

RETURNED SOLDIERS FIRST!

The most deplorable feature of the "strike" is the fact that it came just at the time when our soldiers are returning by the thousands, doffing their hallowed khaki for "civvies" and preparing to re-establish themselves in civilian occupations.

Winnipeg owes an apology to the soldiers, for not having cleaned up this mess at home before they came back. The citizens' keenest regret is that the men who have given years of the best part of their lives to fighting Hunnish oppression in Europe, return to find that they have to fight the same thing here at home. They regret that the small group of Bolshevistic agitators who fomented this "strike" were not dealt with when they were preaching sedition, during the war.

But, as the poet says, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." The community owes its thanks to the Strike Committee for having solved the undesirable alien problem. Before the "strike" employers were at a loss to know how they could get rid of undesirable aliens and make room for the employment of returned soldiers. The Strike Committee solved that problem by inducing the undesirables to "fire themselves."

There are now hundreds of jobs, good jobs, vacant and employers are unanimous in applying the principle, "Returned Soldiers First," in filling them. Veterans are not asked to become strike-breakers. Many jobs were deserted by aliens who had no grievance against their employers. The employers have been left free to pick their associates, and they are exercising their choice by offering the positions first to the returned soldiers.

Business As Usual

The One Big Union's "sympathetic strike" having collapsed, it behooves all—employees, employers and that great body of citizens who neither employ nor are employed—to adopt and put into practice the slogan, "Business As Usual."

The attempt of the Bolshevistic "inner ring" to set up the Russian soviet system of government has been smashed. The constituted authorities have at last asserted themselves in unmistakable terms; they have snatched the reins of government from the usurpers' hands; they have purged the public services of servants who were deliberately disloyal or who waivered between their duty to the community and their allegiance to false leaders.

Citizens may now resume, with safety, the normal routine of their lives. They can obtain from the stores the necessities of life, they can write letters or send telegrams to the "home folks," they can sleep at night secure in the knowledge that they are protected by efficient and loyal fire and police departments, they can go about their business without fear of molestation or intimidation.

The Slogans are:

"Business As Usual"

"Returned Soldiers First"

Citizens' Committee of One Thousand