor Gray. "I shall urge the men to remember that law and order must be maintained."

Soldiers who attended the mass meeting where Duncan spoke yester-

day declared he referred to the returned soldiers as a "bunch of ignoramuses." The returned soldier parade was set for 10:30 o'clock this forenoon. Mayor Gray said that no attempt would be made to prevent a "peaceful demonstration."

The city today took over the distribution of milk and was arranging to provide for bread distribution, if necessary. It was reported that strike leaders were preparing to rescind their order of yesterday ordering all union handlers of foodstuffs to go on strike. Mayor Gray said that milk stations would be opened in all public school buildings and that "adequate protection would be furnished."

Conference Held.

A series of conferences at parliament yesterday afternoon, lasting more than two hours, brought together representatives of the provincial and municipal governments, the military, the Royal North West Mounted Police and the Great War Veterans' Association. It was understood the conference dealt with plans for more aggressive action by the authorities to provide Winnipeg citizens with necessities and conveniences which the striking forces have been attempting to control.

James Duncan, an executive of the Seattle Trades Council, discussed the Seattle strike at a mass meeting yesterday afternoon, which was attended by strikers and sympathizers. Duncan declared that Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle, "in taking credit for breaking the strike, was a liar!"

H. E. Barker, chairman of the railway brotherhoods' mediation board, stated last night the board submitted the brotherhood's plan of collective bargaining to the Metal Trades Council and the industrial employees, with the hope of conciliating their differences on that issue.