

**10 STRIKE LEADERS ARE JAILED**



# GOING TO KINGSTON FOR TRIAL, IS REPORT; MORE MAY BE NABBED

## LABOR AND UKRAINIAN TEMPLE AND LIBERTY HALL RAIDED BY ROYAL POLICE, ASSISTED BY SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Ten men, including six who have been prominent as leaders in the Winnipeg strike, were arrested early this morning by Royal Northwest Mounted Police, assisted by special city constables.

The ten were taken in automobiles to the penitentiary at Stonewall. From there, it was reported this afternoon, they may be taken to the penitentiary at Kingston, Ont., within a day or two, for arraignment and trial.

Those arrested are:

Rev. William Ivens, editor of the Western Labor News, pastor of the Labor church and chief orator of the strikers.

R. B. Russell, secretary of the Metal Trades council.

John Queen, alderman from Ward Five and business manager of the Western Labor News.

A. A. Heaps, alderman from Ward Five.

George Armstrong, street car motorman.

Moses Alamazoff.

R. E. Bray, leader in strikers' parades and "chairman of the Soldiers' Parliament."

Mike Verenezuik.

S. Choppelrei.

F. Charitonoff, editor of the Russian "Working People."

Raids were made simultaneously on the Labor Temple, Ukrainian Temple, Liberty Hall and homes of the arrested men by about 50 Royal "Mounties" and 500 special city police. The police had a warrant for each of the ten. No resistance was offered by any of them.

According to Acting Chief Newton, charges of seditious conspiracy are to be preferred against the prisoners.

A. J. Andrews, K.C., will represent the government as special prosecutor in these cases, Crown Prosecutor R. B. Graham announced. It is understood that Mr. Andrews swore out the warrants on instructions he received from Ottawa Monday afternoon.

Mr. Andrews, in an interview this afternoon, said he was acting on instructions from the federal department of justice.

"Federal officers have been investigating for two weeks and the action taken is the result," he declared.

It is reported that the Dominion government contemplated arresting alleged agitators simultaneously in all western cities where strikes are in progress. Latest dispatches from Vancouver, Regina, Brandon, Edmonton, Moose Jaw, Calgary and Saskatoon this afternoon were that no arrests had been made in any of those cities.

The raids and arrests came as a dramatic climax to a long period of inactivity on the part of federal, provincial and civic officials, during which rumors that such action was contemplated were circulated everywhere.

The fact that the responsibility for the raids and arrests rests entirely upon the federal government is attested by statements made by Premier Norris and Mayor Gray, in which they declare that they had no previous knowledge of the plans.

A delegation from the strike committee called upon the mayor shortly before noon and asked whether the city had ordered the arrests.

"We have just come from Senator Robertson," they said. "We asked him who ordered the raids and he referred us to you."

The mayor asserted that he knew nothing about the matter.

Premier Norris was equally emphatic. When asked what he knew about the affair, he said: "Just leave us out of it." Other members of the provincial cabinet said they knew nothing about it whatever.

Warrants for the arrest of several more men were issued this morning on orders of A. J. Andrews, K.C., prosecutor for the Dominion government, it was stated at the police station. Their arrest, it was said, would be only a matter of a short time.

Included in the charges of seditious libel are the following allegations:

"That the men did conspire against his person, King George V."

"That they conspired with intent against the constitutional government of Canada."

"That they conspired with intent to oppose the authority of constables appointed by the city of Winnipeg."

"That certain articles published in the Western Labor News were published with intent to ridicule the constitutional government of the Dominion."

The charge of seditious conspiracy, along with an innuendo of considerable length, reads:

"That these men did conspire with intent to overthrow the constitutional government of the Dominion of Canada."

More than 500 special constables and 50 members of the Royal North West Mounted Police were used in the raids.

Automobiles which were mobilized on Broadway ave., near Main st., and in the vicinity of the R.N.W.M.P. headquarters, at Smith st. and Assiniboine ave., were used to visit the homes of the men taken into custody.

The first auto left police headquarters at 2 o'clock this morning with a warrant for the arrest of Alderman Heaps. Twenty other cars followed, each loaded with mounted and special police. At 4 o'clock the round-up was complete.

At the same hour, the Labor Temple, Ukrainian Temple and Liberty halls were raided. Quantities of literature were seized and loaded on a truck, which was taken to the police station.

Books and literature in connection with the Calgary convention also were seized, it is understood.

The biggest haul in literature was made at the Labor Temple, where the truck was more than half loaded.

Literature printed in Ukrainian, English, German and Polish, was found in the two other places raided, police said.