

VICTORIA CROSS HERO INJURED IN RIOT

SEVEN ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE AS RESULT OF DISTURBANCE.

Winnipeg, June 11.—Following the first really serious conflict between returned soldier constables, acting in place of the regular police force which was dismissed by the police commission following refusal to pledge themselves to refrain from joining sympathetic strikes, seven arrests were made today. Serious trouble resulted when a large crowd of strike sympathizers jeered and booed the special constables.

The crowd surged into the street, and it was in an effort to clear a path for vehicles that the specials came into conflict with demonstrators. One of the mounted constables, Sergeant Frederick G. Copping, winner of the Victoria Cross in the great war, was the only person seriously injured. He was dragged from his horse and severely pummelled before being rescued. It was stated this afternoon that he will probably recover.

When a squad of special police was dispatched to the aid of their sorely pressed comrades they were met by a fusillade of missiles, and the police retaliated by free use of their batons on the heads of demonstrators.

The appearance of an additional detail of two hundred policemen, marching down Main Street in platoon formation, had a calming effect on the crowd, and the rioting ceased as suddenly as it began.

Complete calm prevailed on the city streets up to noon today, and there were no indications of a recurrence of yesterday's disturbances.

ALIEN DISGRACE OF TUESDAY WON'T BE REPEATED AGAIN

Winnipeg, June 11.—The city is quiet this morning, though no special policemen are anywhere in evidence. Traffic points are unguarded, but the citizens as a whole are resolved that the alien disgrace of yesterday shall not be repeated today, even if vigilantes must take the law into their own hands. Probably more citizens came to their offices today with guns in their pockets than ever before in a Canadian city.

They propose to circulate through any crowd of rioters that gather and see to it that the young special policemen are not stampeded by Austrian and German thugs as was done yesterday.

The young Victoria Cross hero, beaten nearly to death by foreign rioters, lies in the military hospital with his life despaired of.

There is no evidence of martial law, but all night military units stood with gun equipment ready. All night bands of ruffians roamed over the downtown streets, and from the city hall to the Royal Alexandra, crap games and every conceivable form of gambling went on on the sidewalks,

chiefly among European aliens.

Threats of what they would do if a policeman appeared were rife, and an officer would have been murdered, so they were not interfered with, but this day will be "white Canada's" day in Winnipeg if this element makes a hostile move.

"Either the military will act or we will act," is the slogan of citizens this morning. The Labor News comes out this morning boasting that the "police replaced by thugs" in big letters on page one. The paper refers to the gathering of strikers nightly in Victoria park as "the soldiers' parade."